For most of five days last week the educational plant, faculty, curriculum and other related phases of the operation of the Birmingham Public School District were intensely studied, reviewed and evaluated by the educators and citizens. From it has come 54 recommendations to modernize the teaching program. The goal is to bring the system to a point where it better meets today's needs of a scientific and technological society. and technological society.

The planning conference was the cul-mination of a three-year study by a citizen committee of more than 100 volunteer men and women, each reasonably posted on the phase of education assigned to him. PTA council members also played prominent parts in the conference.

Starting Monday of last week, ending Friday, all-day and evening sessions were Friday, all-day and evening sessions were held at the new Groves High School. Au-thoritative speakers from several colleges and universities addressed some of the sessions. It being Easter vacation, a con-siderable number of the district's princi-pals and teachers participated in the

SUPT. OTIS M. DICKEY, Deputy Supt. Daniel Nesbitt, and members of the Board of Education were prominent in the conference's success.

Briefly stated, the general theme of the conference was titled "The need and challenge to continue educational improve-ment". Based upon the premise that Based upon the premise that ment". Based upon the premise that today's world presents new and almost overwhelming problems to human beings, the conference sought to outline many of them, and then discuss how better to meet them in our schools. Basically, of course, much of the progress to be achieved on these subjects will become a financial obligation to the district's taxpayers.

In a rapidly-expanding pupil population situation, as well as the "challenge of a changing world", it is inevitable that almost everything related to a public school system may reveal financial demands.

In news columns of this newspaper we will endeavor to keep our readers informed about the conference, including whatever future plans our Board of Education may formulate for improvement.

AS WE REVIEW last week's planning conference, we must assert our praise for the tremendous volume of work per-formed by the citizens' study committee, headed by Kenneth A. Meade of Franklin, and also to every faculty member who contributed professional know-how and experience to the completion of the report.

To an observer of the conference pro-gram, it certainly is evident that our school district has within it a considerable number of competent citizens who not only are capable of participating in such a program, but also loyal and devoted to the cause of education.

May our youth also become grateful for on their behalf

Kentucky Judge Stresses Virtue

Judge A. J. Jolly of Campbell County, Kentucky, is worth your knowing. On the front of the Bench in his courtroom, he front of the Bench in its contribution, he has hung a copy of one of the oldest law codes in the world. It is the Ten Commandments. It is there to be read by lawyers, jurors, withesses, newspaper reporters and the public.

and the public.

By implication, it says that it is also the law which governs Judge Jolly himself.

Not that he is a religious crank who claims that the Ten Commandments are all the law that is enforced in his Court. Of course not. There have to be statutes telling when Court sits, when elections take place and thousands of other rules necessary to the functioning of the comnecessary to the functioning of the oplicated civilization in which we live

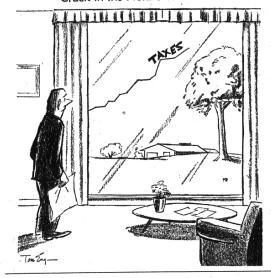
JUDGE JOLLY WOULD never ask Moses to take the time to carve all of today's rules and regulations on tablets of stone! But to him, the Ten Commandments are the foundations upon which civilized men should build and live.

We commend his idea to all judges in We commend his idea to all judges in all courts, and to Bar Associations every-where. We even think the Supreme Court of the United States would gain more re-spect and honor if the Ten Commandments hung on the wall of its august Courtroom.

The Ten Commandments prescribe no penalties for breaking them. But they ap-peal to the greatest power that governs civilized men-conscience.

It is only when men voluntarily "obey ne unenforceable" that anything is safe.

Crack in the Picture Window



Editorial Page .

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A Free, Responsible and Aggressive Press Is Democracy's First Line of Defense

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From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Here's a problem in the humanities. President Kennedy's administration plans to continue Ike's idea that the government to continue Ike's idea that the government should not pay the expenses of a federal official's wife, should she accompany him on a trip. Yet it is argued that in certain cases a wife's presence with her husband creates a helpful "atmosphere," especially in international situations—"for the wives in international situations—"for the wives
of foreign officials generally accompany
their husbands." Kennedy's political experts are said to be working on the problem right now — even to the extent of
allowing Cabinet officials to accept expense money from the Democratic Party when they make political appearances "in the line of duty". Boy, if this latter notion is accepted, what a loud howl will echo across the land!—and not only from Re-

"Twas a great contest . . . this one about the calling of a convention to re-write the Michigan Constitution. It is to be hoped that an above-average group of delegates will be selected in July-from which point on competition in ideas relative to the sub-ject will be the order of the day. Then, folks, finally you will have your say on the subject. You will be given the opportunity to accept or reject the proposed new document. Let's trust it will be a good one.

For years the financial plight of American railroads has been made known, their chief problem being that of competition with trucks, busses, airplanes, and excessive labor costs. Evidence of one famous railroad's troubles was manifest to a local resident recently when he went to the Michigan Central station in Detroit a sad, even a tragic, sight-a great rail road unable to maintain the very front of its station free from filth.

At last the citizens in Washington, D.C., will be allowed to vote for future candi-dates in Presidential elections. Kansas dates in Presidential elections. Kansas was the required 38th State to ratify the Constitutional Amendment offered by Congress, thus releasing the D.C'ers from "captivity". Indeed, all forms of "colonialism" are losing out to the ways of civic

A 46-year-old S. Carolina "mountain mother" walked 37 miles to a hospital to get her 9-year-old son back home. She didn't quite walk the entire distance, because a neighbor motorist met her near the hospital. An ambulance returned both to the belowed mountain shelter. Yea... wherever it is, Motherhood is stronger, were enduring than iron and steel. more enduring than iron and steel.

Attending his first church service as an ex-President, Mr. Eisenhower joined the minister in a prayer for President Kennedy. Well, Ike certainly ought to know how much prayers are needed to bring guid-ance and strength to that great public

Wanta know how to clean scrambled eggs from a frying pan with more ease? The experts say to use salt water. A bit well applied elbow grease will help, too.

Talk of the Towns

Kathryn Loomis started something when came president of the Birmingham Board

Now there is another woman in the public eye. Equally as capable and attractive as Mrs. Loomis and Mrs. Willett is Alice Lee Gilbert, Bloomfield Township justice of the peace. Alice (Mrs. Murray Greenblatt) was elected to the office recently and will take office July 4. The 22-year-old strawberry blooke has law office of the peace of the pea

Sound like a crowded docket for a lady JPT Granted, it is, but like Mrs. Loomis and Mrs. Willett, Alice Gilbert has the determination to make her daily agends work. A resident of the township for three and a half years, Miss Gilbert is originally from Chicago.

She attended Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass., and received her LLB. In 1986 from the law school at Northwestern University and The history deserts to pure. She take the Law of the College of the Co

Citie of Birmingnam,
The pretty mother-wife-lawyer-judge is looking
forward to July when her court days will begin.
"I hope I will give the voters what they deserve,"
he stated. "I am very thankful that they have
shown confidence in me."
It sounds as though the voting public has found

basis in the old saying:
"Give the job to a busy person and it will be

FEOTLES COLUMN

About Those Dogs... One Thing Kids Also Problem

Offers More Information on John Dewey

To the Editor:

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Dog Owners Have Their Rights, Too

Rights, Too

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Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric 59 YEARS AGO

The Bloomfield Township Sunday School convention will be held Apply School to convention will be held Apply School to convention with the series of each church in the township. We obtained the series of the

Minnie Wilson's smiling face now greets you at the postoffice window. She is second assistant postmaster general of Birmingham.

postmaster general of Birmingham.

30 YEARS AGO
April 16, 1931
If there are moppers up at the Village Players' Playhouse, they morning pouring out buckets of gore from the stage entrance. At least, so it would seem to those who formance on Saturday night. "Before Breakfax!" a gruesome from the red link well of Eugen O'Nell! greated the additional properties of the prope

gene O'Neill, greeted the audience. In reply to recommendations that it effect reductions in salaries and expenditures in the operation of township government, the Bloomine of the property of the programment of the programment of the programment of the meeting, it replied at length to the meeting, it replied at length to the meeting, it replied at length to the owner of division of the property owners' division of the Biblingsham of the biblingsh

People about the city are not waiting for the official once-a-year cleanup week to arrive and are al-ready clearing their yards of the winter accumulation of debris.

STRICTLY FRESH

When a fellow opens a car door for a girl either the girl is new or the car is.



A pedestrian is a husband who didn't think his family needed two cars.

Tact: The unspoken part of what you really think.

The only exercise a lot of people get is jumping to conclusions, running down friends, sidestepping responsibility and



or Another

'Honey, I'm gonna buzz Tom Linstrom. What's

his number—do you remember?"
"I think so. It's 513-332-4610."
"Thanks"

"Thanks."

5 click-click-click-click-click. 1 click. 3 click-click-click. 3 click-click. 3 click-click.

2 click-click.
"I've forgotten the last part of the number.
What was is again, honey?"
"Four-six-one-oh!"
"4610. Okay-got it."

Silence.

"Honey, I'm gonna write it down this time.

Now I forgot the first part. Just once more, please, on the whole thing."

"FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE: Can't you remember a simple number like 513-332-4610?? It's 513-332-4610!? "Got it down! Got it down!! Just can't remember numbers, you know that."
And all I wanted to do was call my old college roommate in Lansing. It was this new-fangled all-number telephone dialing system that has me cordused. Remembering rannes, addresses and phone numbers already is a problem for me. Now I have an exchange name taken away and three more numbers in its place!

Never was one for figures. The numerical kind, that is.

Never was one for rightes. The monaction that is.

Just hope my wife's patience is as strong as her memory for things like addresses, kids' ages, proportions in recipes—and that sort of thing.

We Heard It Said By: Oakland's Congress-man William S. Broomfield: "If democracy should fail, it will not be because of Com-munism. It will be because we American have grown weary of democracy. Weary of solving our own problems. Letting someone else make the decisions—and do the work."

How really important are the differences in:
Business . Clothing . Race . Houses
. Noses . Nationality . Ears . Religion
. Eyes . Transportation?
How important are the similarities in:
Feelings . Hunger . Families . Blood
. Opportunity . Thirst . Friends?
When differences are all-important in one's life,
exists.

he exists.

When similarities get the main emphasis, he

res. That IS a big difference.



By KEN WEAVER

City Beat

After a three-week tour of South America, Mrs Clarke F. Andreae feels she has a better under standing of countries south of the border.

Mrs. Andreae and her husband, an industrial executive, visited such places as Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Montevideo, Uruguay and San Juan, Puer-

Rio proved the most educational.

Mrs. Andreae tells of little squatter huts built up on the sides of mountains.

op on the saces of mountains.
"It's against the law to build them," she relates,
"but people put them up overnight; then when
the authorities come to investigate they say, 'Oh,
we've been here all the time,' and nothing can be
done."

ANOTHER LAW says they can't string wires up to the top level huts for electric lights. "So what do they do? They tap into the line in the first hut, and everybody pays a fee. And the first man makes a profit."

the first man makes a profit."
Seems there's a waiting list of a hundred thousand for telephones in Rio. The man we've written about so many times in this column, Tobias
Juca de Castro, has been waiting since 1953.
"You buy a phone in Rio," explains Mrs. Andreae. "When you leave you take it with you.

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"When you move into your new place, you drill a hole in the wall and plug it in with your neighbor's phone and share the costs."

NEWSPAPER HEADLINE-"Due to too much

NEWSPAPER HEADILINE—"Due to too much rainfall, there is a shortage of water."

This phenoshenon occurred about the time the Andrease reached Rio. It had rained so hard that it flooded out the pumping station. After the rain, humidity was so high that the pumps still wouldn't dry out.

There was a shortage of water, yet people were standing in line to buy water at fire hydrants. Apparently the first one on the spot took contout, put himself in business and sold water.

"Destricts in curible in Bio," declares Mrs. An.

"Driving is terrible in Rio," declares Mrs. Andreae. "I wouldn't want to drive there." She tells of trolley cars "going lickety split the wrong way on a one-way street." Buses are called the "yellow peril."

REMEMBER COWBOY movie star Tom Mix?
Well, Mrs. Andreae relates that our friend Castro says Tom was a Portuguese from Rio, that is real name was Antonio Nunes, and that his brother, Jose, still lives there.
Mrs. Andreae also informs us that there are two Portuguese language newspapers in this county, Luso Americano, published weekly in Newark, NJ, and Jornal Portugues, published daily in Oakland, Calif.

MORE THAN one way to get an education, eh?