



PANELISTS FOR the first in a series of tri-weekly symposiums for youths were (from left) Bob Richards, Pete Maxwell, Sandi Miller, Barbara Zawacki, moderator William

E. Roberts, teen consultant Dave Zimmer, Marilyn Mauck, Carolyn Rice, Jim Bodary, Rett Nichols and Jane Cook.

TEEN-AGERS HOLD FIRST SYMPOSIUM

'Must Create Interest in Center'

By MARY BAHN
Staff Writer

Ten teens from the Birmingham area gathered around a conference table at The Birmingham Eccentric last Thursday for the first of several tri-weekly symposiums on the problems and aspirations of the youths of today.

Dave Zimmer, Eccentric teen consultant, led the panel for the evening discussion, sponsored by the newspaper, which centered on the possibilities of a teen center.

Panelists, each representing a high school in this area, were Sandi Miller, Seaholm; Jane Cook, Groves; Bob Richards, Bloomfield Hills; Pete Maxwell, Cranbrook; Barbara Zawacki, Marian; Jim Bodary, Brother Rice; Marilyn Mauck, Kingswood; Carolyn Rice, Sacred Heart; and Rett Nichols, Detroit Country Day.

Adult moderator was William E. Roberts, Birmingham city commissioner.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS' Bob Richards began the discussion with a question concerning actual need for a gathering place.

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Richards stressed that the high schools "unintentionally" were divided into three groups: those highly interested in activities, a "swishy" group that got along fine in an extreme of social gatherings and a group who were not at all interested in civic affairs.

Reveal Plans For Market In B'ham

Plans for construction of a community market at the southwest corner of Woodward and Merrill were announced today by Birmingham real estate executive H. D. Anderson.

Anderson, vice president of Snyder, Kinney & Bennett, said a group of businessmen headed by himself had recently purchased the property and have completed preliminary plans for the market on the site where Frank's nursery now is.

He said the new structure was "part of an effort by local realtors" to improve Birmingham's downtown business section.

"We were looking for something the town needed but would not hurt the other merchants already located here," Anderson said.

COLONIAL IN style, the new market will be a combination of similar establishments in Detroit, California and the eastern seaboard. It will have some of the (See MARKET, 2-A)

"It will be hardest to hit that last core of students with a 'social gathering' idea," said Richards.

BROTHER RICE'S Bodary said he felt that the questionnaires answered by Birmingham students showed there was a definite need for a teen center.

"Although 82 per cent of the students polled said they would go to a place if they had one, I feel we must create a genuine interest in a center," said Bodary.

Teen-Agers' Views Revealed In Answers to Questionnaire

By DAVE ZIMMER
Birmingham Eccentric
Teen Consultant

What are the likes and dislikes of local teen-agers? To find the answer, we prepared a questionnaire for all the 10th, 11th and 12th grade students in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area.

The questionnaire was circulated in this area, I feel that the planning itself will bring out unity among teens as they discuss civic problems and responsibilities that should be on their shoulders. This will give them more respect for themselves."

The questionnaires were answered by 4,492 sophomores, juniors, and seniors in the public, private and parochial schools. Schools which circulated the questionnaires were, Seaholm, Groves, Bloomfield Hills, Kingswood, Marian, High, Brother Rice and Detroit Country Day.

The questionnaires were not signed, but the students were asked to answer the questions truthfully, and many of them commented on the questionnaires that they welcomed "this opportunity to speak up and voice our opinions."

The results from each school were then totaled together according to grade and sex, and finally all of the questionnaires were totaled together.

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Pioneer-Like Displays Sought for Centennial

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

Birmingham's Shain Park will take on a carnival atmosphere during the centennial-Michigan Week observance in May.

City commissioners Monday night authorized the administration to look into the possibility of setting up nine different displays in the park for the May 17-30 celebration.

The displays will range from a new idea playground showing the latest in recreation equipment for youngsters to a baryonyx costume with cow, pig, rabbits and other farm animals.

Mrs. G. Howard Willett, Jr., general centennial chairman and treasurer of the City at the sugges-

tion of Mrs. Alice Burlingame, Birmingham Eccentric columnist.

MRS. WILLETT said plans for public utility companies to set up water displays in the park had not worked out.

She said the companies would, however, have various displays in their own buildings and had promised to decorate the exterior of the buildings with bunting and flags.

"They simply felt they would have better control of the displays on their own property," she said.

ALSO INCLUDED in Mrs. Willett's request were plans for the construction of a small log cabin next to the barnyard. This, she said, could possibly be used to store food for the animals.

In addition, Mrs. Willett has suggested a chuck wagon to sell food, flower carts to circulate in the park and downtown area with small bouquets of flowers for sale, a popcorn and balloon man and a volunteer services trailer.

The trailer, she said, could be manned by organizations such as the Birmingham Junior League to inform people and to enlist volun-

teer service needed in the community.

IT IS HOPED that a Conestoga wagon can be found to drive around town the week before the centennial advertising the celebration.

She also told commissioners that the Detroit Historical Museum loans out materials and costumes for exhibits.

A special centennial play that was to have been produced on Saturday, May 23, has been canceled because of the length of the all-day program, Mrs. Willett said.

"Because the parade and the merchants' fashion show have become such a Michigan Week tradition and both are bigger than ever this year, it was decided to drop the play," she said.

IT WAS felt that by including all three on the Saturday program it would keep families in the park for too long a time period.

In addition to her requests to the commission, Mrs. Willett has issued a challenge to the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce "to go all out" in setting up window displays depicting the town's history.

She has suggested that local druggsters show the history of

medicine through the use of old prescriptions, medical instruments and other artifacts.

The auto dealers, she felt, might exhibit vintage cars obtained either from their parent companies or from local historical auto buffs.

IF THE barnyard becomes a reality, Mrs. Willett has asked the Senior Men's Club at The Community House to handle its operation.

"I think every child needs to see a grandpa on the farm," she said.

Not to forget the women, Mrs. Willett has asked the Senior Women's Club at The Community House to line all of the walls possible on the first floor of the building with handmade quilts.

Delay Action On Cigarette Law 2 Weeks

Adoption of an ordinance requiring the licensing of vending machines in Birmingham has been delayed for two weeks by city commissioners.

The postponement was agreed to by commissioners Monday night to allow representatives of the vending firms to meet with Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley and try to come up with a plan to replace the ordinance.

Several weeks ago Moxley told the commission cigarette vending machines were the biggest contributor to smoking by minors in the city.

He said he believed it was necessary to license the machines so the city would have better control over their use.

STATE LAW forbids the selling of cigarettes to anyone under the age of 21 if convicted, the seller is subject to a \$50 fine or a jail term.

The proposed ordinance requires that all vending machines in a city have a license and are put into operation in the city. It also requires that the license be displayed on the machine.

In addition it gives the police department the power to seize the machine if it is believed that the owner has been allowing minors to purchase cigarettes.

James Wannick, a representative of the vending machine firm, told the commission his group would have a license for the machines controlling sales to minors but felt the ordinance was discriminatory.

HE SAID his organization has made efforts to control the machines and were doing their own policing.

"If the machines are in a place where they include a slot to have access to them, we're all for having them removed," Wannick said. (See LAW, 2-A)

Jaycees Ready For Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday

This Easter as in previous years the Birmingham Jaycees are planning an Easter egg hunt for Birmingham children.

The hunt will be in Eton Park at Eton and Lincoln on Saturday, beginning at 10 a. m. and ending when all of the eggs have been found.

All children between the ages of three and nine may participate. Activities will include a visit to a grant Easter bunny who will lend the kids a hand in the search for eggs and prizes.

Bill Jacobs, this year's Jaycee chairman, said that "generous donations" of prizes were made by a number of local merchants.

THE SCOPE of the Easter egg hunt has increased each year. "Nearly 3,000 children attended last year," said co-chairman Red Layton, "and this year we anticipate close to 5,000."

This is a major spring event each year for youngsters in Birmingham and a valued tradition for the Birmingham Jaycees, he said.

Considerable planning and effort go into the endeavor each year and in this regard, Jon Shepard, a co-chairman said, "we owe a real debt to the Jaycee Women's Auxiliary who have spent many long hours on the Easter egg hunt to assure its success."

Commissioners Differ On the 'Image' Book

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

A request by centennial chairman Mrs. G. Howard Willett, Jr., to have a local advertising firm prepare cost estimates for a "Birmingham image" book was met with mixed reactions from city commissioners Monday night.

Mrs. Willett said the firm was willing to go ahead and prepare the production cost figures if the commission would show it was interested in such a book.

She suggested the City might underwrite the cost of the book and later sell copies of it to local real estate men, the chamber of commerce and other organizations.

COMMISSIONER Charles A. Renfrew said at the present time he was not in favor of underwriting the cost or to have the company prepare the cost estimates.

"Unless you project to the next spring, which would be the underwriting, don't encourage them to plan it," Renfrew said.

He said to produce a book with

"any sort of style" the cost would be in the \$10,000 to \$15,000 range.

While the book would be published during the centennial year, it would be more on the order of a presentation on what Birmingham is and had to offer, according to Mrs. Willett.

COMMISSIONER Robert W. Page said he believed if the City was not going to underwrite the cost, "we'd better not encourage" the planning.

Commissioner William E. Roberts said he felt the commission had already committed itself on underwriting the booklet. Mrs. Willett had discussed with the commission several weeks ago the possibility of paying for the book.

"It's too bad, Charlie, that you were left out of a most impressive presentation a couple of weeks ago," quipped Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham.

Ingraham said the "cool" head of Renfrew had influenced his thinking and while he had supported Mrs. Willett's proposition (See BOOK, 2-A)

'Won't Rush On 14 Mile' — Beverly

By DAVE PHILIP
Township Editor

BEVERLY HILLS—It may be several months before Birmingham and the county receive an answer from this village on a request to open 14 Mile Road from Southfield to Cranbrook.

Edward F. Dolan, chairman of the village road commission, politely but emphatically made it clear Tuesday night that the community will not be rushed into a decision.

As a first step in determining what the total impact will be if the road is opened, the road commission had as its guest Tuesday night Birmingham City Manager L. R. Gare.

DOLAN EXPLAINED to the six residents in the audience that the meeting was not a public hearing, but a work session in which Gare would review the background of the 14 Mile Road proposal.

The city manager said the first petition to have the road opened was submitted in 1945, but "there was not too much action at that time."

More strenuous efforts in behalf of the project have been made in the last 10 years, he said, due to the increased traffic on Maple Road.

"Our philosophy is this," Gare (See BEVERLY, 7-A)



Ready for the Easter Parade

"In their Easter bonnets, with all the home-made frills upon it"—applies describes the kindergarten kids at Westchester Elementary School, who used their youthful creativity (plus glue, paper plates and other ingenious frills) in making their Easter chapeaus. After such creativity, what can be more appropriate than a special preview picture to commemorate the event!