

HART SCORES SCHOOL BOARD

Warns Failure to Live With Income May Force Closing Next Year

The Birmingham Board of Education was told at a meeting Tuesday that it had not been fully cognizant of the serious financial condition confronting it during the past year, and that as a result it may be unable to continue the school system in operation through 1935-36.

The statements were made by Henry Hart, 282 Lake Park Drive, who is vice-president of the Detroit Trust Company and chairman of the Municipal Advisory Council, which passes on applications for loans made by school districts and municipalities in Detroit limits. Mr. Hart stated specifically that he believed teachers' salaries should have been reduced 25 percent rather than 5 percent for the school year just ended, and that from \$15,000 to \$20,000 of the \$49,000 in net new outstanding was "too much."

"Critical Condition" "I believe this board is in a critical condition," Mr. Hart declared.

"I don't consider it unreasonable," Mr. Hart replied. "This note is cleared up if it is likely to prove unfortunate when you come before us next fall for a loan against 1932 taxes, as you probably will."

Mr. Vliet and members of the Board protested vigorously against Mr. Hart's criticism of school administration during the past year. They pointed out that in addition to the 5 percent salary reduction, another 5 percent or more was saved on the payroll through the elimination of 12 teaching posts, and that more than \$25,000 was saved in operating costs as provided in the budget. They also referred to the 10 percent reduction in salaries of personnel, effective in the next school year, which will mean a payroll saving of more than 5 percent.

Lower Starting Salary "When you talk of reducing teachers' salaries in Birmingham," said Mr. Vliet, "you would remember that the starting scale here has been consistently lower for years than in Detroit and Pontiac and almost any other place."

"I'm aware of the fact—and congrats to the Board for that—that we kept salaries down when it was putting money into brick and mortar," Mr. Hart replied.

He agreed with the Board, that a 10 percent cut last February when reductions were urged by a committee of the Property Owners' Division of the Birmingham Real Estate Board would have been a "mild" suggestion, but suggested that a 25 percent cut at the beginning of the school year would have aided in solving a pressing problem.

He said he believed such a reduction would have been acceptable so the teachers in view of the fact they under present conditions "they may not have any jobs at all next year."

Schools Still Produce Objecting to a statement by Mr. Hart that a corporation of factory could not continue with a small reduction in operating costs and a 50 percent drop-off in revenue, Mr. Hutchinson said:

"I have always thought that the teaching profession everywhere, and especially in Birmingham, has been underrated. Nevertheless, with less than 50 percent of your school taxes paid, I don't feel you have been fully cognizant of the seriousness of conditions confronting you."

"Are you speaking as a bondholder?" asked E. E. Nickerson, one of the trustees of the School Board.

"No," Mr. Hart replied. "I'm speaking as a taxpayer and a father who is glad to see children may have no educational facilities next year."

Discussion between Mr. Hart and the Board members centered principally around the former's request for additional collateral, in the form of 50 percent of 1931 unpaid taxes, against a \$50,000 note still outstanding in a loan of \$10,000 borrowed by the Board last spring against delinquent 1929 and 1930 taxes.

The note became due last March. Mr. Nickerson said that Mr. Hutchinson and Superintendent Clarence Vliet all stoutly opposed the request as "unreasonable."

James W. Taylor, president of the Birmingham Exchange Club, took issue with the method by which the Board of Education of such districts.

"A majority of such Board must approve such alteration or division and then refer the matter to a joint committee of such Board of Education and the Board of Public Safety, which will be formed, at a meeting to be called for that purpose."

Mr. McGee's Opinion The conclusion of Mr. McGee's opinion follows: "If a taxpayer or group of taxpayers outside of the boundaries of the city of Birmingham desire to detach themselves from the present school district, they must first apply to the Board of Education and obtain their consent as the first instance. It appeared that if the Board of Education had such provision for annexation is provided."

He "I've always in the foregoing that your district would be composed, in whole or in part, of a city of less than 10,000. If we are wrong in the respect, and the district has a population of 10,000 or more and less than 125,000 then the district would be classified as a school district of the third class."

Whether there will be any more public hearings on the issue before the Board has yet been decided, according to Water Cornely, member of both the Village Commission and the Property Owners' Committee.

New Exchange Club Officers

Hart was re-elected treasurer and Harry S. Starr was chosen secretary.

Charles L. Hommedieu, Perry A. Vaughan and Oliver Kirk were elected to the board of control. Hold-over members of the board of control include Ralph C. Moulthrop, Dr. O. O. Beck, Ralph Wilson and Mr. Peterson.

of baking or chilling, to appear for the final garnish as works of culinary perfection.

Murmurs of admiration and signs of envy greeted a three-layer "Devil's Food" cake, artistically iced in white and adorned with contrasting bits of bitter chocolate.

"Under-the-Sea Salad" also evoked audible praise from the audience as the chef tossed a three-layered cauliflower leaf salad with French dressing and anchovies.

During the lesson each day, the hundreds of women "pupils" listened to the chef's instructions as Miss Phillips explained the various steps necessary, while her fingers deftly put it all together.

Many of the delicacies prepared by Miss Phillips were distributed as the hostesses of the lesson. There were other gifts too, and during the three days 87 pieces were given out to those who attended.

Organizations Co-operate The enthusiasm of Birmingham women toward the cooking school was evidenced by the co-operation with which they entered into arrangements. Each day members of a local organization acted as hostesses.

Friday, Mrs. C. A. Bowler represented the Women's Literary Club, assisted by John S. Black and Mrs. Francis C. Bagley. Mrs. William E. Essery was the hostess Saturday, in the absence of Mrs. Harold S. Gray, for the Birmingham Branch of the American Association of University Women. Assisting were Mrs. Carlton Patterson and Mrs. F. F. McKim.

WILL NOT PROSECUTE DEATH CAR DRIVER

Charles W. Miller, 45 years old, vice-president of the Wilcox-Rich Corporation of Detroit, in whose car Mrs. Ella Hunt, 22 years old, formerly of Birmingham, was riding when she received fatal injuries on May 17, will not be prosecuted unless a formal complaint is lodged against him.

This was the conclusion reached by Assistant Prosecutor John Nunnally and Prosecutor Earle M. French of Mt. Clemens last week, following a conference growing out of a coroner's inquest in which the jury found Mrs. Hunt died as the result of Miller's carelessness.

Mrs. Hunt received fatal injuries when Miller's car overturned at Thirteen Mile road and Little Mack avenue. She was the wife of George H. Hunt, 567 Aspen road, and had been living in Detroit for the past two years.

In England, the legal year began on Mar. 25 before 1751, when parliament changed it to Jan. 1.

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