

NMS Finals List 9 More

CRANBROOK — All nine of Cranbrook School's semifinalists in the 1956-57 National Merit scholarship competition have been named finalists and have received Certificates of Merit for their achievement.

Finalists from the Birmingham area are Tim Casey, Bloomfield Hills, Charles Kuschnick, Southfield, and James Walker III, Birmingham.

They are among the 10,000 finalists who received top scores on the tests given in the competition. More than 550,000 students throughout the United States entered this year's competition.

The National Merit scholars, selected from the finalists, will be announced in April.

Petitioners Ask S. Woodward Alley

There's a need for an alley behind properties on the west side of Woodward, from Frank street, George streets, according to O. D. Reed, president of Gravelly Tractor Agency, Inc., 588 S. Woodward.

His petition for "early action" was referred to the city manager's office for study.

Public May Sit In On Problems of Township Officers

A 10-week course designed to help township officers solve modern-day problems resulting from rapid urbanization begins March 30 at Michigan State University, East Lansing. The course is being sponsored by the MSUO continuing education office and the institute for community development at MSU.

The course is open to all persons interested in township government as well as others relating to finances, municipal services, conduct of regular and annual meetings, and planning and zoning.

The course will be concerned with such problems as budgeting and personnel procedures, with city-township and county-township relations as well as others relating to finances, municipal services, conduct of regular and annual meetings, and planning and zoning.

Interested persons may register for the course by calling the director of continuing education at MSUO.

Need \$545 More

A \$45.02 deficiency roll has been confirmed against properties assessed for paving Frank street, from Woodward to Ann, Birmingham, commissioners ordered the additional assessments following a public hearing Monday night. Original assessments totaled \$2,200.

Ticklers



"Well, gentlemen, how would you like your eggs this morning?"

Fines, Complaints Make it Rough for Transient Salesmen

Door-to-door salesmen found Birmingham increasingly difficult to work in during the past week as the city and citizens cracked down and complained, respectively.

Birmingham Municipal Court Judge John C. Emery found William C. Clington of Brooklyn, N.Y., guilty of violating the city street trades ordinance.

CULLINGTON faked a speech impediment as part of his sales technique, a complainant said. He was fined \$35 and three dollars costs.

Two Birmingham housewives sent letters of complaint to the city commission this week. One of them had to buy an eight-dollar subscription she did not want, to get rid of the salesman, she said. "The other complained that the salesman were 'rude and insistent.'"

"We will assist you in any way necessary to prevent licenses to salespeople," she said.

Delay Senior Trip

A bomb threat delayed the start of a senior trip for Bloomfield Hills high school students Wednesday morning. Their plane was held at Willow Run airport while it was searched. No bomb was found. The father of a student called later to say that possibly a disgruntled student who was not making the trip had made the call.

By George

Northlawn Traffic Gets Preference

In response to subdivision requests, Birmingham city officials are going to stop Latham traffic for Northlawn.

A 90-day test was ordered this week in efforts to slow down and eliminate excess traffic which residents don't want.

Subdivision officers had asked for two four-way stops, and posting of speed limit and other warning signs.

The area is west of Southfield road, and south of Lincoln avenue.

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Americans Need To Grow Up, Says Former Resident

ANN ARBOR — Easy living has seriously softened educational discipline, a University of Michigan graduate writes in the current Michigan Alumni Quarterly Review.

Discussing "Public Schools—50 Years Ago and Now" Ray C. Sackett, a former Birmingham resident now living in Port Charlotte, Fla., blames parents for much of the laxity in classroom and child rearing practices.

He writes: "The easing-up process has been so gradual in both school and home life that in our budding rush to make more money and live the life of Riley, we just have not stopped to observe what has transpired—until a serious juvenile delinquency problem is now upon us, followed by the rude awakening of the educational propaganda of our chief competitor, Russia. That makes the problem of putting on the brakes and arresting the momentum of laxity and 'frill' curricula much tougher."

"AFTER GENERATIONS of high-standard family and school regulations, suddenly the accumulation of 20th century mechanical progress has burst on us like Christmas morning with a room full of toys."

"And we adults have just kept right on playing with our toy-like appliances and gadgets like 10-year olds. We seem to think it's a never-ending Christmas—with our children's enthusiasm for this new-found electrical world—with the result that our children are suffering from lack of parental attention."

"If the newest of our toys—TV—would serve its purpose fully, it would relieve the schools by taking over many of the dull and fashionless of the curriculum. Courses could be offered on TV in such things as safe driving, cooking, and other non-academic subjects."

PROBABLY THE cost to cities and states for TV sponsorship would be less than the cost of the new buildings, equipment, and teaching staff which are now required to do the same thing.

"Greater concentration on academic subjects all through grammar and high school, higher passing grades, and stiffer final examinations would soon weed out those who cannot absorb knowledge sufficiently to be entitled to a college education."

"Thus, colleges and universities would be relieved of having to provide an undergraduate 'country club' life for thousands who are not really interested in a serious education. The deserving student in need of assistance would still be able to find a way either with the help of a scholarship or by working his way, just as he did 50 years ago."

Artist Market Hosts Exhibit

Birmingham - Bloomfield area residents are invited to see the work of a number of Michigan artists who have won national recognition and who were sent abroad on university and government grants.

They are exhibiting work at a show at the Detroit Artist Market, 110 Madison.

Paintings, ceramics, sculpture and silver will be shown until April 11.

Among the artists exhibiting are Carole Harrison, E. Dane Purdo, Earl Krentzin, Harvey Littleton, Jean Parsons, Mary Jeanne Gonnely, David Mitchell and Arthur Schneider.

The show documents the exchange of cultural values between the United States and the world abroad.

Local Students Join Quill and Scroll

Four area students at Cranbrook have been named to membership in Quill and Scroll, international honor society for high school journalists.

Harvey Croze, Jr., Bloomfield Hills, Thomas L. Baynton, George D.B. Metelaki and James Walker III, all seniors, have been presented for membership.

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