

Wind Causes Heavy Damages to Temple Academy Gymnasium

Monday evening's high wind caused an estimated loss of \$25,000 at the Temple Academy, at Crooks and Maple, Troy township,

when all of the concrete block walls of the gymnasium under construction, were blown down. This section was ready for the steel trusses. The walls were only finished Saturday and apparently the concrete hadn't set. Construction started last September.

Be Wise—Use Classified!

Physical Education Program for All Ages Is Slated for New High School

By RAY DENNIS

Physical education facilities of the new Birmingham high school, now under construction, will not be limited to the hours of eight to three, according to Frank Whitney, director of health, recreation and physical education for the local schools.

He pointed out that the physical education unit of the new school has been planned to perform the basic functions which will meet the total community needs.

A definite program will be established for both youth and adults. As many adults as school students will use the facilities, under the present plans.

RECREATION FACILITIES in Birmingham for adults are now very limited, although the YMCA

sponsors a weekly men's volleyball session and basketball league. In the new school, it will be possible to play 12 badminton games at one time. In addition, two basketball games can go on simultaneously. Among other evening activities slated are weight reducing classes, physical education sessions, golf, driving, tennis, volleyball and weight lifting.

The program will attempt to meet the needs of two groups—the adults and the intermediate

age group—those out of school but not yet in a family group. Whitney said it will be possible to keep the facilities available as many hours as possible. Whitney said, "The more the building is used, the cheaper it will be for the taxpayers. People who need it should have the use of it."

HE ADDED THAT most likely the adult program will be limited to Birmingham residents and local taxpayers. If there is a change for use of the facilities, it will be a small one.

The gymnasium, which will also be used as an auditorium can be available for various community projects. It will be possible for the auditorium to seat 5,000 persons.

Whitney said it was his intention to have something going on for each member of the family. Open houses are slated, at which parents and youngsters can take part in various recreation activities.

THERE ALSO IS a possibility

that roller skating will be held in the gymnasium. In addition, on certain nights, school students will be able to use the gym for expanded intramural athletic program.

Individual instruction periods will be available to those of all ages for training in various athletic fundamentals.

Another important innovation will be the sponsorship of prescribed exercise periods to fill individual prescriptions by physicians. Whitney said this training will meet the needs of those persons handicapped by some ailment.

Periods will be held for health education movies and instruction, the director pointed out.

OTHER OUT-OF-SCHOOL activities which will be possible are state tournaments in wrestling and fencing, etc., and all-school and adult parties. A "rolling kitchen" which will provide hot and cold lunches will be available. The physical education facilities besides serving the school youth also are built to adult standards. For instance, the lockers are of large size. In addition, there will be ample parking space. Shower facilities will be available to all groups. Clean towels will be provided, due to the building's own laundry. Whitney emphasized that all ac-

tivities, schedules and plans are subject to the approval of the board of education.

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\$6.23 Per Capita Spent for Police, Study Shows

(Special to The Eccentric)

NEW YORK, Feb. 26—Birmingham taxpayers have a larger annual bill for police protection than do residents of most other cities of its size in the United States. This is shown in data gathered by the International City Managers Association for its current Municipal Year Book.

The bill for the local police department came to \$89,700 in 1949, equivalent to \$6.23 for each resident of the city.

In other communities of relative size, 10,000 to 25,000, the cost of police operations came to \$4.67 per capita. However, nationally, for all cities of 10,000 population and over, the average was \$7.22 per capita.

MOST OF THE cost of operating police departments is for wages and salaries, which constitute almost 84 percent of the total, excluding retirement payments. In Birmingham, the part budgeted for payroll is also 84 percent.

An examination of beginning and maximum salaries paid patrolmen on municipal police forces shows that a wide range exists. In Birmingham's "size group, the median entrance salary is \$2,620.

a year and the maximum, \$7,760, including cost of living additions. Locally, patrolmen started at \$3,300 and had a top of \$3,600 at the beginning of the year.

IN PROPORTION to its size, Birmingham has more police employees than most communities. With 21 full-time officers, and

BEVERLY HILLS NEWS

By DOROTHY KELLY
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Baby Shower
Mrs. John Klueber of Birmingham was the guest of honor at a baby shower last Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Holden of Sheridan drive. Twelve were present at the luncheon.

Cubs at Cranbrook
Mrs. George Ladd accompanied John Holden, Frank Murphy, David Ladd, Bobbers and Stewart Hall, Jim Cochran and Jim Hanz. Cub Scouts, on their tour of Cranbrook institute Monday afternoon.

New Resident
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Batey and daughters Carolyn and Joan have moved from Huntington Woods to their new home at 1616 Ambard. Batey is sales manager for Engine Rebuilders in Ferndale.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mika have moved into their new home at 6129 Kirkshire. Mike is a development engineer for a United States Rubber. Mr. and Mrs. John Olsen of Milan and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Olson of Grosse Pointe were recent guests at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Custance and daughter Joan, formerly of Detroit, have moved into their home at 2209 Arlington drive. He is associated with the Progressive Welder company.

Sigma Chi
R. P. Sazer, C. R. Hartung, L. H. Nixon and Jack Barry spent Saturday and Sunday at Albion college to attend the ceremonies of initiating Barry's two sons, Leroy and Jack, into their fraternity, Sigma Chi.

Social Bits
Mrs. John Broderick and sons

People's Column

To the Editor:
The telephone rang here the evening before Feb. 25. A neighbor mother called to find out whether or not the schools would hold sessions on George Washington's birthday. Having lived in Michigan the past 10 years, I thought they would.

"Why in Oak Park, where we lived last year, the children always had alternating holidays on Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays," was her comment.

She has three children, so certainly a day "off" would not help her any! Yet she felt they should celebrate the birthday of the Father of Democracy. So did I, especially at this time when our boys are fighting to uphold Democracy.

THE MORNING of the 22nd another intelligent young mother who had recently moved here from Portland, Ore., called me for the same information.

She had four young children yet she felt strongly about the matter, too, and seemed surprised that there would be no day off. Of course, I knew she presumably would have nothing to gain by a day of no school.

All morning I thought about it. Were my children to grow up in a less patriotic atmosphere than I had had. A recent well-written magazine article had urged parents to teach democracy to their children. My mind went back to my own school days in Massachusetts, and they were many for I had taught nearly ten years there, besides going to school there.

WE HAD ALWAYS had a day off for Washington's birthday. Surely it was fun! Yet the patriotic feeling which grew subtly from the no school, flags flying, the pictures in windows of George Washington, the school programs, anticipating the day; all this left its mark.

So I called another former teacher who had moved here from Illinois. She had two school girls. "Yes," she calmly replied with a sense of resignation, "we always celebrated Washington's birthday and had a day off. But I feel that there's some far ahead from those days."

Have we lost something? I don't know. My children hear about it.

James and William, of Chicago have been recent guests of her daughter, Mrs. Robert McCartney and family, Harness Beardsley of Springfield, Va. was also a guest at the McCartney home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Laies entertained a dinner Saturday evening. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Southard, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Post and Mr. and Mrs. Colvin Pearl.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ladd and family were recent guests of her parents in Utica, Mich., where her brother, Harold Schoonover of Denver, Colo., is visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Bogue of Riverside drive were accompanied by Miss Barbara Cochran of Royal Oak when they visited their son, Parker Bogue, at Camp Custer Saturday. Bogue was transferred to a camp in Missouri on Monday.

Mrs. E. T. Sutton was hostess at a luncheon and cards Friday afternoon. Her guests were Mrs. Newton Hudley, Mrs. George Nelson, Mrs. J. H. Wilbur and Mrs. Grosse Pointe.

John T. Gibbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Gibbs, of Beverly, arrived home last Wednesday for a 30-day leave from Corry Field, Pensacola, Fla. He will return back to Corry field March 24 for further orders.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Currier returned from a month's vacation in Florida last weekend. They spent most of their time in Coral Gables in the winter home of his mother, Mrs. P. J. Currier.

Good Attendance For Recreation Swimming Program

This winter's Birmingham recreation board sponsored Saturday morning swimming program has had a fine attendance, according to Director Frank Whitney.

Classes have been offered for beginners, intermediates and advanced swimmers. Particular emphasis for the winter program is placed on instruction and testing, he pointed out.

Because Barnum pool facilities were becoming over-crowded, evening swimming for outside groups was cancelled this winter. Formerly, the YMCA and city counts utilized the pool certain evenings each week.

Whitney said that if the pool goes through another normal summer, such as last season, its facilities will be "cramped." Four beginner classes were offered then, and if an additional one is added this season, cut will have to be made in other groups.

The pool was built in 1950 when Birmingham had a population of less than 10,000.

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With March will come the desire to shed the heavy clothing of Winter and to drift into the lighter attire of Spring. It's not too early to start shopping for the Spring clothes you—and your family—will need.

Easter comes in March this year. This would normally mean that Spring buying would start earlier. Coupled with this the rather acute shortage of many fabrics—and with cotton and rayon workers threatening to strike in sympathy with the striking wool workers—may create shortages for buyers and merchants alike.

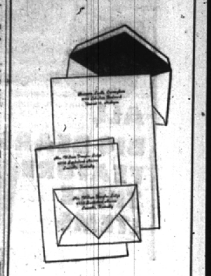
So, with Spring not too far ahead, we think it to your best interest in advising you to start looking—and shopping—early. And the place to start looking—for the newest in Spring attire—is at the Village Store.

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