

Overcrowding

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lect's plans and specifications prepared for a wing to be constructed on the south end of Pierce School.

This addition would provide classroom space for about 120 additional children and would provide special facilities which have been lacking for some time, such as a library, lunchroom, and room for music, art and visual aids. The architect estimates that this wing will cost approximately \$150,000.

Barrens Cafeteria Needed

Another improvement which is urgently needed is a cafeteria in Barrens Junior High School. Many parents realize the inadequacy of the present cafeteria setup.

It is necessary to set up tables and chairs in the gymnasium daily to serve approximately three hundred children within the noon lunch hour. All of this has to be cleaned away so that classes can meet in the same room at the close of the lunch hour.

This creates a trying situation for pupils, teachers and custodians. The Board of Education rec-

ommends that this addition be constructed at the southwest corner of Barrens Junior High School at an estimated cost of \$90,000.

Another addition that requires immediate consideration is a wing for Quarton Elementary School. This wing should be similar in design to the wing proposed for Pierce Elementary School.

Architectural plans have not been prepared for this construction but action should be taken soon because every room in Quarton School is filled, classes are crowded and the lack of instruction, lunch room facilities are inadequate, and there are no rooms for art, music and visual education.

An additional room for class work is badly needed at Franklin School. It is possible that this may be provided within the present structure by careful planning. But it should receive immediate attention so as to remove the class from the second story room which was never intended for a classroom and which is completely inadequate.

It is estimated that all of these projects would cost approximately \$450,000. This could be financed by a two and one-half mill levy, over and above the present tax levy for a period of five years.

This is an urgent need! If Birmingham grows as rapidly in the next five or ten years as is predicted, this program is no more than meet present needs. If neglected, the schools will soon face an overcrowded condition which will seriously affect the educational program of the district.

Men's Glee Club Concert to Have Guest Soloists

A revival of the annual spring concert of the Birmingham Men's Glee Club will be held at the Community House on Wednesday evening, April 10 at 8:00.

Once more under the direction of Frank LaForge and she will conclude with his "Hills."

Fred Waring Arrangement

The second half of the glee club's part of the program will be "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Hovos-Siedle with Walter Kemp singing the baritone solo in the stirring Fred Waring arrangement; "Funiculi Funicula" by Demz; "Begin the Beguine" by Cole Porter; "The Whiffenpoof Song" by Minnieerde-Pemercy; Galloway and "Short'nin' Bread" by Walter.

The finale is "The Italian Street Song" by Herbert, with the glee club and its Community House on the evening of the concert.

Mrs. Marjorie Mitton

of A. Shanley Rosso, the male chorus reorganized last September and has been rehearsing for this concert since that time. A Birmingham institution before the war, it was disbanded through the war years and is now larger and better balanced than ever. The club is composed of forty voices.

Marjorie Mitton, talented soprano of Dearborn, will be featured by the chorus as guest soloist. She will appear with the glee club in the familiar "Italian Street Song" and will sing two other groups of numbers.

Program Announced

Rosso has announced the glee club program in its entirety. The first group of numbers will consist of "Old O' Sade's" hymn; "Beautiful Saviour"; "In a Monastery Garden" by Ketheby; "Great is Thy Love" by Bohn; "The Creation" by Richter and "Her Rose" by Combs with Robert P. Erwin singing the solo part.

Mrs. Mitton will sing her first solo group at this point in the program. She has chosen the Italian and French numbers—"Ariette" from "Richard the Lion-hearted" by Grieg; "Lang dai caro bene" by Sechi; "Caro, caro al mio bambino" by Guarneri; "Ronde Chinoise" by Debussy; "Tee you" by Rabeby and "D'une prison" by Panizza.

After an intermission Mrs. Mitton will offer her second group which will consist of Bachmann's "In the Silence of Night"; Watts' "Pierrot"; Rochman's "Think on Me"; "Cupid Captain" by

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New Coach

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was no position left open for Helmer, Ireland stated.

Helmer has served on the coaching staffs of the local high school for the past four seasons. His most successful football season was in 1944 when his team won 6 and lost 3, winning the T.V.A.A. conference championship and defeating Royal Oak for the first time in ten years.

Man Hampered by Injuries

Since that time Helmer's teams have had mediocre success in the county. Helmer is a member of the Class (A) in which they have participated for the past two seasons. He is severely hampered by injuries last season.

In Hasbani, Birmingham teams played at about a 50-50 pace under his guidance. Helmer states that while he is not entirely sure what he will do next year, he has had several attractive coaching offers and will undoubtedly accept one of them.

Trip

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On Monument by the more study of the vacationers who felt that one had not really been in Washington unless he had scaled the 155 feet of impressive masonry.

Although few could appreciate the many paintings at the new National Art Gallery, it was unanimously agreed that it was one of the most beautiful buildings in Washington.

After spending Sunday in historic Williamsburg with the temptations of a Spratle at the waterfront, the group rebounded the boat and headed back to Washington.

Impromptu Variety Show

Few people were aware of the quality and quantity of talent aboard until the journeyers cut loose Sunday night with an impromptu variety show under the direction of Ed Hearty and Jack Moses.

Monday morning the group was conducted on an interesting tour through the FBI building, a trip which left them feeling sorry for the nation's underworld.

New York at Night

The afternoon was spent in an excursion through the Capitol after which many of the group were found watching the majestic Army Day parade while others were impressed with a session of the Supreme Court.

That evening members hopped a train for Jersey City. From there they crossed the Hudson River on a ferry and took a first look at New York's glistening skyline with its millions of sparkling lights.

Tuesday the sights of New York were seen, and that evening the group took in the Easter show at the immense Radio City Music Hall.

The next morning members toured Rockefeller Center and Radio City, where they watched a rehearsal of Fred Waring's band.

That afternoon the students were carried home to do as they pleased. A goodly number spent the afternoon resting in their hotel rooms. Many of the girls saw a chance to expand their wardrobe as they went on a shopping spree while a few of the boys just had to see the Statue of Liberty and the great liner, Queen Elizabeth.

High Cost of Nightclubbing

Attempting to cabaret in New York without breaking contracts proved to be an expensive venture as cokes and ginger ale were served from 50 cents to a first look at such famous night clubs and eating places as Eddie Condon's, the Latin Quarter, Varsity Fair, Town and Country and the Stork Club.

Shutters clicked and motion picture cameras whirled almost constantly as photographically inclined members sought to capture the part of the continental parade and beauty and wonder which was before them for seven days. Top honors among the girls went to George Halpin who gathered 116 glimpses of the journey.

Wednesday night, with the trip rapidly coming to a close, the group retraced the train and headed for the scenic beauty of "Honeymoon Haven" or Niagara Falls.

The trip ended in Detroit Thursday night, April 10, and the group went home to the rest of their vacation to catch up on sleep.

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Have Leads in All-School Play

The leading roles in "Kind Lady" all-school play to be presented April 24 and 25 in Baldwin auditorium will be portrayed by Ruth Kadell and Knight Houghton.

Ruth acquired her first dramatic experience in Barren. She was also in the variety show this year. Ruth's scholastic average is consistently high, and she is a member of the National Honor Society.

Ruth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kadell, 836 Lakeview. This is Knight's second experience with leading roles, as he had the lead in "What a Life," presented at Cranbrook at the conclusion of the summer theater in 1945. He also participated in the variety show this year.

Knight is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Houghton, 382 Pilgrim.

Knights Houghton Ruth Kadell

Weaver

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For admittance to the University of Colorado following her graduation in June, Marian has been active in student government and in the local youth center where she holds the office of historian.

Frolic

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Mrs. Carlton Isely and Miss Amy Wild.

All public rooms of the Community House will be decorated for the event by the Birmingham Garden Club under the direction of Mrs. Lewis C. Dibble. Other special tasks will be performed as follows: Hospitality, Mrs. Hoffman, refreshments, Mrs. Van Deusen, organization displays, Mrs. Fleckio, craft shops and open house, Mrs. Isely and Miss Wild, who are directors of the Community House.

Frolic entertainment is being planned by a committee headed by Mrs. H. D. McLeese assisted by Paul Penfield, Shelton Wright, Mrs. Leonard Lewis and Mrs. Wm. Milligan.

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Commissioners

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sted "Aeorn Award" for his organization work in scouting. He is an immediate past president of the Birmingham Lions Club, having also served that organization as secretary-treasurer.

A past treasurer of the Birmingham Community Council, he has been a delegate to it for some years. He was at one time a member of the Birmingham Recreation Commission.

In Civilian Defense

During the recent war, Main organized the first trained decontamination corps in the State's civilian defense program.

He is a past president of the Oakland County Engineering Society, is a member of the Engineering Society of Detroit and the Michigan Engineering Society.

He holds two engineering degrees, Pittsburgh.

She has served in Student Congress and has held the office of secretary of her home room. Marston has worked on many Teen-Canteen committees.

Throughout school, she has been an A-A student, showing individuality and originality. While in New York as a member of the 1947 Group, Marston received a telegram on her seventeenth birthday informing her of the scholarship award.

Announcement of the award was made by Ross A. Wagner, Baldwin principal, who stated that Marston is one of 1,292 Michigan students from 222 public, private, and parochial schools who participated in this national contest, which is financed by the Pepsi-Cola as one of its public services.

The second Pepsi-Cola scholarship awarded in Michigan this year was won by Jesse David Brown, a senior at Redford High School.

The Pepsi-Cola scholarship pays full tuition for four college years (36 calendar months) at any accredited college or university and includes fees regularly charged all students, such as laboratory, library, and health fees, but not including refundable deposits, or the cost of private instruction in music or sports; 25 dollars a month for 36 months of college to help defray cost of board, room and books; and traveling expenses at the rate of three cents a mile for one round trip from home to college each school year.

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