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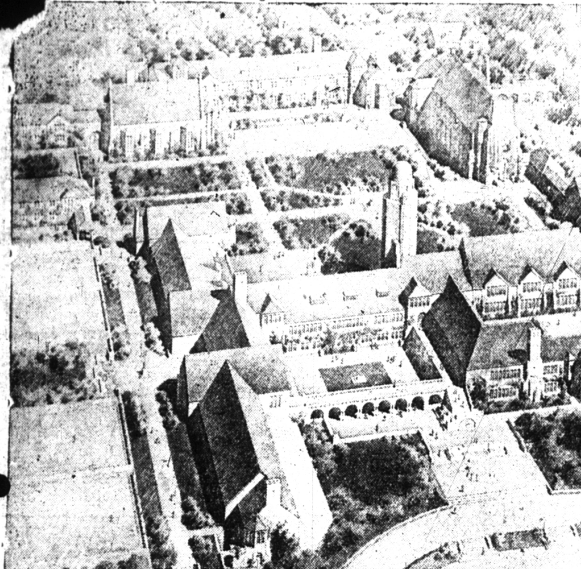
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## Cranbrook School, Dream Realization, Ready for Start of Classes Monday



ARCHITECT'S MODEL OF CRANBROOK SCHOOL AS IT WILL BE WHEN THE PROJECT IS COMPLETED

By CLARICE TAPSON

Cranbrook Boys' School, a beautiful dream realized, stands ready today to accept its quota of 75 boys next Tuesday morning 69 of whom are already registered, and the rest of whom are expected to complete their registration before the opening date. The buildings, with the exception of the gymnasium and the infirmary, are complete; the members of the faculty are arriving daily, and furniture is being pushed into place in readiness for the opening of Michigan's first boys' school.

The school buildings have been under construction since last year on a 65-acre site of unrivaled beauty in Bloomfield Hills, provided by George G. Booth, of "Cranbrook," who also built the school at a cost which has exceeded \$1,250,000 to date.

The buildings of the school are arranged in the form of a quadrangle, with a lovely Florentine fountain, brought by Mr. Booth from Italy, in the center. The entrance to the school proper is flanked on one side by a huge sundial, the work of Paulanship. The only other similar dial in existence was an exhibition at the Sesqui-centennial exhibition in Philadelphia.

The class rooms are furnished with the most up-to-date equipment. They are not too large, because the classes will be small, insuring personal contact between the instructor and the pupil. The rooms have been designed with thought to obtaining the greatest possible amount of natural light.

The auditorium which will seat more than 100 persons is on the second floor of this building. It is ready today for the amateur theatricals which will be an interesting part of the boys' work. The tower on this building from which the country for miles around can be seen, will be used by students of astronomy. It is reached by a long flight of stone steps.

A large reception room in the school is decorated with exquisite dark wood arranged in squares, a stairway leading from it upstairs. A painting recently purchased by Mr. Booth and a fire place lend a homely air to this room.

Several reception rooms are included in the dormitory, two, thick, springy rugs, with overstuffed furniture and fireplaces and the Eclectic and the new switchboard of 500 capacity was put in a side room just off the store department, and night service was installed in a room off the drug store on the west side. Mrs. Lydia Jarvis Magraves was the first night operator for the telephone company.

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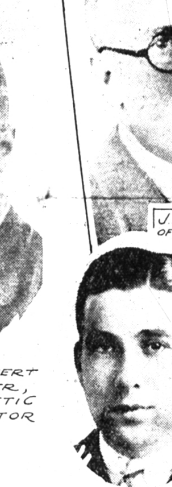
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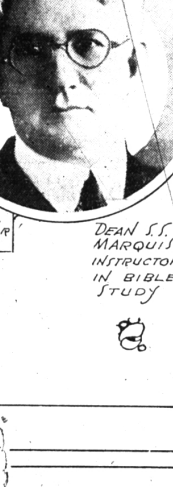
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library, for which books continue to arrive, is another honey spot, designed to make study hours as comfortable as possible.

Figures in relief of athletes in various sports are the feature of one of the numerous fire places. They are set into the stone work of the fireplace. They were made by Eero Saarinen, the son of Eiel Saarinen, Finnish architect, who designed the buildings. Eero is a student at the Baldwin High School.

The boys' rooms, which they will keep in order themselves, except for the weekly cleaning, contain mahogany of walnut beds and dressers and desks, and overstuffed chairs. Each room has on its

### MITCHELL RECALLS ALMERON WHITEHEAD AND MANY OTHER BIRMINGHAM PIONEERS

By GEORGE H. MITCHELL

CHAPTER VI

During the many years, some 60, that we were in business together, Mr. Whitehead was an officer of the Township and Village many times. Once I was Village Clerk but a Democrat in Bloomfield, where ever now there is no Democrat ticket to vote, had no chance politically. However as Whitehead was Post Master once, I was it twice, for 5 years under Pres. Cleveland, and for eight years under Pres. Wilson which ended my work on earth, I guess, for now when I go hunting a job, the head man asks, "How old are you?" and I say right out loud; "50 years" and then in low breath, "plus" "Oh, Halifax you are too old," and then I wonder what he would say if I had told him I was past 70. Guess he would kill me on the spot.

In the later years I became telephone manager, succeeding Volney Nixon. A brick building was built just back of the store for the Eclectic and the new switchboard of 500 capacity was put in a side room just off the store department, and night service was installed in a room off the drug store on the west side. Mrs. Lydia Jarvis Magraves was the first night operator for the telephone company.

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wall one of the original drawings for the American Boy Magazine, which have been supplied by the publishers of the magazine. And three double rooms have been furnished in the dormitory, the others being single.

Sport Field is Large

The corridors of the dormitory (Continued on Page 6, Part 2)

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