

Committee Plans Education Week's Local Observance

A special committee to plan the 37th annual observance of American education week in Birmingham, Nov. 10-16, 1957, has been organized under the chairmanship of Walter Piel, principal, Pierce school and Edwin Crandall, principal, Harlan school.

Other members of the committee are Louise Dallas, president, Birmingham education association; Richard Featherstone, administrative assistant; Daniel Nesbitt, director of curriculum; Rupert Wells, principal, Pembroke school; and Kenneth Wynemsa, art specialist, Birmingham public schools.

The theme for the 1957 AEW observance is, "An Educated People Moves Freedom Forward." The activities of the week, focused on that theme, will call attention to the vital role of education in building and maintaining our American way of life.

"The schools of our community," said Mr. Piel, "are exactly as good as we make them. American education week is the time for us to see just how good they are—see the schools in action, find out about their accomplishments and needs."

LOCAL ACTIVITIES planned for American Education week will be part of a nationwide observance, during which some 20 million people will visit the nation's classrooms. Millions more will be made school-conscious through newspapers, magazines, radio, TV, and special events. The 1957 observance also comes as a final high point in a centennial year of appraisal and planning in education, the 100th anniversary of a nationwide organization for the teaching profession, the National Education Association.

National sponsors of American education week are the National Education Association, American Legion, U.S. Office of Education, and National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

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As Birmingham forestry and parks department employee Ralph Schead gets ready to install floodlighting at the city's toboggan and ski slide site, Junior Chamber of Commerce members lend a hand. The Jaycees' gift of \$400 toward the floodlighting helped make night use of the Birmingham recreation department winter sports site possible. From left, watching Schead are Dick Ware, Dick Twiner, Bill Spiegel, Forestry and Parks Director Charles Gale (also a Jaycee), and Vern Haagstad.

Recreation Round Up

Hockey

A meeting for all interested hockey managers will be held at the commission room in the municipal building tonight at 8 p.m. Individual players not yet a member of a team may sign up at the recreation department in the municipal building before 5 p.m. Nov. 8. Three leagues will be organized. They will be an adult league, over 18 years of age; intermediate league, 15 to 17 years of age, and junior league, 13 and 14 years old. A hockey clinic for boys 12 years old and under will be held Monday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. after the opening of the rink.

Basketball

Adult basketball will open soon. The recreation department has issued the first call for teams to be entered in its adult league. Men 18 years and over are eligible. Teams may register at the department office.

Archery Range

All Birmingham bowmen, both experienced and novice, are welcome to use the recreation department's new archery range at Eton park.

Family Swimming

The schedule is Thursday nights from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Derby pool. The program is for Birmingham school district residents only.

Adult Swimming

This program is held Monday's from 7 to 10 p.m. at the high school pool for persons 18 years old and above only. Swimming instructions may be had upon request.

Adult Gym

Badminton, volleyball, ping pong and shuffleboard programs are held Monday from 7 to 10 p.m. at the high school and Thursday during the same time period at Derby junior high.

Senior Men

Dr. Ralph L. Lee will be the speaker at Friday's meeting in the Ranch room of the Community house. The subject of his talk will be "Retiring for the Road Ahead." Dr. Lee, now retired, has wide experience in public relations work and in the field of engineering. He is an experienced hobbyist, has held a private pilot's license for many years and is a veteran glider pilot. He also operates a complete hobby foundry — forge and pattern shop — at the rear of his home on Lakeside avenue in Birmingham.

Personal Consumption Quota Exceeded Here

Special to The Eccentric

NEW YORK—Birmingham has been contributing more than its share to the business activity of the country. The evidence is seen in the part it played in achieving last year's record-breaking gross national product.

The GNP, generally recognized as the most important index of the state of the economy, represents the total value of all goods and services produced.

This output, which was more than \$412 billion in the year, includes industrial outlays for plant expansion as well as foreign aid, military, welfare and various other kinds of Government and private disbursements.

BUT THE BACKBONE of it all is personal consumer spending for goods and services. This accounted for 64 percent of the total, or \$265 billion, according to reports by the Dept. of Commerce and other sources. It was three times what it cost to run the nation's State, local and Federal governments.

Of this amount, Birmingham produced \$81,365,000, which was more than its quota in terms of population. Specifically, with .0193 percent of the national population, it consumed .0371 percent of the nation's output of goods and services.

IT WENT for everything, from clothes, furniture, food and movies to beauty care and vacations.

President Eisenhower has forecast, more conservatively than have others, that the nation's economy would reach \$500 billion within 10 years.

LONG BEFORE that, say others, the pressure of population growth, with its demand for more goods and services, will make itself felt.

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Maintenance Okayed

The Birmingham city commission Monday night approved maintenance work by the forestry and parks department on the grounds at Baldwin library. A library board request for extensive landscaping changes, however, was turned down because no funds are now available.

In Glee Club

Lee Lewis of Bloomfield Hills is participating in the music program of Central Michigan college this fall as a member of the men's glee club.

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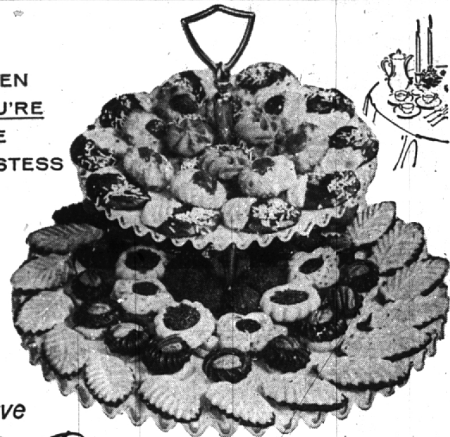
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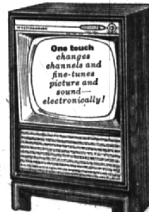


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