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School Board's Expected Deficit
Superintendent of Schools Dwight B. Ireland last week pointed out that at the present time, it appears the school district will find itself about \$15,000 short by next summer.

While Dr. Ireland will not know definitely until sometime next month just how much money the district will have to operate on during 1947-48, and from where that money will come, his tentative budget cannot be very far out of line, if at all.

Normally, a school board should not allot more than 75 per cent of its operational budget to provide for employees' salaries, according to the best educational standards. If it does, then school maintenance costs must be trimmed accordingly.

Next year the school of Birmingham will require an expenditure of 85 per cent for salaries, states Ireland. The anticipated \$15,000 deficit, if it is to be eliminated by the end of the year, will have to be made up by dipping further into maintenance funds, explains the superintendent.

Such a situation is not the desire of Ireland unless he is forced into it. Since he assumed direction of the Birmingham school system in 1942, he always has brought the school year to a close with a surplus, however little it might have been.

But this year, with national attention focused on the pitiable condition of teachers' salaries, Birmingham established a new \$2,400 minimum in order to compete with surrounding communities for the scarce supply of teachers in the State.

Correction of this situation required a still larger bite out of monies the amount of which is restricted by various legislative enactments.

Ireland, because of his recognized administrative ability in the educational field, can be expected to supply the best answer to the school district. Then it is up to the school district to support Ireland in the solution of the problem.

By the creation of a baseball team which will participate in a County Class A League, the new Birmingham recreational board has taken a step that should establish their summer programs on a firm basis. Since Birmingham is just as baseball conscious as any other community, its citizens now can be asked to look into the possibilities offered by a summer program and to which they should offer their wholehearted support. The city's summer recreation facilities need not be limited to grade school children, as this ball team demonstrates.

Bow and Arrow Defense
If you are really anxious to ascertain whether the human race has made progress, you might pay a visit to a large library and borrow a book written about three hundred years ago.

Recently, the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington received a copy of "Toxophilus," written by Roger Ascham and printed in 1545. Significantly, the book is a defense of archery. It appeared in England, which was hardly touched by the religious wars on the Continent or by the development of firearms. The author contended that the long bow, which had achieved victory at Crecy, Poitiers and Agincourt, was the best implement for the defense of Britain.

The volume was one of the first serious books to appear in the English tongue and helped to establish the language. The author was skilled in the classical languages and explained that it would have been "more easy" to have written it in Latin or Greek. It presents positive proof that times change and that people progress.

Lack of Energy
Churchmen, too, often like to strike out for new fields, having been dissatisfied at their progress in one locality. Such a clergyman appears to be the Rev. Melvive W. Crump, pastor of the First Baptist Church, who last week announced from his pulpit that he will be preaching before a new congregation next October. His principal explanation is that a community like Birmingham is not as vigorous and energetic as he is accustomed to. Perhaps he had among his local congregation too many of the Birmingham citizens who like to maintain the "village atmosphere" characterized by those persons who still want to see the bumps and holes in the city's streets.

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Irresistible Force... Immovable Object

Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO
June 18, 1897
The committee on diploma schools visited our High School building last week and concluded to continue Birmingham School on the diploma list again this year. Mr. Eccentric: "The horse talk in last week's Eccentric showed good horse sense. It is not the four footed animal that favors the saloons. Not a WCTU."

20 YEARS AGO
Fifty-six seniors of the Baldwin High School will receive their diplomas at the graduation exercises to be held in the auditorium tomorrow night. "A fine, healthy, promising baby boy." That's what Col. Charles A. Lindbergh was on Feb. 4, 1902 when he entered the world that today is at his feet, according to Mrs. Lettie K. Henry, who was his life during the first month of his life. Mrs. Henry lives in Birmingham at 320 Baldwin Avenue with her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Grinnell, and has lived here for six years.

5 YEARS AGO
1942
Ray H. Bechtold, principal of Baldwin High School since 1937, submitted his resignation Wednesday afternoon. Bechtold told The Eccentric that he wished to broaden his field by a change to a new post. Birmingham merchants are making plans for the "White Out" which will take place in all stores on Wednesday, July 1. At that time, retailers, nationally, will take 15 minutes off at noon to sell nothing but war bonds and stamps.



Miss Ruth Hull Joins Staff of Summer Theater

After a year's absence, Miss Ruth Hull, director of dramatics at Baldwin High School, will return to the staff of the Cranbrook Summer Theatre School, according to an announcement made today by Carl G. Womberger, Cranbrook dramatics director.

Other senior production assistants will be Mrs. Robert Porter, Margaret Smith and Ruth Mills of Birmingham, Mrs. Thomas B. Anderson of Bloomfield Hills, and Mrs. Monzelle Clark of Pontiac. The intermediate school will be in charge of Patricia Newhall of Santa Barbara, Calif.; she will be assisted by Rita Schiefel of Birmingham.

associate director, will have charge of all junior production. The Theatre School, which includes age divisions from school to the staff of the Cranbrook Summer Theatre School, has practically completed its enrollment. A few working scholarships are available to boys in the upper grades of high school or the lower grades of college.

Modern streamlined railroad passenger cars in many cases are constructed of stainless steel, the strength of which permits drastic reduction in weight and operating costs.

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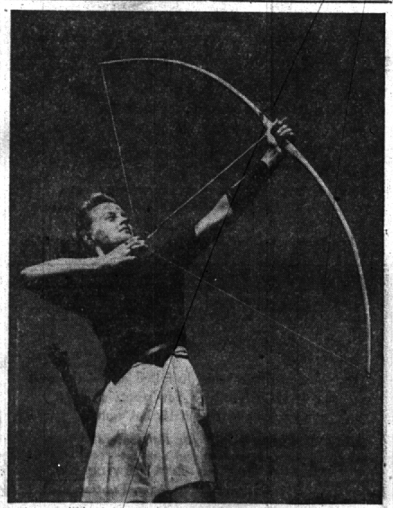
Notice is hereby given that Special Assessment Roll No. 271, heretofore made by the assessor for the purpose of defraying the cost of construction of a sewer extending from the present outlet at the corner of Manor Road and Warwick to an outlet in Sycamore Park is now on file in my office for public inspection.

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THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner



SUMMER SPORTS SHOTS

ONE of the best news photographers I know complains that the only assignments he draws from the sports department are assignments to cover swimming meets. "I haven't been out to the ball park this season," he griped a few days ago, "but I've shot every swimming meet that's been held around here during the past six months."

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12. To close and regulations shall in force and effect from June 29, 1947, to June 29, 1950.
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By order of the Michigan Conservation Commission, Michigan, this fourth day of March, 1947.
HAROLD D. TITUS, Chairman, Conservation Commission.
P. J. HOFFMAYER, Director of Conservation. 12-11