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...a cost, administration and educational standpoint through consolidation of some of these districts. "We, on the Birmingham school board, became cognizant of this problem, as one that must be faced, several years ago. We began to gather information and made some studies of the problem as it affected us. It would have simplified our job to have ignored the question because consolidations bring with them numerous problems. So does any form of progress.

Study Viewpoints
These studies seem to indicate from the long range viewpoint, a natural, efficient school district for this area would be roughly bounded on the north by the influence of Pontiac. It would extend south to the end of the influence of the Royal Oak district

or about our present southern limits including the three new districts recently added: District No. 1, Fractional No. 1 and No. 2, Fractional of Southfield. It seemed to indicate our eastern boundary as it stands is about right but this ideal district should probably extend west to and including the western boundary of the Walnut Lake school district. "Both the state and county have taken a rather tolerant approach to the subject. They have indicated what would be logical combinations. They have tried to make it possible for groups logically belonging together to get together but have not forced the issue too vigorously.

Cities Case Histories
"While it may seem odd, the shape of school district lines on its operating efficiency. High schools, junior high schools and administration facilities have to be located somewhat centrally for greatest efficiency. Also, people of like taste, means and mentality will get along far better and will be more easily served in an educational way than will more divergent types.

"In the meantime, Walnut Lake, whose children also have been attending the Birmingham school and whose children we would like to take care of, saw the trend and indicated a desire to join our school district. I, as a member of the school board, would like to accommodate them and believe there are others who feel the same. Rather obviously from a geographical standpoint we could hardly do this with two districts, Bloomfield Village No. 5 and Wing Lake, separating them almost completely from our district.

Big Beaver Inquires
"In the meantime, Big Beaver, immediately adjoining us to the east, has inquired whether what I have seen of the problem, it is my feeling this would not be a sound addition because they naturally belong to a school district that probably will eventually be formed to the east of us. Because of the way they jut out on the map, I do not believe they belong to us geographically.

"While all this has been going on, Southfield No. 1, a district in the southeast corner of our area with no schools of their own, has been dividing its school problems between the Royal Oak schools and our schools. I, too, indicated a desire to come into our district some time ago, but got into a split between the north and the south half. The majority indicated a desire to join the Royal Oak schools and made application to become part of that district and were refused. They then faced the problem of being annexed by a big school district to the south into which they really did not fit.

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"Time and various pressures I believe will force most districts, and our heavily populated area will live in, into some form of consolidation if those with natural interests in common do not voluntarily join with others of similar interests to form an adequate school district capable of covering all of their educational problems.

New District Forming
"To the south running from the southern limits of our school district there is a large territory extending down to the Eight Mile Road and then for a considerable distance east and west that is in process of being made into one district. It is going to be a very mixed district with many acute problems but it is going to have to be put together and worked out in some way as the school districts surrounding it can no longer afford to shoulder the school problems of these people.

"To the northwest is Keego Harbor and they will probably have to be consolidated into some district to solve their educational problems. To the east is a territory that similarly will have to be put together to face its educational problems.

The Action Soon
"I think the more these other districts study the problem objectively and all its implications, the more likely they are to arrive at a viewpoint pretty close to the one expressed herein. It is, of course, to be hoped that action will be taken before some of them are forced into some unnatural combinations that were so narrowly escaped by some of our friends.

"I would also ask you to keep in mind that I am speaking entirely as one member of a seven-man school board and in no way am I attempting to speak for that board or any of its members. Also, my will be over in just a few weeks and my children will be out of the school district, so my only interest is to see the educational problems of what I like to think of as the greater Birmingham area taken care of in a way that will be best in the long run from an economic, social and educational standpoint.

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"Southfield District No. 3 Fractional, immediately south of us, the first district we accepted when we were formed. Practically all their children came to our schools. It could not provide adequate educational facilities for itself, and we could not accept them as we could into our district if it had not been for their being threatened with consolidation to the immediate south of them whether they wanted to be taken in or not.

"The same opportunity faced Bloomfield Village District No. 5. They similarly were not interested until they had reached a point where they could no longer carry the load of taking care of their children in the high school area and so accepted them. This action was followed by a more careful study of the question of where their children were going to go to high school. Then came a division of opinion between the north and south halves of the district, resulting in a law suit seeking to split the district. That matter is in process of decision.

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RECREATION

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Torrey in the afternoon and at Barnum in the evening," Mr. Carter explained.

"To Be Held In Southfield"
"We will endeavor to build up a good softball program this summer," Mr. Carter said. "We would like it to go so far as to include everyone in town if they show an interest. We hope to form regular teams with the possibility of a tournament at the end of the program."

Pool Open To Adults
"From 7 to 9 in the evening, the pool will be open for young people and adults, from senior high school age upwards. Adults who use the pool will be required to pay a summer registration fee of \$2.

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Church, the speaker was warmly welcomed to Birmingham by Mayor or Mallender.

People Responsible
Speaking of the present problems, the speaker remarked, "People take a rather easy view of situations that could bring us to another global conflict. The responsibility of freedom is one that should demand of every person a very understanding attitude of governmental leaders. If we drift back into a world chaos, it will be the responsibility of the people, not of the leaders."

Tracing the History of Canadian American Relations
"Our two countries are technically unique in their relations and might be recognized as a model in the international formulation of foreign policies.

Foreign Policy that does not take into consideration the possibility of war at any time with each other or of the United States with our greater consistency, the British Commonwealth.

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Homes Lack Usual Sewage Facilities

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There are three houses in the City of Birmingham that do not have the ordinary sanitary disposal facilities available to other Birmingham homes, the City Commission learned Monday evening.

These three homes, on Cherry Court, have had to employ the "Just-outside-of-town method," "Just-outside-of-town method," to put in a sanitary sewer to service these properties would cost \$2,200, according to City Manager Donald C. Roberts.

Considered a very expensive installation to serve so few properties, in one case amounting to a proposed \$462.92 special assessment for one property owner—the Commission decided to hold a hearing on the proposal July 16.

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Obituary

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James P. Vardon, 867 Pleasant street, died at his home last Thursday, June 6, following a short illness. He was born in Birmingham, Jan. 19, 1883 and moved to this country from there. A retired builder, he had been a resident of Birmingham for the past two years, coming here from Harbor Beach. He was a member of Milton Lodge No. 147, I. O. O. F., Harbor Beach.

He is survived by a son, Louis F. of Birmingham, and two daughters, Althea of Pontiac and Sidney of Chatham, Ont. Services were held Friday night at 8:00 at the Bell Funeral Home Rock Falls cemetery. Burial at Rock Falls cemetery.

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