They Made It a Success

By all standards the combined Birmingham
Centennial and Michigan Week for the
Birmingham Michigan Eclectic must be
considered a success.

It has been a success because the
number of local people who have relied
their efforts and energies on the success
were resident or part of the business
community, in order that the celebration
be of stellar caliber.

It has been a success because those
people have shown that community
components can get together and merge
as a solid program that benefits the whole
community.

IT HAS BEEN a success because it
gave focus to the community's priceless
heritage while at the same time bringing
together the groups that would have been
practically alien to each other except for
this event.

While we can't have a centennial celebra-
tion every year as a stand-alone effort, let
us hope that we remember the experience
and our divergent points of view temp-
erate our homelife to lesser matters.

The celebration in the end was a winner it
turned out to be.

The community owes a debt of gratitude
to Thomas W. Bell for his leadership, to
the committee and to Bob Kenning for his
leadership as chairman of the Michigan
Week festivities.

While the celebration program is not a
perfect blend of everything that everyone
would hear, people would benefit if the
program went to the people.

Alas, we are probably too many the people
and organizational capable leaders, who
in their particular efforts combined to make
a complete program.

We congratulate the committee who
brought off the year-long celebration.

Keats Put It Nicely

Though certainly a little trigged thought
could have gone into the selection of allen
names, we congratulate the Birmingham
Al-
ley Beautification Committee for its
program to improve the appearance of dow-
town alley.

The centennial celebration has given im-
petus to this project, with the setting up of
the alley cafes behind Martha's Bakery and
the decorating of rear entrances. We hope
these improvements will continue and prove
a permanent improvement that will give
additional traffic and rental income to the
beautification committee.

We must have; but there is no reason why
they should be inactive—there is every reason to make them attractive.

It is FITTING and proper to plan such a
project. We hope that our children will
look back in later years and say,"These impresive alleys and cafes could have
taken their start in 1964."

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From the Eccentric's Point of View

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Deem's Point on the Student Strikers

There is a judicial procedure as to whether
peaceful picketing is a violation of the
freedom of the press.

One of the cases decided recently is the
one in which several students were arrested
for picketing on the campus of a state
university. The students were protesting
against the suspension of several
professors.

The court held that the students had
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not. The students appealed.

In the opinion of the court, the
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