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Car Thieves Go on Short Joy Rides

Four auto thefts didn't go very far in the cars they stole in Birmingham last week.

One car was found in Highland Park soon after Birmingham police had alerted area police. Riding in the stolen vehicle were five 15 and 16-year-old Detroit youths, who admitted stealing seven cars recently.

Mrs. Helen Barnard had discovered her car missing Monday night when she left Our Shepherd Lutheran church on E. 14 Mile road.

ROBERT C. LELAND'S car was taken from its parking place on Woodward near Maple as its owner, who lives at 816 Colonial court, ate in a restaurant Tuesday night. The car was found abandoned at Cranbrook and Oak streets two hours later.

A sports car stolen from city parking lot No. 1 Friday was found abandoned later in parking lot No. 4. The vehicle belonged to Bill Wright, 5235 Pon Valley, Bloomfield Hills.

A convertible which disappeared from a parking lot behind a Woodward-Hamilton service station Thursday turned up the next morning in the Barnum junior high school parking lot.

Police said most of the owners had left keys in the cars, and warned motorists to remove keys.

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NINE OF BIRMINGHAM'S men's and women's service clubs may find they have new advertising signs at the city's north and south entrances because of efforts of the local junior chamber of commerce. Jaycee President Dick Ernst has won tentative approval from city officials. More study must go into design before the 'collective' sign goes up. Clubs would share costs.

We think Birmingham young people are pretty special. When you read what a total stranger wrote, you'll be even more proud of them. Recently a North Carolina resident ran into Birmingham high school's Washington trippers in the nation's capital. "Your boys and girls were so well mannered," she wrote Birmingham high school Principal Ross Wagner, "that my husband and I were both reassured that the youth of today is a group we should be proud of. . . . But your group was outstanding in the various ones we observed." A few days later Bill Pratt, one of the Washington trippers, wrote E. A. Hubbard, Washington group director, "... the adult treatment we received made us proud of ourselves, our group, and our school, and made us want to represent our school in the best way possible. I want to thank you and the advisors and the whole faculty for turning out such a wonderful group of students and giving us such a wonderful experience."

Perplexed Motorist Gets 2 Tickets from Officer

"What did I do now?" asked a perplexed motorist when Birmingham Patrolman James R. Cochran stopped him Monday.

Cochran handed E. D. Breedlove, of 527 Wadsworth, Birmingham, two tickets to a local movie home, and a card stating that he had received a "Good human relations award."

Police Act To Get Owners To License Dogs

About 700 Birmingham dogs remain unlicensed this year, and Birmingham police employees Al Simardell is doing something about it.

Warrants have been issued against a number of owners whose dogs have been found untaxed. Violators thus served must appear in court. They must then offer proof that they have secured a license, and pay \$3 court costs.

Otherwise, violators can face up to \$100 fine or 90 days in jail, or both.

Surdell said dog owners must have their pets inoculated against rabies before licenses are issued. He said a number of children have been bitten this spring, and that the licensing program was to prevent the danger of a child being bitten by a rabid dog.



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B of E Picks 'Cluster' Plan For New School

Spending \$1,800,000 isn't easy. Birmingham's board of education took a step toward it Tuesday night when they approved a tentative layout for the new junior-senior high school.

But it took from 8 p.m. until after midnight for the board to ponder the alternatives presented and come up with a decision.

They finally told Architect Linn Smith to go ahead with a suggested layout in which 28 academic classrooms erected in clusters of four would surround courts, similar to the Beverly and Greenfield elementary schools.

Smith, of Smith, Tarapata and MacMahon, had submitted two plans for the school, to be ready at 43 Mile and Evergreen by fall, 1959.

HE ESTIMATED the cost at \$15.50 per square foot for the 120,000 square foot structure, bringing the building cost to over \$3 million.

Remainder of the more than \$1 1/2 million budget would be put into furniture, special equipment, school tools and teachers, and the like.

The building will accommodate 2,000 students.

Square foot cost of Derby junior high school, completed in 1956, was approximately \$15.50. Birmingham high school, started in 1949, cost \$13.24 per square foot. The board chose the one-story four-classroom cluster plan for its compactness and cheaper construction costs.

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Approve Sale Of Hickory School

Bloomfield Hills board of education unanimously approved the sale for administrative offices was suggested by President Merrill O. Bates.


This was the highest of four bids received. The sale is conditional upon legal approval of its terms—\$10,000 cash and a five-year contract.

Although the \$50,000 was considerably below the \$75,000 appraisal placed by the board, it decided to sell the building rather than spend an estimated \$200,000 to put it in good condition.

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