

A nation that, for generations, has enjoyed the personal freedoms that exist in the United States tends, on most occasions, to neglect to protect these freedoms at election time. This is why politicians and bureaucrats find it easy "to take over."

## More Than 15,000 Students Expected to Return to Classes

### 46 New B'ham Classrooms Being Rushed for Opening

To keep abreast of ever-rising school populations, Birmingham school district officials hope to have 46 new classrooms open for the fall term to ease overcrowding of the district's schools.

Contractors will be pushed in some instances to have this number of rooms available by the September 7 opening.

This gives construction workers at Pembroke school little more than two weeks to finish the giant job of completing the new 13-classroom school that has been the victim of several building delays.

Pembroke's counterpart in Beverly Hills, Beverly school, will open its doors on September 7 to give students something entirely new in school facilities.

THE 13 classroom building is as modern as architects believe is functionally possible and offers pupils the utmost in ventilation and light as each two-classroom unit is independent of the rest of the units.

In addition to these two new elementary schools, additions will be used for the first time at Bloomfield Village, Franklin and Torry, and new rooms also will be opened at Barnum Junior High, Quanton, Adams and Walnut Lake.

With the first seven additional rooms opened for use in the late spring of this year, and the remodeling of rooms in Barnum and Adams, it will bring the total to 27 new rooms added to district schools this year.

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This school to retain about 150 seventh graders at the school for the coming school year.

Under this plan, all seventh graders living east of Woodward will spend the year at Adams.

THE LONG-RANGE plan to permanently relieve Barnum is the construction of a second junior high on the east side of the city.

The money to finance the building was approved by district voters in June of this year.

And what about the high school level? Already the district's beautiful high school is gasping for more room to handle students—and contractors presently are busy readying bids for a 10-room addition to the sprawling school. Funds to back this building also were approved in June when voters gave the nod to a \$3,600,000 bond issue.

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TO GET AN OVERALL picture of the Pembroke elementary school, the photographer really needed (but didn't have) a helicopter. The 13-classroom school is laid out in three wings to assure pupils of ample natural light and ventilation. Workmen are going to be pressed to have this school open for use by the September 7 deadline. (Eccentric Photos)

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### New Parochial School Enrolls 300 in 5 Grades

The doors of 29 public and parochial schools, including three new ones—in three school districts, Birmingham, Southfield and Bloomfield Hills—will open wide in September to admit an all-time record enrollment of an estimated 15,284 students.

This figure includes 300 boys and girls who will attend one of the three new schools opening in September for the first time. The school is Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs Catholic school at 32460 Pierce, grades—first through fifth.

There will be two classes of first graders, two classes of second graders, one class of third graders and one class of fourth graders and one class of fifth graders.

Two other new public elementary schools are Beverly with an enrollment of 475 students and Pembroke with 435 students.

On the basis of the 7,017 enrollment at the close of school, Birmingham public schools anticipate a record enrollment of 8,566 students in 12 schools in September.

SOUTHFIELD district expects a total registration of more than 5,000 students in 10 schools based on a 4,370 total enrollment at the end of June. Supt. Glenn Schoenhaus stated.

The Bloomfield Hills district recorded an enrollment of 878 students at the end of June. An estimated 1,142 students in four schools will be enrolled before the end of the year, predictions indicated.

According to Supt. Eugene L. Johnson, the Bloomfield Hills schools anticipate the smallest classes in the county with 25 students to a classroom. This is made possible by the temporary Vaughan addition and the Walnut Lake addition, Johnson said. Both additions are a part of the \$1,700,000 bond issue approved by the voters on November 23, 1953.

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