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Improvement In Schools Is Approved
Relief is in sight for Pierce school teachers, in that school board members voted to excavate and grade a proper entrance to the parking lot.
The present entrance, according to the board is extremely soft and becomes a mud hole after every rain. Plans are to put in a temporary hard base, since any permanent surface would be torn up when the city paving program gets under way in the area.
"The lot itself is in quite good condition," Dr. Dwight Ireland said. "We have been dumping cinders there from the school boilers for some time, and have developed a quite presentable surface. The entrance, though, has been an entirely different matter, and day after day teachers have to have their cars towed out of the mud."
ALSO IN THE school improvement line, it was voted to spread 800 cubic yards of top soil over the center area of the Pierce football field.
Board members pointed out that during the Berkeley game last fall, the mid-field section was practically swamp.
The necessary grading for a sidewalk on Lincoln along the Torry school property was also approved. This would extend the sidewalk area east to the adjoining property line at an estimated cost of \$250.
The installation of acoustical ceilings in Adams school was approved. The work will be done by the Detroit Acoustical Contracting company whose bid of \$775 was accepted.

School Board Appoints New Custodians; Grant Salary Increases for All
Clifford Palm, George Wood, Norman Grapevine and Wellington Spoth were approved as custodians in the local school system by school board members Tuesday evening.
A salary increase was voted for all custodians for the remaining six months of the school year, on a basis of \$200 per year.
Salary increases also were approved for Ernest Aebi and Joseph Anderson by reason of their promotion.
1,578 Persons Received Chest X-rays Last Week
City Health Nurse Anyce Gillette reports 1,578 persons had chest x-rays during the four-day visit here of the mobile unit last week.
"This is below our total of two years ago," she said, "but is still a good figure. We had little time to publicize the visit and it was scheduled at a time when most people are exceptionally busy. Generally speaking, I consider this a good response."



ABOUT 170 SMALL CITIZENS of Pembroke Manor subdivision were guests of the association at a Christmas party in Adams school Saturday afternoon. Here Santa Claus (Herbert A. Carr) has a man-to-man talk with one of the guests, Edward Jacobs, who appears very serious about the whole affair. The youngsters were entertained with cartoon movies and clowns, played games, enjoyed refreshments and received a gift of candy and a booklet. During the program a number of free-floating balloons were the target of many eager young hands, with the inevitable amount of sudden bangs. (Joe Wheeler Photo)

Commissioners, City Auditors Discuss Problems
The city's financial condition and improvement of its credit standing were included among subjects discussed between the city commissioners and city auditors Tuesday evening.
Mayor Dean Beier said, "This was the first time the commission has ever sat down with the auditors and discussed problems. We hope to make it an annual affair as much as was gained from the meeting."
The group discussed some of the auditors' recommendations for improvement of the city's financial condition.
The mayor also stated that an architect for the fire station at Adams and Bowers will be selected at the first city commission meeting.

City's A Mess As Weatherman Stages Frolic
Purrows not included by designers appeared on numerous Birmingham autos Monday and Tuesday as motorists tried driving through the area's worst storm in several years.
Police cars tried to keep up with accident reports that kept the headquarters switchboard and department radio chattering.
Monday between 7:28 and 9:09 a.m., six property damage mishaps were reported as workers took to the road. The accidents were scattered over all sections of the city, adding to the confusion as police headquarters as officers tried to reach the scene of each crash before everyone had gone away.
TUESDAY'S CROP, oddly enough, started raining the same time, 7:28, and by 12:45 six property damages and one personal injury had been recorded.
Mrs. Carolyn Wilcox Farmer, 1616 East Maple, sustained minor back injuries shortly after noon when she was involved in an accident in front of her house. Chester M. Bobel, 1684 Grassfield, driver of the other car, was not held.
Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley remarked, "Well, between the radar and the weather, our traffic in Birmingham is certainly slow!"
While police hurried about trying to compile accident reports, garage operators put in several busy days, starting with the sharp temperature drops which began Saturday.

TOW TRUCK operators and cab drivers were about the most popular persons in town Sunday morning as family cars ground feebly but refuse to start. They answered call after call and found no despite Monday when private cars were jammed in the city.
At service stations car owners overflooded the premises as they sought radiator service and quick battery charges. Several stations, by mid-morning Monday, were saying, "Sorry, no car do."
As Tuesdays continued to dump fresh supplies of snow on the town and a strong wind drifted what had fallen the day before, the crew plodded wearily on, just hoping to keep up with the course of events.

AT THE FIRE department, Chief V. W. Griffith warned householders about over-taxing heating units.
"These first couple of days haven't thinned the bulk of the demand on furnaces," he said. "The heat retained by the building is helping along. As the cold continues and more is predicted, the chill will penetrate deeper into every dwelling and the fire hazard will be more steadily on."
"This is especially true of hand-powered units," he added. "In mechanical units, the temperature is kept more steady and the fans dissipate the heat, making it considerably safer."
Few Dented Fenders Only Trouble in Hills
This week's stormy weather caused little trouble in Bloomfield Hills, according to Police Chief I. C. Banks.
Banks stated, "All that happened was a couple of jammed-up fenders. Woodward avenue was icy, but we didn't have much trouble with traffic being tied up."

Announce Changes In School Staff; One Man Promoted
Birmingham's board of education approved several staff appointments Tuesday evening, including that of George Miller as assistant principal of Barnum junior high school. His appointment will become effective Jan. 2. Mrs. Florence Newman was approved as a teaching staff member at Barnum.
SECRETARIAL changes at the junior high school also were approved when Ruth Denniston was named to replace Nancy B. Cavanaugh who has resigned.
Miss Barbara Gleason will begin her duties as commercial teacher in the Birmingham school system on Jan. 28. Kindergarten and music at Bloomfield Village will be taught by Marilyn Scott, also effective Jan. 28.
Elizabeth Drake also was approved as instructor of vocal music in the school system. In discussing her appointment, Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent, said he felt the time was most when art, music and physical education staffs would have to be increased in order to adequately handle the constantly growing student load.

Children Entertained At Kiwanis Ute Party
Youngsters from six to twelve were guests of the Kiwanis club Tuesday at its annual Christmas party. The club entertained a group of 16 from the Baptist Children's home, and several others who were special guests of individual members.
No formal meeting is planned for next week, since the regular date falls on Christmas night.

Marine Corporal Home on Leave
Cpl. Thomas C. Carey, Jr., USMC, is spending a 10-day Christmas leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carey, Carey Lane, Wing Lake. He recently received his promotion from private to corporal and has been stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C.
Birthdays, anniversaries, guests, births, parties are all now—call the society editor about them.

Refunds for 3 Assessment Districts
Commissioners have approved the closing of four special assessment districts on which work was completed, and refunds will be prepared for residents of three of the districts.
In the Windemere, Manchester and Glenborough asphaltic concrete surfacing assessment, the original estimate was \$26,050, with \$22,137.77 as the final cost. The total refund is \$3,846.24, which includes the unexpended balance plus interest of \$510.01.
Refunds for the watermain work at Melton and Sheffield total \$2,465.19, including \$37.17 in interest fees. The original appropriation for this district was \$7,542.70. Actual construction costs were \$5,116.82.
THE THIRD district in which refunds will be made is that created for the pavement of Bates, north from 14 Mile.
Construction costs of \$21,019.45 were \$49,845 over the \$20,563.00 estimated for the work. This deficit was absorbed by interest totaling \$1,054.83, leaving a balance of \$908.38 to be refunded.
An over-expenditure in the Smith-Bird-Edgewood paving district of \$62.52 will be absorbed by interest payments on the still uncollected balance of \$2,324.95. The district debt will be paid from the general fund, to be reimbursed when collections are made. Any amount collected in excess of this amount will be refunded after final settlement is made.

Michigan Bell Pays \$22,500 To City Schools
The Michigan Bell Telephone Company today revealed that \$22,500 of its state property tax each year is allocated to the public school system of Birmingham.
Walter B. Fauser, manager for the company, said the amount was Birmingham's share of Michigan Bell's total tax contribution of \$6,082,000 into the state's primary school fund.
Schools throughout Oakland County, including the city of Birmingham, received a total of \$485,000 from the company's tax payment.
Fauser said the payments were based on a school census of 5,000 in Birmingham and 101,000 in Oakland County as compiled by the State Department of Public Instruction.

No Swimming During Christmas Holidays
The city recreation board's Saturday morning swimming classes at Barnum pool will not meet during the Christmas holidays on Dec. 23 and 29, according to Director Frank Whitney.

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