

### Education Faces A Tragic Financial Future

From many sources the public is informed that education in these United States is up against its greatest problem . . . it needs more money to build classrooms and related plant facilities, it needs more money to hire more teachers, and it needs more teachers because the teachable population of the nation is going to snowball in numbers.

Here in this Birmingham area, during the past decade, we have witnessed the great increase in student population, and have bonded our school district for millions with which to build schools, and to hire more teachers.

RECENT UTTERANCES by the heads of our Michigan institutions of higher learning warn everybody concerned that many, many more millions will have to be provided if they are to keep up with student demands.

Even the federal government, under the urge of President Eisenhower, plans to place extra tax burdens on the states in order to get their money so they can give part of it back again for education.

MORE AND MORE the public is becoming critical of certain segments of the educational world. They want to know why, for example, so many "extras" are being provided in the curriculum, all of which cost money.

### Ed Kirbert's Hard Work Nearing Reality

First unit of the proposed \$750,000 Birmingham Y.M.C.A. building, to cost \$100,000, is being put on the drafting boards. This unit is expected to be ready for occupancy in 1958.

### Ike's Idealism Is Noble, But Costly, Gesture

Well, the splendor of an inaugural celebration has faded into yesterday's news, and President Eisenhower has entered upon his second four years in the White House.

### From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson currently has changed his policy toward surplus corn . . . he has come out for additional support for it. Well, and why not?

A Chicago educator listed these rules for parents to insure their child's happiness: avoid favoritism; don't compare one child to another; don't expect the impossible; don't be too dominating; don't impose your own ambitions or hobbies; don't be upset at what your neighbor's children

about better 'screening' methods for those student applicants who want four and six year college and university courses? Many of these students don't want, nor will they need, such lengthy periods on campuses to fit them for their life's work."

TAXPAYERS ARE AGREEING that the development of more local "community colleges", with preparatory university courses, can help the situation.

In brief, the taxing public is becoming suspicious of, and irritated toward, the increasing cost of education.

This state of mind is bad for the cause of education. It ought not be allowed to continue at its present "temperature".

OUR SYMPATHIES ARE, as we have said before, with the educational system. We believe that considerable relief can be afforded the taxpayers while at the same time public education need not be made to suffer.

How? By the creation of a committee composed of competent educators and non-educators . . . with the latter lay group in control. A sort of "Hoover Committee", with a number of ably staffed "task forces" to research the subject, should come close to finding a suitable answer.

Our best wishes join those of our area who will, in the not-too-distant future, be witnesses to the dedication of this first unit.

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Ticklers By George. A cartoon illustration of a man sitting at a table with a coffee maker. A speech bubble says "The regular coffee-maker didn't show up!".

### Signs of Spring



### NATURE NOW By Lydia King Freese

### Natural Science Pioneer -- Linnaeus

As the 18th century dawned, there was born in a country curate's cottage in Sweden one Carl Linnaeus who was destined to walk in the company of the great.

At that time Sweden was a lonely land of small farms, of cold streams, of blue lakes, of dark evergreen forests that stretched out to be lost in the tundra of Lapland.

HERE a little golden haired boy wandering the woods and fields with his hand in his father's, early learned the sweet smelling "rosa" which he learned their Latin names not as a lesson but as a part of a joyful adventure.

And it was this natural love of the out-of-doors that led him eventually to a career in medicine and to come by many slow roads and bypaths to the University of Uppsala, an impoverished student with worn-out shoes and threadbare clothing.

WITH the "pulse" of youth which shocked moralists and scientists alike, Linnaeus set forth his belief that the female component of the flower and that it contains the ovary where the seed is fertilized and ripened.

HERE HE continued his studies, electing every kind of plant animal by assigning to each a Latin "genus" name and a descriptive or "species" name such as "Quercus alba" -- white oak.

### Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Cleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric-- The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

50 YEARS AGO February 15, 1907 "Valter Nixon says that if the fellow that is cutting up with his banner sign does not come up at once and settle all damages he will be prosecuted, as he is known. A word to the wise is sufficient."

"The cigarette field is being hit hard upon all sides in the business world. The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad company has announced that every discovery of truth is an endowment from God without strings attached."

"The First Presbyterian church society of this village, anticipating over the safe arrival of a new bell for their church, which will be set up here some time next week. It is a gift to the society, from Mrs. George Booth of Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. It is a beauty, of goodly size, symmetrically shaped, and when it rings, it sounds like a bell, it will make a noise like real gold."

30 YEARS AGO February 10, 1927 "That it will take a year to acquire the right-of-way for the Telegraph road is the belief here today. The stretch is approximately 17 miles in length and runs north from Grand River avenue in Wayne County through Southfield and Bloomfield townships to Pontiac, where it borders the westerly city limits and joins the Dixie Highway."

"William Oliver Stevens, Ph. D.,

### ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

The girls in Miss Dorothy Benton's sixth grade Pembroke school class got tired of seeing their boy classmates coming to school in sloppy clothes.

So they decided to show the fellows how it looked. Last Thursday the brave haul of the girls showed up in the morning in pretty bad costumes. That was as expected.

The unexpected--that was the morning a nice looking new boy joined their class. It is obvious what most of the girls did when they got home for lunch.

If they could some people would buy postage stamps on credit.

See where a nationally known dog food company is seeking opinions on what people think their official state dog should be. We've got state flowers and mottos, flags and flowers, it is explained, so why not a dog?

gentlemen, it's as plain as can be that

all states have the same dog in common --it's the taxpayer!

From Paris, France, you can have frozen and frozen to your table such foods as lamb in white wine, veal sauted in champagne, trout in champagne and cream sauce, and beef mulled in beer.

But there's still plenty to recommend American hamburgers.

You can't expect people to believe what you say. You've got to show them.

How nice if our faith were as strong as our opinions.

If we could only get all the careless drivers to bump into each other, our highway accident problem would be vastly relieved.

If you have nothing to say, hurry up.

### MSU Teachers To Work at Camp Oakland

Michigan State University will cooperate with the juvenile division of the Oakland county probate court in the operation this summer of Camp Oakland.

This co-sponsorship arrangement between Michigan State and the juvenile division will provide for greater camp supervision and guidance for boys and girls.

Michigan State will teach four graduate courses for teachers during the eight-week camp program, with the teachers also serving as camp counselors.

INTERESTED area teachers will be able to earn a maximum of nine hours credit and also receive free tuition, room and board, plus a small payment.

There will be openings for 20 teachers and counselors in this new, unique project and we want interested men and women to act quickly, explains William J. Matulis, director of the camp.

Applications should be sent to Director Matulis, Camp Oakland, 930 E. Drahter Road, Oxford, Michigan.

fame and finally to rest in honor in somber Uppsala Cathedral. And so it is that today, slumbering through any classification of plants or animals, we see most often following the genus and species name a single capital letter "L."

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### ADVERTISMENT



15 YEARS AGO February 12, 1912 "Russell H. Fisher of 256 Abbey Road, commander of the American Legion Post here, has been appointed At-Large Warden for the City of Birmingham . . . One hundred sixty-nine other men and women are sought in order that a complete air raid protection system may be set up here."

### CARPETS AND RUGS

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### The Old TIMER

"When you keep in step with yourself, you don't have to worry about the rest of the parade."

### Township Players Ready Mystery Play

Township players of West Bloomfield will present a mystery drama "High Ground", March 8 and 9 at West Bloomfield high school, Orchard Lake and Coon-saucer roads.

Included in the cast are Carl Metz, George Bender, Eardley Greene and Gerald Cohen, of Birmingham, Robert Thompson, of Detroit, is producer.

### Wentworth Named

David Wentworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wentworth, 929 Covington road, Birmingham, was vice-chairman of the snow sculpture committee for the 15th annual Winter Carnival at Shattuck school, Orchard Lake and Coon-saucer roads.

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