

BIRTHS

A son, John William was born on June 13 to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Zeok of Detroit. Mrs. Zeok is the former Jeanne Murphy of Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Everingham announce the birth of a son on July 17. Mrs. Everingham is the former Irene Snell.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Foley of New York City, formerly of Birmingham, announce the birth of a son, Timothy on June 27.



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Social Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Springer, 1060 Glenhurst, are spending some time at the Jasper Park Lodge at Jasper National Park in the Canadian Rockies.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Pierce have returned to their home on Arlington drive after spending sometime at the Menonaqua inn at Westport, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. James Terry of Ann street, noted their golden wedding anniversary with an open house at their home. Mrs. Terry's brothers, W. H. Beckwith of Morris, Ill., and H. L. Beckwith of Mich., and Mrs. Willard Rowe were in attendance. Other town guests were present from Detroit, Dearborn, Pontiac, Royal Oak, Rochester and Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Surridge, 986 Glenhurst, with their two sons, William and Stephen, are sailing today aboard the Queen Mary to spend the month in England. During their combined business and vacation trip they will visit London, Coventry and Broadway. Surridge is secretary and general counselor for Harry Ferguson, Inc., of Detroit.

Dr. J. Clark Moloney, 414 Arlington, has been reappointed Civilian Psychiatric Consultant to the Surgeon General, USA, and will leave for duty in the Orient in the near future.

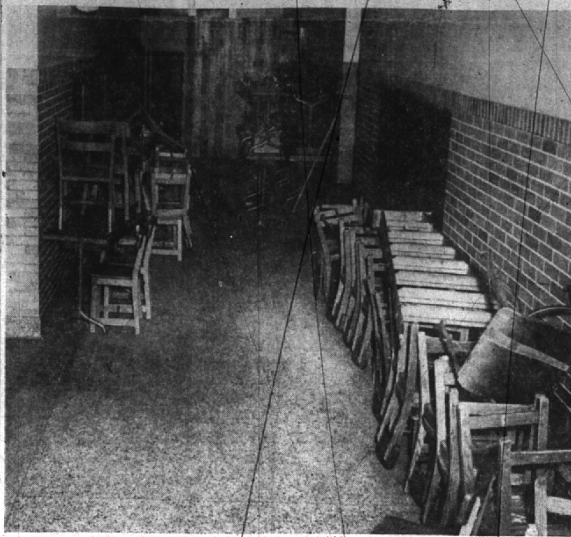
William Morgan has returned to his home in Ulica, N. Y., after spending some time with his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Smalley and family on Dequindre road.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Grier will leave August 1 to make their home in Minneapolis.

Mrs. Marion Stephens is spending two weeks with her brother-in-law and sister, Lieut. and Mrs. J. R. Sprague at Corpus Christi, Texas.

Mrs. Ted Grier, the former Donna Murray, entertained at the Murray home Saturday evening, in honor of the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bauman. The "honored guest's" father is a medical student at Indiana University.

A Hall Full of Furniture Instead of Students



This is how one of the halls in Barnum looks during the summer months. A hall full of furniture presents quite a contrast to one filled with students. It's all part of the Board of Education's annual summer house cleaning. The movable furniture is put in the halls to clear the way for the cleaners in the rooms. Then it's repaired and put back in readiness for the fall. (A Joe Wheeler Photo)

Local School Board Works Overtime While City's Students Are on Vacation

By Ted Mansfield

The summer months are just about the busiest ones of the year, at least as far as maintenance of the schools is concerned. Norman Wolf, assistant superintendent of education, will attest to this.

Summer is the only time available during the entire year when certain necessary repairs can take place. While the students are on their extended vacation, the repairmen take over. And the

schools really get a thorough going over.

First, each school must be completely cleaned. This means every bit of furniture that isn't nailed down (and some that is) must be moved from every room. Then the walls are given a scrubbing they could hold up under but once a year. If this doesn't do the job, the painters go to work.

The windows and even the window shades come in for a cleaning. When a shade is found to be beyond hope, up goes a new one. And then come the floors.

Every floor in every room in every school in the whole school district is scrubbed clean. Then the same territory is covered with a sealer. After all this the wax is applied.

Meanwhile, the removed furniture isn't just sitting around taking up space. It is being checked for repairs. The furniture is taken care of while its home is getting a bath.

Boilers Checked

The insurance company sends a representative to check the system's boilers. They are inspected to discover all wear and needed repairs. This entails an especially careful check of all safety devices.

The grades are next on the list. Every year worn grades are found which must be replaced. This summer some \$500 will be invested in new grades.

And still the work goes on. The schools maintain ten buses, seven of their own and three Eastern Michigan buses, which are chartered. A complete record of repair costs must be kept and submitted to the state.

While the school board purchases the buses originally, they are allowed a depreciation rate of one-seventh of the purchase price per year by the state. Thus, in seven years the cost of the bus has been returned to the board by the state.

Lawns Cared For

Then there's the matter of keeping all lawns, playgrounds and athletic fields in shape. The football field at Pierce school must be given particular attention. And as the playgrounds are in use all summer, they must be kept clear of all debris.

Of course, aside from these general maintenance problems, each school presents some particular repair job of its own. Adams school is receiving a new roof and is having some of its boiler lines replaced.

Pierce school is getting a four-room addition. This entails the installation of a stoker to adequately heat the building. Quar-ton will be the sole remaining school stoker by hand.

Retouching Baldwin

Several cracks have been discovered in the plastering at Baldwin High school. This means a major job for the plasterers retouching these spots. The ceiling of the gymnasium will get a spray job, and the floor will be rescaled.

And all this is coupled with the ordering of the coming year's supplies, auditing the books and having the office equipment repaired.

It all adds up to the school board's program of "preventative maintenance." For without it, shutdowns could occur which would cost the taxpayers around \$100 a day in salaries alone during the school months.

So don't shudder if you happen to step into one of the schools this summer. It may look terrible now, but it will be in the best possible shape when school opens in the fall.

Pass the Baloney, Father

"Remember, children," father pontificated, "when I was a boy I often went to bed hungry, and seldom had a square meal."

"Well, father," rejoined little Richard, the smart boy of the family, "that shows how much better off you are since you have known me."

Father closed his big mouth and finished his dinner without any further comment.

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