What fills your thoughts generally fills your heart o' hearts —and God help the man or woman who, in the game of life, empties out his life-blood for the congealing hardness of mere gold!

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WOODWARD PAVING SOON TO BE FINISHED

North End Work Resumption Starts In June

MAJOR PART COMPLETE

Work on the completion of the Woodward avenue paving in Birmingham will be started early in June, it is planned today by state highway officials.

The major portion of the widening and paving was completed last summer. A strip on the north side of the village between Oak street and the bridge over the Rouge river was left uncompleted when the cold weather arrived, however.

The work will be postponed as long as possible to allow a deep fill to settle, engineers said. Approximately 1500 lineal feet remain to be paved. Practically all of the south end of the street is paved.

The north end of the street will be widened and paved an additional 16 feet. This will make the width conform with that through the village of 70 feet from curb to curb. Grading is already done.

Completion will take about two weeks, it is estimated. The contractor is George R. Cook, of Detroit.

CRASH FATAL FOR WOMAN

Mrs. Alta Strouse Fails To Recover From Injuries

Mrs. Alta Bessie Strouse, 35 years old, for seven years a village resident, died yesterday at 2 p. m. in Roseland Park cemetery. Services were held at the S. O. Wylie Bell chapel for Funerals, east Maple avenue, with Rev. Robert M. Atkins, pastor of the First Methodist Church, officiating.

She died Sunday in the University hospital, Ann Arbor, where she was taken for treatment last November.

According to hospital attachees, death was caused by injuries received June 8, 1927, in an automobile accident on Woodward avenue near Oak street.

Until the time of her injuries she was an active member of the Methodist church and of the Woman's Benefit association.

She was the wife of Fred Alvin Strouse, who for the past two months has made his home at 129 Cottage street, Pontiac. She is also survived by two daughters, Margaret and Marie.

The other survivors are: her mother, Mrs. Kate Melisa, of Ann Arbor; her father, Charles Whitmore, of Birmingham; two sisters, Mrs. E. H. Peterson, of Birmingham, and Mrs. Frank Johnson, of Merrill; two brothers, Percy Whitmore, of Lansing, and Dewey Whitmore, of Saskatchewan.

LEGION HERE FOR SESSION

Pollock To Speak At Meeting Of Sixth District

"The activities of the Navy during the World War" will be the subject of a talk to be given tomorrow by Capt. Edwin T. Pollock, of Cranbrook school, at the convention of the American Legion of the sixth congressional district at their banquet being held at 6:30 p. m. at the Baldwin High School. During the war he served as captain of the U. S. S. George Washington.

He will particularly stress the work of the navy in transporting troops, illustrating his talk with moving pictures and lantern slides.

Short talks by members of the Legion will also feature the program, arranged by H. A. O'Dell, of the Hills. Rev. Floyd E. Logee, chaplain of the post, will act as toastmaster.

The business meeting of the Legions will be held at 4 p. m. with the dinner scheduled for 6:30 p. m.

Earl Moody is in charge of the ticket sale for the banquet, which is open to the public.

SCHOOLS TO REOPEN MONDAY MORNING

Birmingham Public Schools will reopen Monday morning, April 15 following the annual week of spring vacation. Students of Baldwin High School, Adams Junior High, Quarton, Pierce, Hill and Barnum have enoyed the vaaction period, the Holy Name School closed for a week preceding Easter for their annual vacation.

FORE!

Golf Clubs Swamped by Players as Season Opens.

"Fore!" That is the shout that today reechoes through Bloomfield Hills. The 1929 golf season is here. It arrived with a vengeance on the crest of last Saturday's warm wave, with record breaking crowds reported at the clubs in the vicinity.

There were celebrities among the early golfers, too. At Bloomfield Hills Country club Saturday, Walter Hagen and Tommy Armour, new professional at the Tam-O'Shanter Golf club, were among those to play the course, and on Sunday George Brownell, 1927 national amateur champion, joined them. May 4 is the date set for the first tournament at the club with 18 holes of metal play.

Nearly 250 persons were at play on the Oakland Hills course Saturday while Sunday's crowd was nearly as large. Interest of Oakland Hills golfers is now centered in their first tournament which will be played off April 15.

Birmingham Golf club ran them a second with 100 persons on the green. The opening of the Birmingham Golf club is not until May 1, however, officials announce.

Elizabeth Lake Opens

Another golf course in the district, Elizabeth Lake, on the Elizabeth Lake road west of Pontiac, opens for the season Sunday.

Many improvements have been made throughout the course and it is in wonderful condition. New greens and tees have been constructed, fairways widened, rough cleared, rustic bridges constructed and numerous other changes made.

The green of No. 1 hole has been under repair since last fall and will be ready in about 30 days. A dandy temporary green is now in use. No. 2, a short, tricky 135-yard hole, has been made more difficult by more traps off the green. Side traps and bunkers have been built along the fairways of No. 3. The fairway of No. 4 has been improved generally.

No. 5, the dog's leg will be much better shape this year. Two traps will be built near the approaches. The lake in front of No. 6, one of the most hazardous of all the holes of the links, has been deepened, and the tee lengthened. A larger, new tee has been built at No. 7, the ditch at the approach improved and rustic bridges erected. Fifty yards will be added to the 135-yard No. 8, new tees have been constructed and built back near No. 18 tee.

New Green

A new green is to be constructed at No. 9 green and new trap built. The fairways have been widened at No. 10 and the approaches to No. 11 have been heavily trapped. On the well shaded No. 12 hole a new tee will be built. The ditches and fairways of No. 13 have been improved and from. 14 fairway is now in dandy shape. A new bent green on No. 15 will be ready for play in about six weeks. Ditch improvements and green repairs have been made at No. 17. This hole has one of the finest greens in the district courses. New traps along the fairways of No. 18 are about ready.

The management has solved the difficult problem of eliminating chick weed, common on all courses. Last fall a compound was used and aided greatly in removing this hazard to those who find their way into the rough. Throughout the course the rough has been cut down to prevent the loss of balls, though players will have difficulty in getting clear.

The tournament committee is already laying plans for the mid-week tournaments which were so popular last year. Mixed two-ball foursomes drew well during the latter part of the season. This year motion pictures will be taken of the tournament players and shown at evening affairs at the clubhouse. The club restaurant will open Sunday for the season.

The opening of the Square Lake road from Woodward avenue to the Elizabeth lake road will enable golfers driving north to cut off the heavy traffic in the center of Pontiac. This new road is concrete and in dandy condition. It saves many minutes for those traveling to and from the golf course.

Club officials are awaiting the start of play and hope to do about a better score than ever reported. Par for the 6,200 yard layout is 74 and only one golfer has ever reported breaking it-with a 73. The course will probably be about 200 yards longer when all improvements have been completed.

Though the course was not open officially last Sunday more than 100 golfers were allowed the courtesy of the links for the day.

LIBRARY STAFF NAMED AGAIN

At the April meeting of the directors of the Baldwin Public library the present officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. They are: president, Mrs. R. M. Starr; vice-president, Clarence Vliet; treasurer, Russell Gore; secretary, J. B. Howarth.

The other two members of the board are Mrs. J. H. Marlotte and Mrs. Arthur Hartwell.

GUNMEN ROB OIL STATION

New Attendant Victim Of Three Bandits In Woodward Hold-Up

Police continued their search today for three armed bandits who held up a gasoline station at Woodward and Humphrey avenues early Friday, locked the attendant in a wash room and escaped with $40.

Merrill Badgley, of 119 east Ruffner street, was on duty Friday night for the first time. At 2:30 a. m. three men drove to the station in a new sedan. They ordered gasoline and oil. After he filled the gas tank he went into the station for the oil. Two of the trio followed him.

Placing revolvers against his side they ordered him to raise his hands. They took $12 from his pockets and $28 from a box. They ordered him into a wash room and barricaded the door from the outside with oil barrels. Then they drove off.

It was several minutes before Badgley was able to open the door and call police. He obtained a fair description of the men who were quiet, well dressed and cool, he said.

The station is owned by L. L. Kirk, an uncle of Badgley's.

AUTOS INJURE THREE WOMEN

Sunday's Traffic Sets Season Record In Village

Three women are recovering today from accidents during the heaviest traffic of the season here Sunday. Four men were arrested in autos and paid heavy fines in justice court Monday.

Thrown through the windshield of the car in which she was riding at Woodward avenue and Ravine road Sunday afternoon, Miss Myrtle Snyder, of 28 Seminole drive, Pontiac, was cut and bruised. She was riding with E. L. Wannemaker, of Flint, when his car struck the machine driven by **Harold Gray**, of 795 Fairfax avenue, police report. Investigation disclosed Grag was attempting to make a left turn from Woodward avenue into Ravine road when his car was struck, police records show.

Mrs. Joseph Egniczi and Miss Barbara Lowas were injured when a car driven by the husband of the former woman collided head on with a machine driven by Floyd Petoquison, of Pontiac, on south Woodward avenue near Smith. Both cars were badly damaged.

The women were treated here and then rushed to their homes.

Charged with driving while drunk, J. E. Leddle, of Pontiac, paid a fine of $100 in Justice Malcolm Hunt's court Monday. He was arrested Sunday night by Patrolman Earl Moody who noticed his car taking an eratic course in Woodward avenue.

Four men arrested in an automobile in Bloomfield Hills paid fines in Justice Floyd S. Buck's court on disorderly charges. Their names and fines are: Joseph Fabush and Matt Bayak, both $50; Louis Kiper and Stan Paska, $25 each. They were arrested early Sunday in the Hills by police who said the men were drunk.

BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL MEN MAKE PLANS TO AID YOUTHS

Twenty-eight Birmingham business and professional men, interested in basketball and the Y. M. C. A. work for boys, gathered Monday night at a dinner at the Baptist Church and, after listening to a splendid talk by C. C. Robinson, of New York City, began plans that will materially aid 84 high school Juniors and Seniors to choose vocations. The dinner and program was arranged by Robert D. Lynd, chairman of the Birmingham branch of the Y. M. C. A.

"Birmingham and vicinity offers a wonderful location for boys and girls to grow up in," said Mr. Robinson, who has been connected with the Y. M. C. A. National Council for the past 20 years, and who is recognized as one of America's best posted minds on the problems of youth. "Here you are not cramped for room, you have good educational facilities, fine homes, a high type of citizen intelligence, and your boys and girls ought to grow up to become fine men and women, as God intended them to."

That the present generation is the most interesting and promising of all generations, is the belief of Mr. Robinson, who pointed out that with all its boldness, freeness, and mode of dress, it but needs to be harnessed to the old brains of its elders, and the twain will work wonders in the world. "We must bring the young blood and the old brains together; they are far apart now, but if today's adults can be made to counsel today's youth on vocational problems, the next generation of adults will not need to worry about the youths," stated Mr. C. Robinson.

The speaker referred to the rapid physical and scientific changes in the world today, and said that we must prepare youth for the quick transitions that come in these modern times. He pointed out the fact that, since 1907 when the first real scientific vocational guidance data was compiled, great progress has been made in this direction, so that fewer boys are becoming,"square pegs in round holes."

"Ten years is the average time required for a college graduate to experiment with different lines of endeavor, and finally settle down in one of them," stated Mr. Robinson, "so we must not expect that the two or three years used by high school graduates in 'finding themselves' is unreasonable. However, by having the advantage of

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LIONS CLUB MAKES JUNKET TO FACTORY

The Birmingham Lions club spent yesterday afternoon in an inspection tour of the Rouge plant of the Ford Motor company as guests of Alfred Fox of the local Ford agency. Some of the club members later visited the Ford airport.

FOR ARTISTS' MATERIALS
The Devoe Paint and Art Shop, Theatre Building. —Adv.40tf

For Sale, Russian samovar, brass, lined in sterling silver. 123 Baker St., Clawson. Adv.52*

FIVE YEARS AGO THIS MONTH MARKED SUDDEN DEVELOPMENT

That five years ago today Birmingham had reached a peak in village and social activities never before achieved in its history is disclosed in the files of The Eccentric.

March and April in 1924 were particularly active with the plans for a wider Woodward avenue looming on the village horizon. Early in April the greatest obstacle standing in the way of its completion was removed with the agreement of the Grand Trunk railway to give the state such portions of the right-of-way between Royal Oak and Pontiac as would be needed for the widening of Woodward avenue.

New Schools Sought

Interest of the board of education was centered in south Birmingham. Representatives of the district having requested a school in that area. Residents of Bloomfield center also presented a petition to the board asking for a school in their district. Another fact of school interest was the trip of the first Birmingham Washington group. Forty two students of the Baldwin High School left Birmingham, April 12, 1924 on a trip to the capital.

Important among village activities was the start of road work on Frank street. According to Harry Starr, village manager, this marked the first improvement on any village dirt or gravel street.

A tremendous increase in property valuation was reported by Robert K. McClelland, then assessor. According to Mr. McClellan, the roll reached approximately $7,200,000 with the tax rate of $13. Formerly the assessed valuation was slightly over $5,000,000. This year it is expected to be $25,000,000.

In April 1924 the Community House launched its first membership campaign under the direction of Mrs. John H. Marlotte, president of the house committee. Until that date the house work had been in the nature of an experiment conducted by seven women representative of the village. The quota of funds was set at $1,900.

Postal Increase

Plans were formulated by the village postoffice to increase the carrier service. The entire village was rerouted so that many new streets were served by this postal department. An additional carrier and a parcel post man were added to the staff.

Five years ago saw the birth of four organizations which now play a prominent part in village life. The Rotary and Exchange clubs both received their charters, introducing the first business luncheon clubs to the village. Shortly after this the village Delmolay chapter was organized by members of the Pontiac group.

The Village Players, then a Community House activity, presented their first performance in March 1924 before an audience of nearly 70 persons. The performance was staged in the small assembly hall at the Community House with the audience for the most part seated upon cushions on the floor. Throughout the production was simple with few properties giving little promise of the present day status of the club, with its playhouse and costly sets.

VLIET SPEAKER AT DEDICATION

Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools, will be the principal speaker tonight at the dedication exercises for the new Keego Harbour high school at Keego Harbour. He will speak on modern education.

On April 26 Mr. Vliet will talk on "Ultra Violet Modern Window Glass in Schools" before the Schoolmasters' convention in Ann Arbor. Glass of this type has recently been installed in a class room at the Quarton School.

BOARD STUDIES HOUSE BIDS

Contractors Submit Estimates On Community Building

A decision on the awarding of contracts for the new Birmingham Community House is expected to be reached Saturday afternoon when the building and the executive committee of the house will meet. They will discuss bids submitted Monday night by many contractors.

The bids were received by the building committee which is made up of Harry S. Starr, chairman, Harlow Davock, James Oliver, W. A. P. John, Mrs. Charles J. Shain, and Mrs. F. H. Holt.

Work is expected to be started on the new house at an early date. It will be located near the present house on west Maple avenue.

AWAIT VERDICT IN G. T. WORK

Action Postponed Until Decision Is Made By Jurists

Interstated parties today continue to await the decision of the United States court on the disposition of the temporary injunction restraining the state and the Grand Trunk railway from proceeding with work on the new right of way east of the present tracks in Birmingham.

Briefs, filed by attorneys for the state, the Grand Trunk and owner of land south of here, Frank H. Dohaney, are being studied by Judges Arthur Tuttle, Charles C. Simons and Smith Hinckenlooper, of Cincinnatti, who presided at the hearing.

Whether the money offered the owner for the land in condemnation is sufficient is the point involved. Dohaney seeks to retain his land until the purchaser's offer is raised.

200 EXPECTED AT CLUB PARTY

Program Completed For Entertainment At Affair Monday

A record attendance is expected Monday night at the First Baptist Church when members of the four Birmingham service clubs, their wives and friends will attend the first annual dinner under the joint auspices of the organizations.

Between 150 and 200 persons are expected. A program of entertainment is planned and additions are to be made late this week. Joseph Brooks and J. B. Wood, former members of Henry Ford's old time orchestra, and residents of Southfield Township, will play several numbers from long ago.

The address of the evening will be given by Major Ralph Royce, commander of Selfridge field.

While members of the Lions club are acting as heads of the committees, it is explained that the project is divided equally among the Exchange, Rotary and Gyro clubs as well.

Joseph R. Dally is to be toastmaster and Templeton Moore with Miss Alice McCord, well known Detroit entertainers, will sing.

FIREMEN FAIL CHILD SUCCUMBS

Funeral rites were held 2 p. m. Tuesday at the G. Dewey Kimball Home for Funerals for Charamine Catrain, eleven months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Catrain, of 130 Cole avenue.

The infant died late Monday from bronchial pneumonia following whooping cough, despite efforts of Birmingham firemen to revive her with the aid of an inhalator.

Rev. Robert M. Atkins, pastor of the First Methodist church, officiated with burial in Roseland Park cemetery. Besides the parents, two brothers survive: Ford Richard, six, and Homer Lee, five.

MOORE GIVEN CHAIRMANSHIP

Bloomfield Supervisor Is Named Unanimously To Head Group

Robert Y. Moore is chairman of the Oakland County board of Supervisors today following his election Tuesday at the start of the April session. The election was unanimous. His name was presented by Supervisor Frank Springsteen and the roll was called after there were no other nominations.

Mr. Moore believes taxation is the biggest problem before the board this year according to his declaration in thanking the board for the honor of being their chairman.

"I believe we should try and find some way to lower taxes," he stated. I will be glad to work with everyone of you." He continued.

"In the appointment of the committees I will endeavor to be fair. I have made no promises and every man will get a fair deal so far as is possible. I believe there will be a few changes. The salaries, jail means and road committee were cut to five and I don't know but what they should be seven. The market committee is getting to be an important one with markets in Pontiac, Ferndale and Royal Oak. I may appoint four outside members and one from each of these cities in order that they may have a group of five for each market."

Dr. E. J. Chase of Ferndale served as temporary chairman. Harry McCracken of Farmington was chosen as chairman pro tem by a unanimous vote.

The question of rules upon which the board split at the October meeting opened the first contest. New rules were drafted at that session but were not approved by Supervisor John Grant of Pleasant Ridge. He motioned at this meeting that a committee be appointed to revise these rules. It carried 26 to 16. Chairman Moore named R. W. Clark, chairman of the committee, Supervisors John Grant and Howard Hillman its members.

Mr. Moore has been supervisor of Bloomfield Township the past four years.

BOARD REVERSES ACTION ON ALLEY

Commission Calls Public Hearing On Project After Passing Resolution

About-facing on its previous action, the village commission Monday night called a hearing on objections and suggestions for the opening of an alley in the block bounded by Woodward, George, Ann and Frank streets. It will be held April 22 and property owners notified.

A petition was presented by Walter M. Pratt asking that previous action on the matter be rescinded. He declared many property owners in the block felt the improvement at this time would cause a hardship, and that they would like to air both sides of the matter before the commission.

The first resolution, passed a week ago, was not rescinded, the commission members claiming it would not interfere, but the hearing date was set and action in the meantime is suspended.

Villagers and the Village

By THE WANDERER

The distinction of being the first villagers to swim in Oakland County lakes this spring goes to Jack Thatcher, of 100 Chapin street, and Jack Gibson, of the Warrick Inn. Both are 14 years old. They were on a hiking trip to Walnut Lake last Thursday. "I dare you," said one Jack. "You're on," said the other. "I'll in," was the reply. And even though the temperature of the air was only 66, they said the water was fine.

Something novel in the way of presents from the south was presented to Jack Lane, grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Hugo Erichsen of Harmon avenue, as the boy's father this week on his return from Florida. It was a National League baseball autographed by George Sisler, Babe Ruth and other baseball stars. Raymond Lane, the father, was the school mate of George Sisler's at Michigan and the two met in the south.

Robert M. Toms, former Wayne County Prosecutor, and recently elected a Circuit Judge effective next January 1, has several hobbies, chief of which is writing and directing, as well as acting, plays. He served two terms as president of Detroit's Players, and has had several of his sketches produced. Apparently the only thing that bothers him, as he intimated to this Wanderer in a humorous moment, is the name of the cemetery where his grandfather is buried, which is Crooks cemetery. "This name requires some explanation in these days of mounting crime," said the auburn-haired Judge-elect of Wayne County.

M. Otis, the genial editor of the Baldwin High School annual, has the pleasure of driving the oldest automobile in Birmingham. It is a White roadster and has been in service, one place and another, 15 years. He finds it thoroughly satisfactory, even after the long years, and his only discomfort comes when he leaves Birmingham and finds people staring. The villagers do not pay much attention to it as they have become used to the sight. The manufacturers have made him an interesting offer to drive it to the coast for publicity purposes.

You who love the return of birds each spring will delight your appreciation of the feathered friends in a few weeks by making a call at the home of Albert Stoll,

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RAINEY BUYS LARGE FARM

Through Otto F. Beier, local realtor, Harry W. Rainey, of west Maple avenue, has just purchased the Bennett fruit grove, near Battle Creek, the tract consisting of 160 acres, of which 135 acres are orchard. Thirty acres of the orchard are planted to peaches. The deal approximated $65,000. Mr. Rainey giving a 160 acre farm near Milford as part of the consideration.

CHAIRMAN

ROBERT Y. MOORE

COMMISSION O. K.'S BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR

Large Sum Carried Over From 1928; Rate Ready In May

$317,204 TO BE RAISED

The village of Birmingham will raise $317,204.39 by direct tax this year. This budget was approved Monday night by the village commission.

A total of $45,826 is carried over from last year. The estimated miscellaneous income is $40,264.99. The total funds with which to carry on the business of government during the year, therefore, is $403,295.38. Last year an expenditure of $317,606.14 was recorded.

The assessment roll, on which the tax rate will be based, is expected to be ready the last week in May.

PARRY VISIONS GREAT GROWTH

Manager Tells Group Village Is Laying Groundwork

A future Birmingham with a population of 30,000 or 40,000 was predicted by James W. Parry, village manager, in a talk Tuesday before the members of the Woman's Civic League at their luncheon at the Community House. With this in mind, Mr. Parry said, villagers should give proposed bond issues careful consideration before voting them down.

"The ground work for the future village is being laid now. Voters should consider this and cast their ballots for the future Birmingham rather than the present." As an example he cited the defeated municipal garage and warehouse bond issue at the last election.

He briefly sketched the activities of the village planning commission and of the various village departments.

Your portrait—the gift Mother will appreciate most. Phone 905. Arnold's Studio, for an appointment. Adv.52

BARNUM PLANS ACCEPTED BY SCHOOL BOARD

Tax Rate Will Not Increase If Issue Passes, Educators Say

ADDITION COMPLETE

Formal approval of the sketches of Fred D. Madison, of Royal Oak, architect for the proposed Barnum school unit was voiced by the board of education at their meeting Monday night. Mr. Madison was instructed to prepare perspective wash drawings of the plans and to present them to the board at their meeting next Monday. Mr. Madison is the architect of the Quarton and Adams schools.

The revised plans for the proposed unit call for a building 268x208 feet to be constructed at an estimated cost of $365,000. This figure would also provide necessary equipment, board members pointed out. It is planned to raise this sum by bond issues.

To cover construction cost of the building, the public will be asked to vote on two bond issues which will total $225,000 to be combined with $140,000 raised in the school election of 1927. Of the proposed bond issues $190,000 would be used on the proposed addition to the Barnum building, while the remaining $35,000 would be used for a swimming pool to be installed in the school.

No Tax Raise

A definite promise that the present tax rate of $18 on $1,000 will not be raised as a result of passing these proposed bond issues was made by the board.

In the opinion of board members the proposed Barnum unit would rank with the finest schools in Oakland County and would contain many desirable features, among them: a kindergarten; 12 grade rooms; four home rooms; class rooms; offices; library; health service; rooms for sewing, knitting, sewing, cooking and music rooms; a cafeteria; a combined auditorium and gymnasium; shower and locker rooms and a swimming pool.

Approximately 700 junior high and grade students would be housed in the building, which would be the largest school structure in the village. The main entrance to the building would be on Purdy street with secondary entrances on Frank street and from the Barnum athletic field.

Discussing the plans of the proposed unit Mr. Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools, said: "I am convinced that the plans now in the hands of the architect, not only offer all the facilities of the modern school, but many innovations. The plans provide for such interesting features as the work room between the kindergarten and grade 1B where the smaller children may engage in all types of constructive activities.

Community Room

"Perhaps one of the most interesting features of the plan is the combined community room and the combined auditorium-gymnasium 50x90 feet with a stage dressing rooms and balcony on the second floor. Easy access is afforded from one of these rooms to the other, while abundant space for storage of instruments and properties is afforded beneath the stage. Although the music room is to be made soundproof, it is to be isolated, doubly insuring quiet.

"The swimming pool and adjacent locker rooms constitute the first unit of this kind ever installed in a Birmingham school. The pool will be 25x75 of standard construction. A balcony at one side will adequately care for all spectators.

It is planned to so treat the walls with acoustic material as to completely deaden the usual deafening echoes heard in pool rooms. The very latest filtering and purifying system will be installed and constant guarantee of the continuing purity of the pool water. The pool will be open to all pupils in Birmingham as well at to citizens under suitable regulations. It is expected that it will be in continuous service, judging from the comments of school groups, Y. M. C. A. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Girl Reserves of a pool as mentioned as a serve and Men's Clubs when the part of the plan.

"It strikes me that in every respect the proposed unit would meet with the approval of the state department of public instruction," Mr. Vliet said.

Watch This Section

Each week for questions and answers. Before the next edition you may be asked by The Eccentric to suggest a manner of providing a municipal swimming pool for the village. The interviews will appear here.