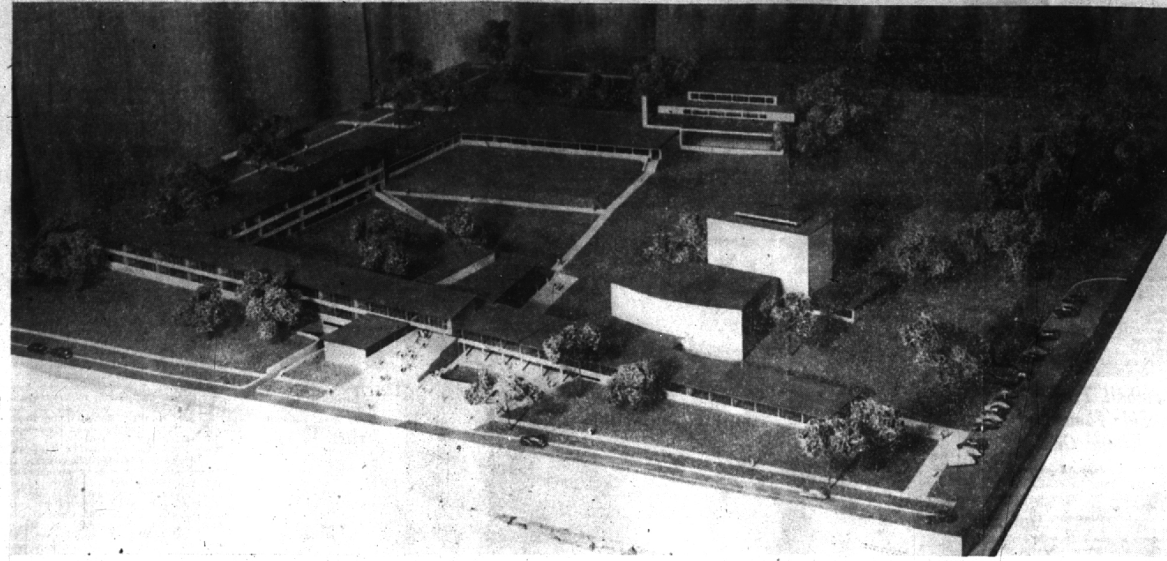


New B'ham High School Is Keystone of Expansion Program



A model of the proposed new Birmingham high school, plans for which are now in the final stages, is shown in the photograph to the left. It would face Lincoln avenue (at the bottom of the picture).

However, the photo shows how the auditorium wing would be fitted into the entire plan, and this wing will not be constructed for some years, the Board of Education now believes. It is that part of the model to the right of the main entrance.

Last week in announcing the election date for this proposed \$3,100,000 school expansion program, the board said it did not want to jeopardize the urgently needed program by what some people might criticize as a luxury item for the community.

Library, Adequate Cafeteria Facilities Provided

On the left side of the entrance is a two-story structure composed of classrooms which would accommodate classes in social studies, English and languages. All of these classrooms would have easy access to the school library to be located north of the front entrance. Adequate cafeteria facilities would be provided under the library, and the cafeteria would also be used for school social activities.

The two-story wing extending north along Cranbrook road would house the commercial and mathematics departments. Continuing north is a one-story structure designed temporarily to accommodate instrumental and vocal music. Should the auditorium eventually be constructed, the entire music department would be transferred to new quarters in the auditorium wing, and the single story structure vacated would be converted into an art and crafts department.

The large structure in the center background is the gymnasium. This would provide two separate playing floors for both boys and girls gym classes simultaneously. It can

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Life is a great and adventurous highway, youth that gets started on it with right direction of character and self-discipline will not have to make adult detourments later on. That's why early environment of the home, schools, churches and other associations is all-important to youth.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Measuring the Values of Presidential Greatness

A foreigner, unacquainted with the political and economic history of the United States, would have acquired a strange, unworldly, and unbalanced view of the United States, had he listened to the radio tirade of Harry S. Truman, President of this nation. The foreigner, and rightly, would have wondered how the United States could have been transformed from an untamed land into one boasting the highest earthly levels of freedom and security by people—most of whom represent ideas and ideals incompatible with the President's "Welfare State."

Deeply Disappointed

"Are all Republicans, who the President almost hysterically castigates, alien enemies of American traditions? Are not Republicans human beings, capable of as much loyalty and patriotism as Democrats... and did not they and their sons and daughters, in the low level of political double-talk? Is it the role of a great President to inflame one economic group against another in the manner of the Truman broadcast?"

World's Biggest Job

It seems to me that Harry S. Truman is like a tenderfoot astride a bucking western bronco. He'll grab anything that will keep him from falling, and in the saddle. The tremendous problems of the recreational office are, generally speaking, above the personal abilities of any one man in, these times, occupies the White House.

Every phase of economics, of every phase of government, of every phase of practical politics, of international problems, all impact upon the President's office. He must, then, depend upon the best available advice he can get to apply to each and all such problems.

Not a Great President

Honest Mr. Truman, however, he may be in certain matters, is not a great President. By (See THIS & THAT, Page 2)

Bids Sought on Removal of 2 Quonset Huts

Dismantling of 2 Others Seen in Next Few Weeks

Bids for the removal of two Quonset huts in Birmingham's veterans housing project are being sought by the city as the first step in its dismantling of the project.

Monday night the city commission decided it would try to dispose of the huts in the manner since there is no apparent use the city can make of them. One unit located at Poppleton Park, the other on Cranbrook road. Stoves, heaters and ice boxes also will be sold by the city.

Have Had Requests

"We have had several requests for purchase of these quonsets, and for the furnishings," Egbert said. "This appears to be the most reasonable method of disposing of them."

VanDusen Talks Back to Critics of City's Recreation Facilities

City Commissioner C. Theron Van Dusen this week reminded local critics of the city's limited recreational facilities of the \$500,000 park and playground bond issue which was turned down by voters at the April 1948 city election.

"I have noted several public criticisms of the city's alleged lack of interest in recreational improvements, particularly in connection with St. James Park and the Quonset Lake area," Van Dusen said. "The city commission is definitely interested in recreation, but has extremely limited funds to devote to it. In April 1948 we asked for a \$500,000 bond issue with which to improve recreational and park facilities, but the proposal was defeated. That sort of leaves the matter of undeveloped recreation entirely in the hands of the citizens, doesn't it?" Van Dusen asked.

In that 1948 election to which Van Dusen referred, there were 722 persons in favor of the bond issue, 672 against it. It needed a 60 per cent majority to pass.

Parking Meters to Go Further Down Woodward

Anticipating a serious parking problem when the Packers Outlet store opens at Woodward and Bowers, the city commission Monday night extended the parking meter zone down Woodward from Brown and Forest to Lincoln avenue. Meters are to be installed in the new future along this stretch, as well as on Bowers, between Woodward and Forest.

Woe Upon Woe Is Fate of Postman

It's a bad day for the postoffice. You remember that motto about dogs so badly that medical attention and so on? Well, the local "curers" try to live up to that, but according to Acting Postmaster Bernard Fowler, they are running into a few complications not included in their watch word.

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day through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Starting next Monday, telephone subscribers may say their bills and conduct other business with Michigan Bell in the ultra-streamlined office.

Will Work Strange Territory

The rush of Christmas delivery means suitable carriers, Fowler said, and that means trouble. These men are working strange territory, and if the names are not on the boxes all they can do is carry the mail back to the office. There, after a required waiting period, it becomes as dead as last year's bird nest.

"To me," he said, "it would be a mark of personal pride to be clean, neatly labeled box in front of my house. Furthermore, if I did not get proper postal service then, I'd really have something to shout about!"

Okay Roadroiling

Roadroiling of Chesterfield, from Redding road to a point 400 feet south, has been approved by the city commission.

BULLETIN

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the transfer of the local telephone business office to the new exchange on Martin street, scheduled for this weekend, has been indefinitely postponed, Michigan Bell Telephone Co. officials announced early yesterday afternoon.

This sudden change in plans came too late to permit the necessary revision in this Page One story, and in the additional pictures on Page 6, Part 2.

City's New Telephone Bldg. to be Occupied Saturday as Business Office Moves In

Saturday is moving day for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

After the close of work then, the company will move its records, desks, typewriters and other paraphernalia of its business office to the new telephone building at 160 Martin.

Walter B. Fauser, manager here for the company, said business hours at the new location will remain 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday.

The public office is the first unit of the new structure to be occupied. Installation of automatic switching equipment soon will get underway on the second floor to provide this community with dial service next summer.

Of outstanding contemporary style architecture, the building cost \$585,000. It will be the headquarters for a \$2,250,000 dial system.

The class, aluminum, and salmon-colored brick building was completed in June.

All facts indicate the great need for the building proposal of the board of education and supports the contention that building construction must get under way immediately if very serious overcrowding in the classrooms is to be avoided.

Johnny-on-the-Spot Police Prove Costly to Speeders Sunday

Set. Henry Fimm and Patrolman R. Brown had a ring-side seat for trouble for two motorists shortly before 10:30 Sunday night.

On an ordinary patrol, the officers noticed two cars traveling at a high rate of speed through the southern area of the city. The accident happened about 2:30 driver at 70 mph before he stopped.

Michigan Bell's new quarters in the sparkling new building at 160 Martin will provide these pleasant surroundings, including service representatives such as Mrs. Phyllis Anderson (above). Starting next Monday, telephone customers may conduct business with the company in the new office faced with floor-to-ceiling windows.

Enrollment Is Up in All City Schools

First Day's Total of 2,193 Continues to Climb Higher

Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of the Birmingham schools, said Tuesday that every school in this district had an increased enrollment at the opening of the fall term last week.

At the close of school last June, the elementary enrollment was set at 2,068. On Monday, Sept. 12, it was 2,193 and continuing upward. "Should this enrollment consistently increase throughout the year as it did last year there will be serious overcrowding in the classrooms of the city," Dr. Ireland said.

Increase Hits Junior High

"For the first time the wave of increased enrollment has affected the junior high school. A class of 184 was graduated in June and is replaced by an incoming seventh grade class of 238," he continued.

The total enrollment of the junior high school is now 724, as compared with 631 last year.

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City Planners Asked to Determine Need for Parking Lots

The city's proposed \$825,505 off-street parking program Monday night was sent back to the city plan commission for further study on several aspects of the problem which have been brought out in considerable off-the-record discussion by a number of local citizens since the original report was publicly released June 30.

In making this move, the city commission also asked the plan commission to bring in an outside organization to check the parking problem in Birmingham to determine whether an actual need existed for off-street facilities.

Two Women Die, One Injured in Vicinity Crashes

Two Birmingham women are dead and a third confined to St. Joseph Mercy hospital following accidents here during the past week.

Mrs. Ida Thompson, 57, of 564 Frank street, and Miss Viola Goehring, 29, of Colonial Court, are dead while Miss Thomasina Millan is suffering from injuries and shock.

Miss Goehring, whose home is in North Dakota, was seriously injured last Thursday after she left her car at the north intersection of Woodward and Hunter. At the scene her injuries were reported to be fractures of both legs, head injuries and a fractured pelvis. She died Monday afternoon.

Unable to Get Statement

Oakland county sheriff's deputies said Miss Goehring was struck by a car driven by Jesse E. Toles, 69, of 41 East Burdick street, Oxford. The report stated that she had left the bus and was crossing the street when hit. Toles' statement said he did not see the woman in time to avoid hitting her.

Mrs. Thompson who sustained head injuries was dead on admission at the hospital. She was a passenger in the car driven by Miss MacMillan. Police Chief Lema Banks of Bloomfield Hills said that apparently the car was headed south on Woodward and crashed into the pole, crossing the island into the northbound lane. He said, also, that police were unable to get a statement from Miss MacMillan who was suffering from shock. The accident happened about 2:30 Tuesday morning, just north of the Opdyke road intersection.

Born in Wales

Mrs. Thompson was born in Wales on Aug. 6, 1891. She received her training as a nurse at Blythwood hospital in Grand Rapids and had been a resident of Birmingham for the past year, coming from Detroit.

Survivors include her husband, George W. Thompson, and one son, Kenneth E. Thompson, of Berkeley. A brother, Harry James of California, also survives.

Funeral services will be held at the Manly Bailey funeral home Tuesday afternoon for services at White Chapel.

All makes of other spring mattresses and pillows at 50% off. See COM-PANY. PHONE B'HAM 1-0282.

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