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## Elective Youth Proposals Will Birmingham Join Others In County's Youth Program?

Will Birmingham take part in an Oakland county probate court youth assistance program? Or will the city devise its own project? Is this type of program, which provides pre-delinquency counseling for children, needed in Birmingham?

Answers to these questions lie in a report submitted Tuesday afternoon to the North Oakland planning division of United Community Services by a special UCS youth committee.

The committee, headed by Mrs. Harvey Greene of Birmingham, has been studying the youth protection program of Probate Judge Arthur E. Moore since January of this year. Its report to the planning division included an evaluation of this program and recommendations.

UCS officials declined to comment on the contents of the report before the return from vacation next Monday of Charles A. Mentzer, executive director of the North Oakland unit two years ago.

"THE REPORT will be submitted to the city commission and to Judge Moore."

In a letter to the commission this week, Judge Moore commented: "WHILE THE CITY of Birmingham is a privileged community, it should be realized that, too, has some problems of delinquency. Obviously, would be best to prevent delinquency, to plan to take community action on a broad preventive basis, and like to take intensive action on a preventive casework basis."

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### This and That

By George R. Averill

My personal belief why Lyndon B. Johnson accepted the Democratic nomination for Vice-President runs like this: He really wanted to be elected. He found out that young Kennedy was going to defeat him at Los Angeles. If he is elected, Kennedy can be President only twice; that would make London 50 years of age — still young enough to be nominated by his party to succeed Kennedy.

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## A Diminishing Contrast in Cultures is Evident here as a Scot views a truly American gadget, the backyard barbecue grill. If Lord Archibald Montgomery had visited Birmingham several years ago, his device might have astonished him. Today, however, he just compares it with the ones back home.

## American Politics Puzzles Scottish Visitor To City

By DON PEMBER  
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## B'ham School Debt Millage Is Adjusted

Millage rate will be reduced to 8.5 mills to pay off bond issues.

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## Mystery Mural Saved From Painter's Brush

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## Shoppers Get Peek At B'ham Merchants

For a peek into Birmingham's town of friendly shops.

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