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**Thanksgiving**

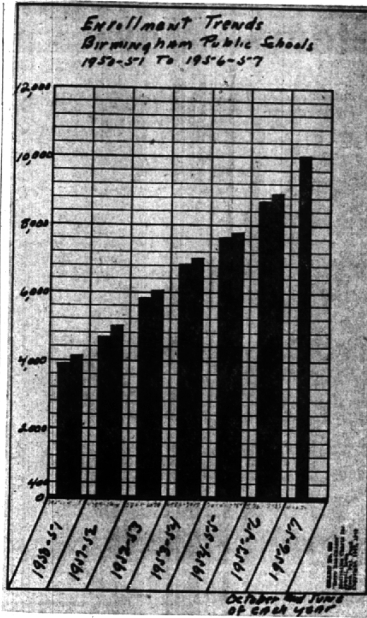
We plow the fields, and scatter  
The good seed on the land,  
But it is fed and watered  
By God's almighty hand,  
He sends the snow in winter,  
The warmth to swell the grain,  
The breezes and the sunshine,  
And soft refreshing rain.  
We thank Thee, then, O Father,  
For all things bright and good,  
The seedtime and the harvest,  
Our life, our health, our food;  
No gifts have we to offer  
For all Thy love imparts,  
But that which Thou desirest,  
Our humble, thankful hearts.

All good gifts around us  
Are sent from heaven above;  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord  
For all His love. A-men.

Matthias Claudius, 1782

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ENROLLMENT TRENDS are revealed in this chart which shows the number of students enrolling in Birmingham schools increasing by approximately 1,000 each year.

**Schools' 10,063 Little 'Problems' Increasing**

By JULIE CANDLER

If you think you have problems providing enough room for the children in your home, think of the problems of Birmingham's board of education. They currently have 10,063 school children to provide for.

But that's not all. There's more on the way. Enrollment trends charted above reveal how Birmingham school attendance has grown from 4,000 to 10,000 in the last six years.

Proof that enrollment figures will continue to mushroom lies in the grade enrollment chart above. Kindergartens, shown at left, now have nearly 1200 youngsters enrolled. Next year this year's kindergartners will overflow into first grade facilities.

AND SO IT GOES, with a larger

number entering school nearly every year. To keep facilities ahead of the need, Birmingham voters approved a bond issue of \$5 1/2 million in June, 1955. Since then a total of 87 classrooms have either been added or are under construction, present classrooms have been rehabilitated, school sites have been acquired, and two school swimming pools are under construction.

In a recent report to the Citizens' committee and the board of education, Superintendent of Schools Dwight B. Ireland said "when one deducts the time required for selling the bonds, it leaves less than one year in which all the work has been done."

NEW FACILITIES soon to be underway, according to the report, include four new elementary schools: (1) Midvale, located on the northeast corner of the high school site; (2) Greenfield, between Greenfield and Fairfax roads near 13 Mile road; (3) Valley Woods, at Lahar and 14 Mile road, and (4) Harlan, on N. Adams road. School additions include Pembroke, Beverly, and Bloomfield Village schools and two cottage schools added at Pierce school. A Walnut Lake school addition is expected to be opened about

Dec. 1.

CLASSROOMS IN Adams, Barnum, Pierce, Quanton, Bloomfield Village, and Franklin schools have been rehabilitated with fluorescent fixtures and acoustical ceilings.

School sites have been purchased at Westchester Village, Walnut Lake (addition to present site), N. Adams road (Harlan school), 14 Mile-Lahar, and a Lockwood (Cranbrook Village) site has been condemned for acquisition.

And for the future, Dr. Ireland reports, elementary schools on the sites at Westchester and Cranbrook Villages will be needed soon. Also urgent is planning provision of facilities for the 2,000 students who will be at high school age by 1960.

AS REPORTED recently by the Birmingham Eccentric, tentative plans are for a six-year high school to house both junior and senior high school students. So far, the board of education has kept ahead of the growing school enrollment. But when its responsible administrators go home at night, they must have nightmares in which lines indicating enrollment figures go zooming off the chart and bounce back off the ceiling.

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