

No physical fight ever was staged unless both parties actively engaged in it; neither can an argument develop into a bitter rivalry unless two tongues, uncontrolled by friendliness, send forth their poisoned arrows. Silence, born of love, is a perfect shield against bitter words.



## School's Out at Last . . .

COMPLETING THE SCHOOL year with a picnic outing is a favorite custom of Birmingham youngsters. Here a group from Pierce school sing for joy at a

Springdale park picnic held the last week of school. Teacher Margaret McArdle leads the singing.



### IN LIEU OF GIFT

I brought a little flower  
And put it by your bed,  
And, since you couldn't hear me,  
I talked to God instead.

I told Him my heart was heavy  
With words I needed to say,  
And gifts that wanted giving,  
On days like Fathers' Day.

I had watched the happy people  
Who were buying shirts and ties,  
And cards with sprightly greetings,  
Through wistful, mistful eyes;

For all I could give was a flower  
Your hand would never accept,  
With a prayer, the voice of my greeting,  
Whispered to God while you slept.

I wondered what might have pleased you  
Could hard, extending, waking,  
With ear and eye discerning,  
Salute and gift to take.

My thoughts went off a-gazing  
In fields of memory,  
Where giving seemed a river  
That flowed from you to me;

And never turns a river,  
Grateful, back to the source,  
But proudly bears its dowry  
Along a destined course:

Then if one day a mem'ry  
Of me my child invoke  
With love, and pride of precept,  
My thanks to you are spoke;

And all that needed giving,  
In promised word will bear  
The soul of a little prayer,  
The heart of a little prayer.

"EXCELSIOR"



## And There's Food to Eat . . .

THESE YOUNGSTERS agree the hot dogs taste twice as good when you get time off from school to eat them. The picnickers are third graders from Pierce school.

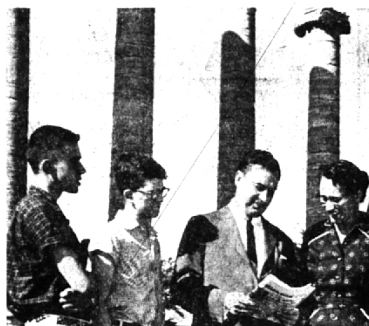


## Japanese Studies Government

A DISTINGUISHED visitor to Cranbrook recently was Masamori Kaneko, shown here with Mrs. Vernon P. Genu of Lone Pine road, his luncheon hostess at Orchard Lake country club. Kaneko is governor of the Kagawa Prefecture, a small island near Japan. Here under the aegis of the U.S. State department's international exchange service, Gov. Kaneko's primary objective is to study local self-government on state, county, city and institutional levels.

## Oak Park Man Runs For Dondero's Post

THOMAS F. MCGUIRE, 52, of Oak Park, has announced his candidacy for 18th district representative in Congress, on the Republican ticket. McGuire, an industrial engineer and management consultant, has had government experience which includes four years with the U. S. department of labor in Michigan and Ohio, two years as supervisor of operations of Michigan state employment service, and 2 1/2 years on the U.S. renegotiation board.



## B'ham High Students Visit Former Eccentric Employee

Ted Shafer and Andy Hawley of Birmingham discuss The Birmingham Eccentric with Dean Earl F. English of the University of Missouri school of journalism, as Mrs. Jessie M. Dodson of Hereford, Tex., looks on. English is a former (1923) employee of The Eccentric. Those shown above are participants in the university's first publications short course for high schools.



## And Games to Play

THE YOUNG LADY who stopped to look back is losing the potato sack race as others continue to hop toward the finish line. The racers were among a group of Baldwin school children who visited Springdale park for a picnic outing.



## Receives His Doctor's Degree

Douglas C. Layman was graduated from the University of Illinois medical school recently. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Layman and his sister, Nancy, of Darramoor road, Bloomfield township, were present for the exercises.

A 1947 graduate of Birmingham high school, Douglas attended Kenyon college, Gambier, Ohio, and received a BS degree from Elmhurst college, Illinois. He will intern at Hurley hospital, Flint.



## No Fatalities - Luckily

Margaret Hanner, 43, of 2620 Walnut Lake road, was treated for arm and forehead abrasions after her car and the truck (above) driven by David W. Stanley, 42, of Birchrun, collided at Telegraph and Maple last week. Stanley suffered head cuts in the crash when Mrs. Hanner turned left on Maple from northbound Telegraph.

## Fourth Blazed Gloriously A Century Ago

ANN ARBOR—The Grand Old Fourth of July blazes as gloriously for ten-agers a century ago as it does now, according to an old diary in the possession of the University of Michigan Historical Collections.

Elizabeth Gurney (Taylor), fourteen at the time, wrote an account of that holiday as it was celebrated in 1854 in the little town of Centerville in St. Joseph county.

"Today the great Fourth of July has come once more with its pleasures and pains," she writes. "Father and I went to see them form a procession and march to the new Methodist meeting house. Mr. Upson delivered an oration. We went for to the courthouse after some ice cream and refreshments," she concludes happily.

She continues, "In the evening we went to see the fireworks in the public square. They had fireballs, Roman candles and rockets, some of them beautiful. After the fire I went to the courthouse whig, the market basket after our dinner. They were as busy as ever.

"Again we heard the fire alarm! It was Bennett's tin shop. It caught fire from a fire cracker thrown on the roof. Mr. Powers' house is supposed to have taken fire by a fire cracker on the door mat.

"We found out that there had been fire enough to burn a large hole in the courthouse stairs, making, in all, three fires in one day. I think that is doing pretty well for good old Centerville!" she concludes happily.

## REGISTRATION NOTICE

FOR THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1956

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, County of Oakland, State of Michigan:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the Michigan election law, the final date for registration in order to vote in the General Primary Election is Monday, July 9, 1956 at 8:00 p.m.

TO VOTE AT THIS ELECTION, all persons must be registered.

Citizens of the United States, 21 years old, who have resided in the State of Michigan six months and in the City of Birmingham thirty days prior to August 7, 1956, are eligible to register.

TO REGISTER: Call in person at the office of the City Clerk in the Municipal Building on or before 8:00 P.M. Monday, July 9, 1956.

TO TRANSFER a registration from one address to another WITHIN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, send a signed request to the office of the City Clerk stating present address, former address, and date of moving to present address. Such transfer may be made any time up to and including Monday, July 9, 1956 at 8:00 P.M.

### HOURS FOR REGISTRATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in addition to regular office hours, Monday through Friday of each week, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., the office of the City Clerk will be open for the purpose of receiving registrations during the following hours:

Saturday	June 23, 1956	9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
Saturday	June 30, 1956	9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
Monday	July 2, 1956	8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Thursday	July 5, 1956	8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Friday	July 6, 1956	8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Saturday	July 7, 1956	9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
Monday	July 9, 1956	8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION with respect to voting regulations or registration regulations may be obtained by telephoning the office of the City Clerk, MIDWEST 4-1800—Extension 1.

Irene E. Hanley  
City Clerk

## Torchlight Parade Tonight

BIRMINGHAM'S oldest fire engine—Number 99, which the department acquired in 1924, will be featured in tonight's Torch Light parade. Sitting in the driver's seat is Master Captain Donald Richardson and the young passenger is Elaine Hudson, daughter of the Arthur Hudsons, 286 Pleasant. Debbie, the Dalmatian, is to ride in the fire-truck, too, but probably won't. The noise makes her nervous.