



Clawson Eyes Vickers Property

Clawson this week made known its intention of grabbing (if it can) the desirable (tax-wise) property of Vickers, Inc. at Crooks and 15 Mile roads, making the 76-acre tract a prize sought after by three committees.

Royal Oak first announced its hope of annexing the proposed site of Vicker's \$2,000,000 headquarters and research center two weeks ago.

Troy township, fearing loss of the \$20,000-a-year revenue from the contested property, filed for incorporation as a city in order to stop Royal Oak's bid.

NOW CLAWSON officials are examining annexation law, believing that since Clawson falls in the category of cities below 10,000 population, it means Clawson could annex Vickers with their consent and a vote of only Clawson residents, according to Clawson Mayor John R. Darbee.

The bone of contention, Vickers, is content to sit back and await developments. "We don't want to antagonize anyone," a company official said.

Vickers petitioned Royal Oak originally for annexation in the hopes of benefitting from city water and sewer lines.

TROY'S incorporation petition is still in the hands of the Oakland County Clerk, and will be turned over to the county board of supervisors in about two weeks. A second petition is being sent to Lansing to gain a special census necessary for Troy's incorporation.

Meanwhile Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce members are still circulating their annexation petition, which is short about 500 names.

Predict 14,000 Students In B'ham District by 1960

When school bells ring in the fall of 1960, the already bulging Birmingham district will be required to provide for an increase of more than 80 per cent from present enrollment. This is the prediction of a study committee of the independent Citizens Committee for Education, sponsored by the PTA Council to assist the board of education in meeting problems of overcrowded classrooms and averting the possibility of half-day classes.

A preliminary report by the subcommittee headed by Louis A. Bauer, 3140 Broadway, Bloomfield Village, and Paul Fleck, 32328 Sherida, Southfield township, made this forecast of the enrollment growth of the sprawling district.

From last September's 7,738 to 13,937 in September, 1960—an increase of 8,200 pupils in five years. The committee also forecast a total population growth, based on the most conservative estimates of public utilities, from more than 33,000 now to 48,000 in 1960 and 70,000 in 1970.

THE 10-MEMBER subcommittee studying immediate classroom needs toured the entire school district, observing not only the present 12 buildings, but the tremendous residential building activity in Birmingham and vicinity.

arate population studies. One of these took into account no population increase. It revealed that enough children would come of school age—even if no others moved into the district—to raise the enrollment from last fall's 7,738 to 10,489 in 1960.

THE FINAL prediction was a correlation of school census figures and minimum and maximum estimates by the school administration and public utilities which are concerned with serving the growing area.

The forecast takes into account

a flexibility of the building program so that it can be adjusted either upward or downward within reasonable limits—going slightly above the desired class size or reducing the number of classrooms in proposed schools and additions. Fleck's subcommittee members are Howard Gould, Russell Martin, Mrs. Charles Blunt, Carl Abbott, Jennings Hammer, William Gordon, Russell Mowry, Mrs. Wendell Smith and Gordon Boling.

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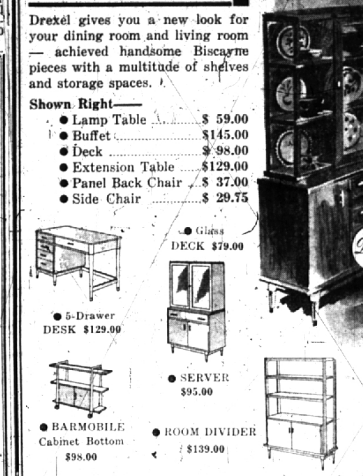
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