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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

If I could "write with the pen of an angel and the point of a diamond," I would set me down to a fitting eulogy of the efforts of grown men in behalf of boys. Among the various human agencies that have been set up to inculcate high ideals and practical service into the lives of youth, none excel the Boy Scout movement, in my humble opinion. As I have been privileged to observe the great work being done in our community by Boy Scout leaders, I have often said to myself: "What a splendid organization this is to help boys grow into good men! As the complexity of life increases, how marvelous are the devices of unselfishness, as there is born into the midst of modern life a movement of such infinite benefit as the Boy Scout movement!"

In my own youth, there was no such thing as scouting. As I look back over the years, I can see the former barren stretches of boydom that are now so plentifully planted by today's men's efforts in behalf of youth. And I rejoice that blind and coming generations will be benefited in character by the love and sacrifices made by men in all walks of life, as they give of their own time to carry on the Boy Scout idea.

If you were present last Friday night at Birmingham's annual mid-winter Boy Scout Court of Honor, held in the Community House, you must have been thrilled with the finest manhood of the khaki clad boys who, in the adventurous expectancy that is youth's rightful heritage, were publicly lauded for their progress in scouting. As I looked them over, observing them in all their promise for a better tomorrow, I somehow felt more of the reality of that oft-repeated declaration, "God is in His Heaven, all's right with the world!"

And may I, in behalf of every parent whose own boy is touched by scouting, publicly express thanks to those men in our community who give many, many hours, days, and weeks of their own valuable time, so that the stride of today's youth may be aided in leaving its footprints upon the sands of another and a finer day in the annals of humankind. Included in this year's list of men responsible for carrying on scouting in this area are: J. F. Wenz, Charles D. Carr, Guy Laughlin, Howard D. Crull, William C. Allee, Paul N. Averill, Lawrence Clark, Ward Cruickshank, William A. Dalzee, Dr. Henry S. Evans, C. W. Gail, Col. Edwin S. George, Leo Gibbons, Robert Hulbert, J. C. Huston, Fred W. Johnson, Charles S. Kinnison, Crawford Lee, R. H. Mann, James C. Martindale, William G. Olsen, Frank Packard, James W. Parry, A. E. Phillips, Frank Smith, Dr. Fred L. Tucker and Shelton Wright.

This year's Court of Honor was the largest ever held in this area. More boys made more progress in scouting than ever before in the district's history. Much of this credit belongs to Shelton Wright and Howard D. Crull. I am informed. If you want to meet two remarkable chaps, arrange to shake their hands. They personify fine attributes. Boy Scouts really love them, as also do many others.

A year ago I tendered to the local Boy Scout committee a plaque and two medals, symbols of record to outstanding Boy Scouts during 1929 and 1930. The plaque provides space in which is engraved the scout's name, and beneath it are these words: "To further higher citizenship ideals and stronger character building." Upon the bronze medal, given each year, is engraved: "Medal for outstanding Boy Scout Service." Although presented by The Eccentric, the thought behind it is that the gift is in reality a community one, merely performed by this newspaper. Howard Senteny was selected by the committee as the outstanding scout for 1929, Hal Stoddard White for 1930, and David Parry for 1931. I congratulate the parents of these boys for rearing such sons. Perhaps, some day, I know, these boys will look back to their scouting days and, from the mass of aids and examples given them, select some fragment, perhaps, to keep them afloat upon the tempestuous seas of life.

I don't know very much about the work being done locally by the Girl Scouts. But I can imagine that it is along the same general lines as the Boys engaged in, allowing, of course, for the different interests of the two groups. Can't you see two people, grown to manhood and womanhood, a few years hence, both graduates of the scout movement? And can't you see them, both fine scouts, exemplary and successful citizens, rearing children for another generation of good scouts? Thus goeth a portion of the world. To those who sacrifice of their time and their money in a worthy cause for others comes fitting reward. For it was a very wise and

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OSBORNE, SMITH JOIN RACE FOR COMMISSION

Petitions Also Circulated For Ellerby As Village President

McBRIDE MAY ENTER

Interest in the coming village elections reached a new high peak yesterday afternoon with the entrance of two new candidates into the race for seats on the Commission, and the circulation of petitions for at least two more who refused to commit themselves on their candidacies.

The new entrants were E. W. (Cy) Osborne, owner of the Ford Sales and Service Company, and T. B. Smith, of the real estate firm of Smith and Pogue Sales, both of whom declared themselves as Commission candidates on independent platforms devoted to reductions in village expenditures.

Petitions were also in circulation for Harold T. Ellerby for village president, and for J. Harry McBride for commissioner. Mr. Ellerby, who served as village president for three years from 1927 to 1930 when defeated by Harry Allen, the incumbent, by three votes, refused to discuss the matter other than to say that he was not prepared to state whether or not he would serve if elected.

McBride Is Mum

Mr. McBride also declined to comment on the petitions in his name, but rumors were prevalent in several quarters that he would announce himself definitely as a candidate within a short time. He has previously served as both commissioner and village president.

Other developments yesterday afternoon included the filing of nominating petitions for the re-election of Mr. Allen as village president, and Walter Connelly and Charles E. Lewis as commissioners. These were the only candidates for whom petitions had been in circulation before yesterday, with the exception of Dr. Fred L. Tucker, another incumbent commissioner, who announced last week that he will run for re-election.

Mr. Smith, who also served, several years ago, as both village president and commissioner, entered the campaign on a strict platform of tax reductions. Mr. Osborne, denying all encumbrances of party or group, issued the following statement:

"A petition is being circulated by my friends that will place my name on the ballot for village commissioner.

Disclaims Obligations

"Having been questioned at this early date regarding my political connections, I will explain that I belong to no faction and intend joining none. I am under no obligations to anyone nor do I intend to be. I have made no promises and will make none.

"I am a taxpayer who is very much interested, indeed, in the problem of living within his income. Should the voters consider me capable, I will do my best."

Miss Irene Hanley, present village clerk, who announced several weeks ago her intention of retaining for re-election, is still without opposition for the post.

HUGHES HELD FOR TRIAL IN CRASH

Driver Of Car Which Killed Two Women Is Bound To Court

George A. Hughes, 36 years old, 156 Waddington road, an insurance broker, is awaiting Circuit Court trial on a charge of negligent homicide today following completion of his examination before Justice John E. Brodige in Royal Oak Friday.

Hughes was the driver of a car which struck another machine at the corner of Woodward avenue and Thirteen Mile road on Sept. 25, resulting in the death of two women and the serious injury of two others. He was bound over in $2,000 bail.

The victims of the crash were Mrs. Fanny Sleeper, 70 years old, of 8716 Beaubien street, Detroit, widow of Arthur R. Sleeper, former Ohio newspaperman, and a cousin of former Gov. Albert E. Sleeper of Michigan and Mrs. Frances P. Yeats, 76 years old, of 345 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit, a sister-in-law of R. W. Yeats, 73 Cranbrook road, Bloomfield Hills, at whose home they had been visiting on the night of the accident.

Miss Elise H. Yeats, 40 years old, daughter of one of the victims, and the driver of the car

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Re-Appointed

RUSSELL V. MOORE, who has been retained as chief of the Bloomfield Hills Fire Department.

PARRY SUBMITS YEAR'S REPORT

Manager Cites Economies Of Year, Lists Village Achievements

The annual report of Village Manager James W. Parry, consisting of individual reports from each department head and considerable financial data, was submitted to the Village Commission for approval Monday night.

Adoption of the report was deferred until individual copies could be furnished to each commissioner, and possible changes and additions may be made later. When adopted, the report will be mimeographed and copies placed on file in the Municipal Building and Baldwin Public Library, in accordance with a recent Commission resolution.

"In common with all other municipalities and local units of government, the year has been one of retrenchment, curtailment and the closest scrutiny as to what services are being rendered and a re-establishment of a standard of public service," said Mr. Parry in his statement of transmittal to the Commission.

Cites Curtailments

"Curtailment can be accomplished in six general ways. 1. Avoidance of new capital expenditures. 2. Recasting or refinancing of existing obligations. 3. Discontinuance of functions already established. 4. Reduction of those functions. 5. Elimination of personnel through discharge or combining more functions under fewer people. 6. Wage reductions.

"All of these methods have been employed during the year with a resultant saving as shown by the treasurer's reports of some $64,798.90 for the year, and paving the way for a reduced expense of some 31.8 percent in estimated operating costs for 1932.

"Capital expenditures, which increase the village debt, have been avoided, there being but two projects—the South Woodward sewer and the Eton road pavement—undertaken and those were undertaken because of an estimated ultimate saving to the village of some $30,000 due to state co-operation which would otherwise have been lost unless accomplished now.

11 Employes Dropped

"For the first time in its history the village issued refunding bonds in the amount of $111,700 to meet obligations. This does not represent a real saving, but only a deferred expense. The employed personnel was reduced by 11 people during the year and late in the year a wage reduction of 5 to 15 percent (approximately 10 percent) of the remaining payroll accomplished.

"Two noteworthy pieces of work started in 1929 and 1930 were brought to completion during the year, the completion of a building

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HILLS COUNCIL RETAINS FIRE, POLICE CHIEFS

Moore, Putnam Re-appointed For Year; Horan Is Health Officer

BUDGET IS ADOPTED

Re-appointment of police and fire chiefs for the ensuing year, appointment of several new minor officials and adoption of the 1932 budget marked the regular meeting of the Bloomfield Hills Village Commission Tuesday night.

William A. Putnam, police chief, was re-appointed for one year, and Russell V. Moore, fire chief, was also retained. Dr. Thomas N. Horan, staff physician at Cranbrook School, was appointed health officer to succeed Dr. Harold R. Roehm.

William M. Story, clerk of the village, was named milk inspector, a new position made necessary by the recent adoption of an ordinance which prohibits the distribution of any but pasteurized or Grade A milk in Bloomfield Hills, and Norval Farrell, police clerk, was appointed deputy treasurer. Commissioner Harry L. Wallace had been named treasurer at the last meeting.

Commissioner Matthew B. Whitlesey was appointed fire commissioner to replace Commissioner Donald D. James, who was named police commissioner, succeeding Luther D. Allen, village president.

The new budget, calling for expenditures of $63,400, of which $47,600 will be raised by taxation, was adopted as a matter of formality, since it had been tentatively approved at the previous meeting and was given a public hearing on Jan. 23. The budget calls for an increase of $9,600 in the 1932 tax levy.

The Commission also voted to ask the Detroit-Edison Company for permission to turn out 50 street lights in various parts of the village, which, if granted, would mean a saving of approximately $2,000 per year.

The meeting marked the first participation in Commission affairs by John Endicott, Charing Cross road, who was appointed to the body last month to fill the vacancy caused when Dr. Roehm, who was elected last fall, moved out of the Bloomfield Hills limits.

VOTE ON ZONING MEASURE DELAYED

New Ordinance Will Not Be Ready For Spring Elections, Allen Says

The proposed new village zoning ordinance, in all probability, will not be submitted for public approval in the spring elections as had been hoped, it was announced by Village President Harry Allen following a closed conference between the planning commission and the Village Commission Monday night.

"The planning commission has the new ordinance well along, but there are still some changes that must be made," Mr. Allen said, "and I don't believe it will be possible to have it ready for the spring elections."

A series of public hearings on the ordinance, similar to those held for the same purpose last spring, must be arranged before the measure can be finally adopted, he said.

Mr. Allen was unable to say what procedure would be used in adopting the ordinance if it could not be submitted to the voters in the spring, but pointed out that either a special election could be called or the Commission could adopt it after the public hearings.

Several drastic changes are contemplated in the new ordinance, Mr. Allen said.

"The entire general structure is absolutely different," he declared,

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Rotarians Here Seek $700 To Aid Crippled Children

In an effort to raise $700 in and near Birmingham during the next week, starting Feb. 8, Birmingham Rotarians will stage an active house-to-house solicitation for dollar memberships in the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children. This will be part of the county-wide campaign to raise $2,000, to meet the needs of caring for an average of 175 crippled children, located in various sections of the county.

At a meeting of the directors of the Birmingham Rotary Club, held last week, Birmingham and Bloomfield Township were divided into 23 districts, each district assigned to two Rotarians. Dr. Harold R. Roehm, a member of the county executive committee, and chairman of the Birmingham Rotary Club's committee on crippled children, is directing the campaign.

"This movement to aid and rehabilitate physically handicapped boys and girls was started in Oakland County in May of 1925, and since that time has done infinite good," stated Dr. Roehm, yesterday. "At that time a clinic was held in Pontiac, where more than 100 boys and girls were examined by Dr. F. C. Kidner, of Detroit, famous orthopedic surgeon, and a physical therapist was also engaged for full-time duty. She is Miss Leola B. Jacques, whose office is in Pontiac; since then Miss Hilda L. Stickley has been engaged, with an office in Royal Oak. These two women are devoting all their time to the problem, and have done a commendable job in the interest of society.

"Crippled children's work in Oakland County was originally sponsored by Rotary clubs in Pontiac, Birmingham, Royal Oak and Ferndale, aided by several other groups, including Exchange clubs. The work has gradually been taken over, in a semi-official capacity, by the regular governmental

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Village Extends Deadline For Dog Licenses To Feb. 15

Dog owners in Birmingham were given an additional 15 days in which to secure 1932 licenses for their pets when the Village Commission Monday night voted to extend until Feb. 15 the deadline after which a $2 penalty will be charged for each license procurred.

The original deadline was Jan. 31. The suggestion that it be extended was made by Village Manager James W. Parry, who said that 321 licenses had already been secured, and that there were at least 440 known dog owners in the village.

Mr. Parry pointed out that the county allows 90 days after the first of the year in which new licenses have been issued directly by the village.

They are available at the village clerk's office, at a cost of $2 for male dogs and $4 for females.

VILLAGE WILL PURIFY ROUGE

State To Get Sewage Chlorination Plan, Offering Temporary Relief

That sewage dumped by the village into the River Rouge, for several years the cause of strenuous objection on the part of landowners along the stream and its branches, will be chlorinated during the summer months, until the proposed new interceptor and disposal project becomes a reality, loomed as a practical certainty Monday night when the Village Commission gave its general approval of a plan for alleviation of the pollution.

The plan, submitted by Village Engineer Harold H. Corson, would be operated during the months from June to October, and would entail a change of equipment cost-

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3 CANDIDATES SEEK OFFICES

Levinson, Taylor To Run For Township Justice, Peck For Clerk

The field of office-seekers in the spring township elections was augmented by three new candidates during the past week, two of whom entered the campaign yesterday afternoon.

David Levinson, realtor, took out petition blanks for the two-year term as justice of the peace to fill a vacancy, and James W. Taylor, of the Taylor Brothers construction firm, announced he will be a candidate for the full four-year term as justice of the peace.

Previously in the week, Arthur C. Peck, former cashier of the closed First State Savings Bank, applied for petition blanks as township clerk. James V. Bayley, the incumbent, and B. J. Meirow had already entered this contest.

Mr. Levinson, who was defeated for justice of the peace by R. J. Coryell last year, was the second to enter the field, A. A. Clark, the incumbent, having declared his candidacy for re-election several weeks ago. The post carries with it a seat on the Township Board.

Mr. Taylor is so far unopposed in his quest for the four-year term as justice of the peace.

Check Artist Gets Prison Sentence

James Freed, 57 years old, of 1648 Helen avenue, Royal Oak, who was trapped in a Birmingham restaurant on Jan. 18 when a waitress recognized him from police descriptions, was sentenced by Judge Frank L. Covert in Circuit Court Monday to serve from one to 14 years in Jackson Prison on a charge of uttering and publishing.

He was accused of passing several worthless checks on Birmingham merchants, and was also said to be wanted by authorities in several different communities of Michigan and Indiana. He formerly worked as a servant in a Bloomfield Hills home.

WOMEN UNINJURED AS CARS COLLIDE

Mrs. G. Dewey Kimball, wife of the Oakland County coroner, and Miss Helen Hammond, a teacher in the Birmingham schools, narrowly escaped injury shortly after noon Wednesday when cars they were driving collided in the center of the intersection of Martin and Henry streets. Both cars were badly damaged, but neither driver was hurt.

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1-MAN GRAND JURY TO PROBE CLOSED BANK

First State Savings Here To Be Included In County-Wide Inquiry

BEGINS THIS WEEK-END

Investigation of the affairs of the closed First State Savings Bank of Birmingham by Judge Frank L. Doty, acting as a one-man grand jury, today was expected to begin before the end of the week.

Judge Doty has been engaged in probing the affairs of various banks in Oakland County for several weeks, but it was not learned until recently that he intended to investigate every closed bank in the county. He announced definitely Tuesday that he would begin his inquiry here "within two or three days."

The investigation at present is engaged with affairs of the Ferndale State Bank. That inquiry began yesterday, and since each bank in the series is being given from two to three days' study, it is unlikely it will be finished before Friday or Saturday, when the investigation will be shifted to the First State Savings Bank here.

To date the investigation has covered banks in Ferndale, Royal Oak and Berkley. Some have resulted in indictments of bank officials, while others have disclosed no grounds for prosecution, but the investigation will be extended to include every closed bank in the county as a matter of routine if nothing more, court officials have indicated.

Meanwhile, efforts of Charles W. Lee, receiver of the First State Savings Bank here, to liquidate the institution's assets and effect a reopening, have resulted in the bringing of law suits against 28 borrowers who were tardy in settling their accounts with the bank.

Judgments against the defendants have already been granted by Justice of the Peace Arthur J. Tuggey in 20 of the cases. Of the others, six were adjourned for hearings at a later date, and two were settled before judgments were rendered.

The amounts of the 20 judgments rendered totalled $2,677.20.

COMMUNITY HOUSE RE-ELECTS OLIVER

Cranbrook Executive Again Heads Board; Other Officers Chosen; Reports Read

James Lee Oliver, secretary to George G. Booth and the Cranbrook Foundation, was re-elected president of the Birmingham Community House at the annual meeting of members of the organization Monday night. Mrs. H. J. Klingler was named first vice-president, and other officers were re-elected as follows:

Mrs. F. H. Holt, second vice-president; Mrs. W. B. Brown, recording secretary; Mrs. F. B. Etter, corresponding secretary; Harold S. Gray, treasurer, and Mrs. N. S. Pyle, member-at-large of the executive committee.

Mrs. Pyle, W. A. P. John, Mrs. Rockwood N. Bullard, Mrs. Fred W. Johnson and Julius F. Wenzi were chosen new members of the board of directors.

Besides the election, the meeting was marked by the reading of annual reports of officers and committee chairmen.

These included reports on welfare and Thrift Shop activities, financial affairs and uses to which the Community House was put during the year.

A total of 952 meetings were held during 1931, and 53,017 persons were in the House, the reports showed. The welfare department, besides conducting considerable investigation work and distributing baskets of food at Thanksgiving and Christmas, gave away 1,947 pieces of clothing, besides 667 garments that were distributed free from the Thrift Shop.

The financial report showed that the Community House has enough cash on hand to operate until the next maintenance campaign, even though the 1931 campaign netted $5,000 less than that of the year before.

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HAVE YOU MET?—
Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Kimberly, who moved to Birmingham from Detroit two weeks ago and now reside at 388 Harmon avenue. Their family includes four children, William, 13 years old; Beverly, seven years old; Jack, five years old and Dick, three years. William is a student of Baldwin High School and Beverly will enter Quarton School.
Mr. Kimberly is production manager for the Michigan Mutual Liability Company.

Resolution Seals Board's Stand On Vliet Dismissal

Trustees Remain Firm In Decision Not To Renew School Superintendent's Contract

PALMER, POTTER AGAINST CHANGE

Openly defying a concerted move to persuade members of the Board of Education to reverse their decision not to retain Clarence Vliet as superintendent of the Birmingham schools, the Board, by a vote of 3 to 2, Tuesday night fortified its position by adopting a resolution plainly and officially notifying Mr. Vliet that his contract will not be renewed after it expires on July 1.

The action climaxed a meeting held in the senior session room at Baldwin High School, attended by about 160 citizens who appeared to be almost equally divided over the issue of Mr. Vliet's dismissal, and at which each of the members of the Board briefly but clearly illuminated his stand.

The meeting was the outgrowth of a smaller and distinctly pro-Vliet assembly held in the Community House the Tuesday before, at which a committee of five citizens had been appointed to draw up a list of questions on school affairs, the intent of which was to have been to request the Board to give specific reasons for not retaining Mr. Vliet.

Questions Unanswered

The questions—numbering 10 in all—were submitted to the Board in open meeting Tuesday night. None of the members made any attempt to answer them in full, but made it clear that they were willing to accept full responsibility for their action.

The most definite committal as to the reason for Mr. Vliet's dismissal was contained in a brief talk by John E. Martz, treasurer of the Board, in which he asserted that the superintendent has been for the past three or four years the cause of a sharp difference of opinion which has resulted in a division of the community into two distinct and opposing factions, and that, even though it is admitted Mr. Vliet is efficient and above the average in intelligence and ability, the very existence of that difference of opinion forestalls opportunity for improvement in the school system. Mr. Vliet has held his position for 17 years.

The resolution publicly notifying Mr. Vliet of the Board's decision was introduced near the beginning of the meeting by F. E. McKinney and supported immediately by Dr. W. G. Hutchinson, secretary of the Board. The vote was deferred for nearly an hour and a half while discussion played sharply but without malice or bitterness on every angle of the question.

Delay Refused

Requests by Ray A. Palmer, president of the Board, and Earl G. Potter, one of the trustees, to have the resolution tabled for at least another week were denied by both Mr. McKinney and Dr. Hutchinson, who were supported by Mr. Martz when the vote was taken. Mr. Palmer and Mr. Potter voted against the resolution.

Mr. Vliet was not in attendance at the meeting, nor was Charles J. Shain, who had presided over the gathering in the Community House last week and who was chairman of the committee appointed at that time to question the Board as to the reason for Mr. Vliet's dismissal. The other four members of the committee, Mrs. John H. Rosso, Mrs. John C. Ormond, E. S. Clark, and James J. Martindale, however, were all in attendance.

In spite of the intense feeling which animated the two opposing factions, the meeting was restrained and orderly, and was singularly free of any display of personal animosity. Without exception, every person who took the floor confined his remarks to school policies and avoided personalities.

Questions Read

Mrs. Ormond opened the meeting by reading from the list of questions prepared by the committee. After reading the first question, she paused and said she would wait for an answer to each individual query.

"I don't believe," said Dr. Hutchinson, after a short silence, "there is any reason for the board's being expected to answer these questions without having read them before.

"If any individual member of the Board cares to answer them, that's all right. After they have been read in full, I'm willing to explain my stand in this matter, but that's as far as I will go."

Mrs. Ormond then read the list in full, which was as follows:

"1. Is it not true that the Board faces a serious financial problem in keeping the schools open the remainder of this school year?

"2. Is it not possible, if it is necessary to negotiate a loan for the School Board, the banks would be more liable to entertain such a request if the existing superintendent were retained and helped in the negotiations?

Hint Experience Needed

"3. Would it not be seriously handicapping to the Board, in view of the fact four of the members spend their working days in Detroit, to carry along now, in these times, with a new superintendent?

"4. Is it not a fact that the existing superintendent can be of unusual assistance in the present crisis due to his many years of experience and his thorough knowledge of school matters in this village?

"5. In the event that the Board engages a new superintendent effective school opening 1932, would it not be very handicapping to the Board to now set up a new budget and further is it not possible to assume that the new superintendent might find it quite difficult to make the budget or complete a retrenchment plan handed to him upon his taking office?

"6. If it is necessary to eliminate a certain activity or activities such as music, art, manual arts, school nurse, gymnasium or athletics, in order to conserve money, would it not be greatly handicapping to the Board to make these eliminations without the help of the present superintendent?

Question "Experiment"

"7. Is it not a large risk for the Board to assume in these troublesome times to experiment with a new superintendent?

"8. Considering the viewpoint

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Board's Letter To Vliet

Following is a copy of the letter, dated Nov. 16, 1931, which the School Board addressed to Mr. Vliet, and which was quoted in full in the resolution adopted Monday night:

Dear Mr. Vliet:—

"Next Spring the School Board will face the responsibility of renewing all expiring contracts with the administrative and teaching staffs. Although theoretically this allows ample time for those individuals whose contracts are not renewed to make other arrangements, this may not be actually true because of the unsettled financial difficulties faced by so many of the nation's schools.

"In fairness to all concerned the Board members recently held an informal conference on the matter of the renewal of the superintendent's contract.

"At this meeting the Board decided that a change in the superintendency will be made when the matter comes before them for official action.

"Under these circumstances the members feel that you should be advised now of this situation so that your plans may be formulated in accordance with this decision and that any announcement to the public may be made in your way at a time best suited to yourself."

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