

Behind Our Front Page

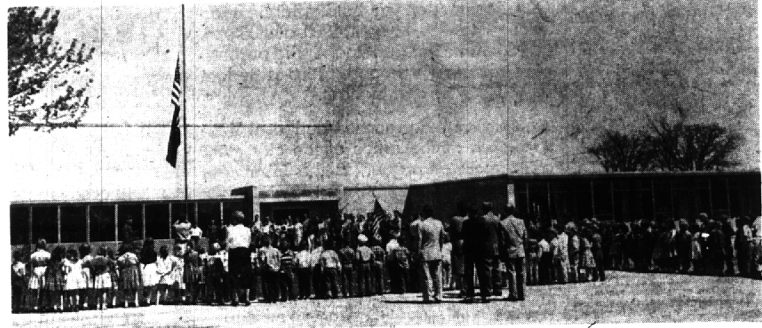
- Competitors Convene** ... Michigan Week does wonders. See page 1-B.
- Plain As Day** ... on the sign. See C, Page 1.
- Sound Of Music** ... comes from Seaholm. See page 5-D.
- Running Fast** ... to possible record. See page 8-E.
- Library Opens** ... doors to new wing. Page 1-E.

A thousand years from now will people learn that some of their Twentieth Century ancestors allowed one or two national leaders, dominated by barbarian lust for power, to plunge millions to sheath death via atomic war? Truly, society's environment these days is colored by materialistic thinking ... too cold of an interest in "things," too few of us in pursuit of spiritual growth.

83rd Year—NO. 11

The Birmingham Eccentric

44 PAGES MAY 19, 1960 BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN SECTION A
Serving the Citizens of Michigan's Finest Suburban Residential Area



Carsonville Greets Birmingham's Mayor
Carsonville's 100 school children turned out for a special flag-raising ceremony Monday when Birmingham Mayor Florence Willett visited their village. Then everyone went into the gymnasium for a special welcoming program.

Family-Style Welcome Awaited Mrs. Willett

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL, Managing Editor
CARSONVILLE—This energetic little community Monday put its thumbprint on Birmingham's lady mayor—and she in turn left considerable quantities of her charm and personality with the people here.
She and her son, Gordon, 14, spent nearly 12 hours in this town of 450 people during "Mayor Exchange Day." They arrived in midmorning to parade three blocks down M-16—the town's main street—to the Carsonville school behind its blue-uniformed battalions of Carsonville's prominent citizens.
They drove from the village that is coming full of fried chicken, giant shrimp and warm friendships of two dozen of Carsonville's prominent citizens.
MRS. WILLETT and her son were welcomed here by Councilman Bernard Rock, former Detroit mayor who quit a successful job to manage a village hardware and variety store.
Carsonville's Mayor, Stanley Backus, was in Birmingham on a round of activities.
Two other townsmen who accompanied Mrs. Willett around the community were School Supt. Calvin Chambers and Martin Knecht, a scholastic plumbing distributor and president of the Carsonville parent-teachers council.

Exchange State bank, which has deposits in excess of \$3 million. It boasts it does not charge for its commercial or checking accounts.
Then a visit to nearby Sandusky and its important industry, the Yale Rubber Co., where many Carsonville people work.
Rock explained Carsonville's important aspects:
"It IS LOCATED in the world's best white wheat producing area. It is an important pickle-growing community.
There are many choice beet, bean, fruit farms.
Dairying also is an important occupation.
The land is flat, and the village is located in the thumb of Michigan, only seven miles from Lake Huron and 35 miles north of Ft. Huron.
IN THE PAST five months, Carsonville has reactivated its industrial development corporation, according to Rock. He said local people invest in the IDC, which tries to interest industries in locating there.
We realized some few years ago that we must bring people into Carsonville, or we would eventually dry up and blow away," he explained.
First achievement was the establishment of the Sani Cruise

DAILY ASTROLOGY
Thursday, May 19, is a busy day for you. People born on this day are richly endowed with hindsight. It is your auspicious day for visiting the sick and discussing symptoms. Look below for your birthdate and horoscope.
GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Encourage virtue. Good day for appendicitis, tonsillitis and hysterectomies. Be firm.
CANCER (June 22-July 23) Review phony tax deductions. Clean the garage. Return borrowed garden tools.
LEO (July 24-Aug. 23) Take time for yourself. Avoid responsibility. Sit and think.
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) Wave to people. Play cards. Make money. Don't spit into the wind.
LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) Be kind to no matter dogs. Don't step in anything. If raining, avoid not coming in out of same.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23) Smile. Avoid wrong thoughts, live wires, dinner checks and open man holes.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 23) This might be a pretty good day, but you can never tell. Be cautious. Keep out of street fights.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Make the most of things. Return presents for credit. Burp quietly.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) (Catastrophe is in the ascendant. Stay home. Alert Run, if necessary.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be proud. Watch everything. Bathe. Save spring. Remove hangnails.
ARIES (March 21-April 20) Cultivate wealthy kinfolk. Rent sin. Pay old bills. Report mad dogs.
TAURUS (April 21-May 21) Ignore third class mail. Avoid positive. Polish dentures. Check shoe strings, bra straps, garters and zippers.

Exchange Mayor Likes Birmingham Residents

Monday was mayor exchange day in Michigan and over 400 communities received and welcomed visiting city officials in a day filled with tours, luncheons, sight-seeing and speeches.
Birmingham was host to Stewart Backus, president of Carsonville, Michigan, and his fire chief Harvey Jewell.
Birmingham city manager L. R. Gare said that the visiting mayor, Michigan, and his fire chief Harvey Jewell.
Birmingham city manager L. R. Gare said that the visiting mayor, Michigan, and his fire chief Harvey Jewell.

Roll Call Is Still Short—By \$13,500
A telephone and letter campaign had some "encouraging" results, according to Birmingham community house director Mrs. Schaffer.
The annual roll call has rolled up \$37,017 in 1960-61 operating expenses. Goal of the campaign, which started April 15, is \$51,500.
TO DATE, Mrs. Schaffer said, only 3,316 residents have responded in supporting the community facility. Approximately one-fifth of the letters sent have received answers.
Many services may have to be curtailed if the goal is not reached, said Drive Chairman Ralph E. Hunt.
A new residents office reception will be held at the house at 10 a.m. May 26. New residents, city government officials and heads of various community facilities are invited to this series of receptions, a spokesman said.

5 Area Residents In Official Group To GOP Convention

Five Birmingham-Bloomfield area residents will go to the GOP's May 26 convention in an official capacity.
Chad M. Ritchie, 1234 Covington road, Bloomfield township, is a delegate. Ritchie is a former mayor and city commissioner of Birmingham and the former GOP county chairman. He is now treasurer for the second time.
Betty Finegan, 783 Abey, Birmingham, is also a delegate. Mrs. Finegan is on the Republican state committee and heads a committee on resolutions.
ARTHUR ELLIOTT of Pleasant Ridge, county chairman, got one of the coveted delegate-at-large spots.
Don Ahrens, 540 Haverhill, Bloomfield Hills, will go to the convention in the capacity of state finance director.
Dr. John P. Wood, 664 Ridgeway road, Bloomfield Hills, active in the GOP circles, will attend the convention as a presidential elector.

Parking Assessments Ineligible, IRS Rules

Restudy Future Of Sewage Site

Birmingham's 66-acre sewage treatment site is undergoing a three-way study this week that may amount to a reappraisal of the city's plans for its future use.
The study should discover whether the city still thinks about this property the way it did when the land was dedicated to recreational activities in 1955. City Planner Herbert Hirshberg said.
"THE CHANGE in resolution to refer the matter to the plan board and city manager as well as recreation board, was simply a matter of following usual procedures," Mayor pro-tem William E. Roberts said.
The commission decided last week to refer the matter to the recreation board only, since the case had been long since been decided.
"Now we're just touching all the bases of skipping a few," Roberts went on.
The city had started studying figure uses of the 14 Mile road site when the sewage disposal plant there is returned to the city. The North Evergreen disposal authority is due to be dissolved in the fall when the Evergreen sewer interceptor is connected to Detroit for treatment facilities.
Commissioner Lance Minor had objected to the fact that the decision was to be made by a board, many of whose members lived outside the city of Birmingham.
MINOR also objected to tying up for recreational purposes land which could be developed profitably for other use, or possibly sold.
The commission was at that time studying the plans for the local department's patrol range, as notified by City Manager L. R. Gare.
The plans call for a larger boulevard, concrete walks and an earth embankment to stop bullets. The cost would be \$1200, but would be covered by the fees paid by other police departments that use Birmingham's facilities.
The commission approved the plans but agreed to refer the site to the plan board and city manager for study and recommendation.

Reverses Year-Old Policy

The internal revenue department has reversed its year-old policy which would allow special assessments for municipal off-street parking lots to be considered "ordinary business deductions."
This was affirmed this week by Detroit District Director E. J. Nixon in a letter to Oakland County Treasurer William S. Brown. Brown had immediately promised he would introduce legislation this session to correct the "infirmities" if the revenue department doesn't return to its original policy.
HE SAID HE had asked the IRS to explain its change.
In February 1959, Nixon advised the Birmingham community its special assessments for city parking lots would be considered "ordinary business deductions."
Subsequently, many Birmingham businessmen filed amended returns and a number of them recently have received refund checks totaling thousands of dollars.
HOWEVER, a Detroit office spokesman said Tuesday the receipt of such checks does not necessarily mean the "case is closed."
"These are three years in which we may audit returns. If claims are disallowed, the disallowed amounts must be repaid plus six per cent interest," the spokesman emphasized.
Birmingham's ruling came last year after city officials discovered the IRS national office said Birmingham (N.D.) businessmen could claim parking assessment deductions.
WHEN BIRMINGHAM'S inquiry into the office referred the letter to Detroit, which turned down the petition.
Brownfield entered the situation, and informed the Detroit office of the Birmingham allowance. Based on this, the national Detroit office said conditions in the two cities were similar and Birmingham could file claims.
But three months ago, when Royal Oak asked for "more official sources," the IRS national office said "no."
The board also listened to the report of Curriculum Director Daniel Nesbitt on the future of Birmingham's driver training program.
NESBITT recommended that the course continue to be taught during school hours with after-school instructions used merely to supplement the day-time classes.
Saturday instructions are to be used primarily for private school students and those out of school.
He recommended also that a range program, rather than an on-the-street program be followed.
TRAINING on a range—the groundwork for one has already been started. (See SCHOOLS, Page 2-A)

Schools Faced With a Possible \$417,629 Cut

The Birmingham board of education this week is faced with the loss of \$417,629 from its near-starvation budget for 1960-61.
The announcement came Tuesday afternoon from the Oakland county tax allocation board, school board members at this week's meeting.
BIRMINGHAM was informed that its share of the 15-mill allocation would be 798 mills or \$195,578,000. The figures were decided upon at a meeting of the county board Monday.
Ireland's tentative \$5,347,558 budget, 88 per cent of which is earmarked for salaries, was based on a 9 mill share of the 15 mill levy and an increase in assessed valuations of about 10 per cent.
The estimated increases in valuations had come from supposedly informed governmental sources.
The expected increase in millage was due to the county's bright revenue picture in 1959-60.
IRELAND is due to plead Birmingham case Thursday morning along with other Oakland county board bearing.
The valuation figure represents an estimated increase of 10 per cent figures of only 2.85 per cent. "The situation at present is critical," the superintendent told the board.
There is a possibility, however, that the picture will change after the May 23 meeting of the State equalization board, which is expected to change state equalization figures.
COUNTY and state equalized valuations have been identical for several years.
"This change is still hearsay," Ireland said, "and I could not act on it until it came from a more official source."
The board also listened to the report of Curriculum Director Daniel Nesbitt on the future of Birmingham's driver training program.
NESBITT recommended that the course continue to be taught during school hours with after-school instructions used merely to supplement the day-time classes.
Saturday instructions are to be used primarily for private school students and those out of school.
He recommended also that a range program, rather than an on-the-street program be followed.
TRAINING on a range—the groundwork for one has already been started. (See SCHOOLS, Page 2-A)

Forest Hills Club Starts Building Its Swimming Pool

Forest Hills swim club is breaking ground today for its new Olympic pool adjacent to Eton park, Birmingham.
Last week the club awarded the contract for construction of bath-house, walks and parking lot to Webster Builders, of Birmingham.
Completion date for the pool has been set for July 15, according to Mrs. John Holmes, 1063 Mohagan, Birmingham.
Monday the club's nearly two-acre site was officially received from single family residential to B.I. non-retail business, by the Birmingham city commission.
All makes of housing are accepted. On-line service. ROYAL MAT. 24-hour service. Dial "0" and ask for Enterprise 6310.

Herbert H. Gardner Becomes UM Alum

ANN ARBOR—Herbert H. Gardner, senior vice president of The Detroit Bank & Trust Company, has been made an honorary alumnus of The University of Michigan.
At a luncheon meeting of the U-M school of business administration's 30th Alumni conference today, Gardner was conferred a certificate by President Harlan Hatcher.
THE CERTIFICATE certified that the regents of the University of Michigan had conferred upon him "in recognition of his long-continued and active interest in effective citizenship, in education, and in the students of the university."
Gardner is the 29th recipient of the honorary alumnus status since (See GARDNER, Page 2-A)

Building Permits Soar in B'ham

The building report for April notes that 42 permits were issued in Birmingham, nearly doubling the preceding three months total.
Four permits were issued for new homes and 18 permits were issued for alterations and additions.
There were also six wrecking permits issued during the month, one of which was for the old Birmingham Eccentric buildings on N. Woodward and on Hamilton.
A total of 18 permits was issued for new structures in the Birmingham area.

You're All Invited

NOW HEAR THIS. NOW HEAR THIS. Come and see the building we have around our PA system. We have another week of "dusting" and then you are all invited to tour the terrain at the brand new Birmingham Eccentric offices, 1225 Bowers, just two blocks south of Maple to the east from Adams road.

WE WILL greet you from noon to 8 p.m. Friday, May 27 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 28. Y' all come!

A School is Dedicated

"He leaves a record to be emulated by every boy and girl who seeks to prepare himself for the good life in this school which so proudly bears his name," they said of Wylie E. Groves Sunday at dedication service. Saturday's speaker, the Rev. Dr. A. F. Runkel, pastor of First Methodist church, gave the dedicatory prayer. The award-winning new school is at 13 Mile and Evergreen, Beverly Hills.