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TALKING OVER OLD TIMES with his former boss, Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson (right), is Herman F. Luhrs (left), past state commander and chairman of the National American Legion public relations commission and General Motors executive. The discussion took place after the presentation of Defense Meritorious award to the Legion for returning national commander Lewis K. Gough of California (center). The award was made at the Legion's 35th annual national convention held in St. Louis, Mo., recently.

B'ham School's Growth Nears Four-a-Day Mark

Approximately 3 1/2 new students per school day have arrived in the Birmingham school district during the last year, according to figures released this week by Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland.

Enrollment figures at the close of the first week of school were reported at 6,797 as compared to 5,766 one year ago for a gain of 1,031.

This increase in student numbers is matched by an increase in faculty numbers from 218 last year to 344 this year, an increase of 26 1/2%.

In all, 64 new teachers are employed in the Birmingham district to provide for the increase in classrooms and to fill vacancies created by the normal turnover of teachers.

"Class size is not too bad at the beginning of the year," Dr. Ireland stated, "All children are on a full day schedule except kindergarten pupils, who attend on a half-day program."

"IF THE growth that took place last year continues... class enrollments will be unreasonably large and some relief will be sought before the end of the current year," Ireland continued.

He pointed out that the present building program will provide relief yet this year from crowded conditions in spite of some unanticipated delays.


He added that after the Christmas holidays, Quorton school's addition should be ready for occupancy. Terry school's new kindergarten room also is slated for early use, but the remainder of new construction at Terry will not be completed until March or April, he predicts.

BEVELLY HILLS elementary school is moving along on schedule, and work has begun on Bartium junior high school, with hope of more rapid progress there, said Ireland.

Modified plans designed to bring additions to Franklin and Bloomfield Village schools within their respective budgets are completed.

Ireland announced that the school board has been legally advised to advertise for bids on these projects and the projects should be completed by March 15, Ireland concluded.

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He said the boys will be turned over for action to the juvenile court of Birmingham. Because of their age the Eccentric withholds the names of the youths.

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YMCA Religious Retreat Planned For October 3-4

Everett W. Allen, chairman of the Birmingham Y.M.C.A. Christian Emphasis Committee, has issued an announcement that the 35th Annual Fall Religious Retreat of the Detroit YMCA branches will be held at Christ Church, Colchester, Md., on October 3 and 4 starting at 3 p.m.

The guest speaker this year will be Dr. Roland W. Schloerb, pastor for the past 25 years of Hyde Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., and for many years chairman of the Committee on Christian Emphasis and Method of the National Council of YMCAs.

Dr. Schloerb is author of two religious works, "Glimpses of Our Lives," and "The Preaching Ministry Today." A graduate with degrees from North Central College, and the Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Ill., Northwestern University, he attended the University of Chicago as Fellow in Higher Education, for Religion in Higher Education, and in 1936, returned to North Central College, Chicago, to receive his Doctor of Divinity degree.

Continuation of township services to the Lathrup village area after incorporation was taken under advisement Tuesday night by Board of Public Works members.

Members of the Lathrup charter commission were present at the meeting to ask a gentlemen's agreement for rubbish pickup and fire protection should voters approve the charter and elect a five-man council at the December 7 election.

Commission member John G. Campbell and chairman William H. Harris sought interim services from the township during the time after the election until the city's operations can get underway.

U.S. Representative William Campbell pledged the township's cooperation but hinted that the cost of the service might be increased because the township would be serving an area outside of its borough.

Lathrup Village Asks Extension Of Town Services

Board Member Bernard Chapman advised Lathrup representatives that costs might have to be increased to keep the township out of debt.

"Areas such as yours, Franklin Hills and Southfield Park include residential properties," Chapman said. "When you leave the township you also leave a burden on us to operate our services on less taxes."

"You are attempting to leave township rule to gain certain benefits, I assume," Chapman continued. "I'm afraid that you will have to help us pay Birmingham high school and the destination Southfield park."

Hot dogs and pop will be furnished by the pack in case of rain the hike will be postponed to Sunday the 27, at 12:00 p.m. All cubs, old and new will be welcome, and the initiation of new members is to be part of the program.

Boys caught through eleven are eligible for Cubs, and anyone wanting information about joining may call one of the two Top Mothers, Mrs. James Van Doren or Mrs. John Cooper.

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RO Police Catch 4 Boys In Auto Theft

Four 16 year-old youths from Detroit were arrested by Royal Oak police Monday for the theft of an automobile in Birmingham, according to Detective Sergeant Merlin Holmquist of the Birmingham police department.

Holmquist said the quartet was arrested following a telephone call to Birmingham police by Mrs. C. H. Staples, 1306 Yewville, who informed police that someone was driving away in her son's car.

Birmingham police broadcast the alarm and Royal Oak police intercepted the boys on their way to Detroit.

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Public Hearing Called On Amend.

An amendment to the zoning ordinance to regulate the density of residential construction in areas zoned for business will be heard before the city commission Monday night, Sept. 28.

Residential development in business areas would be held to that now allowed in income-bungalow zones should the amendment be adopted. Residential use in industrial zones would be prohibited except in the case of a caretaker and his family.

Organ Club's Guest

The second session of the Birmingham Hammond Organ Society is slated for Oct. 12, at Grinnell. Rodney Davis of Detroit will play the organ and play piano, p.h. program, Stanley Rosso was guest musician at the Sept. 17 meeting.



SHOWN ABOVE IS THE CAR in which Mr. and Mrs. C. Watts Wacker miraculously escaped serious injury when it overturned at Shirley and Arfington in Birmingham Sept. 13. The Wackers, who live at 1694 Bates, although suffering cuts and bruises when they were thrown out of the car, declined medical aid at the time of the accident. Wacker, ticked not having his car under control, told police, "I was just driving too fast and put on the brakes, slid into the curb and turned over."

Plan Ladies' Night

Johnny "Senat" Davis, radio and TV actor will be the featured entertainment attraction at the Birmingham Y Men's Club's first ladies' night Monday, Sept. 28 at the Y building. The program is under the direction of Morgan Barstow and reservations are being taken by Walter Allison and the YMCA. Guests are invited.

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