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Talk Confuses Finnish Student At Southfield

Southfield high's exchange student, Ritva Karinen, from Finland was a confused young lady for the first three days of school last week. In the excitement of the first days she suddenly found words flying too fast for her student English.

Laughing fellow students and busy teachers forgot to speak slowly for Ritva and the world around her became a babbling kaleidoscope of faces and sounds. Happily, things are beginning to calm down this week.

Ritva is pleased with the student-teacher relationships at Southfield. Not having to curtsy to each teacher she meets gives Ritva a feeling of friendship and democracy.

Kindness comes as other students begin to understand her problems and help her. A "get acquainted" party is being planned for Ritva, and soon she will be one of the group.

Lathrup School Has 676 Pupils, 8 New Teachers

With the cooperation of neighborhood mothers, enrollment of Lathrup school's 676 pupils went along smoothly this year. At the request of Miss Kathryn McLean, the mothers made phone calls to the parents of kindergarten and first graders, giving information on bus schedules and school sessions. Miss McLean expressed her deep appreciation for this assistance.

Within the next two weeks it is expected that the Lathrup school cafeteria will be ready to serve approximately 325 children with hot lunches. Letters will soon be sent home to parents explaining the cafeteria arrangements to serve those children who travel to school by bus and are unable to get home for lunch.

There are eight new teachers on the Lathrup school staff this year. The school has two new kindergarten teachers, Mary Jean Stillman, a graduate of Northwestern University, and Delores Nicholson, who graduated from Michigan State University.

MADELYN MURRAY, a graduate of Wittenberg University, in Springfield, O., will instruct first graders.

There are two new second grade teachers, Adele Mies, a graduate of the University of Detroit, and Nancy Ann Rumpel, who graduated from Wayne University.

Two new third grade instructors are Joanne Ryan, a graduate of Ann Glick of Eastern Oregon college, La Grande, Ore.

From Maryville college in St. Louis comes Agnes Hubert, also a new instructor at Lathrup school. Parents of Lathrup school children were urged by Miss McLean to time the arrival of their children at the school so that they will not be at the Southfield cross-

B'ham B of E Receives Higher Building Costs

Once again the Birmingham Board of Education received a mild surprise as bids for the construction of a new school shot over estimates. This time it was the new Valley Woods elementary school that hit the high costs.

When the low bids were totaled the amount was \$738,535, as opposed to the estimate of \$675,000. The school's architects, Smith, Tarapata and McMahon, have been awarded contracts.

The low bids were \$555,000, Alex Kink, general contracting, \$119,990, Lloyd S. Thornton, mechanical contract, \$52,690, Johnson Electric, electrical work and \$10,955, Gold Star Products for kitchen equipment.

THE BOARD also was quite concerned about the many repairs that have been required to keep Baldwin school operating. During the past few years considerable money has been spent on the improvement of walls, ceilings and other parts of the building.

The board has requested that the architects make a study and inspection of the building to determine the necessary action.

Some handsome plans were presented to the board showing the proposed layout of athletic and recreation facilities for the new Derby junior high school.

INCLUDED in the large area are two football fields—practice and game, four tennis courts, five softball diamonds and one regulation baseball field.

Great Books Group Meets Wednesday

Birmingham will have a Great Books Group again this fall, with its first meeting scheduled Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Baldwin public library.

Meetings for the discussion group are planned for alternate Wednesday evenings through the fall, winter and spring, with a new selection discussed at each two-hour get-together.

"If you are one of the many who have always wanted to read the great classics of literature and if you enjoy stimulating discussions with intelligent people, here is a wonderful opportunity to do both," says Miss Jeanne Lloyd, head librarian.

Wednesday evening's discussion will be on the Ecclesiastes, a book of the Bible.

"All adults in the community are invited to take advantage of this opportunity for a free liberal education," stated Mrs. Harry Stark, Jr., chairman of the group.

Those interested in participating may register at the library or call Mrs. Stark for further information.

ing before 12:45 p.m. At that time someone will be present at the crossing to guide them safely. Early birds might be tempted to cross on their own, risking an accident.

The preliminary site plan also shows a soccer-hockey field, 220-yard straight track, basketball court and space for bleachers.

At the same time the members checked over plans for the school bus discharge circle at Derby which will also serve as 34-space parking lot. The board favored immediate construction of this section to eliminate traffic congestion and hazards on Derby road.

Estimated cost of the circle is approximately \$16,000.

AS AN ENJOYABLE conclusion to the business portion of the meeting the board viewed a very fine color movie which will be used as indoctrination film for sixth grade students.

The movie—"A Day at Barnum"—was produced and photographed by Herbert Hengst, principal and Robert Brackstone, assistant principal of Barnum.

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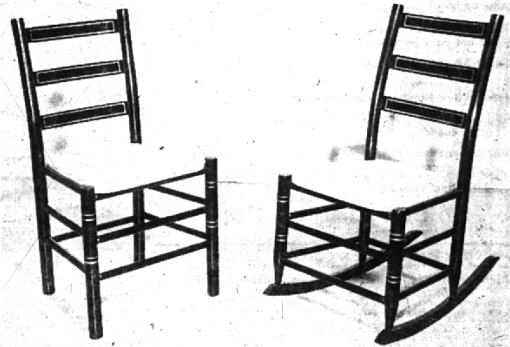
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