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Several 'Hot' Sweaters Turn Up In Birmingham

Several of the "hot" sweaters, objects of wide publicity during the past week, have appeared in Birmingham.
The first was reported to police and firemen last Friday. A check made by Fire Chief V. V. Griffith has turned up eight of the sets, five of which had been taken to the fire department by Monday. Griffith said a store-to-store check had been made in the city and several of the garments were located.

The sweaters, consisting of a pull-over and cardigan jacket, nearly all were purchased from the same man, operating in the south end of town. His description was the same in all reports, and Griffith said he felt the man could be easily traced.

ALL GARMENTS in the city are carrying the "Embassy" trade name, but have no manufacturer's label, nor is there any listing of the material from which they are made.

The sweaters have the appearance of "brushed" wool, with the inner surface closely resembling a silk jersey.
Griffith said the main content appeared to be cellulose, which ignites quickly and burns rapidly. "The surface will ignite with out direct contact to flame," he warned, "and extreme caution should be used regarding any suspected garment."

"There is one thing we want to stress: DO NOT ATTEMPT A TEST OF A SUSPECTED GARMENT IN YOUR HOME. If turned in a furnace there is the chance of a puff back, and any other method of burning may ignite other surfaces."

GRIFFITH SAID that anyone who is carrying the "Embassy" trade name, could have a test made if the garment is safe, no damage will result. In the case of one of the other garments, the test would

Board Approves Purchase Of Gas Ranges for New High School Kitchens

Four new gas ranges will be provided for the home economics classes at the new Birmingham high school.

The ranges will be supplied by the Consumers Power company on the basis of 50 per cent payment for two, a total of \$183.25, and two to be delivered without charge. The ranges will be replaced by the company as new and improved models are developed.

Dr. Dwight B. Ireland said the working arrangement was the same as the agreement between the school board and the Detroit Edison company for electric ranges.

School Board to Request No Parking on Lincoln

The Birmingham board of education will request installation of no parking signs to be placed on the Lincoln avenue frontage of the new high school building.

Ernest Seasholtz, board president, pointed out that such action would eliminate congestion in front of the school and would increase the safety of school buses unloading their.

He also said that he felt the parking lot of from 300 to 400 car capacity would provide sufficient parking area without using the street or the drive immediately in front of the building.

Heave only a small blemish, in case the owner wanted the garment back.

Griffith said that, although the material was reportedly used in other garments in the south and east, apparently none of them have appeared in this area.

"The sweaters themselves are harmless," Griffith said, "and are not a hazard unless exposed to flame. They will not explode or ignite by themselves. However, that does not make them less dangerous to the wearer, since they have an extremely low ignition point, and there are few of us who are not around fire or flame a part of each day."

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the 1956 school year.
Board of education members said very little during the presentation of this preliminary report, mostly asking for further clarification of material being presented.

THEY DECIDED to take the preliminary report home and study it in the new building two weeks before making any comment on it. The final report by Dr. Ireland, expected early March, will follow substantially the same outline as presented Tuesday.

Some board members did express brief comments that it was a large program and certainly would involve exhaustive study as to ways to finance all or part of the recommendations.

But they did agree that Dr. Ireland's projection of present enrollment figures and trends seemed to be conservative.

Dr. Ireland also explained, "These projections are based on enrollment as of Oct. 8, 1951, and on last May's census of pre-school children. They do not take into consideration the influx of pupils whose families have moved into the school district since that time."

CONCERNING his estimate of the cost of this program, Dr. Ireland said that it would be approximately \$2,425,000 cubic feet.

On the basis of prices at Torrey school and the new high school, with appropriate adjustment for subsequent price changes, the cost would be about \$1.25 per cubic foot. This would mean a construction and remodeling program of about \$4,057,000.

In condensed form, the following are key points in Dr. Ireland's report:

Long-range plan
Senior high—one center at location of new building will probably suffice.

Junior high—definitely need centers at new present location and one east of center farther west. Senior high and junior high of new senior high school building.

Elementary, east of Woodward
Center at or near present Adams Center south of Maple (Torrey) Center east of railroad and south of Big Beaver Road.

Possibly a fourth center east of Adams Center and north of Big Beaver Road.

Elementary, central section
Center at present center at Pierce and Quanton. Proposed center at Baldwin may not be needed in four years.

Two centers south of Fourteen Mile Road, one south of the Pierce Center and one south of the Birmingham Country Club.

A center in the general vicinity of the new senior high school building.

Elementary, western section
Center at present center at Franklin, and Walnut Lake centers.

Need for additional centers not clear at this time.

Recommendations for early action
General recommendations—Make boundaries of attendance districts flexible to permit more efficient use of all available classroom space.

Plan all remodeling and new construction to promote effective community use of building area.

Provide some all-weather playground area at each building.

Make major remodeling and new construction on thorough educational planning.

Review each major project before construction; review entire survey in three to five years.

Secondary School Recommendations
Use new high school building temporarily for grades 9 through 12, then shift grade 9 back to junior high. Complete the building when funds permit.

Retain Barnum as a junior high school building. Remodel certain areas. Add industrial arts laboratories, a second music room, and cafeteria. Improve the lighting. Expand the site.

Use the major part of the Adams building as a second junior high school center with appropriate remodeling. Improve lighting. Vacate Oakland Street.

As residential and enrollment growth justify, consider purchase of site for a third junior high center farther west, possibly near the new senior high school building.

Elementary School Recommendations—East of Woodward
Use Torrey for kindergarten through grade 6. Expand the building to provide a total of two classrooms, 18 other classrooms, a multi-purpose room, a library, etc.

Erect a new building east of the railroad for kindergarten through grade 6. Include kindergarten, 12 other classrooms, library, multi-purpose room, etc. Keep a kindergarten and six classrooms of elementary pupils at Adams. If crowded out of junior high school pupils, erect new elementary school building nearby.

Be alert to developing need of railroad and north of Big Beaver Road. Buy site when developments warrant.
Elementary School Recommendations—Central section
Convert the major portion of the Baldwin building to elementary school use. Include a kindergarten and at least 12 other classrooms. Improve lighting. Expand site. Vacate street between Baldwin and Hill.
Retain Pierce for kindergarten through grade 6. Improve lighting. Transfer some pupils to new center (see next item).
Erect new building near Pierce and Thirteen Mile Road. Include kindergarten, 12 other classrooms, library, multi-purpose room, etc. Be alert to developments south of the Birmingham Country Club. Buy purchase site if and when developments warrant.
Erect new building in general vicinity of new senior high school

Vote (Continued from Page One)

thinking of a finance director ever since the end of the war.
Because of our own experience in city government, we believe now is the time to ask the voters to approve of this action," he stated.

"WE CAN SAVE thousands of dollars a year. We now have an old house kept by various departments in trying to get for the committee the types of information a controller could give."

"We would be freeing lots of present employees to devote all their time to the job they were hired to do."

Commissioner Ralph A. Main said he would recede this move if it would eventually mean a bigger department with more and more employees.

Mallender said it was not the type of job that required much personnel.

"We've got to have a first class accountant and we should outline his duties and responsibilities. This account must be the best way to do it," Beier expressed.

"MOST BUSINESSES find, when they take a controller, they make tremendous savings in time and money. But if the people of Birmingham don't want one, they just have to say so," Mallender pointed out.

He added, that a controller also would be the city's efficiency expert and as such his reports would come direct to the commission.

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