Behind Our Front Page

The Flea Market . . .

modeled after the famous section of Paris, will be a feature of Junior League Country Fair. See Page C-1.

What's underneath it all? . . .

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One of the greatest . . .

achievements in Birmingham high sports history—Bill Alcorn's state record pole vault. Page 6-E.

Lost, Stolen or Strayed . . .

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Teen-Age Behavior Standards Compared by Parents

Most Insist on Group Dating, Duties, Supervised Parties

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL
Managing Editor

There is safety in numbers.

There also is comfort.

Especially when it eliminates parental doubts regarding strictness or looseness of family standards for growing children.

Seventeen hundred parents of Barnum junior high school students this week have discovered the comfort resulting from reading the concensus of a 30-question survey just conducted by the school's parent-teacher organization.

THE RESULTS ARE HEARTWARMING to these parents, who for the first time—at least in this area—can compare notes with a large number of people on the standards they are trying to maintain for their sons and daughters.

By overwhelming margins, these parents declare that children in the 13-15 year age bracket should:

- Date in groups, not by couples
- Attend Sunday school
- Have supervision at parties in homes, and when away from home on week nights
- Have assigned duties around the home
- Be encouraged to bring friends home

THESE PARENTS by the same large margins feel their youngsters should not be allowed to:

- Smoke
- Drink
- Drive the family car
- Use profane language
- Fight for their rights physically except in rare circumstances

Parents also were surveyed on their children's bedtimes, weekend curfew hours, study facilities, allowances.

- The bedtime hour usually is between 9 and 10 p.m.
- Most parents require their children to be home at midnight or before on weekend nights.
- Children are provided with a quiet place to study. Study hours average one to two hours.
- Most children get an allowance, use it mostly for recreational purposes.

THE QUESTIONNAIRE was prepared by the Barnum PTA. It was edited by Wayne and Michigan State university representatives, tested on the PTA's homeroom mothers, modified, rechecked by Wayne and MSU, then mimeographed and sent to the 858 families of Barnum's students.

Four hundred fifty-six questionnaires were returned. Results were compiled by a PTA executive committee chairmaned by Mrs. Howard Rieman, and included King Ruhly, Dr. Jack Payton, Barnum Principal Herbert Hengst, and Asst. Barnum Principal Robert Ford.

Two hundred PTA members attended their regular May meeting last Thursday night to learn these results.

ALL FAMILIES in the school can get a copy of the results from the school office, Hengst said. Plans are to give copies to parents of new 7th graders next fall, he said.

"Our Barnum PTA believes importantly that parents must establish and maintain behavior standards for their children," Hengst explained.

"Only in this way will these youngsters be able to develop into mature adults. Immaturity results from lack of a standard to steer one's course by or to determine the most appropriate action.

"BUT TODAY'S complex social order has resulted in this situation:

"We are exposed to so much information from so many forms of communication that we often lose sight of life's more important aspects. These become buried under the mass of trivia."

He said most parents in the current generation have lost contact with other families regarding commonly accepted behavior standards for children.

"'Are my standards too strict? Are they too loose? What are other parents doing?' are the fears of the parent today," Hengst said.

THESE QUESTIONS came to him from so many parents of his

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Lonesomeness is a mental and emotional condition that attends one at times when the hunger and yearning to be with friends and loved ones is the immediate urge. It is a state of feelings that can be overcome . . . if one wills to fill his thoughts with memories of the happy incidents and associations of such friends and loved ones, and of other pleasant recollections. That's what memory's for.

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EDWIN F. KIRBERT

'Y' Head Ed Kirbert Resigns

His plans to resign as executive secretary of the Birmingham branch of the metropolitan Detroit YMCA were announced last week by Edwin F. Kirbert.

The director of YMCA activities here since 1946, Kirbert said that on July 1 he will become executive director and manager of the Presbyterian Village, home for the aged, at 25300 McNichols, Redford.

In a letter to YMCA friends, Kirbert said he had made the decision "because of the challenge presented and because I feel there is a job to be done."

KIRBERT ALSO said that "personal reasons . . . prompted me not to seek another YMCA connection."

He said he "did not choose the opportunity, it presented itself."

He told The Birmingham Eccentric he felt he could not afford to pass up the opportunity.

He and his wife, Helen, plan to continue living at 4096 Chestnut Hill, Birmingham.

"IN MY NEW work," he told The Birmingham Eccentric, "I will be working in direct contact with the Detroit Presbytery which includes Birmingham area churches."

"We will still be engaged in our 'fair share' of community activities and our associations with First Presbyterian church and Birmingham Rotary club," he said.

Kirbert said there were no active members of the Birmingham YMCA at the time of his appointment here by Detroit metropolitan 'Y' general secretary Ralph Hileman.

In his 12 years here the local YMCA has grown to a membership of over 2,000.

IN 1946, the YMCA had no official headquarters here. The present 'Y' location at Lincoln and Edgewood will soon see completion of a second building, first unit of an eventually complete 'Y' facility.

Kirbert has been with the YMCA for 17 years, coming from Cincinnati. In 1941 he became associated with the Detroit YMCA, and was secretary at the Northeastern 'Y' at the time of his appointment to the Birmingham post.

Discussing his move, Kirbert said, "I express my sincere thanks and appreciation for all the cooperation I have gotten from the residents of Birmingham."

New B'ham Budget Shows Slight Tax Cut

By whittling City Manager L. R. Gare's tight budget by $12,697, Birmingham city commissioners are prepared to go into their June 2 annual budget hearing with a slight decrease—20 cents per $1,000 of assessed valuation—from the tax rate used for the current fiscal year, which is $19.60.

In their several budget committee meetings, the commission made departmental cuts totalling $20,653, and added $7,000 to the capital improvement fund.

LAST RATE DECREASE came in 1956, when it was cut a tenth of a mill to 19.60. This is the same rate used in July 1957.

Practically all of the commission's savings came from four areas:

Elimination of a proposed $4500 civil defense emergency rescue truck;

Cutting $10,808 from the public library board's budget request of $97,228;

Dropping of a proposed summer part time helper in the assessor's office, saving $2845; and

A SAVING OF $2500 in group insurance costs.

But commissioners put $7,000 back into the budget—$4500 more into the capital improvement and special assessment fund, and $2500 into special projects fund.

Monday's hearing is expected to see the proposed budget pass without incident.

As sifted down by the commission, the new proposals total $1,627,518, or $30,123 more than current operating expenses.

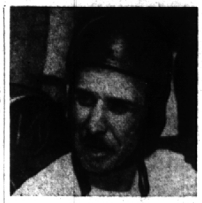
The tax decrease results from the city's not using up all the tax revenue which the annual property valuation increase could provide.

Here are the budget proposals as the commission will consider them Monday:

	Revised 1958-59 Budget Proposals	Current 1957-58 Budget
Commission	$ 7,560	$ 7,160
Justice	11,170	10,505
Elections	7,320	4,070
Assessor	15,005	14,481
Treasurer	20,731	19,596
Finance	25,110	25,020
Engineering	20,335	18,000
Legal	8,700	10,650
Clerk	16,895	15,888
Police	242,595	234,305
Fire	201,710	199,152
Building inspector	12,100	14,325
DPW	272,020	273,299
Health	11,480	10,800
Forestry & Parks	88,327	81,823
General Admin.	68,018	68,930
Personnel	4,980	6,346
Planning	8,770	9,200
Civil defense	4,974	6,050
Misc. General	262,095	243,025
Capital improvements & special assessments	144,500	140,000
Contingent	10,021	14,300
Special projects	65,400	63,550
Debt service		
Interest	16,701	18,798
Principal	81,000	80,000

Here are the important items under "miscellaneous general":

Retirement fund	60,999	55,575
Library	86,420	80,000
Recreation	32,326	31,600



MAURI ROSE

Mauri Rose Key Judge In Road-e-o

The teenage driver who carries home the winner's plaque from the June 7 safe driving Road-E-O will have to win the approving nod of one of the nation's top race drivers.

Mauri Rose, three-time winner of the Memorial Day classic on the Indianapolis Speedway, will be a key judge when teenagers put their competition cars through their paces on the Birmingham high school parking lot.

Rough-hewn Rose, who has thrice ridden to victory over 500 miles of steaming brick, will be looking for the one thing that counts behind a wheel—skill. And dozens of Birmingham's teenage drivers will have a chance to show him how they measure up when it comes to making a car behave.

VERN HAAGENSTAD, chairman of the Birmingham junior chamber of commerce Road-E-O, explained why the Jaycees picked Rose to judge the June 7 event.

"There's probably no better judge of safe driving than a professional race driver," he said. "And there's probably no better professional race driver than Mauri Rose."

To emphasize the importance of good driving habits and skills, Birmingham Mayor Carl F. Ingraham has proclaimed June 1-7 "Teen-Age Safe Driving Week."

SAID THE MAYOR: "Birmingham recognizes that driving an automobile is the first major responsibility given to American youth and that mastery of the wonderful, but possibly lethal, machine is one of the most important life tasks of all our citizenry."

Clarence Westin, Jaycee in charge of the course and equipment pointed out that skill, not horsepower, will determine the Birmingham teenagers qualified to

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First Festival Evaluated by Chairman Thom

Birmingham's first Spring Arts Festival, which concluded Sunday after nine days, has provided committees with valuable experience which will be incorporated into next year's events, 1958 General Chairman Robert A. Thom said Tuesday.

In reviewing the May 17-25 event of more than 30 exhibits, concerts, recitals and other art programs, Thom said $2,000 was realized from program sales and will provide means for getting off to an earlier and smoother start next year.

Thom issued this statement about the first festival:

"Although the primary function of the first Birmingham Arts Festival was not to raise money, the committee is happy to announce that it operated at a profit.

"FINAL FIGURES are not in, but gross earnings are about $5000 and costs around $3000, which will leave approximately $2000.00 to be held in trust to operate next year's Festival.

"The Festival committee feels that many of the initial restrictions which hampered us at the beginning, having started with no appropriation whatever, will be eliminated by this operational nest-egg.

"We also have acquired a few permanent assets, such as the twelve peg-board backgrounds which were used in Shain Park, although one of these was demolished by the high winds. Perhaps the most valuable acquisition, however, was the experience gained.

"THERE WERE many things that we know can be improved and, to that end, plans for next year's Festival will be started this September by a general meeting of all the organizations involved.

"Next year's publicity will be aided by this early start and a documentary photo coverage of this year's events by George Phillips, Harvey Croze, Kay Lowrie and others, which resulted in over 600 photographs.

"Any criticism of the first year's publicity is unfair when you consider that it was produced with literally nothing to go on.

"ALSO, AN examination of the guest registers, that were kept at some of the functions, revealed that a majority of the signatures were from visitors from Grosse Pointe, Dearborn, Toledo, Flint, Saginaw and other outlying districts that could have known about the Festival only as a result of the publicity.

"This could have been because the local residents did not think it necessary to sign as guests, but the committee feels a fairer, though philosophical, is that a good thing is recognized last at home.

"Certainly, anyone who sampled the program compiled by Mrs. Elmore Wollering, came away feeling their time well spent. And there were some like Mrs. Chester B. McCormick, who didn't miss a single event!

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See City As Shopping Center

By JULIE CANDLER

Launching of an economic missile aimed at competition from outlying shopping centers was discussed by about 50 Birmingham business leaders and commercial property owners Tuesday night.

Although it was an open meeting, no one appeared as a spokesman for residential owners. But City Commissioner Harry Denyes later called for considering the city's residential character in working out an objective for a master plan.

The session at Birmingham Community House was called by a subcommittee of the Birmingham planning board. Eliot Robinson and William H. Merrill are co-chairmen of the sub-committee.

Purpose of the session was to discuss the future growth and development of Birmingham, with an eye to forming a committee to work out a master plan.

ATTENTION focused on the city's business area as three experts mapped out master plans developed by other communities to put deteriorating business districts back in competition.

After Planning board chairman

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ECCENTRIC PHOTO

Wishing Well Presentation

Beside the wishing well on the beautiful lawn of the C. Allen Harlan residence, Alice (Mrs. William) Burlingame presents an award to Harlan, honored by the Michigan horticultural society for his personal interest in the field of horticulture and its facets. Mrs. Burlingame and Alfred H. Goldner, 7200 Telegraph, Birmingham, represented the society's board of trustees at the presentation. The award is made annually to an outstanding citizen of Michigan who has a great interest in the field of horticulture. Harlan, president of Harlan electric company, Detroit, works as much as three or four hours daily with flowers, shrubs and trees on the grounds of his home on N. Adams road. Last year he donated a number of trees and shrubs to landscape the new Harlan school, named for him. Harlan personally supervised the trees' planting on a Saturday by school children and their parents.

Chamberlin Honored By Boys' Clubs

For outstanding service to the Boys' club of Detroit and Michigan, Clarence P. Chamberlin, 1855 Rathmore, Bloomfield Hills, was awarded a Boys' Clubs of America Silver Keystone.

At the annual meeting held at Detroit golf club last Thursday, other prominent Birmingham area men were honored and named to posts on the board of the Boys' club of Detroit, according to Elbert A. Wright, executive vice president, who lives at 27305 Crestwood drive, Franklin.

Chamberlin had been president of the Boys' Club of Detroit for three years. The award presented to him by Edwin F. Van Biliard, of Chicago, regional Boys' club director, is the highest award that has been given to a lay person in this 14-state region.

RUSSELL STRICKLAND, Country club drive, Bloomfield Hills, received the Boys' club medallion, highest award to be given statewide in one year.

Strickland has been on the Detroit club's board of directors since 1942, and its vice president since 1955.

Thursday, John S. Bugas, of Bloomfield Hills, was elected president, while Rex R. Brubaker, 18525 Riverside, Southfield township, was named to the board of directors.

Hills School Study Groups to Make Interim Reports

Bloomfield Hills citizens' advisory committee, created earlier this year to study the district's school program, will make its first report at 8 p.m. Monday at the high school.

Individual committees formed to study school transportation, curriculum, administration and special problems such as the gifted child, are expected to report although studies are not completed yet.

All interested citizens in the district are welcome.

Bloomfield Cab Starts Operating In City Today

Bloomfield Cab Co. will begin operating taxi service in Birmingham today, owner Sam Reeves reports.

Reeves said Wednesday he had delayed requesting a license from the city until FCC approval was given for the cabs' shortwave radios.

Four cabs—all radio equipped—will be operating in Birmingham by Tuesday, he states.

Reporters Act on Your Behalf!

This and That

by George R. Averill

From time to time you read that a high federal government official, or some department, refuses to make available to a reporter information on a given subject. When such refusal is made, (assuming the news sought is NOT classified and secret) not only the reporter is turned down, but YOU, citizens and taxpayers, are being turned down. In brief, both the reporter and YOU are thus told: "It's none of your business!"

More and more, reporters are finding it increasingly difficult to dig out news that rightfully should be revealed to the public . . . and please, please, Dear Reader, never forget that the reporters represent YOU—YOU, who are entitled to know what your government is doing with YOUR tax money, what it is doing in the way of everything that touches YOUR life.

To be sure, YOU may agree that government may withhold certain highly secret military information, and perhaps a few similar phases of some other important activities; even reporters recognize this, too.

But when government (meaning the people who run it) refuse to release news of its normal, everyday activities it is preventing YOU from knowing how YOUR public business is functioning!

Cyrus Eaton, Cleveland multi-millionaire financier and industrialist, recently declared that the United States is over-run with a variety of governmental (mostly federal) "spies." He includes the FBI and the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture as chief targets of his criticisms. Mr. Eaton frankly believes that the world will not have another big war, and that in time Russian people will throw off the tyrannical shackles that now bind them.

Few public persons exceed Walter P. Reuther in the volume of words required to cover a single idea. The Detroit Labor leader proved this again when before the Senate Labor Rackets Committee. He is very artful in his ability to talk around any question that strikes into the heart of some real or presumed weakness in the

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Early Copy for our June 5 Issue Will Help Us Immensely

Because Memorial day falls on Friday, we have one day less to produce the next issue of The Eccentric. Copy received as early as possible will be of great help to us.

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Why is it that buses make express-train speed when you're on the way to the dentist's office?

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