

A Panorama of Arts Festival Highlights



GENERAL CHAIRMAN Robert A. Thom (center) looks over the program with Birmingham mayor Carl F. Ingraham (right) and William L. Dennis, in charge of promotional material, as the festival Bloomfield Art association officials were busy planning a bigger and better 1959 festival.

Birmingham's successful spring arts festival had hardly ended before Bloomfield Art association officials were busy planning a bigger and better 1959 festival. Through photos by Julie Candler, George Wm. Averill and Harvey J. Croze, The Eccentric presents more of the many highlights of this city's big May event.



THE TOWN CRIER, Recreation Director Bob Girardin, spread the news of the opening of the festival throughout downtown Birmingham.



GAILY ATTIRED young dancers await their turn at the Maypole in the festival's colorful opening ceremonies.

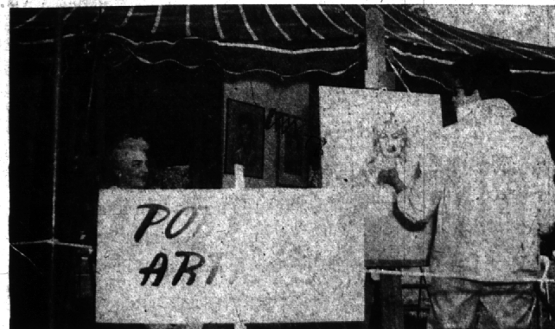
AN OLD CUSTOM for spring, dancing around the Maypole, providing many Birmingham youngsters with festival fun.



A DISPLAY of ceramic pottery made by Cranbrook academy of arts students interested visitors to the Cranbrook grounds.



FERLENDALE ARTIST L. Margaret Bilbrow and a friend, Mrs. P. H. Pope, Bloomfield township, view some of the former's paintings in Shain park during the festival.



WANT YOUR PORTRAIT painted? One feature of the Shain park proceedings was an open-air studio where visitors in one sitting could have their likeness captured on canvas.

There's no doubt but that one of the most wonderful series of scenes within an infant's observation is the period between an infant's birth and its time of being able to walk and talk. Here is what seems to be but a morsel of life, yet endowed with the complete pattern of an adult. Its design, its destiny, were fashioned by a loving Creator. Treat it reverently!

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