# To the People of B'ham

This letter is headed not to "Dear Editor" but to the seople of the City of Birmingham.

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opinions before 1 know tails.

Last Friday, Nancy Jones, a 14-year-old seventh grader was brutally beaten and stabbed to death. I do not know why or by whom.

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THE RUMORS that flew around school Friday were terrible. I walked into my first hour class to be greeted with the news that, not 45 minutes before, not 300 yards away, schoolmate of mine had been besten up. It was not until 12 that I knew she had died of knife wonds.

that I knew she had died of knife wounds, At 3:17, Mr. R. Vanette, prin-cipal of Barnum, called for a minute of silent prayer for Nancy. It was not until then that the tragic shock hit me

fully.

I now ask you, WHY MUST
THESE THINGS HAPPEN?
HOW CAN THEY HAPPEN?
WHO IS AT FAULT? I can't
say why they must happen. But
I surely can tell you how they
happen and who is at fault.

THE BIRMINGHAM City Commission, the clergy, the teachers, the news services and, most of all, the parents are at fault.

They are all too lax, too willing to give in, to let things go,

stories of the year, Woodwarding, etc.

YES, EYEN as 1 sit here writing this article, which 1 sinceredy hope the citizens of the state of the state

THEY COMPLAIN of drag racing in city streets. A man carried to the complete the com

What of the good teen-agers who would welcome a place to go no Friday and Saturday nights, or a place to go buy a coke without being treated as shoplifters and troublemaker? Why don't you start taking the optimistic point of view, rather than be unhappy peasimists all your life?

mists all your life?

I'M NOT trying to say I think everyhei just complains but does nothing. Much has been done in the line of trying been done in the line of trying the same trying to say all the same trying trying to say all the same trying tryin

But any person might think that 20 per cent was more like 90 per cent, from all the news-paper articles. What about the 60 per cent. The good clean 80 per cent. The good clean 80 per cent. The future leaders of America? Let this be the beginning of the light. Let the people of Bir-ningham. Let Birmingham set antionwide standard.

A CONCERNED TEENAGER

EDITOR'S NOTE: The facts in our possession at this time do not seem to indicate that the unfortunate death of Nancy Jones was an act that can be attributed directly to a common problem of juvenile delinquency.







## Name GM City Relations Leaders

Three General Motore Corp. ex: that enforces community relations caeding S. E. Knudsen. Truxell, of secutives who live in the Birmings ham area have been named chairman of their division's City Committee for 1964 by GM President Lord Control Cont

#### Lt. Nechman In On I & R Report Army 1st Lt. William A. Nechman, 26, son of Mrs. Marion I. Nechman, 18011 Buckingham Road, Sirmingham, and other members of the 7th Infantry Division took part in Exercise SNOW STORM in Ko-In the Making By LWV Group

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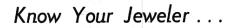
The week-long field training ma-neuver was designed to test the livision's ability to operate under Korean winter conditions and to measure the effect of extreme cold

"THE POWER of the people to initiate and rescind legislation has always been a stand of the League of Women Voters," said League of Women Voters," said League president Mrs. Garvin Bawden Jr. "Both the old and new constitutions provided for initiative and referendum applying to state legislation and the statutes for municipal home rule provide cities with the option to include it in their the country of the provide cities with the option to include it in their celatively few cities without statisticity I and R." Mrs. Bawden said.

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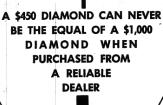
A series of four meetings for loss preschool parents will begin on feels. 22 at 8 p.m. at Westchester school, action of the total school. The discussion meetings will be open to any intersection of the total school of the tota

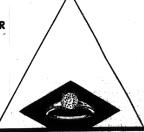


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