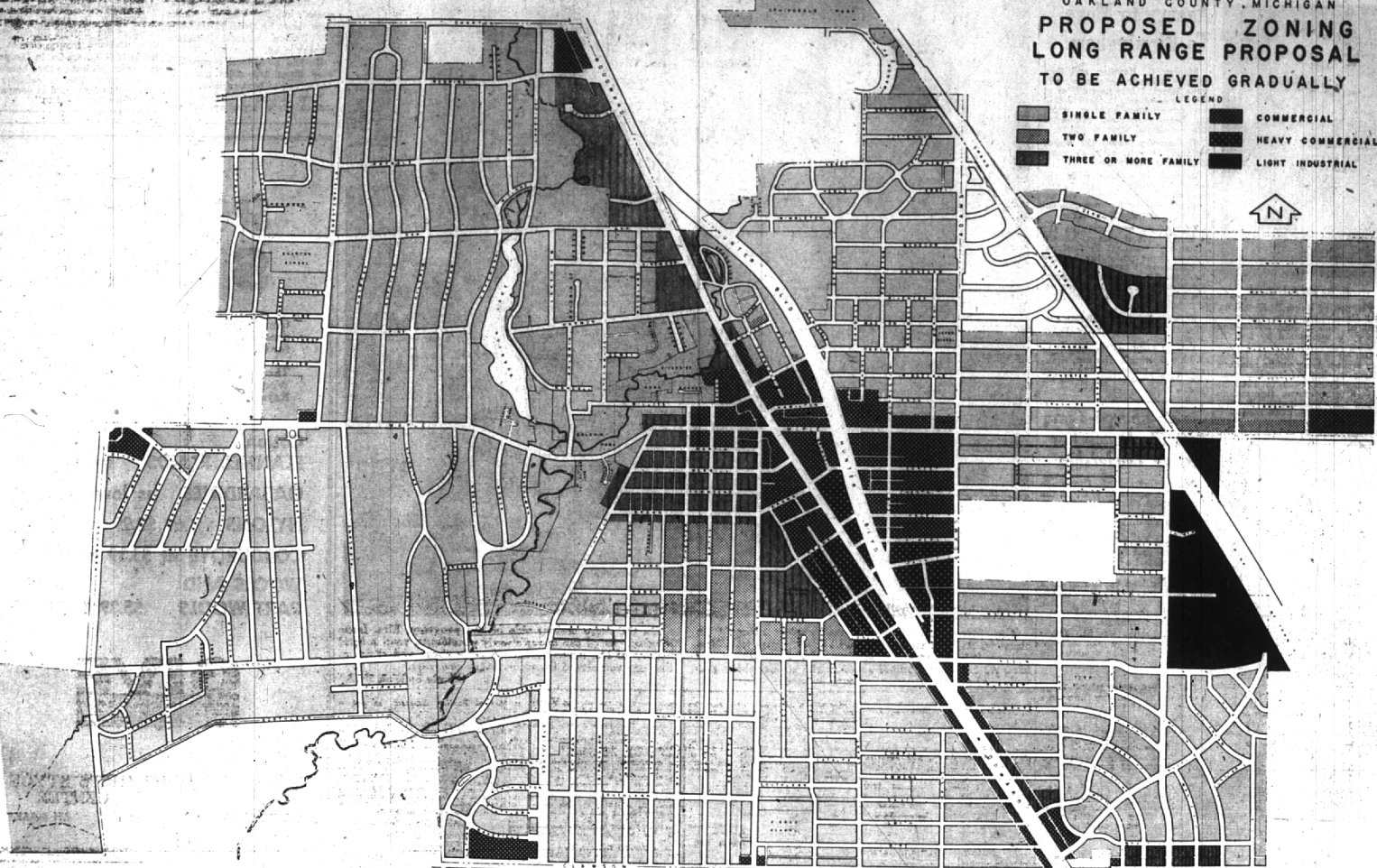


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**Educators Visit Birmingham to View
Vision-Hearing-Speech Correction Work**

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Last week the early background of the vision-hearing-speech program of the Birmingham schools was given. That, with this concluding article, explains the program in full as it will be viewed by a number of educators in conference in Detroit this week.

In the vision tests, which are a part of the program, the child is given a photograph of a familiar object and is asked to identify it. This is done to determine the child's ability to see and to identify objects. The child is also given a photograph of a familiar object and is asked to identify it. This is done to determine the child's ability to see and to identify objects.

While one child is being tested, two or three others wait their turn so they can see what will be expected.

Kindergarten children are made to approach the tests as "games," having learned the "rules" from the school nurse several days before. Signals are given when the test takes place most often when the children are ready and eager to do their part.

After the survey, a group of parents check records and select those children requiring retests. These selected records are rechecked by Miss Frances Curtin, school nurse, on the basis of health history of previous results. Either she or Mrs. Kopp then gives a complete individual retest where indicated and follows through on the necessary referrals.

The records provide for cumulative scoring of each annual test. They also show test results and recommendations at each grade level.

All information and test results are highly confidential, disclosed only to the school nurse or speech correctionist.

"This professional viewpoint," Mrs. Kopp says, "has been responsible in large part for community acceptance of, and respect for, our program.

Teachers are trained to develop a friendly but objective attitude toward all children. Any anxiety or concern over possible vision or hearing defects is not to be betrayed.

Effort is made to begin testing the last week of September and complete it as soon as possible.

enlisted in these cases, to help with the training.

"THE PRE-SCHOOL program, inaugurated last year," Mrs. Kopp said, "will prove its benefits as these little children reach school age. They will have a chance to adopt proper speech habits before making their constant contact with other children.

"Classroom loads will be lightened and teachers will have more time to devote to children whose defects are of a more serious nature.

"Pre-school cases cannot be included as a regular school load and are handled after school hours. We have more than 200 right now.

"Six of these children have become a part of our pre-school therapeutic program. These children had serious difficulties such as cleft palate, cerebral palsy or loss of hearing. They need immediate assistance if they are to lead normal lives.

"THESE ARE ONLY a part of the changes we will be able to demonstrate to the educators who visit Birmingham to see us in action."

Mrs. Kopp came to Birmingham three years ago to take over the speech-correction program. She is a graduate of the Columbia University Teachers college and received her doctorate there. She has been a professor in the field, working on the graduate staff of the University of Michigan and the Michigan State Normal.

In addition to giving written books on speech correction, Mrs. Kopp also has worked in the Bell Telephone laboratories in communications research and their visible speech project.

Her husband, George Kopp, is in the speech department at Wayne university.

RESULTS SHOW in the day-by-day development and growth of children who have taken the tests.

A great deal of the hearing test work reflects itself in speech correction. Many children have been found who, through hearing deficiencies, do not speak clearly or properly. While not all speech defects can be traced to hearing failures, a great percentage can.

These frequently can correct themselves as the hearing fault is corrected. Other hearing failures require attention or special classes.

"Speech defects," Mrs. Kopp points out, hinder a child from adequate expression and make him conspicuous. His speech may be unintelligible, mangled, covered, precise, unpleasant, difficult to understand, arrhythmic, any of these, and he classified as defective. Minor defects may not interfere with intelligibility but they focus attention on the speaker rather than on what he is saying.

MRS. KOPP'S first speech correction step is to diagnose the defect. Then comes referral to cooperating special staff members or agencies, conferences with the parents, teacher and principal as well as the child himself.

This is followed by assignment to a speech correction class and arrangement for additional time periods of serious defects.

If a definite improvement, periodic voice recordings are made and checked against previous ones.

Non-resident children and those of pre-school age also come under Mrs. Kopp's jurisdiction. Those referred for diagnosis from neighboring schools or the very young child, are handled in much the same manner as the resident child. Parent participation also is

Local Man Elected To CPA Society

NEW YORK, Feb. 13—Richard W. Brown, 1031 Hazel, certified public accountant, has been elected a member of the American Institute of Accountants, national professional society of CPAs. He has been associated for the past three years with the Detroit office of Price, Waterhouse & Co.

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