

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

ACCORDING TO Fire Chief V. W. Griffith, one of the cardinal rules of fire fighting was accurately pointed out in the Eccentric's photo coverage last week of the Lawson Lumber company fire. "It's a rule," Griffith said, "to never ventilate a building until hoses are in action or ready for action. The Eccentric's photographer, Norman Douglas, had two consecutive shots that showed this very plainly. He pictured firemen playing water on the big doors and, a few minutes later, took another picture from the same angle, showing the doors opened. We're taking those pictures to Memphis, Tenn., with us. They will prove very interesting to other fire departments who will have representatives at the national fire departments' conference there."

AMONG THE 16 Michigan students to receive high scholastic ratings at Purdue university is Gerald P. Hirschman, 585 Southfield. Hirschman is a senior in mechanical engineering.

RALPH A. MAIN, Birmingham city commissioner and drain commissioner for Oakland county, will be one of the speakers on sewers, drainage and water supply Friday at a conference of Metropolitan area officials. Meeting in the Veterans Memorial building, the group will have several discussion periods during the three-day session, all of which are important to the future growth and development of the entire area.

CLERK Irene Hanley this week reminded dog owners that the 1953 license deadline is March 1. Tags are issued at the Birmingham municipal building only after a certificate of immunization has been obtained from a veterinarian. Miss Hanley said that more than 500 tags have been issued so far this year. This is about one-third the normal number.

WHEN LLOYD LAKE opened his W. Maple Jewelry store Saturday morning, he picked up a bulky envelope addressed to him. Inside was an expensive woman's watch, the price tag still attached, and the following unsigned note: "This was stolen from your store some time ago. It has never been worn, and would have been returned long ago, but it kept slipping my mind to mail it to you. Please forgive the theft, as I hope God Almighty will forgive my sin by my returning it." The envelope, although there were three 3-cent stamps affixed to it, had been personally delivered during the night. "Makes you feel that the world may eventually straighten itself out after all," remarked Lake.

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EARL SANDQUIST



ROBERT KENNING

**Knapp, Sandquist
Leave City Jobs**

Resignations will become effective April 1 for two Birmingham city employees.

Department of Public Works Superintendent Norman T. Knapp will leave April 1 to become superintendent for William Conder, Clawson road building contractor.

In a second administrative change, Earl Sandquist, administrator to the city manager Donald C. Eubert, is leaving the city to assume similar duties in Vancouver, Wash.

Sandquist came to the city in November to replace Eubert. No replacement has been named for this position.

Knapp has been with the city for more than five years, coming to Birmingham to work in the engineering department. He was made head of the DW in 1951.

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S job will go to Robert Kenning.

Kenning came to the city in October, 1951, as assistant superintendent of schools.

After serving as a second lieutenant in the USMC during World War II, Kenning graduated from Wayne State University with a bachelor of business administration and a bachelor of civil engineering degrees.

Kenning and his wife, Shirley, have two sons, James A. and Steven S.

In a breakdown of hours per month, the Birmingham firemen say they work 160 hours a month. The Birmingham school building for elementary use, a need that school officials say is highly desired.

The Vaughan school, they conclude, will require facilities for present and future enrollment in the area.

Equal consideration has been given by school authorities to the possibility of rapidly passing development in the Wing Lake district.

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Officials Cite Classroom Needs

(Ed. Note)—This is the third in a series of four articles outlining the needs of the Bloomfield Hills School District No. 2 and giving the Board of Education's forecast for the \$1,390,000 bond issue to be submitted to school electors March 10.

By NORMAN DOUGLAS

The \$1,390,000 school expansion bond issue asked by the Bloomfield Hills School District No. 2 would finance the construction of a new high school building, an addition to the Wing Lake elementary school and two future school sites.

School officials state that these buildings must be constructed to accommodate the growing school population that has doubled within the past five years and gives every indication of doubling once more within the next five years.

With every possible class room in use, school administrators are continuing to meet new standards in education, more space must be found immediately.

It is the hope that the Wing Lake addition will be ready for use by the opening of the fall term this year, and that the new high school building will be ready for occupancy by the fall of next year.

With every new home in that area

comes the construction of many new homes in that area.

CRITICISM of dropping the present zoning law was heard at the construction of another addition to the Wing Lake school. Opponents of this plan contend that it is keeping with the idea of centrally located schools.

Opponents of the plan state that centrally located elementary schools should give way to larger, centrally located schools.

This is opposed to the feeling of the board of education which is that these children who attend kindergarten, first, second and third grades should be able to walk to school.

The recent figures, there are 12,000 now studying in the Wing Lake school with another 50 transferred to Vaughan.

To relieve the crowding of classrooms, the school board has limited six class rooms in the present high school building and to offer specialized courses in agriculture, drafting, geometry, mathematics, science laboratories and an industrial arts room, school officials strongly support the need for a new high school building.

A STUDY conducted by the University of Michigan and the Bloomfield Hills school district, a joint venture, has found that there are 1,500 additional students in the Pine Lake, Wing Lake, Tuscarora and Linton districts.

For the new high school building, there are 18 classrooms. Several new areas will be added to the school.

Alvado two school additions at Wing Lake since 1948 have failed to keep pace with increased enrollment.

The school board has stated that the plan for this newest addition will immediately upon passage of the bond issue and the sale of bonds. Success in this venture would mean that the school would be ready by the fall of this year when 151 students are expected to enroll.

In next week's issue of The Eccentric, we will print the article concerning the naming of the proposed new school construction program.

**Foxcroft Ass'n
Backs Bond Issue
For Blm. Schools**

The Foxcroft Improvement Association, 1951, as a result of the proposed school expansion bond issue asked by Bloomfield Hills School District No. 2.

This association, which has supported the school district's request for additional facilities, held a discussion on the three major criticisms aimed at the bond issue.

In its statement, the association agreed that the \$1,390,000 figure for Bloomfield Hills school is within reason.

The question of whether school administrators are overreacting to the needs of the school will enter the school district as the near future was reviewed.

Reports released by state school officials show real and potential housing under construction in the area.

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