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will be the familiar sound at St. Vincent Sarah Fisher home when the vacant lot on the premises becomes a baseball diamond for the boys. Page 1-C.

An Attention with the Tigers...

... is just about as big a thrill as any young baseball player could ever ask for. Danny Corrigan and Fred Adams never dreamed it would happen. But it did. On page 1-B.

Such shenanigans... In Franklin... The Village is in the grip of theatrical madness. For... the inside story turn to page 1-E.

Smaller problems... For smaller townships?... Not necessary. Southfield's new supervisor tells of his king-sized headaches on page 1-E.

68 women clients... With ideas about houses... what does an architect do? He designs a model home for efficiency, grace, individual freedom and family unity. And it's described on page 1-E.

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This and That

by George R. Averill Conviviality at Summit Meets

Many years ago, in a small Michigan town, we read this brief statement, hung over the hotel's lobby writing desk: "Many a dinner is concluded over something besides a bolle of ink." That same statement, history records, could fit into some of the international meetings of the heads of nations. This, in the cut-throat and emotionally produced "brotherhood" atmosphere of such "goings-on," the "summit boys" often put one over on the not-so-smart boys.

"Perhaps Dean Acheson, former Democratic Secretary of State, has some convictions on this subject, as evidenced by his recent opposition to a "summit meeting" of the heads of the Big Four nations.

(Those Kremlin boys, it is said, have learned how to remain in fair possession of their facilities, even though they may be loaded with vodka.)

Recently we heard a Republican, high in the councils of the Party, say that "... it is believed that Senator McCarthy doesn't too much like his job, and may not be a candidate for re-election again."

The White House canine, a girl Weimaraner, disobeyed the wife of the President of the United States recently, when asked to pose for a photographer. Neither Mamie nor her secretary could get the pet to sit for her picture. What a splendid example for Congress, as it ponders whether or not to enact needed laws to control American labor.

It is reported that the cost of killing each deer lamp in the Great Lakes is \$7.50. That a lot of money to spend to eliminate an animal that has destroyed nearly all of the lake trout and wild salmon—but it's very cheap, when compared to a good deal of the cost of killing each deer lamp in the Great Lakes is \$7.50.

A friend of mine, raising a family on a limited income, suggests to maintain a look and spirit of optimism, including good humor and an ability to live out each day without irritability. He has had an average of problems, and says about them: "My family has no problems that a little money cannot solve. Which is to say that we enjoy most of the rewards of love in family life."

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Autos of the Future, Past Will Add Color To Jaycees' Road-E-O

A display of futuristic automobile models and classic antiques will add color to the Birmingham junior chapter of commerce's annual teenage "Road-E-O" June 7 at Birmingham high school. The safe-driving project, a nationwide effort of the Jaycees, offers 14 to 19-year-olds a chance to prove and improve their driving habits.

Actual driving tests involving obstacle-type exercises as well as written tests regarding traffic laws will be given. The high school parking lot will be used for the driving tests.

OLIVER SPENCER, member of the local Jaycee chapter and former Detroit Lion, is arranging to bring several well known race drivers here to assist Birmingham police in judging the various events.

General chairman is Vern Haeghe. Others assisting are Clarence Westin, James Spencer and Al Fifth. Westin is in charge of location, course and equipment. Spencer is handling eligibility, screening and certification. Fifth is publicity and promotion chairman.

Awards will be given to the outstanding local contestants, with the top winner competing in state eliminations to be held in Detroit. The state champion will receive an expense-paid trip to Washington for the national finals.

THE THREE winners in the national contest will be awarded scholarships totaling \$4,500. Prospective contestants may obtain entry blanks from the high school or from Lake's Jewelers, Fred's Hardware, Pure Oil stations and Schmitz Motors, Inc.

Headless Bid Issued By Planners

A headless letter went out this week to community leaders, inviting them to a special public meeting on city planning next Tuesday night at 8 p.m. at Birmingham Community House.

Signer of the letter was Dr. George E. Marin, chairman of the Birmingham planning board. A sub-committee of the board is sponsoring the meeting. "This letter does not have a letterhead," Dr. Marin said, "because a committee to help plan for the future development and growth of Birmingham has not yet been formed. To remedy this situation, I would like to invite you to a meeting."

THREE SPEAKERS will discuss planning developments in other communities in a 90-minute talk, then open the session for questions and discussion of "how we might plan similar action for Birmingham."

Paul Moffett, architect, will describe the Royal Palm plan, and David Ger, planning consultant to several southeastern Michigan communities, will review planning from the professional consultant's point of view.

Harold B. Euler, secretary of the Downtown Pontiac association, will discuss the process of forming an auxiliary action for Birmingham. Eliot Robinson and William H. Merrill, planning board members, make up the remainder of the speakers and recently studied an overall plan for future growth and development of Birmingham. Robinson is chairman of the committee.

Quench That Stench! 85 Noseholders Insist

Ask anyone of the residents in Birmingham's southwest section this week how things are, and five will get you fifty that the answer'll be: "They stink!" Literally.

YOU GET SO MUCH FOR SO LITTLE with an Eccentric Want Ad

This ad brought results by 6 o'clock Thursday and had continuous calls until Saturday afternoon.

HOLLYWOOD BEES, COMPLETE. (317) 549-1400. Bureau of Beekeeping, 1115 1/2th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35202. Phone 549-1400. Write for information.

MRS. MARY ROBERTS Mrs. J. C. Roberts, Prominent B'ham Clubwoman, Dead

Mrs. Mary Roberts of 480 Yarmouth road, Birmingham, president of the Detroit Garden Center, died suddenly Saturday while visiting relatives in Zanesville, Ohio. Mrs. Roberts, 68, was the wife of J. Cliff Roberts, vice president of J. Walter Thompson advertising agency.

She was a member of the Birmingham branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden association, past president of the group's Michigan division and a member of its executive committee. She had attended the association's annual national meeting in Pittsburgh before her trip to Ohio.

George McClellan, 54, a visitor from Ravenna, Ohio, received burns on the arms, face and neck area as he charred himself Sunday at a home at 1913 Henrietta, Birmingham. A Beaumont hospital bulletin said the patient's condition was "fairly good."

W. M. BERGIN, 1509 Penitence, was given first-aid after he suffered second and third degree burns on his hands last Thursday evening when a gallon can of gasoline he was carrying was ignited by a charcoal burner.

Bergin told firemen he was walking past the burner when the gas caught fire. Burning gas spread over the garage, house and automobile, blistering paint and causing damage estimated at \$150.

The accident brought a warning from Fire Marshal George S. Scott, who said use of gasoline or similar liquids to ignite charcoal fires should be avoided. Even flammable liquids designed to start charcoal fires can be dangerous if used improperly, he said.

Hills Candidate Disqualified; Lacks 1 Signature

Victor S. Farrah, 410 W. Greenview, Bloomfield township, was disqualified as a candidate for a trustee post on Bloomfield Hills board of education yesterday after 15 names on his nominating petition were declared invalid.

Farah apparently thought he had guarded against unequal signatures by presenting 64 signatures, 14 over the required 50. However, nine of the signers are residents of Birmingham school district and six others were unregistered as Hills school district electors.

The law states petition signers must be registered voters and school district residents. The board of education appealed to its attorney Wednesday morning by telephone after learning at its Tuesday meeting that a check of petition signatures left Farrah one short of qualifying as a candidate in the school board election June 9.

Superintendent Eugene Johnson presented a signed statement from Mrs. Ann Birrell, Bloomfield township clerk, certifying that nine signatures were Birmingham district residents and six others were unregistered for Hills school elections.

In taking the necessary legal action, the board pointed out that Farrah still may run for the trustee post as a sticker candidate. There are four candidates on the ballot for two posts. Neither of the incumbents, Karl E. Scott and Robert H. Hoffman, is running for re-election.

In the race are Jean Martz, Max Miller, Fred Korzon and Clarion E. Cooke. Farrah, 34, has lived in the area five years. A commercial sales manager for an automotive dealer, he has two pre-school children.

Since Farrah's petition lacked only one signature to qualify, the board voted to seek a legal opinion on whether he was doing a little shopkeeping, so many businesses have noticed a little increase and attribute it to the festival crowds.

District residents have until June 10 to register to vote in the June election.

Marrying the Boss' daughter isn't a guarantee of success but it is a pretty fair unemployment insurance. There isn't one, single clock-watcher vacation time occurs after you've cleared up all the work that accumulated while you were doing a little shopkeeping. Smile: as hard to recondition as a scrambled egg.

Acceptance Pleases Committees

After hundreds of people prepared Birmingham's artistic atmosphere, thousands of "tourists" have been wandering through soaking up the spirit and the events of the city's first annual Spring Festival.

It opened Saturday morning with a sylvan ceremony at Waterfall park, and will conclude Sunday night with a 8 p.m. Birmingham Musical concert at the Birmingham Community House.

In unprecedented numbers for any time of year but the Christmas season, people thronged downtown streets this week starting shortly after the lunch hour. Their attention was drawn continually to the artists' paintings merchant are displaying in their front windows.

THE THREE-BLOCK West Maple area is getting the greatest foot traffic. A principal Festival attraction in this area is the sidewalk cafe in the Kay Baum store, and operated by Marcus Bakery next door.

Seventeen Festival events already have taken place. Twelve more are to be performed in the next four days. Five events are continuing. (See listing on Page 2-A for remaining Festival events.)

One program has been rescheduled. It is the Saturday night square dance, postponed a week because of threatening weather.

FESTIVAL committees are exultant because the weather has been so warm and sunny. Many events are being staged outdoors, and would be seriously affected by a weather change.

Recreation director Robert Girardin informed square dance rivals that high winds, wet "dance floor," and continuing sprinkles forced postponement.

Would-be dancers departed for gatherings pre-arranged in case of rain. The dance will be held at 8 p.m. this Saturday in the municipal parking lot at Merrill and Pierce streets.

GENERAL CHAIRMAN Robert Thom commented at the Festival's halfway point: "We've gotten off to a wonderful start. The weather has been good."

"I've also discovered that if anything has not been assigned to a specific committee, then that's where the 'general' in my job comes in."

Chamber of Commerce Secretary Charles Mortensen also reported the festival and its events are being well accepted by merchants and by the public.

"Reaction's been good," Mortensen said. "There have been lots of out-of-towners showing up—and they've been doing a little shopping, too. Many businesses have noticed a little increase and attribute it to the festival crowds."

Thousands Attracted To Festival Events



Everybody's Arty

Everybody got absorbed with art this week including six-year-old Logan Milliken, 1530 Maryland, Birmingham. Logan had his portrait done by artist Virtus Gabe Monday in the big tent erected at Shain park for the Birmingham art festival. While he waited for his mother to complete her tour of the park exhibits and come back for him, Logan did a little art work himself.



Strolling Through the Park

Amid plenty of sunshine and greenery, strollers through Shain park Monday stopped to admire the outdoor exhibit of the Palette and Brush club.



Crowd of 1,000 Gathers for Opening of Art Festival

In a sylvan setting Saturday afternoon, a crowd of more than 1,000 Birmingham area persons watched Mayor Carl F. Ingraham and General Chairman Robert Thom open the first Spring Art Festival. The location was at Waterfall park on W. Maple at River Rouge. Garland dancers (foreground) led off the ceremony, then posed while groups of small girls performed maypole dances around three giant elm trees.