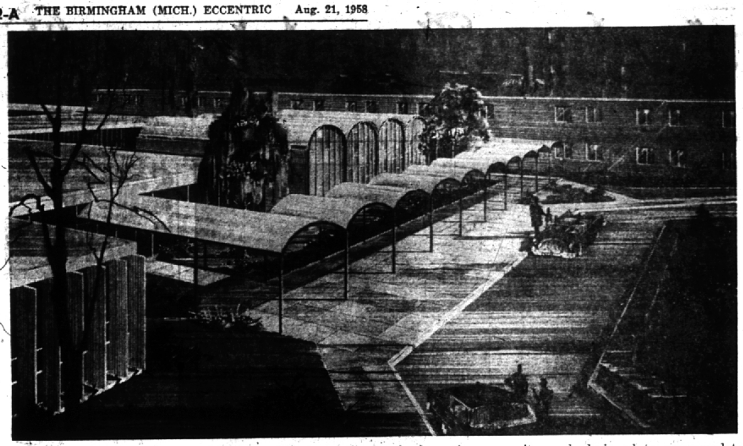

This is a drawing by Diehl and Diehl, architects, of the Marian Catholic high school for girls, on Lahser near Lincoln. Construction on the Birmingham area's first large Catholic high school began last week. Five parishes are backing the project. Marian school and a companion boys' school on the same site, each designed to accommodate 1,000 pupils, will cost an estimated million dollars total. Work on the boy's school is scheduled to begin in fall of 1959. (See related picture on Page 1-A).

School Buses To Follow Same Routes in B'ham

School bus transportation for the Birmingham school district will continue on the same basis as last year, the board of education announced this week. All routes will start out as they ended in June, with adjustments to be made after load sizes are determined.

Buses will operate on the principle of no free transportation within the corporate limits of Birmingham, the board release said, but shuttle buses from Great Lakes transportation Co. will be available to the high school and Barnum and Derby junior high on the same basis as 1957-58.

Transportation for areas outside the city will be for both elementary and secondary students. Limits will be a mile for elementary and a mile and a half for secondary pupils.

THE BOARD said buses will be scheduled to arrive at elementary schools at 8:50 a.m. and leave as close to 3:35 p.m. as possible. Barnum buses will arrive at 8:20 a.m. and leave at 3:30 p.m. Derby buses will come and go at 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. and arrival and departure times at the high school will be 7:50 a.m. and 3:16 p.m.

Board of education spokesmen noted that the new Michigan two-way stop law for loading and unloading school buses will go into effect Sept. 13.

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Predict Hills Schools Will Rise 50% in 4 Yrs.

Bloomfield Hills school district can expect to enroll 4,200 students in three to four years, according to the prediction made by William Donnelly, chairman of the new citizens' financial advisory committee, to the board of education Tuesday.

This would be an increase of 1,400 over the record enrollment of 2,800 expected this September.

Donnelly appeared informally to report that he is working on a five-year forecast based on enrollment trends, property valuations and costs.

He promised a full report from his committee at a special meeting to be held Sept. 8.

DONNELLY said he was working on the long-range plan rather than merely a temporary solution to the district's present deficit financing. He expected to confer with his committee within a week and then have the plan ready for the board.

Serving with him are Frank Arnoldi, Carl O. Barton, A. C. Girard, Graham John Graham, Raymond T. Perring and Lynn Townsend.

Based on the expected increase, Donnelly said 23 new classrooms would be needed to supplement the 127 the district will have this fall when the junior high, Pine Lake elementary and Eastover addition are opened.

DONNELLY SAID he would like to see the district have sufficient millage to provide extra funds to work from, when needed.

Merrill O. Bates, board president, asked Donnelly and his committee to consider including funds to establish "an outstanding recreational program" for the district in its future planning.

Elementary librarians and elementary language teachers also were listed as desirable to maintain the high level of the district's academic program in the near future.

SUPERINTENDENT Eugene Johnson pointed out that the board has a record of this type improvements and that there are "no frills such as swimming pools or auditoriums" in the system.

The board later took the first step toward an elementary librarian system by authorizing Johnson to hire an elementary librarian to rotate among the five elementary schools this fall.

It also set Sept. 8 for the opening of bids for $300,000 the district will borrow to cover its deficit. Johnson reported the Michigan municipal advisory finance commission has approved the loan.

TRUSTEE Douglas Jocelyn questioned whether the new schools would be ready for school opening and suggested a progress report be sought from the architect.

Johnson said he had been assured they will be ready. Eastover addition, he added, is lagging most but workers are on an overtime schedule to finish the junior high.

Andover road by the high school is scheduled to be blacktopped by Oct. 1, Johnson reported, with the school's share of the $13,935 cost to be $5,183.

Because building programs and routine business have filled regular monthly meetings of the board usually lasting at least three hours, President Bates suggested a second meeting each month at which the board could be briefed on the district's academic programs and objectives.

The board agreed and Johnson promised a study schedule for such meetings to be held the first Monday off the month beginning in October.

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
NOTICE OF HEARING
AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that public hearing will be held TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1958, in the MUNICIPAL BUILDING, for the purpose of considering an amendment to Ordinance No. 527, being the Zoning Ordinance, rezoning property bounded by Haynes, Oakland, Lawndale, and Madison, described as:

Lots 39 and 40, Highland View Addition and Lots 93, 94 and 95 of Highland View Addition, all from its present classification of B-2 Multiple-Family Residential Zone District to B-1 Non-Retail Business, and or B-2 Community Business Zone Districts.

IRENE E. HANLEY
City Clerk

August 14, 1958.

MJA Appoints

Appointment of Robert L. Saffell as account manager of the Pontiac motor division account is announced by James H. Graham, vice president of MacManus, John & Adams, Inc. and Pontiac account supervisor. Saffell, a native of Bloomfield, Ind., joined the Bloomfield Hills advertising agency in August, 1954, as assistant traffic manager on the Pontiac account following graduation from Miami (Ohio) university and a two-year tour of duty with the Army. He has been traffic manager, automotive supervisor and in his new post will be responsible for coordination of all phases of Pontiac advertising, including print, radio and television. Saffell lives at 584 Townsend, Birmingham.

Teaching at Wayne

Seven Birmingham area residents will teach courses at Wayne State university's materials management center this year. They are Charles Beck, Jr., George Everson, Joseph Gilland, Paul Mortimer, Francis Sehn, Wilbur Pierce and James Severy.

My Neighbors

"...and furthermore, I want a share of the profits and to examine the books every month!"

Greg and Veronique Are Two Pecks of Appeal

By BETSY PAYSNER
Special Writer

Cocktail conversation centered on one subject—what is Gregory Peck really like? United Foundation executives, a few reporters, and 10 hopeful girls waited for the rugged-looking, versatile actor to arrive and choose this year's Miss Torch.

Handsomer than in the movies, dark, six-foot-two-inch Peck and his lovely, blonde, five-foot-two-inch wife were a striking contrast as they entered the room.

The California-born 42-year-old screen star and his second wife, former French newspaperwoman, Veronique Passani, 26, stopped in Detroit last week to promote Peck's new picture "The Big Country" which he co-produced with William Wyler.

The Pecks looked as fresh as if they were relaxing at home.

"We lead such a quiet home life that we were well-rested for our cross-country trip," amber-eyed Mrs. Peck explained. "We spend most of our evenings at home reading. Gregory is always on the lookout for a good script. I like to keep up with modern writers.

"I CAN'T say that Gregory is a handyman around the house, but he's wonderful at gardening," she stated proudly. "We have a beautiful lawn and many flowers at our home in Brentwood (a suburb of Los Angeles) because of my husband's care.

"Gregory also loves to barbecue, and he's very good at it. We alternate between his grilled specialties and my French and Italian dishes," she continued in flawless English.

"Then there are our children, Anthony who is 21 months, and 3½ month old Cecilia, to keep us busy and happy at home.

"When we feel the need for a day's vacation, Gregory and I go horseback riding at our cattle ranch which is three hours from our home."

In a chiffon print dress which she designed herself, Mrs. Peck looked the scene of femininity rather than an athlete.

Veronique's newspaper, the Paris Press, was ruined to her romance with Gregory. Five years ago she was sent to Rome to report on the filming of "Roman Holiday" which starred Peck. They were married three years later.

"YOU SEE," she said to this reporter, "you never know what will happen if you are a newspaperwoman!"

Joining our conversation, Peck good-naturedly settled his lanky frame onto a small hotel chair. His distinctive resonant voice is warm, gentle and low-pitched off-screen. Quiet charm and humor characterize his manner.

Commenting on "The Big Country", Peck stated: "This is my first attempt at producing—and I hope it's not my last. Producing is like day-dreaming in a way," he said poetically. "It begins with the idea of a beautiful, finished creation.

"THE FIRST problem is to get a good script. To me, a story must have a statement to make as well as a moving plot. For example, "The Big Country" is considered to be a Western because of its setting. Actually it's a story about ethics — a pacifist's attempt to bring peace to feuding people without using force.

"It was my love for literature that led me to do theatre work," Peck remarked. "I was the kind of kid who from age nine or 10 goes to the library every week to take out the maximum number of books allowed.

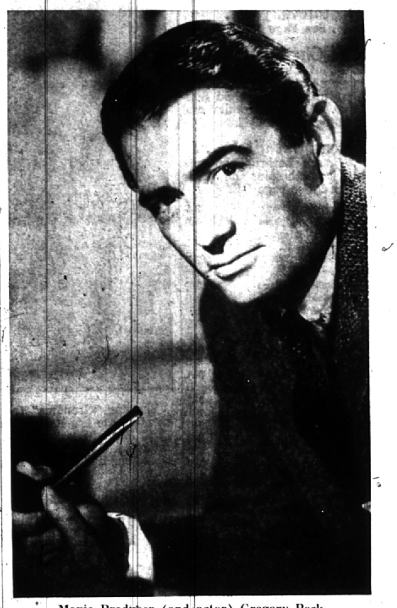
"For awhile I wanted to be a writer. I gave that up because I had no talent for it," he said with simple frankness.

"WHEN I WAS at the University of California majoring in English, I thought I would become a literature teacher. All the time I was looking for a creative outlet associated with literature. I finally found myself in the University theatre productions."

Peck discussed his profession with the seriousness and love of the master craftsman he is. Taken from us by a request to pose for the photographers, he smiled almost shyly, apologizing, "Well, I guess you've been rescued from my talking so long."

Too long!

Gregory should happen to us every day!



Movie Producer (and actor) Gregory Peck

Hunkele in Texas

Airman third class Joel P. Hunkele, son of Joseph Hunkele of Bob White avenue, Birmingham, has completed his initial course of air force basic military training in Texas. He has been selected to attend the technical training school for Data Processing Machine Operators at Sheppard AFB, Tex.

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People's Column

Reader Wants More Schools For Less Money

To the Editor:

It's about time that somebody questioned the cost of constructing schools in the Birmingham school district, and I'm glad to see letters from so many interested people in The Eccentric.

The school situation today is similar to the situation that existed a few years ago when the city wanted to build an exnensive and deluxe fire station. After an outcry from shocked taxpayers and a bond issue was turned down the plans were revised.

If my memory serves me correctly two new fire stations were built at a cost little more than the cost of the single fire station originally planned.

GENERALLY speaking I think our schools are fine. I like the new modern buildings with up to date equipment and broad facilities, but I'm sure schools can be built that are just as modern and well equipped for considerably less money.

The new junior high school is designed so that it will be spread out on one floor over a large area as I understand the plans. It's a pretty well known fact that it costs less to build up than out.

Two and even three-story buildings can be just as modern and I believe money can be saved not only in construction but also in heating and other services.

AT THE TIME the present high school was completed some of us were criticized because at its cost and we supported a candidate for the school board who stood for moderation in constructing and furnishing our schools.

This candidate attended school board meetings and asked questions (when allowed to) about the costs of the numerous luxurious features of the high school.

He was not elected because not enough people were aroused about costs at that time, and because certain members of the school administration defamed his efforts and whitewashed their own actions. I hope we'll see some realistic discussion about the situation now instead of a similar whitewash!

WE'VE RECENTLY elected some new school board members and I hope they'll cause the board to pause and re-examine the junior high school plans to see if another plan can't be evolved that will give us the same facilities in a more modest building.

THIS IS THE way to build more schools, because the taxpayers of the district will not continue to support new school bond issues every year or even every two years until convinced that schools can be built without the extremes of modern architecture and the deluxe features that run into big money.

ARTHUR J. UNDERWOOD, JR.
Birmingham

Makes Dean's List

Three students from Birmingham are among the 535 Duke university under-graduates who have been named to the dean's list for the past semester. Local students are James Johnson, Jeanne Pedder and Elizabeth Sime.

Training Finished

Marine Pfc. Richard Phillips, son of the C. W. Eleys of Stanley street, Birmingham, has finished four weeks of individual combat training last week at the Marine Corps base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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Medical Mirror

WHAT DOCTORS SAY ABOUT:

Better Health Through Knowledge

● Dirt Eaters ● Smoking ● Low Blood Sugar

Q. Why do some children eat dirt?

A. Doctors aren't sure. They call it "pica", meaning perverted appetite with special fondness for dirt. Fortunately, the habit usually stops before too long.

Q. If the mother smokes will her unborn child be injured?

A. The amount of nicotine that gets to the unborn child when the mother smokes has not been determined. The baby's heart does speed up when the mother smokes and this may be harmful. One medical authority says that until more is known it is best for prospective mothers to smoke very little or not at all.

Q. "Please explain low blood sugar.—O.G."

A. Low blood sugar in persons who are not taking insulin is rarely due to serious disorders. Many otherwise healthy persons may have temporary deduction in blood sugar. This is especially noticeable several hours after a sugary meal. When such food is being absorbed, blood sugar increases rapidly. Insulin is secreted to "burn" the sugar. Sometimes, more insulin is secreted than is needed which causes a shortage of blood sugar. The person may become irritable, nervous, or even temporarily weak. Such a chain of events is especially common in children, and is responsible for the need for frequent feedings. Adults, too, who respond in this way to sweet foods often find that they are more comfortable with several small meals a day.

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