

Southfield School Construction Shows Favorable Progress

Construction on the first and second units of the new Southfield township high school on Ten Mile and Lahar roads, is progressing "very well," according to Glenn Schoenhals, superintendent of schools.

He said he still plans to accommodate ninth grade students in the building next semester. These pupils now are attending Highland Park high school.

Unit A is completed except for painting and application of asphalt tile. Unit B is now up through the first story, he said. Within three weeks, construction of a 90-foot chimney stack will be finished and last week, a 15,000 gallon oil tank was installed.

THESE TWO UNITS will house a bus garage, class rooms, drawing room, home economics de-

partment, storage space, power plant and shops. A shipment of steel for construction of the third and final unit arrived this week and the balance is expected within the next several days. Cement blocks for this unit are now up to ground level, Schoenhals said.

Construction of the building will continue throughout the winter months.

The school board will secure bids for construction of roadways on the grounds within the next few weeks.

New Barber Shop Opens in City

Keith's Barber shop, operated by Keith Ege, has been opened at 164 South Woodward, next to the Birmingham Photographs shop.

Ege and David Ives, who will also work in the new shop, formerly were with the West Maple Barber shop. The new shop will have three chairs.

Halloween Party's Unsung Heroes Are Those Who Work Behind the Scenes

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Ghosts and goblins will not be the only "strange characters" roaming the city's streets Tuesday evening, Oct. 31. The annual Halloween party will bring out many characters fully as unusual as those which people the best traditional tales of the season.

The persons who will not be seen and will be little known are those who work behind the scenes, making this affair one of the biggest of the year.

They are the men and women who plan the event so carefully. The fathers, mothers and school teachers who spend hours preparing the food, policing the lines, providing the prizes and entertainment. Like the producer of a successful play, they are the power behind the scenes.

THEIR NAMES are too many to list, for they number into the hundreds.

The Halloween party really gets underway about the first week in October when the committee chairman meets to lay the groundwork. They arrange the various events, see that there are enough tickets for all school children to be supplied at the food lines.

They arrange for the parade when it will start, where it will go, how it will be formed. They see to it that there is music for the marchers.

They check with the police for proper street clearance of motorized vehicles and provide spotlights for the Maple avenue section so each child may be seen.

They send their judges into the throngs of children at the starting point and again when the marchers pass the judges' stand. They tag each winner and are at the Hill school to hand out prizes to the rightful owners.

They are the men and women and high school students who go from store to store, they are the merchants who donate the prizes and the food.

They are the men who work preparing the meat and passing it out. They are those persons who make sure the mustard and cider and doughnuts are on the scene in time and in sufficient quantities.

Too, they are the teachers and parents who arrange the movies for the younger children. Careful planning goes into the selection of just the right cartoons and "funnies" for the little folks who gather at Hill school.

THEY ARE the teachers and parents who plan the dance at Barham junior high school for the "middle age" group as well as those who take charge of the annual Community House dance.

They are the fathers and mothers who help provide the costumes and who take their children to the starting point of the parade.

The behind-the-scenes crowd also includes those parents who march with the very tiny tots, remembering the years back when they donned their own costumes and took their places with their schoolmates.

Back of it all are those men and women who, years ago, made up their minds that with a little supervision the kids could have a good time Halloween without the sad sessions which usually prevailed the next day.

NOT ALL OF the people who work behind the scenes of the big Halloween party are parents. Not all are teachers. Not all are members of the recreation board or any other local organization.

Some are not even residents of Birmingham. They are merely a group of people who like to see the kids have a good time.

A group who feel their time and effort has been well spent if the city youngsters can laugh and play together for one night at the expense of adults.

They are a group who want the kids to be proud of their home town, to respect it and to feel a vital part of it.

They are a group of people who are fully and amply paid for their work by watching a lot of happy kids grin as they go by.

Maple Harriers Take Victory Over Cranes

Birmingham harriers came within one man of a perfect score when they trounced Cranbrook 16-17 on the Cranes' home course Friday afternoon.

The Maples swept the first four places, with Bob Pope breaking the tape at 11:35, an excellent time for this rugged course. Carver Hendrix and Tom Lenane, one second behind Pope, finished in a tie.

The Maple reserves made it a double victory with a perfect 15-55 score, with Ted Averitt, Charles Harris, Bill Berndt, Bruce Henfrew, and Dick Emery heading the field.

College Halfback

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