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Business Manager  
Louis M. Randall
For more than a quarter of a century Mr. Randall has been connected with Birmingham’s public schools, as an instructor, principal, and superintendent. He lives at 336 Fern Dale avenue. He is responsible for the Board of Education for the physical maintenance of Birmingham’s schools.

President  
Lee E. Joclyn, Jr.
A Detroit attorney, Mr. Joclyn has served nearly a year on the Board, and since last July has been its president. He lives at 756 Virginia Place. He will preside over meetings of the Board of Education, held the first and third Tuesday evenings each month.

Treasurer  
J. Mark Hardin
Mr. Hardin is a member of the Birmingham Board of Education, last year having served as its president, and is now its secretary. He is in the real estate business here, and resides at 1291 Vincennes Boulevard.

Public School Heads

John H. Ross
Mr. Ross has been on the Board for several years, and is its treasurer. He is a local building contractor and lives at 641 Pierce street. Mr. Ross is a graduate of Birmingham’s public schools, and is well acquainted with the background of local educational history.

Trustee  
E. W. Seaborn
Mr. Seaborn, who lives at 356 Kennesaw street, was elected to his first term on the Board last July. He is chief engineer for the Cadillac-Lafayette Motor Co.

Secretary  
Ray A. Potter
Mr. Potter has served for many years on the Board, and having been president for a year is a Detroit school teacher, and lives at 606 Riverwalk avenue.

Supt. of Schools  
Howard D. Crull
For many years Mr. Crull was principal of Barton school, and two years ago was made superintendent of Birmingham’s public school system. He lives at 444 Lincoln avenue. Mr. Crull is also recognized as one of the great Boy Scout leaders of the middle west.

Principal  
Ray H. Bechtold
Mr. Bechtold has been principal of Baldwin high school for over two years. He resides at 127 Southfield avenue.

The Baldwin Public Library

Birmingham’s Baldwin Public Library is recognized as one of the most beautiful in the whole United States, for a community of slightly less than 12,000 people. It was built in 1927 and cost local taxpayers $148,000.00. In architectural design, it is a companion to the Municipal Building. The Library is supported by a tax levy on Birmingham property, which amounts to $50,000.00 annually.

A total of 19,333 books are on its shelves, and last year 94,925 books were withdrawn by 7,157 registered patrons of the Library. It is located on Martin street, between Bates and Chester streets.

The Old Hill School Building

Many of Birmingham’s living older residents are familiar with the above building, for prior to the construction of the Baldwin High School, which replaced the Barton, Adams, Quarter, and Pierce buildings, the older students of the Birmingham school district graduated from its walls. It is the Old Hill School, now used for offices for the Board of Education, the Superintendent, and the Business Manager. Also, within its old rooms are the painting and art departments, and this fall half of the upper floor will be used for instrumental music practice.