

Crowded Conditions at Barnum Junior High School



GYMNASIUM-LUNCHROOM IS PROBABLY BUSIEST SPOT IN PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM HERE
Condition will be relieved when new high school is built

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Crowded Barnum Cafeteria, Classrooms to Be Relieved by City's New High School

By Alice E. Morgan

One of the most congested areas in the Birmingham public school system, according to Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent, exists at the Barnum junior high school where 817 pupils are now enrolled.

"This will be relieved when the new high school is built at Lincoln and Cranbrook and the present Baldwin high school becomes an elementary school," he said.

Barnum shows a present registration of 732 in grades seven through nine, and an additional 85 in kindergarten and the first grade. When the new building is completed, it will no longer be necessary to house any of the elementary grades at Barnum. The rooms now occupied by them will be released for use by junior high school pupils.

The new high school at Lincoln and Cranbrook, explained Ireland, will house the ninth grade, and on the basis of present figures will provide for a further release of 243 students.

Reflects Need

"No place reflects the need for

this relief more than the cafeteria at Barnum junior high school," Ireland said. "Inadequate kitchen facilities have to provide food for approximately 400 students at noon. The students have to be served in the gymnasium, adding to the difficulty.

"The gymnasium has to be set up as a dining hall after gym classes are finished for the morning. As soon as the lunch period is over, tables and chairs must be hurriedly moved to the sides of the room in order that gym classes may be resumed.

"In addition to this, tables are

arranged on the balcony at one end of the gym, and more children eat their lunch there. There is probably no place in the entire school system that sees the activity that Barnum gymnasium does during the noon hour."

This, Ireland pointed out, is but one of the several school problems which the completion of the new Birmingham high school will solve. Class room activities, as well as others, will be greatly relieved once the new building is occupied, he said.

Public Information Is Topic of Nurses

Members of the Oakland county public health nurses' group will meet with representatives of area newspapers at the Community House next Thursday evening.

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Adams Cub Scouts Plan Huge Carnival -if It Only Snows

Plans for lots of snow are being voiced by Cubs of Pack B-8, Adams School, who Saturday afternoon will stage their first Winter Sports Carnival.

The event will take place at the Birmingham country club starting at 2 p.m. For weeks the Cub Scouts have been preparing for the sports carnival, each den making elaborate dog sleds for a relay race and barrel stove skis and ski-skooters.

The dog sled relay race will see teams of four boys in action, two boys pulling, one riding as a passenger and one pushing. The teams will circle an obstacle course and then give way to another team of boys from the same den, the second team racing around the course, 100. Prizes will be presented each boy in the two winning dens.

A ski-skooter slide for distance will be held. A ski-skooter is a simple ski-like affair on which is fastened a seat, the boys balancing themselves while they slide down the hill. Third event on the program will be a barrel stove ski slide, using skis the boys have made out of old barrel staves.

Following a stop for a warm-up and cocoa at 3 p.m., a sled run for distance will be staged, the boys competing by age groups. There will be a ski event for distance, with the carnival ending up in what promises to be one of the most exciting relays ever staged—a dish pan relay race.

Cubs will slide down the hill in a dishpan, whirling as they go. Once they get to the bottom of the hill they must dash back up, with the dishpan, give it to the second Cub on their den team, and

he takes a turn until all boys have been in the competition. Prizes will be offered for all events, according to Mark Duffield and Alec Farris, who head a large committee of dads who have been planning details of the carnival.

Refreshments will be in charge of dads working with Lawrence Quinn, Arthur Chanler, pack dad. Den dads will act as a grounds committee.

Sports events will be directed by H. E. Schlenker, Tom Woodworth, Robert Gougeon, and pack-

officials. Mel Adam heads the prize committee and the transportation committee consists of H. E. Kaeberer and Anthony D'Agostino.

Transportation by truck will be provided for dog sleds and toboggans, the truck being at Adams school at 1 p.m. Saturday. In case of inclement weather, the sports carnival will be postponed one week.

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