

RETIRES

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and shed his uniform for the plain clothes of a detective in 1938. He was promoted to his present rank of lieutenant in 1951.
Now 59 years old, Green wants to get away from the cumbersome duties of his desk. But his interest in the work in which he has spent most of his life will not permit him to remain idle.

TODAY, AFTER HE checks in his gun and badge at Birmingham police headquarters, he will go to accept a new gun and badge from Bloomfield Village.

There will be an air of familiarity about his new position since he will be working through the office of his brother, Bloomfield Township Police Chief Clark Green. The two men worked together many years ago on the Birmingham force.

Oakland Plans For Southfield Arc Tentative

It will be several years before action will be taken by Oakland county to extend Wayne County's expressway plans for Southfield through to Birmingham, according to Leon Belknap, chief engineer for the Oakland county road commission.
Belknap told an Eccentric staff reporter last week that while plans for expanding Southfield have been discussed since 1925 when rights of way were first acquired no definite decisions have as yet been made.

Wayne county recently announced that it intends to begin a 10-year program that will turn Southfield into an expressway as far out as 8 Mile.
Belknap stated that current thinking favors expansion of Southfield from 8 Mile to 14 Mile into a 304 foot wide boulevard. He added that to do this certain rights of way would have to be acquired particularly in the Lathrup subdivision where the county at present has only 100 feet of right of way.

HE SAID THAT any building of Southfield would probably be done in stages. A strip could be added to the present roadway to make a four-lane highway with another strip being added later to make the boulevard, he said.
He noted that the possibility of making the road eventually into an expressway all the way to 14 Mile has also been discussed, and any extension to Maple or beyond would depend on Birmingham.

Belknap stresses that all plans concerning Southfield are tentative, and there is little chance that any definite action will be taken until the county catches up on more pressing road development.

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SCHOOL

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their high school folk. Our science department, while good as far as it goes, is not so much better than we had a modern laboratory properly equipped.
I suggest nothing in the way of a biology laboratory. . . The high school has nothing in the field of home economics.
Johnson added that failure to provide suitable facilities in the fields of instrumental music and speech and dramatics leaves student resources in these areas untapped.
"Teachers and students do their best, but they lack a stage; they lack an auditorium, Johnson said.

FOLLOWING Johnson's report, the board of education called upon Robert Swanson of Swanson Associates, Bloomfield Hills architects, to present plans for a proposed new high school which the board had ordered modified to bring them within a \$1,500,000 budget tentatively set for building of a high school.
The modified plans showed a reduction of 12,000 square feet of floor space. Twenty-three classrooms are called for, plus a library, study hall and gymnasium.
Following a report by Richard Speiss, high school principal, which outlined the needs of a school designed to accommodate a student body of 800 students, the board decided that the present plans represented the minimum in reduction in size that could be made.

IN SUBSEQUENT discussion, Board Member Merrill Bates stated that he would be hesitant in "going on record as supporting \$1,500,000 for a high school until I can be shown that elementary needs will be adequately met.

Edward Proctor, board president, said that costs on the high school might be cut by use of less expensive materials.
"However, I would not hesitate to ask for \$1,500,000 for a high school since we are keeping well within the limits of our taxing power," Proctor continued. "If more money is needed for elementary expansion it will be available due to increasing tax rate. If elementary needs demand it, we can ask for more money."

THE BOARD then told Swanson to go ahead with drawing final plans for a \$1,500,000 high school. Swanson said that the plans would be complete in 30 days so the board could give full information to the public at that time.

Proctor estimated that a bond issue for financing the project might be ready for presentation to voters by November 15. If voters approve the issue, Swanson said construction might be started as early as March 15.
Elementary additions to the Wing Lake school also are likely to appear on the bond issue.
The board discussed possible plans for such an addition and agreed to meet with representatives of O'Dell, Hewlett & Luckenbach to get cost estimates.

Youth Council Inviting School Representatives

The Youth Council steering committee has invited junior and senior high schools of the Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills school districts to choose Youth Council representatives for the coming year.
Young people's clubs and club groups of the area also are being asked to represent themselves on the council.
The steering committee met during the summer to compile the by-laws which will be presented at the first meeting, October 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community House. Discussion concerning needs of young people in the community and plans for the coming year are included on the agenda.

"EVERYONE to whom we have talked about our reorganized and enlarged Youth Council is very enthusiastic," said Chairman Howard Johnson, a Birmingham high school senior. "The idea that young people are anxious to work for the community instead of just receiving things from the adults is what makes our new plan exciting."
"We don't know exactly what projects we will tackle until we meet and discuss needs. But there are a lot of ideas floating around already."
"With our wide representation, we hope every young person in the area, through his school or club group, will feel he is a part of Youth Council—and that his voice will be heard. And whatever projects we choose to work on will have to be practical and useful."

EACH JUNIOR and senior high school grade is invited to send one representative for the first two hundred students and one more representative for each succeeding one hundred students. The club groups will send one representative each.
Any out-of-school organization whose members are between 14 and 21 years of age, not known to the steering committee, are urged to discuss their eligibility with adult advisor Mrs. Harvey B. Greene, Community Club drive, Bloomfield Hills.

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