

# A Backward Glance at TV Year

The world of television could in few ways be called scintillating or compelling this last season. It glowed occasionally in the person of Maurice Evans, both as actor and as director for the Hallmark playhouse. And Lennie Bernstein, whose intimate and informative talks on the world of music were just about the only thing of which Omnibus could truly be proud.

Mike Wallace, who breathed new life into television, has since been dispensed with, as has the impressive Steven Lively Arts series with bionic John Crosby at the helm. Shirley Temple's storybook which doled out childish and unimaginative doses of fairytales was pathetic and exasperating. And Frank Sinatra, an actor of high stature in films and a fine singer as well, failed to impart either of these qualities to his TV performances.

Edward R. Murrow was concise and illuminating in his See It Now series but failed to elicit anything beyond the mundane from his interviewees on Person to Person.

MOST EVERYTHING worth mentioning appeared on Sundays, leaving an noticeable and unhealthy vacuum of programming during the rest of the week. It would have been as refreshing to twist the dial on a week-night and

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World only if Dave Garroway would desert from his persistent maudlin philosophizing. We would be grateful for more news programs of the caliber of Wisdom and The Great Challenge which dealt with current problems and personal life in an understated and provocative manner. We'd be happy with more dramatic shows like Playhouse 90 and Night Show of the Month. And we not nostalgically toward the return of real comedy, gift for which neither Sid Caesar, George Gobel or Milton Berle seem to have acquired.

### 530 Bikes Licensed In Safety Checks

A total of 530 licenses were issued at bike safety inspections held the past two Saturdays at Birmingham school playgrounds by Birmingham police and Kewansans. Police Lt. Robert Schulte said altogether 4989 children had been shown safety films in the schools in connection with the inspections, and 1143 inspection cards were issued to young bike owners.

### Confirmation Set

Lutheran Church of the Ascension will hold confirmation services Sunday at 11 a.m. at the church at 14 Mile and Pierce. Pastor Elbert Nuelken will perform the rite of confirmation.



### Sacred Heart Site To Be Visited Sunday for Outing

More than 1,000 members of the "family" of the Lawrence Avenue convent of the Sacred Heart will get together Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. at the site of the new school in Bloomfield Hills. The outing and inspection of new buildings is sponsored by the school's Da club. The Bloomfield Hills school will open in September. Among those hard at work on the outing are Charles E. Baer, chairman, Richard W. Ruen, Norman J. Fredericks, Judge W. Bearden, Philip J. Monaghan, Peter J. Monaghan, Charles S. Sanders and Thomas J. Bolton.

### Hengst Resigns, Schools Drop Camping, OK Expenses

After reviewing the proposed site layout for the new junior-senior high school to be built at 13 Mile road and Evergreen, the Birmingham board of education Tuesday authorized a number of expenditures and approved adoption of new textbooks. The board also accepted the resignation of Barnum School Principal Robert E. Hengst, who will leave July 30 to complete his doctoral program at Michigan state university on a teaching scholarship. They approved the appointment of Barnum Assistant Principal Robert Ford to Hengst's post. FOLLOWING THE meeting, the schools' Director of Curriculum Daniel A. Nesbitt told The Birmingham Eccentric that the sixth grade camping program had been dropped. Nesbitt said he had cancelled reservations for ten weeks' accommodations at conservations areas next year. All Birmingham school sixth graders had spent a week of camping and nature study at the Proud lake recreation area during the past three years. Nesbitt said the difficulty of supervising and finding accommodations for the increasing number of sixth grade children necessitated the move. Increase of work involved in opening the camping trips would have made it necessary for the schools to hire a full-time camp director, he said, if the program continued. HE ADDED that schools would substitute field trips to such areas as Kensington park to provide the nature study involved. Business handled by the board Tuesday included acceptance of bids for \$12,640 to repair the Bloomfield village school for Baldwin village school's boiler and plumbing repairs which would bring the total summer expenditure on the old building to \$123,345. Delayed for further study was a low bid of \$76,000 for the school's new service facility, including garage, pipe shop, black toping and fencing. School administrators had budgeted \$50,000 for the new service building at Lincoln and Eton. The site layout for the new junior-senior high school presented by Architect Linn Smith calls for the school's 60-acre parking lot to open onto 13 Mile road. Besides a football stadium, site plan includes tennis courts, girls' field hockey courts, two practice fields and two baseball diamonds, and track facilities. THE BOARD accepted the resignations at the end of the school year of 26 teachers, including Birmingham high school science teacher Herbert Radd and history teacher George Pappas. Among expenditures approved was \$214 to fence the Bloomfield Village school playground, and \$2085 for play area backstops at four new schools. To extend the Numberaid program to all second grades next year, the board approved spending \$6814.50 for the Numberaid devices and books, plus \$1400 for the salaried. School administrators had any and expenses of a consultant for five weeks. TEXTBOOKS approved include new social studies books for third through ninth grade, and a new reading series. The board decided to give Everly Hills Baptist church three years at no interest in which to pay for the new church's connection to the sewer built by the school system at Greenfield school. They told a spokesman for residents on Fairfax street near Greenfield school to have the new West-village government handle negotiations with the school board on chloriding the street.



### Aqua-Pilgrims

This aquatic version of John Alden, Priscilla and Capt. John Smith features Sally Hanson, of 6355 Hills drive, Bloomfield township, as Priscilla; Sally, a freshman at the University of Michigan, appeared in "Lake of Legends", an aquatic show, at U of M last weekend. A prize-winning aquatics show, also was featured in Birmingham high school aquatic events. With her are Dale McGintley of Battle Creek (left) and Harvey Matin, Jr., of Detroit.



### Founders Medals Awarded at Cranbrook

An award made in recognition of his "comprehensive services to the cause of creative education" was accepted by Lee A. White, (center) of 652 Brookside, Birmingham, at Cranbrook House Sunday. Making the presentation of the Founders medal is Foundation Chairman Henry Scripps Booth, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George G. Booth, founders of Cranbrook. Accepting a Founders medal awarded to the late Cecil Billington was his son, Ray Allen Billington (left) professor at Northwestern university. The occasion was the Founders day tea honoring graduates of schools at the cultural center. White was public relations director for the Detroit News and later for the Cranbrook institutions, retiring in 1955. He was for many years a member of the board of Kingswood and Cranbrook schools, and a trustee of Cranbrook academy of art. Mr. Billington, an amateur botanist, was secretary and assistant treasurer of the Detroit News. He was active at Cranbrook from its inception.

**Church to Organize** is scheduled for 11 a.m. services Sunday. Rev. Robert S. Graham, assistant minister of the Birmingham church, will deliver the sermon. Formal organization at the Crossroads Presbyterian church of Walled Lake, a mission of First Presbyterian church, Birmingham.

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**Just What the Voters Ordered**

Work is expected to begin soon on construction of this garage facing on Lincoln at Eton road, Birmingham, to provide a service facility for the Birmingham school district. To be ready by fall, the structure will provide space for bus repair and storage of part of the school system's 35 buses. It will also house a pipe shop for school heating systems.

tem repair. Designed by architect Linn Smith of Smith, Tarapata, MacMahon, Inc., the building is estimated to cost about \$50,000. Two other maintenance buildings are already located on the school district's two-and-a-half acre site. The new structure was included in the bond issue approved by voters last June.