

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

CHARLES B. RENFREW, son of City Commissioner Charles W. Renfrew of Birmingham, was one of the finalists in the 31st annual Henry M. Campbell competition at the University of Michigan Law School Friday, presided over by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark. Young Renfrew teamed with Richard H. Benson of Detroit against two out-of-state law students in presentation of a mythical antitrust case won by the visitors. Renfrew and his partner beat out 16 top U of M law students for the competition which gives future lawyers a chance to become familiar with courtroom procedure.

MOP-UP CAMPAIGN for the 1956 Community House Roll call still is being conducted for the last \$5,750 of the \$50,000 goal, according to letters mailed out last week to "still-to-be-heard-from" local residents. This may account for the reason why the Roll Call "Thermometer" continues to be displayed at the Woodward-Maple corner.

WHEN 'MAYOR EXCHANGE DAY' arrives May 21, at least four South Oakland county municipal chiefs may ride to their "new" towns together. Preliminary contracts indicate Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Ferndale and Clawson mayors may charter a plane to take them to the Upper Peninsula, where their exchanges are.

ASKED HOW HIS JUNIOR replacement fared during Birmingham high school's Civic Control day Monday, Dog Warden Al Sundell replied, "Fine!" Dog-warden-for-a-day Greg Bivens, Sundell reports, caught a stray dog that has been eluding him for a week. The mixed terrier didn't have a chance when two dog wardens chased him from Quarton school to the end of Kenwood court. With Sundell pursuing in the truck and Greg on foot, the pup was cornered in the bushes at the street's dead end, and taken to the pound.

THERE ARE TIMES when James C. Allen would like to be 27 again, and there are times when he feels he is 47. But he really is 37. In telling about his election last week as Birmingham's new mayor, The Eccentric mistakenly gave his age as 27. This week we must give the additional 10 years back to him.

AT A LOCAL LUNCH COUNTER a few days ago, two young girls were munching on a salad, discussing that old and ancient pastime of boy-girl dating. "You know," revealed one youngster, "that new boy who has been dating Ellen must be a real innocent type. Just dig this . . . he had taken Ellen home from the movies and they were sitting alone together when the family dog ran through the room and, while running, pulled the light cord from the wall socket. What put out the light whereupon the boy hastily got up and said: 'Good night, guess I can take a hint that it's time to go home.'"

Education

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mington school district only. BHC Member Howard Palmer readily admitted that six or seven children were from outside the Birmingham district, but added that these children—berdine cases—would be served by any special facility set up in Birmingham.

"WE COULD have included many more (from outside the district) and we learned today (last week) of three orthopedic cases in Franklin which were not on our list," said Palmer. Residents of this school district are providing annually under the special tax levy based upon 1955 assessed values, the following amounts, according to the report:

SOUTHFIELD township, \$18,511.18; Birmingham, \$42,599.57; Bloomfield township, \$9,156.06; West Bloomfield township, \$1,787.24; Bloomfield Hills, \$1,437.24; and Troy, \$2,446.77.

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stream, but rather go to some place where no trees or shrubs or fast water would distract him from learning how to cast.

"THAT'S A fine idea, Walt," insisted Amos, "and I think that, after a year or so of such practice, you could be eligible to try casting on the well, wide lake near me."

"Don't pay too much attention to Amos and Russ," I emphasized again. "They are doing some exaggerating. Really, you don't have to spend a whole year on parking logs or in stadiums just practicing casting; you could spend a bit less time right in your own yard."

"THIS WOULD enable your wife to observe how much effort is required to master the art of casting for trout, and therefore later on she would not so vigorously oppose your frequent trips into the country."

"She would know that the two or three trout you might bring home from a long weekend of travel and arduous fishing were hard won . . . and not only would she appreciate the opportunity of cooking and eating them, but she also would brag about your piscatorial ability to the neighbors."

"IN TIME, too, you might get her by the mood of digging ancient worms for you . . . to be used, of course, only for the art of casting when artificial flies fail to get fish for you."

"Confidentially, and right here I lowered my voice so that I could not be heard beyond 50 feet away, 'that's what a local pal of mine tried to accomplish with his wife—only she's so smart about this that she gets him to dig his own worms.'"

Walt continued to scan the faces of Amos, Russ and me, and I though I detected a slight flicker of understanding peering our three way.

IMMEDIATELY and quickly, we adjourned the luncheon. If we hadn't, the trout world might have lost another embryonic trout fisherman for a week. It was about to ask us some embarrassing questions.

and, while this newspaper always seeks more readers, for the good of Walt's own soul, I hope he decided to read this piece.

After all, no one ever should be discouraged from taking up that greatest of all outdoor sports—the wonderful pastime of trout fishing! (P.S. Michigan's trout season opens Saturday, April 28.)

YMCA Summer Camps Are Filling
Birmingham YMCA advises parents that Camps Niasokone and Hayo-Went-Ha are filled for the summer and have long waiting lists for both first and second periods.

There are still openings in the first, fourth and fifth periods at Camp Olyessa and a few vacancies remain in the first and fourth periods at Camp Mahn-Go-Tah-See. Applications for boys and girls planning to attend the Battle Creek board of education camp at Clear Lake are still being handled by the Birmingham YMCA.

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County's Vaccine Supply Increases

The supply of Salk poliovirus vaccine in Oakland county is slowly increasing, as had been anticipated, and vaccine should be available for two injections by June 15, for all who wish it, according to Dr. John D. Monroe, medical director of the Oakland county department of health.

The so-called "polio season," Dr. Monroe said, does not begin in Oakland county until mid-July, allowing sufficient time to build antibodies following the injections.

IN ANSWER to queries concerning third, or booster, doses of vaccine, he said the Michigan state health department has requested that all vaccine be used for only the first two injections.

Aim is to protect as many children as possible, rather than boost immunity levels for a few. Third injections may safely be postponed, Dr. Monroe added, until an adequate supply is available.

Hold Square Dance
The monthly square dance at the YMCA is set for Saturday night from 8 to midnight, with Birmingham Y's Men and their wives as hosts and hostesses. Mark Smith will be the caller, and reservations may be made by phoning the YMCA.

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B'ham Y Co-Ed's Plan Wiener Roast
Birmingham Y Co-Ed's will fet out their picnic dinner next Wednesday, for a "wiener roast" at 8 p.m., to be held at Springdale park or the YMCA depending on the weather.

Jessie Henderson, Charles Kingston, and Pat Riley are members of the April program committee. **The Birmingham Eccentric** Published every Thursday at Birmingham, Mich. 225-234 No. Woodward Ave. by The Birmingham Eccentric, Inc. Telephone MI 255-6119. George R. Averill, president, Editor and Publisher. Paul N. Averill, vice-President and Treasurer. George Wm. Averill, Secretary.

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Norman Barnard Gets County Job

TROY—Norman Barnard, acting city manager, and Wednesday that he had accepted an appointment as clerk of committees for the Oakland County Board of Supervisors. The post, Barnard said, is mainly one of co-ordinating efforts of committees and acting as liaison between board committees and other county offices.

Three or four applications have been received for Barnard's present job, but so far no decision has been made, Barnard indicated he would stay until a replacement was available.

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career in 1938 when he became justice of the peace in Troy. He served in that capacity until 1944 when he was appointed part-time clerk; a post he held until 1951. In that year he was elected township supervisor and remained in office until a charter for incorporation of the township was approved by voters last Dec. 12. Since that time he has been acting manager.