

Southfield Road School Crossing Perplexes Twp., County, School Bd.

Comfort, Service Keynote Beverly

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Going to school is an entirely new experience to little Sally Price who started kindergarten at the new Beverly school Tuesday morning.

Although her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. William Price, 18261 Devonshire, have been to school before, they agree and little Sally that "something new has been added. The Beverly school is like nothing their childhood ever experienced."

The building incorporates an entirely new slant on space use, light and modern materials. It is a far cry from the "little red schoolhouse."

One example is the shiny black tiles over the main entrance. Once inside the building, their apparent decorative idea is shown to be something else again. They are actually glare-proof windows in the combination gym-auditorium-luncheon. Through them, treetops, sky and sun clearly are visible, without a trace of glare.

THE ROOM they light is different, too. On one side luncheon tables look like bright red plaques when folded up into the wall. They drop down into table position in a matter of seconds.

Across the room three large doors provide easy entrance when it is necessary to bring in quantities of chairs to convert the large room into an auditorium for programs and conferences.

A basketball court is marked onto the floor at one end, while at the other a road-sized stage can be raised, or when not in use, lowered to floor level.

THROUGHOUT the school each room is light and airy, each with a marked openness to the outdoors. By the ingenious use of four inside courtyard, each room has two walls of windows and each its own entrance from the outside.

Drinking fountains and lavatories for each room makes every one a self-sufficient unit.

Another of the changes apparent to Sally's parents is the lavish use of color. Gone is the drabness of their school days. Against

soft beige and gray backgrounds gay reds, greens and yellows are everywhere in evidence.

THEY NOTICE, too, that "black-boards" are green these days. They are called chalk boards now, and certainly present a more pleasing picture as they frame the room.

Furniture, in blond wood, is fitted to the users. No longer do little feet tangle an uncomfortable distance from the floor.

Mr. and Mrs. Price will notice, in addition, that along with the comfort for their Sally, the teacher has at last been given some consideration. An attractive lounge is provided for staff members, where a few moments of relaxation can be enjoyed between classes or during the noon recess.

One might easily run off with the idea that the Prices, as they left Sally in her father's care, were muttering something about time turning backward—back to their own first days in school.



OFF TO SCHOOL is little Sally Price, accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Price, 18261 Devonshire. Sally is starting her first school days in the new Beverly school. The building, incorporating the newest in school construction, space use and modern equipment is as much of a novelty to Sally's parents as it is to the little girl herself. (Eccentric Photo)

Question Necessity Of Signal

SOUTHFIELD—The question of a traffic signal on Southfield road at Beverly has been discussed by the new Beverly school board at a standstill for weeks.

While county, township and Birmingham school board officials seem to agree that some type of signalization is needed at the intersection, they are not in agreement as to what precaution should be taken or how they are to be financed.

Residents in the school district living east of Southfield began discussions over the traffic situation soon after Beverly school construction started.

Spokesmen in the subdivision now complain that school has started and still no traffic control devices have been installed for school children.

ACTION ON the signal began with the township board who petitioned the Oakland County Road Commission to have a traffic study at the intersection.

The county, after making the study, determined that there was too little eastbound traffic to warrant a signal but agreed that a signal could be installed that would operate only during the morning and afternoon hours preceding the school opening and following its close.

The township, after learning that such a signal would cost slightly over \$100, asked the Birmingham school board to share costs of the installation.

The school board declined any share of the costs when they determined that traffic control was not within the jurisdiction of the school district.

WHEN CONTACTED Tuesday, Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland explained that the township not only sought the school board's help in installing a crossing guard but also asked the schools to provide an adult guard at the intersection.

"We are doing nothing to do with traffic control near our schools in either the City of Birmingham or in the township," Ireland stated. "While there is a crossing guard for the Maple road crossing at Balfour school, this man is paid by the city as part of their traffic safety program," he continued.

Payment of the signal is not the only question involved, all parties agree.

Traffic engineers oppose the installation of such a signal that only operates two hours a day.

TOWNSHIP Supervisor William Roeder said that experience has shown that such a signal adds to the hazard of the crossing because motorists, unprepared for the light operation, are apt to run the signal.

Subdivision residents also complain that there are two experienced patrol boys at the school to guard the intersection safely.

Jim Ruhly, 17395 Locherie, is the lone returning patrol boy at the school, according to residents. Jim is in his second year as a regular and his assistant by two substitute guards.

This week the Oakland County sheriff's department posted a deputy at the crossing during school hours but this is not regarded as a permanent solution to the crossing problem.

Township and county officials have agreed to try and provide a policeman at the intersection until some type of signal is installed.

Volunteers Respond To Two Fire Calls

FRANKLIN—The volunteer fire department responded to two calls Friday afternoon and Sunday. The late afternoon call was from the home of Chester Jankowski, one of the volunteers, where a faulty incinerator caused little damage.

The department was called out again Sunday to extinguish a grease fire in the exhaust fan ductwork at the kitchen of Franklin Hills Country Club.

Damage was restricted to the burn-out of the blower motor.

License Suspended

LATHRUP VILLAGE—Driver's license of James W. Lathrup, Jr., 18, of 1811 Wiltshire, was suspended six months in Detroit traffic court Sept. 3 because he had amassed four moving violations since August 15. In his fourth count, he was accused of speeding 60 miles per hour on Grand River near Outer Drive.

Girl's Quick Action Saves Family, Home

Fourteen-year-old Lee Carkner knew just what to do when fire threatened the Roy Carkner home on Bingham road at 10:25 p.m. last Friday night.

All the others had retired when Lee's bedroom lights flickered and went out and she noticed a brilliant flaming light outside her baby sister's room.

She grabbed the baby, ran downstairs and out of doors shouting "fire" as she went to awaken the rest of the family.

Running next door, she gave the fire report to the telephone operator who called the Birmingham department.

Birmingham radioed the Southfield department, which called Franklin and then sped to the fire. The Franklin pumper arrived first, about seven minutes after Lee's call, in a near-heat with the Southfield truck.

The blaze was caused by an arc which started in the electric meter box and burned its way through 1 1/2 inch pipe down to the ground where buried power lines fed the Carkner home. Damage was restricted to the meter.



SUPT. EUGENE L. JOHNSON (left) chats with Educational Consultants Drs. Don W. Dolan (center) and Ray E. Kiboe of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, who addressed teachers attending a two-day workshop of Bloomfield Hills city schools last Thursday and Friday at Vaughan school. About 70 teachers, including several school board of education members, attended a Thursday luncheon of the group in Vaughan's cafeteria.

Retired Officer For Ford Motor

A retired Ford Motor company executive, Burt J. Craig, 69, died Sept. 2. Mr. Craig lived at 1379 Dorstone Place, Bloomfield Hills.

Born in Detroit on Aug. 7, 1885, he was educated in public and private schools in that city.

He began his industrial career in 1907, when he became a member of the Ford accounting department. Other positions held with the company included assistant to the auditor, 1914; assistant secretary and assistant treasurer, 1919; vice president and treasurer, 1943, and from 1943 to 1948, served as a company director.

HE WAS SECRETARY of the Ford Foundation for 10 years, beginning in 1936, and from 1946 served as secretary, treasurer and trustee until his retirement on June 30, 1951.

Mr. Craig had also been a director of the Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit and a member and trustee of the Henry Ford hospital.

He held memberships in Palestine Lodge, 357, F.&M., Detroit Commandery, 1, Knights Templar, the Detroit club, Detroit Athletic club, Detroit golf club and the Surf club of Miami, Fla.

His survivors include his wife, Edith M., and a daughter, Mrs. Ralph Mansel.

Interment, in charge of the William R. Hamilton company, Detroit, was in Woodlawn cemetery Saturday afternoon.

City-Country School Opens September 14

The city and country school of Bloomfield Hills will start a new fall semester on Sept. 14.

Music, art and literature studies for the upper grades on the opening day will be supervised by Dr. Ernest Scheyer, formerly of Birmingham who is head of the history of art department at Wayne University.

French will be taught in the upper grades from third grade on. Art will be taught beginning in the nursery school by Miss Charlotte Whitney. Music will be directed by Virginia Brown.

The teaching staff has been augmented by two members. They are Miss Inez Gidion with a BA degree from Wayne university who will teach the second grade and Mrs. Shirley York with a BA degree from Wayne university, who will teach the third grade.

It is true that most of the great men and women of this world have achieved greatness because they have dared to improve upon the gifts that Nature gave them or to do things that no one else had done. Had they not so struggled for self-improvement, they would have walked life's lower levels.



WALNUT LAKE—Eager to do their bit for the emergency March of Dimes. These five youngsters pooled their talents last week to present a benefit puppet show. From left are Terry Unsworth, Howard Benway (director), Janet Vashaw, John Bishop and Bill Bishop, producer of the show. The Aug. 31 affair netted \$8, which was taken to the Pontiac office of the National Foundation for Polio to be included in the current drive. (Eccentric Photo)

Three Concerts Scheduled

SOUTHFIELD—Three winter concerts featuring professional guest soloists will be presented under the auspices of the Southfield high school vocal music department. Season tickets will go on sale Sept. 7 at the high school office where orders are being taken by phone.

First in the series will be a presentation of George Frideric Handel's Messiah on Dec. 9. Soloists will be Robert Allen Kouch, tenor; Edith Green, soprano; Alexander McDonald, bass; and Evelyn De Courville, alto.

Second in the series will be a Christmas Concert on Dec. 19, with Louise Friedman, soprano and Don McCall baritone as guest soloists. Soloists for the spring concert will be announced later.

Roach has had extensive study and training in Europe including the Conservatory of Music in Heidelberg and with Helen Fritz von Zupper and Ingelborg Krusch-Zuschneid at the Bremen Opera House at Bremen, Germany.

ETHEL GREEN is a graduate of Columbia University in New York City and is professor of theory and vocal music at Western Michigan College. Having sung the soprano lead in the Messiah many times, Miss Green is most noted for this particular role.

Alexander McDonald is no stranger to the concert stage in the Detroit area. He has studied with the noted Avery Crevier and has sung the lead in such works as the Brahms Requiem, Dubois' Seven Last Words of Christ, and Bach's Christmas Oratorio.

Miss De Courville's background includes study in Salzburg, Austria. She has sung leading roles

West Bloomfield Republicans to Meet Sept. 14

W. BLOOMFIELD—Speakers at the first meeting of the West Bloomfield Republicans, Sept. 14, will include William S. Bloomfield, Republican representative and nominee for State senator from the 12th district, and Richard C. VanDusen, incumbent representative, who is seeking re-election from the 3rd district.

The meeting will be held at the West Bloomfield township hall, 4400 Orchard Lake road, at 8:00 p.m.

"Fine accomplishments by the administration in Washington and elsewhere have given Republicans their best chance in years to demonstrate the value of sound leadership," Robert H. Flint, chairman of the West Bloomfield township Republican committee, asserted.

"But such accomplishments tend to lessen the activities of local political organizations. It is this complacency we fear in West Bloomfield township."

Detroit Injured In Bloomfield Twp.

BLOOMFIELD—A Detroit driver was injured in a three-car crash last Thursday about 10:30 a.m. on Telegraph at Lincoln drive.

A third car driven by Gladys Reepert, 30, of Detroit, crashed into Kemsaulian's car after he had stopped.

Kemsaulian told police he did not see the turn signal of a car driven by Mrs. Bessie N. Steen, 49, of 3225 Lincoln, Birmingham. A third car driven by Gladys Reepert, 30, of Detroit, crashed into Kemsaulian's car after he had stopped.

FRANKLIN—Committee members Leonard Madge, Jack Roberts and Oliver Garwood, (left to right) are among the many persons busy putting the final touches on preparations for Franklin's annual Round-Up and Barbecue which starts with a parade on the village at 1:00 p.m. this coming Saturday. Tickets for the barbecue dinner on the village green are available in Franklin stores and from the sponsoring Franklin Community Association. Madge and Garwood are co-chairmen of the event and Roberts is parade marshal. (Eccentric Photo)

