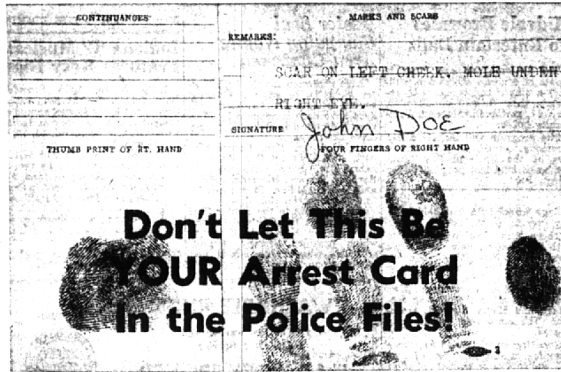


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By LIEUT. ROBERT SCHAULE  
Birmingham Police Department Juvenile Officer

There is a small percentage of the youth of today that is coming to the attention of the police quite regularly. These youths are committing such crimes as malicious destruction of property, like driving a car over people's lawns, tearing up the sod, and causing considerable damage. Or getting into new homes under construction, throwing paint over freshly painted walls and damaging the drain tile.

Others include mounting bicycles, breaking and entering, stealing hub caps or batteries from someone's car, auto thefts, taking a car without owner's permission and driving it around, breaking into a store or gas station, violating the Michigan liquor laws; minors in possession of alcoholic beverages, drug and disorderly charges, and numerous other types of crimes.

WHEN THESE youths appear at the police station for committing some crime, they usually state that their reason for getting involved is that they have "nothing else to do." They state there is nothing for teen-agers to do in Birmingham.

We are dealing with youths today who are old enough and mature enough to know the difference between the right and wrong things.

Where do we draw the line? Whose responsibility is it? The youths of today have a responsibility to themselves as well as to society and they must realize that fact. The principles of society are such that everyone including young people must assume their responsibilities in order to make this a better world to live in.

WE ARE SOMETIMES prone to put the blame on the parents. We know that in this competitive world today, a parent has a big obligation in raising a family. So we cannot place all the blame on the parent for our youths' misdeeds.

Juvenile delinquency is a problem for the entire community, not a police problem alone. Law enforcement is charged with the responsibility of protecting the public

by preventing crime and detection and apprehension of criminals.

Since juvenile delinquency involves criminal offenses, it also becomes a law enforcement responsibility to prevent juvenile delinquency.

THE COMMUNITY itself also has a responsibility to prevent crime and juvenile delinquency. In many cases where no police action is needed, the community should be able to provide services to get its youth straightened out without police intervention.

We don't make no mistake about the young person who is continually getting into trouble and committing serious offenses, or being a threat to the community and allowing his transgressions to be overlooked. All too often their youthful age is offered as an excuse for a "go easy" policy which they do not have the desired corrective effect.

Problems of juvenile delinquency are not limited to the serious problems, the community and everyone in it.

Are parents ALWAYS right? I read in your paper about 'maladjusted parents'. What can your panel suggest we do about THEM?

Parents by "right of birth" can't always be right. "To err is human" and parents are human. But because they are older, they have the advantage of mature experience in offering their advice and judgment.

"Are some parents maladjusted?" To answer this, the word maladjusted must first be defined. Maladjusted means badly or inadequately adjusted.

If your parents are so maladjusted that they cannot live in harmony with society, you should contact the Family Council Agency here in Birmingham for professional help.

But if your parents seem "maladjusted" only to yourself, we strongly suggest that you hold a family "pow wow". Sit down with your parents and re-evaluate yourselves to reach a common understanding.

Don't listen with a negative view, but listen to weigh and consider. You could be the one who is maladjusted.

Do you have a question your Teen Panel can work on? Write it down, sign your name and address, the school you attend, and send to: TODAY'S YOUTH EDITOR, c/o

The Birmingham Eccentric, Birmingham, Mich. The Teen Panel will deliberate the question, and the answer will appear shortly thereafter in these columns.

## Takes Work To Maintain Friendships As Others See Us

By MARTHA V. HURD  
Youth Page Editor

A few days ago, a teenager I know called me to ask if he could see me alone. The minute I saw her I guessed she was having trouble with herself. She was getting in her own way and wanted to talk it out with someone she could open up to since her family was away for a holiday.

"Your love life is messed up, isn't it?" I asked.

"How did you know?" She was amazed at my astuteness.

"Your eyes are red, you are obviously distressed, and I know you! Tell me about it, dear."

"HE DOESN'T" call me anymore. He avoids me at school. He asked someone else to the Valentine dance.

"Have you been calling him? Waiting for him after school in case he wants to drive you home?" I inquired.

She admitted she was guilty on both offenses. Possessiveness and aggressiveness. But she was "in love."

I said to her: "Admitting that love is the most important experience in the world, particularly for a boy and girl first being initiated into its meaning, I feel that friendship is far more important at this stage of the game. Making and keeping friends with a member of the opposite sex is not easy because it takes constant effort."

"Friendship can develop into true love but it can't be abused. Trying to possess, tear her or girl friend by keeping tabs on them and checking on their activities, will kill any "love-bud" before it even begins to blossom," I went on.

"You know what I would do, if I (See FRIENDSHIPS, Page 5-B)

# Don't Be Out to Lunch, Dad - Dig This Stuff and Flip

By TOM WOODWORTH  
Derby Junior High

Hey, man, do you wig out when your crazy teen starts using cool language? Is it because you're O.T.L. or a square? Do you bug out of your pad just because your teen said he had a blast at the romp last night?

Don't flip when your teen is exasperated because you don't know what a fine chick is.

Just cool it, cats, because after this article you'll dig it the most!

Here are a few of them and the consensus of the teens on the definitions. They are:

- cool:** well liked; known by everyone
- crazy:** a great deal of fun; things that are enjoyable
- the most:** one of the best; something or someone very good
- OTL:** an abbreviation meaning "out to lunch"; not well liked or accepted by the crowd; it means the opposite of cool or crazy

wig out: to get unnecessarily excited or confused about something

you bug me: you irritate me or I dislike something about you

bug out: to leave one place for another; to exit

wild: a lot of fun (see "crazy")

square: someone not accepted by the crowd (see "OTL")

flip: to like something a lot; to enjoy something

chick: any girl

fine chick: a cute girl; well-liked

blast: something that is thoroughly enjoyable (see "crazy")

panic: same as a blast

stomp: a dance or an event of some kind

crazy: a place where one is at a certain time; a person's home

wheel: a leader in the crowd; a big man

man: a noun of address used for anyone regardless if a boy or girl

cool it: to take it easy; not get excited

dig it: to understand or comprehend

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## FOR AND ABOUT TODAY'S YOUTH

MARTHA V. HURD, TODAY'S YOUTH EDITOR

These are the reactions to American life of the American Field Service exchange students in Birmingham area schools.

By CHRISTIAN PLATOU  
From Bergen, Norway now attending Cranbrook

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Games will continue until the 14th.  
March 12 Latin banquet at Bloomfield. 5:30-7:00 p.m.  
March 14 Birmingham swimmers in the state meet.  
March 15 Birmingham High School Senate presents the "Sham Rock" from 9:30-12:30 in the Maple Room. This is a topsy-turvy, match-me dance. Tickets are \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door.  
March 16 College boards at Cranbrook. Tests will begin at 8:30 a.m.

I WAS TOLD it was one of the smaller colleges. Well, to that I (See As Others see us, Page 5-B)

## Calender For Today's Youth

Compiled by LYNN LOPATA

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## Tadpole Corner

Interesting News Items Gleaned from Our Elementary School Newspapers

## Old King Cole

Old King Cole was a merry old soul  
And a Merry old soul was he;  
He called for his pipe and he called for his glass  
And he called for his fiddlers three!

And THEN What Happened?  
The fiddlers came rushing and tumbling in, followed by a small grey mouse carrying a tiny fiddle no bigger than an oversized needle.

"Well, well," chuckled the merry King, "and where is the third fiddler?"  
"I'm him, Your Majesty," stuttered the grey mouse, "that is, that is, I'm to take, to take, to take the fiddler's place."

"Ho, ho," laughed Old King Cole, "with that needle of a fiddle you couldn't possibly scratch a tune out of that. That's ridiculous! Now, exactly where is the third fiddler, my fine Fiddlers? I am anxious to hear some of my favorite tunes!"

"Yes, Yes, your Majesty," cried the two Fiddlers.  
"Then, that makes me your King and I demand to know where the third Fiddler is, or has gone!" belted out the unhappy King.

"You also have a beautiful gold crown with diamonds, emeralds, and rubies," added the grey mouse as he tuned up his little fiddle.

"THE THIRD Fiddler is missing, your Majesty, but I have made a little song for you and when he comes back I will leave, if you wish, the mouse added quietly.  
"Oh?" said Old King Cole, ashamed of his rudeness to the little grey mouse, a song for me? That's a different song, then, gentlemen. Fill it up with my royal purple velvet throne and light up my pipe while you two Fiddlers do search for your brother!"  
"Yes, your Majesty," Thank you, your Majesty," said the worried Fiddlers and they ran the tumbling and jumping out of the throne room as Old King Cole settled back to listen to the mouse's fiddlin' song.

"IF YOU PLEASE, your Majesty, we brought the grey mouse along because he's known through all the countryside for his fiddling," said the First Fiddler. "He plays at all the country fairs!"  
Old King Cole stood up and angrily shook his red beard, speckled with white.  
"My dear gentlemen," he began and then paused. "And Master Fiddlin' Mouse," he added and bowed. "I am a king, an I not?"  
"Oh, yes, your Majesty. A very merry one, too!" said the Second Fiddler.  
"I HAVE a royal, jeweled scepter here in my hand that I use to conduct my government making with, haven't I?" the King said crossly.

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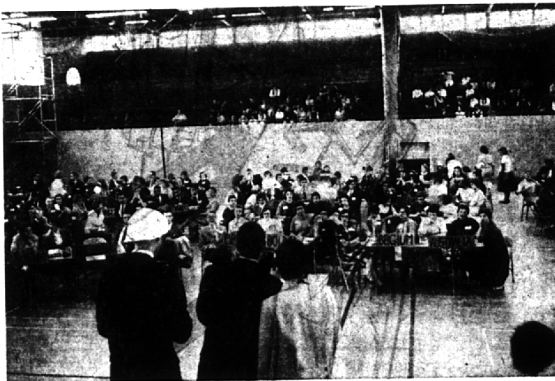
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## Youth Looks at the World Situation

From the platform, here's what the general assembly of the mock United Nations looked like at Birmingham high school last Thursday. Over 300 BUNA (Birmingham United Nations association) club members staged the day and a half event. Following a half day of committee meetings Wednesday, Pete Brink, as president of the general assembly, steered the discussion and voting on such world problems as the Middle East question, France and Algeria, Pakistan, and disarmament. Under the guidance of George Pappas, instructor of international relations and BUNA sponsor, the club's members previously studied the problems slated for the agenda. Martin Weirich (in turban) was parliamentary Thursday. Betsy Carroll is BUNA secretary-general, and Barb Hobart is secretary. (See story by Julie Hoover on school pages.)

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