

# School Expansion Going to A Vote For Third Time

By GIL HERMAN

Whether it will be three strikes and out, or the third time to charm, is the proposition faced by the Bloomfield Hills school district as the board of education prepares to go to the people for the third time in a single year to ask for approval of a proposed school expansion program.

In November 1952 and in March 1953, building programs proposed by the board of education went down to defeat at the polls by narrow margins. An addition to the Wing Lake elementary school was asked for in the November election and was turned back by eight votes.

In March, the Wing Lake addition was resubmitted to the voters along with a request for a new high school. Fourteen votes defeated the proposal.

AT PRESENT, the board is asking approval of a \$1,750,000 program to build a new high school and enlarge the Wing Lake school. The board and school administration, backed by citizens' groups, are mapping a campaign to assure the success of the proposal that Superintendent of Schools Eugene L. Johnson described as vital to the needs of the community's children.

Said Johnson, "I have studied previous recommendations from education experts at the University of Michigan, local citizens' groups, and the present plans of the board of education."

"The program of the board is in line with all professional studies and recommendations. I find that passage of the program is both urgent and immediate. There is no need for confusion. We must unite to help our youth."

JOHNSON pointed out that since 1948 elementary enrollments in the district have more than tripled, and high school enrollments have more than doubled.

"Our enrollments have increased steadily at the rate of 19 per cent per year with all signs pointing to continued increase," said Johnson.

Mrs. Hazel McGill, elementary principal at Vauchan school, stated, "Enrollment increases have been such that for several years

we've taken high school classrooms for elementary use. The saturation point has been reached, and without added facilities, we will have to start running half-day sessions in elementary grades, and we will have to abolish kindergartens altogether."

RICHARD SPEISS, high school principal, said, "Unless we get some relief from crowded high school conditions, we may lose our rating with the North Central Accrediting Association. If that happens, our graduates will experience difficulty in enrolling in colleges."

Nov. 23 has been selected as the date when voters will be asked to approve the present program. A single proposition on the ballot will ask for approval to build the additional schools and approval for the bonding of the district in the amount of \$1,750,000 to finance the project.

## Game Equipment Added To Y House

Two miniature pool tables, a ring-o-let game and many new table games have been added to the game equipment of the Birmingham YMCA and are for use of members in the Elmer Huston game room. The games may be used after school and up to 6 p.m. at night.

Volunteer student help from Kingswood school will be working on crafts and a games program Saturday morning, Nov. 7, with boys and girls in the lounge of the 'Y' from 10 a.m. until noon. Work will be done in the media of craft, string, paper and wood. New registrants for any of the 'Y' activities are accepted at any time. Just telephone the YMCA for complete details.



ONE OF THE BEST DRESSED COUPLES in this year's Halloween parade posed for the camera man before joining their school in the festivities. Susan and David Kilbury came to the party of "newlyweds" and attracted a great deal of attention. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

## Northwest Topic For Y's Men's Club

Sandy Newell of Wyandotte, assistant general secretary of the Detroit YMCA, will be the speaker at the Ladies' night dinner of the Birmingham Y's Men's Club Monday, Nov. 9 at 6:45 p.m. His topic to be illustrated with slides and 16 mm. colored movies is "The Canadian Northwest."

President "Bud" James also announced that Morgan Barstow would make an appeal on behalf of the United Foundation. A report on the seeding of the 'Y' lawn will be made by the Secretary.

Membership in the Y's Men's Club is open to men 21 or over on application. It is the service club of the 'Y' concerned with youth.

## Win In Tournament

The Birmingham YMCA Archery group held a tournament last Saturday morning with each contestant shooting 36 arrows from 20 yards.

Bruce McDonald won first place with a total score of 135. In second spot was Gary Hendrickson with 78 followed by George Kinna with 68 points. Prizes were given to those finishing in the upper bracket.

## Auto Crash Fatal To Southfield Man

One man died and two were injured as the result of a two-car collision at Telegraph and North Cromwell last Thursday afternoon, according to Michigan state police.

Authorities at Pontiac General hospital reported that Dwight L. Dickinson, 38, of 24890 N. Cromwell, Southfield township, died shortly after admittance to the hospital.

George A. Bosse, 39, of 28495 Joy Road, Garden City, and Horace Charles, 63, of 12005 Mendota, Detroit, were treated for abrasions and bruises at the hospital and released.

STATE POLICE reported that Dickinson, driving alone, was heading north on Telegraph and was making a left turn into N. Cromwell when his car was struck by

one driven by Bosse. The Oakland county prosecutor's office is investigating the accident.

## Active Worker at 102

Newburyport, Mass. — Henry Bailey Little was recently re-elected to his 65th consecutive term as head of the Institution for Savings—two days after his 102nd birthday. He still works every banking day.

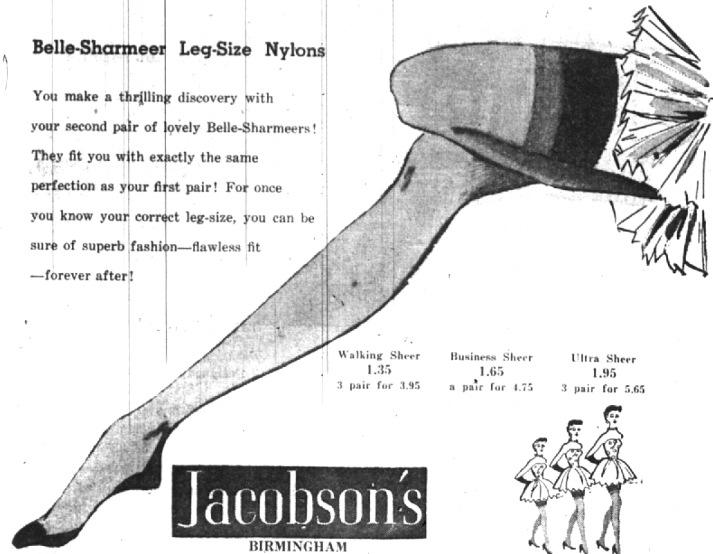
## Begins Basic Training

Camp Rucker, Ala.—Pvt. Bob L. Earle, son of John E. Earle, 24275 W. 14 Mile, Southfield township, has arrived at Camp Rucker to undergo initial military training. Inducted into the Army, Sept. 25, 1953, and processed at Ft. Knox, Ky., he will receive basic training from the 47th "Viking" Infantry Division here.

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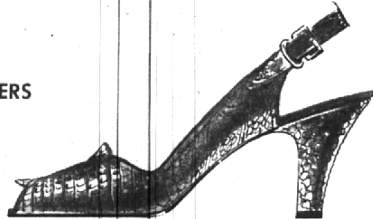
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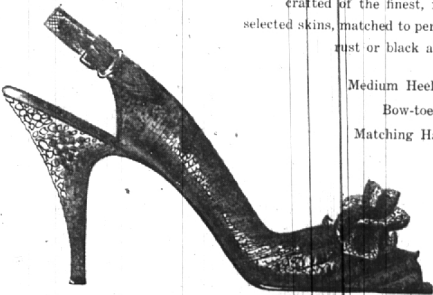
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