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SECTION A

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The Nation's Top Suburban Weekly TEN CENTS



This Kite Went Up 1,400 Feet

This was the highest-flying kite in the contest sponsored Saturday by the Bloomfield Art Association and the Recreation department.

The kite was obtained by the army. The helicopter was obtained by the Norman Lyle Squadron, AFA.

Incumbents Says Teaching Staff Must Be Reduced

B'ham Incumbents Are Reelected

38 Percent Turnout Is Near-Record

All Birmingham's incumbent city officials were returned to office Monday as nearly four out of ten registered electors balloted.

Closest Birmingham contest was Municipal Judge John C. Emery, Jr. returned by 312 votes over his opponent.

EMERY'S BROTHER, Edward R. received another term as associate judge by outdistancing David F. Breck, 2,272 to 1,628.

Both Carl E. Ingraham and Charles W. Renfrew won new three-year commission terms.

There were two other no-contest elections: Mrs. Ann Miller received 3,388 ballots to gain another public library board term.

Jack Halsey received 3,397 votes and was reelected constable.

A total of 5,129 Birmingham electors voted Monday, 38.38 per cent of the 13,364 registered.

City Clerk Irene Hanley said this result was exceeded only by the 41.9 per cent which turned out in the 1955 spring election.

SHE SAID unusual interest was credited that year when an unusually heavy and interesting community race was supplemented with an advisory vote on disposition of Shain park.

MISS HANLEY said several precincts had voter line-ups when polls closed. At present one, she said, about 75 people were in line.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Birmingham CITY COMMISSION Full term: Chas. Renfrew 3,719, Carl Ingraham 3,615.

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Vehicle Inspection Program to be Held in Birmingham

A voluntary vehicle inspection program will be held in Birmingham during the latter part of May or early part of June.

Announcement of the program was made this week by Birmingham Police Lt. Robert Schaulé.

Anyone wishing to have their vehicle safety checked will be able to pull into the lanes where police officers and service club members will conduct the inspection.

Vehicles will be checked on ten items including such things as brakes, lights, steering, tires and exhaust system.

If a car does not pass on one of the points, the driver will be given a card telling him what is wrong. He then can have the difficulty corrected and return to get a safety sticker.

No Business Is Good Business

The month of March was a quiet one as far as the Birmingham fire department was concerned.

In his monthly report to city manager L. R. Gero, Fire Chief Park Smith said the city did not have a single fire within the city limits.

Firemen made a total of 35 runs, 23 of which were for silent alarms and fire investigations.

HE WAS ON his way to Milwaukee on business when the plane crashed killing all 47 persons aboard.

A two-year-old daughter, Maria, also survived.

14-S'field Bank Gets Go-Ahead

BEVERLY HILLS—Construction of a bank on the southwest corner of the Southfield-14 Mile intersection was a certainty today following the Beverly Hills council's approval of ERO (education, research and office) zoning for the corner Tuesday.

A Knight Menard company spokesman said Wednesday that the firm hopes construction of the branch of the Wayne-Oakland bank will be completed this summer.

Residents of homes near the bank site vigorously protested the rezoning from residential to ERO.

Many of them told the council Tuesday night that they had been assured when they purchased their homes that the area would remain residential.

THE VILLAGE planning commission, headed by Birmingham Planner Herbert Herzberg, recommended the rezoning.

Council members told the residents the ERO zoning should be a buffer to halt further spread of commercial on Southfield road.

Two other requests for rezoning to ERO on the southeast corner of (See BANK, Page 4-A)

Predicts Less Money Next Year

By JIM CRELLIN Staff Writer

For the first time in its history the Birmingham school district will find it necessary this year to cut down on teachers and possibly eliminate some classes.

These predictions were made this week by Birmingham Superintendent of Schools Dwight B. Ireland, and were based on an estimated budget he is now preparing for the 1959-60 school year.

DR. IRELAND said he was drawing up the budget with both moderate and major cutback plans in mind, but said he hoped it would be necessary to only use the moderate one.

Under this plan the most significant item would be a reduction in the teaching staff. This would mean that not all of the 18 per cent of the staff which leaves each year would be replaced.

A major cutback would definitely call for a reduction in the teaching staff plus the elimination of some classes, according to Dr. Ireland. Among these might be such courses as art, music and auto mechanics.

A REDUCTION in staff will mean a higher pupil-teacher ratio. Dr. Ireland said very few classes had more than 30 pupils at the present time, but a reduction in staff would require as many as 40 pupils in some classes next year.

The nationally recommended pupil-teacher ratio is not more than 30 to 1 for elementary schools and not more than 25 to 1 for secondary schools.

Dr. Ireland said the biggest disadvantage of an increased pupil-teacher ratio is less individual attention, thereby affecting student achievement.

THE TWO MAJOR reasons why Dr. Ireland cannot predict the extent of the cutback for next year are uncertain state aid and allocated millage.

Like the rest of the county (See IRELAND, Page 2-A)

This and That

by George R. Averill Youth Crams... Crams—and Often Leads!

Young people, wherever they happen to be on this earth, do many things, some of them guided by intelligence, some of them just downright foolish, and many of them somewhere in between these two extremes.

In various places of late, young fellows try to outdo one another in seeing how many of themselves they can get into a narrow space, preferably an outdoor telephone booth.

Not long ago, 22 undergraduates snugly fitted themselves into an outdoor telephone booth on a California campus. This group was engaged in trying to outdo in numbers what another undergraduate group had done on a South African campus.

While, on the surface, such performances may appear to be silly, they may be excused because what really is happening is that youth is revealing its unsurpassable urge to engage in adventure!

Mentzer will assume his duties as executive secretary on April 15 at the council office in the Briggs building, Woodward at Maple, Birmingham. He comes to this area from Altoona, Pa., where he has been director of the community chest, welfare council and the greater Altoona federation for community development.

His previous experience includes similar posts in Los Angeles, Calif., Richmond, Ind., and Bay City, Mich. He is an alumnus of

It is being widely rumored that if you want to be the most perfect hostess in your neighborhood you'll turn the guest bathroom scale back not less than 10 pounds.

Walter P. Reuther seldom overlooks an opportunity to lambaste the Eisenhower administration because of unemployment in the U.S.A. Well, Walter, you have laid off quite a number of men and women at Solitary House—why can't you keep a comparatively few employed?

Since the departure of his former chief assistant, Sherman Adams, President Eisenhower has taken over more direct control of the affairs of his office in the national government. He is revealing something of the personality and capability that made him a successful leader in World War II in Europe (See THIS & THAT, Page 2-A).

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Community Council Names Executive

Charles Mentzer to Assume Service Post Next Week

Charles A. Mentzer, new executive secretary of the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin Council on Community Services, will be welcomed at a delegates' meeting of the council next Thursday night, April 16, at 8 p.m. at Birmingham Community House.

It has been just two years since the council placed its request for a full time executive secretary with United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit. UCS is the agency coordinating the work of more than 150 Detroit-area health and welfare agencies and is responsible for allocation of United Foundation funds for administration of these agencies.

Gettysburg College, Pa., and received his MA in social work at Ohio State.

The Mentzers, with their children Lydia, 11, and Jackie, 9, will make their home in Birmingham.

Paul Averill will chair the council meeting, which will review past and present programs of the council and explore plans for the future.

Speakers include Richard P. Huelz, director of United Community Services of metropolitan Detroit. Mrs. Harvey B. Greene, Paul D. Carter, and Charles B. Kass, president of the council.

Representatives of more than 100 organizations and government departments and 25 interested citizens comprise the delegate body of the council, whose object is to promote the general welfare of the

Shop on Friday Nights; Get Free Cup of Coffee

Future Birmingham area shoppers will soon find an added attraction featured by the retail merchants committee of the Birmingham chamber of commerce.

In an effort to attract customers to downtown Birmingham Friday nights, participating members will give their customers a free cup of coffee.

WHEN A customer makes a purchase between 5:30 and 9 p.m. at one of the participating stores, he or she will be given a card that can be turned in for a free cup of coffee at one of 10 stores and restaurants in downtown Birmingham.



CHARLES A. MENTZER

Birmingham - Bloomfield - Franklin

The council is a coordinating agency through which health and welfare organizations work together for furtherance of community services.

Two functional divisions, one on health services and one on services to the individual, are presently organized and are studying needs in the community as a basis for recommendation for action by the council.

Beverly Man's Death Being Investigated

A 38-year-old Beverly Hills man questioned in connection with the body found floating through a ravine by Raymond Borush, an employee of Campbell, when he went to the estate to deliver a car.

MAchus, 160 W. Maple; Marand's, 138 S. Woodward; Monahan's, 675 E. Maple; Pearl's Garden, 469 W. Woodward, and Wilson Dairy Bar, 120 S. Woodward.

THE 10 stores and restaurants where the card can be exchanged for coffee are widely spread throughout downtown.

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Plane Victim's Widow Sues For \$500,000

Mrs. Mary N. Duryea, widow of Dr. Charles A. Duryea, who was killed in the April 6, 1958 crash of a Capital Airlines plane near Freeland, Michigan, has sued the airline for \$500,000 damages.

Duryea, 29, a Flint resident and son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duryea, 1067 N. Glangarry, Bloomfield township, was an industrial psychologist for General Motors Institute.

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The New York-Chicago bound airliner was trying an emergency landing at the Tri-City airport at Freeland.

FORTY-FOUR passengers and three crew members died in the resulting crash.

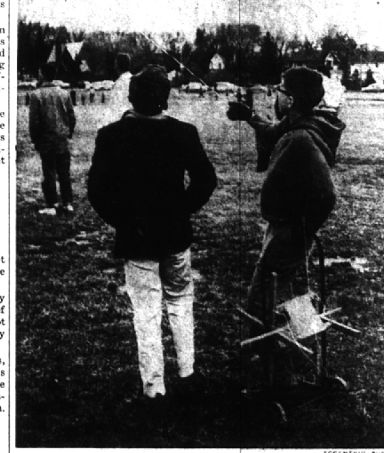
The \$500,000 damage suit by Mrs. Duryea was filed in New York's federal court.

Uniformed Firemen Net \$1,325 for Fund

The Uniformed Firemen's Association of the Birmingham fire department realized a gross profit of \$1,325 from their movie benefit party April 2, association officials said.

The money is used for the family welfare-recreation fund for the uniformed firemen.

All makes of lower spring mattresses replaced. One-day service. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY, "Dist. 70" and ask for Enterprise 4318.



... But Pilot Is Grounded

Alan Crise, 15, of Walled Lake, came prepared to win the highest-flying kite award in the contest held Saturday at Poppleton park.

He used an old garden hose frame, built a wooden drum and purchased innumerable rolls of parcel post string. Although he had a large kite, once he got it airborne, the wind was blowing hard enough to take it up 1,400 feet. The kite may have gone higher, according to the judges. When they returned from their helicopter trip of inspecting the kites, Crise was still letting out the string.