

Many things are of value when those that can be purchased in the marketplace of this world. It is mankind's real test of character when, confronted with a wrong temptation, it bars its character for something. No politicians can get right results by doubtful practices.



MAYOR BOB HOHMEYER (right) gives his attention to Commissioner Jim Traas (second from left) at student mock commission meeting. Commissioners beside Traas are Don Haugh (left) and Charles Fredrickson. Taking notes is City Clerk Bobby Lou Counsel. In the background, Dave Phillips and Pooh Wagner occupy the press table.



CITY MANAGER Bill Swaney (left) reads a report at students' mock commission meeting as commissioners (from left) John Fairbairn, Judy Collins and Gina Walter study the agenda. In the background is regular City Manager D. C. Egbert.

Ode to the Cub Scout

By a Den Mother

Blessings on thee, little Cub,
Of my life the bane, the hub,
With thy uniform of blue,
And thy mighty hullohaloo.

Tuesdays with my Den I meet;
First agenda: What's to eat?
Then call the roll, collect the dues,
(Jimmy, get those dirty shoes
Off the sofa!) Now, let's see,
I've forgotten, where were we?
Oh yes, anybody got a dime?
Well, try to remember next time.
Now, check achievements: take a book,
Although they fill my house with dust,
Crafts and projects are a must,
Shall we take a trip to the museum?
"Those ole fossils! We've seen 'em."

This is just my solo stint.
You who'd ape me, take a hint:

Scout Guidance is not lightly done,
We must work so they'll have fun.
Thursdays on the day of seven
I am off till high eleven,
Learning rules and regulations,
Cub Scout Signs and Exclamations.
Once a month, the pack en masse
Gathers for a grand forasse.
Parents beam on our brief alas,
Jimmy's talents, and his "dit-its",
"Cubbing's such a splendid thing"
Lavish is the praise they sing.
For me? No, Jimmy wins again;
I'm just the mother of the Den.

And now you think I've made the tally
Of all the chores? Well, friends, just rally
Round and take the other ear.
It takes a wealth of plan to gear
This enterprise. Of necessity
There are meetings of Men's Committee,
Ben Mothers' Conferences,
Exchanges of confidences
By Den Chiefs and the Master of Cubs;
Then there are occasional rubs
With the Sponsor, or the District Scouting Bursar.
Dismiss your own brief alas,
For he's rustic and bustle and scurry pell-mell,
Dream up a skit, track down material.

Sometimes I say to a fellow Den Mother
"Why do we do it?" Then we smile at each other
Over our headaches and coffee and stinkers.
I guess we must love those little stinkers.

Students Govern Birmingham For Day

There's no better way to learn how a city government is run than to run it.

That's what Birmingham high school seniors did on Civic Control day April 16 when they took over city officials' jobs for an eleven-hour reign.

Thirty-strong, they gathered at the municipal building at 9 a.m. for a briefing from Assistant City Manager Dana Whitman.

student official took over his respective office, the hour preceded the city's weekly commission meeting with a mock session.

MAYOR-FOR-A-DAY Bob Hohmeyer pounded the gavel to open the meet at 7 p.m., and steered the session through the commission's regular agenda slated for that evening.

Up for consideration were such issues as the pavement of Cummings street, the Hunter boulevard cross-over to Hamilton, and paving Fendale and Park streets in connection with a proposed off-street parking lot.



FIRE CHIEF Park Smith (right) shows student replacement Tom Halsted, sporting the chief's hat, the engine of a fire truck at Chesterfield station.



ASSISTANT CITY Manager Dick McHugh (center) reports to the commission meeting on one of the issues up for consideration.



WATCHING THE mock commission meeting are interested student city officials who were on hand if needed to report on their departments' activities.

Business was handled smoothly and efficiently.

ASSISTANT CITY manager Whitman asserted that "they accomplished a lot more than we usually get done at a meeting."

Only snag came when commissioners were divided over the approval of a contract for gasolene to be obtained from a leading national oil company, with Commissioner Judy Collins leading the fight for approval.

HIS ALERT REPLY was, "I would like to remark that Bird street runs parallel to Chapin."

Fire Chief Tom Halsted was literally put under fire by Commissioner John Fairbairn.

Chief Halsted gave a heated defense. "Our equipment," he said, "is kept in top running order. We start the engines up every morning to check them."

Interested citizen Bruce Samson suggested a plan patterned after a successful Fort Lauderdale drag strip, operated by a club with the city's cooperation.

The group's sincere thanks were extended to all Birmingham officials from the high school group in a resolution read by Gina Walter.

Unanimous approval was given to a motion introduced by Commissioner John Fairbairn "that the city of Birmingham take all steps necessary for the building of a drag strip for the use of all Birmingham residents."

HIS MOTION FOR a site, for supervised automobile speed trials was seconded by Commissioner Gina Walter, who agreed that "we need a place where kids can speed

and do it constructively and without endangering anyone."

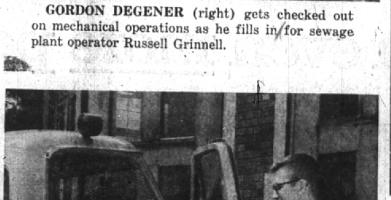
Others were Bob Rakish, Elmer Dodge, Carol Orr, Mark Frank, Pete Mosher, Susie Saunders and Robert Galbreath. Commissioners and Justice of the Peace Dave Dixon were elected by the senior class. The seven elected then appointed remaining officials.

Don Thalacker was chairman of the event, and civics instructor Robert Richards supervised the group.

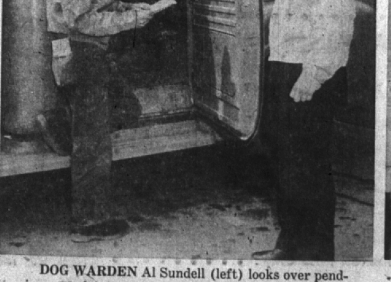
ASIDE FROM THOSE pictured, other students participating in Civic Control day were Dave Dix-



BILL SWANEY takes over the city manager's desk as the man he replaced, D. C. Egbert, briefs him on current city problems.



GORDON DEGENER (right) gets checked out on mechanical operations as he fills in for sewage plant operator Russell Grinnell.



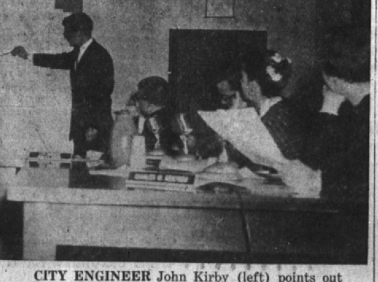
POLICE CHIEF Ralph W. Moxley (left) briefs John Appleford, who took over the police force for the day.



Edison Announces Oakland Spending



Supervisors Join Super Water Group



Bham Man Joins State Police Force

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Detroit Edison will spend \$8 million in Oakland County alone, as part of the company's \$85 million 1956 program for expanding and strengthening the electric power supply throughout its service area.

Howard L. Canfield, manager of Edison's Oakland district, said that the \$8 million will be spent for new substations, transmission and distribution lines, service extensions and other projects aimed at keeping the electric power supply in Oakland county well ahead of the steadily increasing demand.

The Oakland county projects now under way or scheduled to begin soon are:

Dudley Substation, scheduled for completion in September, will increase the capacity of the electrical system in Troy township by about 5,400 kilowatts.

OHIO SUBSTATION, at 10 Mile and Evergreen roads, will add 4,000 kilowatts to the electrical system in Southfield township.

Mohawk Substation, in Bloomfield township, is scheduled for completion in August and will increase the electric power supply by 3,750 kilowatts.

Farmington Substation, Orchard Lake and Shawwas roads, will be expanded from 7,200 kilowatts to 13,500 kilowatts.

Capacity of Havine Substation, Orchard Lake and 13 1/2 Mile roads, has been doubled—distribution circuits are being increased from two to five.

Oakland county has joined the Southeastern Michigan water authority. Oakland board of supervisors approved this move at their meeting last week by endorsing the articles of incorporation and by-law, a move previously done by Macomb county supervisors.

A potential six-county effort, the authority would be the contractual agent for a water supply from Lake Huron or Lake St. Clair, brought in either by the authority or by a franchised private company.

Reader Thinks Women Belong In the Home

To the Editor: Remember the remark your "broom man" made recently about having to call at Birmingham homes in the evening so he'd find the womanfolk there? Should he perhaps, and Chief of Police Ralph Moxley have a conference?

Because they both have said the same thing but in different adjectives: "The Mothers just aren't there!" And if they aren't there how can they know what their offspring are doing and how can they care?

ADD TO THIS local dilemma and the recent report in Newsweek stating that a large percent of the working women are married and with children but "we need more, more, more of you . . . so men produce more, more, more goods . . . so we can become the biggest, biggest, biggest nation who's got the best MATERIAL standards in the big wide world!"

The "broom man," the chief of police and you and I know that it just can't be done.

SOMEONE'S GOT to stay home. Children must be trained. They've got to have love, care and watching.

How really educated, as Syd Harris, the columnist, had caused to ask a group of college degree women, are we?

"Weep not for me, for your children. It's time we started crying . . . out loud.

R. E. V.

Theatre School Scholarships Offered to Men

Fifteen hundred dollars in scholarships for men will be offered by the Cranbrook Summer Theatre school for the coming summer, according to Director Carl G. Wonnberger.

Scholarship applicants must have some background in dramatics and the recommendation of a dramatics teacher or school counselor, principal or superintendent. They must be juniors or seniors in high school, or college students.

Selected candidates will receive instruction in voice, diction and pantomime, and participate in weekly production programs and final plays given in the Greek theatre at Cranbrook.

Promoted in ROTC

Paul J. Riley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Riley, 808 Buffum, Birmingham, has been promoted to the grade of cadet sergeant first class in the ROTC at Michigan College of Mining and Technology. He is a sophomore at Michigan Tech and is majoring in civil engineering.

We Heard It Said By:

ROSS F. WAGNER, principal, Birmingham high school: "I can't relate all the compliments that we had from people everywhere on the behavior of Birmingham during their Washington trip. I don't think we have ever had such a wonderful group of children."