

Increases in the assessed valuation of property in the Birmingham school district may make it possible for the board of education to conduct its next building expansion program without an increase in taxes.

Ireland said the 6 1/4 mills voted to pay off the district's first bond issue in 1949, because of increased assessed valuation, was yielding revenue at a rate greater than necessary to pay off the bonds.

He said that because of this, the board of education may be able in May to call in and pay for the bonds that will come due on the issue in the 1954 and 1955 year. In addition, a cash reserve to apply on the bonds has been built up in the amount of \$225,000.

In view of this, Ireland said, it may be possible to reduce the amount of the millage assigned to paying off the bonds, and, with voters' assent, channel the unused millage into a new construction project.

Ireland said the board is currently wrestling with the problem of increased enrollments on the high school and the junior high school levels.

He added an addition to the high school of from 16 to 20 rooms and a junior high school for the east side of the district are definitely needed.

He stressed that the board still is working on preliminary studies relative to a new construction project, and that it is not definitely known if a new project can be undertaken without a raise in taxes.

AT THE MEETING Monday night, school board members took seats in the audience to hear a report on enrollment growth in the areas served by Pierce, Beverly, Baldwin and Bloomfield Village elementary schools.

Ireland outlined that the report would emphasize planning on the part of the school administration for the assignment of students in the various areas to classes in the schools mentioned.

These still are tentative, according to Ireland, in that they are subject to review and amendment by the board of education.

Ireland said there will be 48 more classrooms in the district in September 1954 than were available in September 1953.

"However, our growth in enrollments will be such that it will be in much the same circumstances that we were in 1953. At our present rate of growth we would have to open four classrooms per month to keep up with the increase," said Ireland.

Plans for enrollment of Pierce and Beverly schools were outlined by Malcolm Ferguson, principal of Pierce school.

Ferguson said that tentatively, students at Pierce school would be drawn from an area bounded roughly by Lincoln on the north, Green on the south, and the east by Cranbrook on the east and the west and on the south by a line drawn from Southfield and Buckingham east to Pierce, south to Beverly and east to Greenfield.

This area contains 471 students as against the proposed capacity of 406 students for the new Beverly school, according to Ferguson.

MARSDEN WILSON, principal of Bloomfield Village and Franklin schools, presented a report on the student load of Bloomfield Village school. This school's area is bounded on north by Quanton road, east by Cranbrook, on the west by the district limits and on the south by Fourteen Mile.

Wilson reported 280 students in the area. He recommended that 28 students from the area of Orchard Lakes and Engle streets be transported to Baldwin school, thus reducing the student load at Bloomfield Village school to 252 students, or about 55 students per classroom.

Arthur Rolter, principal of Baldwin school, revealed that present planning calls for Baldwin school to be used as a "buffer" school to absorb the overflow of students in other schools.

THE GENERAL Baldwin area is bounded on the west by the River Rouge, on the east by Woodward and on the south by Lincoln road.

Fourteen mile road reaching down to the north side of Dunbar road.

In 1952 student population stood at 197, and in 1953 at 219.

Roller said present plans call for transporting students from the portion of the district east of the south of the Bloomfield Village and Beverly school areas to Baldwin school.

HE ADDED that present enrollment at Baldwin is 207 students and that with the graduation of a large sixth grade class next year enrollment is estimated at 678.

He said, however, that the 678 enrollment pressures in other parts of the district may result in a larger student body at Baldwin.

Ireland said it is of importance to plan some reserve class space to accommodate unexpected student increases. This is the role tentatively planned for Baldwin.

HE ADDED that the school administration is trying to work out enrollment schedules to best suit the needs of the entire school district rather than one particular school.

HE SAID that for the time being, the administration will be unable to hold classes down to an ideal membership of 25 students.

"We will have to accept classes of 20, 25 or even more until our enrollment growth reaches some sort of leveling off point," said Ireland.

Discussion of school areas will continue. A public hearing will be held on Feb. 1 for a report on student populations in the Quanton, Walnut Lake, Pembroke, Torry and Adams school areas.

Red Cross Blood Bank Fell Low Last Month '53 Picture Was Good

"Our Oakland County Red Cross chapter had to go to others to furnish enough blood to fulfill our obligations in December," Dr. E. B. Bauer, blood program chairman, told the executive committee last week.

"We fell dangerously low in December on our donations program," Dr. Bauer told the committee, "although the year as a whole was good. The thing was, other chapters had to ship blood to us and we were unable to supply any for sick and wounded servicemen."

The doctor said two banks, in Pontiac and Royal Oak, netted a total of 254 pints of blood while the chapter released 377 pints during the month.

HE REPORTED that 1953 saw a collection of 11,655 pints in 94 blood banks. Citizens received 4,659 pints, leaving 6,897 for servicemen and the gamma globulin program.

Lathrup Village Hires Watchowski As Administrator

Leonard A. Watchowski, 29, Hazel Park city assessor-treasurer, will become Oakland county's next city administrator when he takes over the management of Lathrup Village's government at the first of February.

Lathrup councilmen Monday night hired Watchowski as administrator-assessor at a salary of \$6,500 a year. He will begin work immediately on Lathrup's assessment rolls on a part time basis and begin full time employment in about two weeks.

Watchowski started with the City of Hazel Park in November 1950. Previous to that time he had been employed as assistant city assessor in East Detroit for five years.

He has been a member of the Oakland County board of supervisors.

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Obituary Notices

Lackey of California, and a sister, Mrs. Jules Favre.

Funerary services were conducted Wednesday at Christ Church Cranbrook. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Trout would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in October.

Surviving besides her husband is four daughters and sons, Mrs. Margaret Pomeroy, 1920 Dorchester, died at her home on Jan. 20, 1954, at 13, 1872 in Barrie, Ont.; she was married to William E. Trout Oct. 31, 1894. Mrs. Trout was a member of Strathmore Church of Christ in Detroit. She lived in Ferndale for ten years coming from Detroit.

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George G. Brosch, 61, a Detroit sales executive, died Sunday in St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac.

Born in Leeds, England, he lived at 948 Oakland, and had resided in this vicinity for 22 years.

Since 1944 he was owner of the George Brosch and Associates, Business Development Services. He was former midwestern manager for Trade-Ways, Inc. and vice president in charge of sales for Haigh-Patterson, Inc.

MR. BROSCH was Detroit executive member of the National Federation of Sales Executives. He also belonged to the Adcraft club, Sales Executives club, Birmingham Village Players and Bloomfield Open Hunt club.

Associated with Pacific Coast firms before coming to Detroit, he served on the United States embassy staff in Paris from 1908 to 1915.

Surviving are his wife, A. Myrna; a daughter, Mrs. George T.