Quarton Committee Submits Report on Junior High

Following is a summary of the Quarton School 7th-8th grade issue as reported to the Quarton P.-T. A. in a meeting held Monday night. Mrs. William O. Jeffery, Jr., is president of the organization.

A delegation met with the Board of Education Tuesday night and discussed the matter further. An article starting on Page 1 relates the Board's action.

The Objections

"1. These are the objections the parents have to the present plan of having the 7th and 8th grades at Baldwin:

"Quarton is the only school in Birmingham which sends its 7th and 8th grade pupils to Baldwin. Parents feel that Senior High School is not the best atmosphere for 12-year-olds. The traffic hazards at Baldwin are much greater than at Quarton. The distance between school and home prevents most of the children coming home for lunch unless driven both ways, and some solution of eating lunch in the drug store has many objections for the younger children.

"Baldwin is very crowded. There was an increase of 20 pupils in 1940. When the 7th and 8th grades were visited there in one class with an enrollment of 44 there were only 42 chairs and insufficient aisle space. Enrollments are and 48 in other classes show how little individual attention can be given. The gym locker room situation was found very unsatisfactory. Used by visiting teams one day and the next day by the girls without any form of sterilization, it was considered insanitary. Incidentally the locker room at Quarton is well-equipped to take care of the additional classes, and at the present time the junior high school students from Baldwin use our gym for basketball practice.

The Difficulties

"2. These are the difficulties in making the change.

"Pupils will not have an opportunity to play in the High School band. However, Harmon and Adams which are full nine grades have their own bands, and perhaps some day this could be worked out for Quarton.

"It was suggested that boys of this age need a man teacher. Besides the band and gym teachers, this is probably true, but at Baldwin the manual training teacher is the only other one they have. The committee has recommended that one of the new teachers be a man.

"The domestic art and manual training situation is the most serious. Neither of these subjects is taught at the Junior High school where some Quarton parents have sent their 7th grade children in preference to Baldwin, so it evidently is not the most important consideration. This would require an addition at Quarton to teach these subjects. One suggestion was that this extra time be devoted to more thorough grounding in the fundamental subjects spelling. Another possibility was to have the girls have hand sewing in one of the class rooms, while the boys have a course in mechanical drawing and study of materials, in another room. The only necessary equipment for this would be 20 drawing boards. When the children enter Baldwin in the 8th grade they could take the general course as ready offered there for students coming from other schools without manual training.

Music Rehearsals

It was also pointed out that the additional use of the gym would preclude its use for music rehearsals. The influence of the 7th and 8th grade pupils on the younger children was mentioned. Parents of Adams children interviewed thought this was negligible as the older grades' day starts earlier and ends later.

"The probable cost of necessary equipment was to be determined definitely at a later date.

"This is the proposed plan if the grades remain at Quarton:

"The subjects taught and the number of periods weekly—English, 4 periods; mathematics, 3 periods; general science, 3 periods; social science, 5 periods; literature, 1 periods; music, 1½; physical education, 3; art, 1½.

"In September 1941, two teachers will be required, one more to be added in the spring term, and two more the following year when both 7th and 8th grades will be taught, making a total of 5 teachers. The estimated enrollment will be 175 the first year and 110 the second.

"When the committee started it was stated there were four classrooms available but at Supt. Crull's request the Board authorized the transfer of a fifth teacher to Quarton to take care of the over-crowded condition resulting from the extra large 8th grade, thus leaving only three rooms not in use in the school. However, smaller classes follow, that present 5th grade has 40, and 4th grade only 30.

Cafeteria and Library

"The science classroom will be adequate for the first year, but a year from next September two more class rooms will be necessary. The two last possibilities are the cafeteria and the library. The cafeteria has never been used for its original purpose. The dishes are not used and the gas stove is not even connected. Children who bring their lunches eat there, but this could be worked out in some other way.

"It would make a good lunch room for science laboratories and gas facilities are available at the stove. New floors and lighting would be needed as the room has only four windows. The terrazzo floor has been cracked in places, a definite feature, but the same class would be in the room that one hour, therefore it should not prove too great a hardship to play ball for such a short time and the teacher could have a rug upon which to stand.

"The library, which is a light and airy room is the other possibility. The books can be transferred to the present teachers' rooms to be checked out by teachers for use during assigned study periods, each teacher reviewing his own subject. This system is in operation in other units in Birmingham and school authorities agree it is an efficient method. If this system is not used it will be necessary to have some one in charge of the library.

Population Increasing

"Enrollment figures show Adams and Barnum decreasing, while Quarton and Pierce are increasing.

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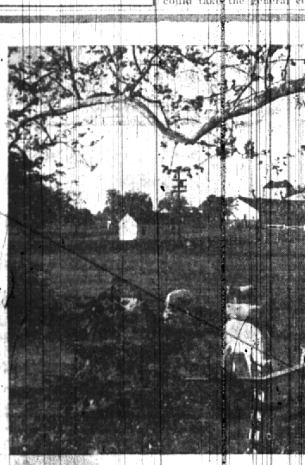

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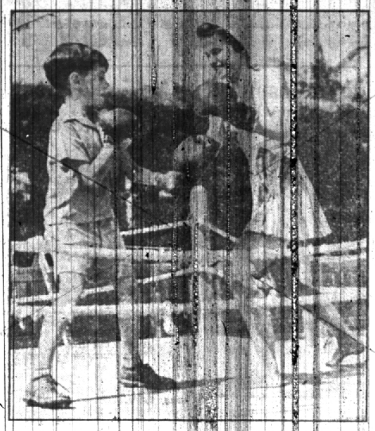

Women have invaded another field long believed to be exclusively masculine. Miss Emmeline Moore of Miami Beach, Fla. Hal Rich, Jr., Bassett, Va., is one of a class of youngsters studying manly art of self-defense under guidance.

Bowling Tourney Offers Newcomers Great Chance

BY ART BRONSON

DOWN the sports trail: The annual tournament of the American Bowling Congress converging on St. Paul March 13 offers a chance for newcomers such as is present in no other sport.

Almost 5800 teams will compete for the world's ten pin title on new alleys, with new pins, in strange surroundings and under the pressure of stiff tournament competition.

But if this A. B. C. tournament, which ends May 6, follows the course of past events, several neophytes will make names for themselves.

Ray Brown of Terre Haute, Ind., ran up a total of 702 pins for the singles crown in the first A. B. C. tournament last year. Three other singles winners in tournament history were competing for the first time. Many another bowler has made a name for himself by raping out a fine score in one of the team events.

Because of the terrific press of competition, the A. B. C. has few repeaters. The champions are always knocked off. Freddie Fischer of Buffalo, N. Y., who who the coveted all-events championship last year at Detroit, after trying for 25 years, is going back determined to win two in a row—a feat never before accomplished—but the cards are stacked against him.

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The project is being financed by the Federal Government and is under the direction of Prof. Rich, head of the Department of Aeronautical Engineering of the University's aeronautics department.

We Heard It Said By:

Mrs. Harold M. F. George, 1314 Park avenue: "I dislike very much the charge being assessed on the water bills for payment of the sewage treatment plant. I don't think it is fair when it applies to people who are renting their homes as many people are in Birmingham. The charge is a tax, and I think that the taxes should be paid by the property owner, not by the person who happens to pay the water bill."

Scavenger Sale For Next Week

Articles to be sold in the new scavenger sale, beginning Monday, March 10, are listed in Book 1 of the supplement starting with Julius Lathrop's California sale session, Monday and Tuesday, Wednesday beginning with Marion Sub in Southfield township and Southfield township and Troy and Troy and Bloomfield.

PHEASANT RANGES AFAR

A pheasant picked up 10 miles from Prairie Farm recently, where it had been tagged with a leg band so months ago, changed topically far from a bird of this species, according to Thomas Ommitt, investigator for the department of conservation in the Muskegon-Robertson project in Michigan.

Levinson and Lavan Will Appeal Verdict

MASON, Mich.—An appeal to the State Supreme Court is contemplated by attorneys for Martin J. Lavan, former legal aid to George J. Gandley, ex-Auditor General, and Hyman Levinson, Farmington newspaper publisher. Both were found guilty Monday of larceny by conversion in a jury trial held here, the charges growing out of alleged misuse of state funds during the 1928 tax sale. The prosecution charged diversion of $2,500. Defense attorneys, Thomas Chawke, and Jay P. Sweeney said they would appeal the verdict.

Straight from the Mighty Bow this truth is delivered:
They fail, and they alone, who have not striven.—Clarence Urmy.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
No. 284
SHIPMAN RIVER WATER MAIN

Notice is hereby given that Special Assessment Roll No. 284 has been made by the undersigned, the Commissioner of Public Works of the City of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan, for the purpose of assessing the cost and expense of the construction of a water main on Northfield Road from Adams to Shipman Boulevard and on Shipman Boulevard from Northfield Road to the Rouge River, in the City of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan, as ordered by the City Commission of the City of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan, on March 3, 1941, and that said Roll is now on file in the office of the Commissioner of Public Works of said City of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan, at which time and place any and all persons interested may be heard.

BENJAMIN C. HARLEY,
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