

Gone With the Wind Not Only Good Book On U.S. Civil War

If you've read "Gone With the Wind," don't think you've read all the good books on the Civil War. Great public interest in the war and its effect on our lives has produced some unusual and exciting stories for teen-agers.

The Civil War was many things, and perhaps this is part of its fascination. There is the southern viewpoint, that of the abolitionist, the Negro, the northern boy who simply wanted to keep the union together, and the war along our western borders, in Kansas and Missouri.

RIFLES FOR WATER by Harold Kiehl is an unusually fine book of the war in Kansas and Missouri. It centers about Jefferson Davis, Bukey, small for his 16 years, but determined to join the union army and help fight the bushwhackers who threatened the peace and safety of his Kansas farm home.

Jeff wanted to be in a big battle more than anything else, and after too long a time to suit him, he got his wish. The author catches the spirit and feelings of a care-free boy who thinks war is only excitement and fun, and the battle all the fear and dread, the shock and revelation of war as it really is.

Jeff eventually becomes a scout and spy in a Union effort to thwart the delivery of the new repeating rifles to the Southern forces. He is discovered, and for a harrowing three days, is hunted by blood hounds. This is a richly rewarding tale of courage about a part of the war quite different in both its issues and problems, and fought with a different strategy.

THE PART OF THE NEGRO as a soldier in the Civil War is seldom portrayed in literature. "Captain of the Planter," by Dorothy Sterling is the stirring story of Robert Small's Negro soldier. He was born a slave near Charleston. Robert's mother, Lydia, made sure her son realized the evils of slavery, and knew what his cruelties and failures were. The McKees, who owned him, need cash and hired Robert out in Charleston where he became the best pilot on the river.

When war came, he was assigned to the side-where, "The Planter." In a daring escape, Small's, his family, and the crew made a break for freedom under the guns of Fort Sumter and took "The Planter" to the Union forces.

THE BOOK not only tells about Union naval engagements but about reconstruction and the bitterness of the post-war period. To the Negro, the northern victory meant a chance to be a man instead of "boy" all your life, a chance for education, the vote, and of one's own. To the southern white, the freeing of the slaves brought a collapsed economy late and fear.

Robert Small became United States senator from South Carolina and helped carve out a state constitution that began free schooling

THE BILLBOARD



Music Department Sates Operetta

Clarence Luchtman, who heads the music department and The Bloomfield Hills Choir, is preparing a new and different musical program—a student operetta, "Cherry Blossom," with an all-choir cast, has an Oriental setting, and is said to be as good as "Sayonara."

The Commercial Arts class of Don Dennis has initiated a "school rules" campaign to acquaint both new and old students with school regulations. As you pass through the halls, notice the good job done by the classes, and obey the rules!

Class elections are not far in the future—the senior class has already completed nominations and the juniors and sophomores are expected to have their nominating committees meet in the near future.

Stephen Velkoff, physics teacher, and several of his students are eagerly awaiting the visit of Dr. Werner von Braun at Detroit. He will speak at the Masonic Temple Sept. 22.

Looking Around: Seen passing at the home of Gary Picou last Sept. 22.

Hi Life by Tom Manhard



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SCHOOL YEAR 1957-58

APPRAISED VALUE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY:			
	1957	1958	
Site	\$ 968,491.00	\$1,684,752.46	
Buildings	8,161,019.00	15,832,995.21	
Equipment	1,213,453.57	1,809,490.95	
Number of school buildings	17		
Number of classrooms	368		
Number of teachers	449		
TEACHERS' SALARIES:			
Minimum—Bachelor's Degree	\$4500	Master's Degree	\$4700
Maximum—Bachelor's Degree	\$6900	Master's Degree	\$7100
Median—\$467.56			
Number of elementary pupils—resident	7,205		
Number of elementary pupils—nonresident	0		
Number of secondary pupils—resident	3,857		
Number of secondary pupils—nonresident	9		
Ratio of pupils to teachers	24.6		

The audit of the School District of the City of Birmingham reflects another year of administration that operated in the black, rather than to resort to deficit spending. The School District has been operated within the proposed budget for the year.

A cash balance of \$408,484.64 may appear to be substantial. Accounts Payable for supplies and equipment for the school year 1958-59 will more than reduce this figure by half. Payrolls for 1958-59 will run approximately \$350,000.00, per month. It will be necessary to borrow \$850,000 in Tax Anticipation Notes to meet payrolls and accounts payable until the December collection of property tax.

The growth of the School District from 3,115 in 1948-49 to 10,970 in 1957-58 (official enrollment taken the fourth Friday in September) is reflected in this budget not only in the increased number of children to be served, but also in the increased cost of personnel and instructional supplies.

School construction has been maintained through public support and understanding, so that half-day sessions have been avoided, and reasonable class sizes maintained in the system as a whole.

At this time, there is no indication that growth in pupil population will taper off appreciably. If the economy improves, as predicted, the growth of the district will undoubtedly be resumed.

Principal

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stalled in early October. They have had a few executive planning meetings and will soon have a meeting of the whole Student Council. Council officers and other students have been working on the school yearbook last week to tell them about the Student Council, its functions and officers. Then, the next day, the officers and helpers returned to the honorarium to answer any questions. The seventh graders wanted to ask. Students, who visited the class rooms, are Barry Schauer, Francis Quillen, Janie Hubbard and Joan Raley.

The Barium orchestra will play Oct. 17 for the ninth grade production. The band will play for the Student Council installation of officers and will also play and march Oct. 24 at the Birmingham football game.

Mr. James Harris, a Michigan State university student teacher, will be working with hand members until December, when he returns to finish his training. He is a trumpet player and was a member of the MSU Rose bowl marching band.

B-Hi, the girls' athletic club, will be organized on an entirely different basis this year. To become a member you must attend all the practice sessions of one or more activities, such as field hockey, swimming, tennis, water ball and basketball. At the end of the year, all girls who have earned their membership will receive their cards at the recognition assembly. There will be special awards for outstanding members. Mr. Fairbank, the gym instructor, will be sponsoring B-Hi. Mrs. Donald Rinko, a Michigan State university student teacher, is helping with the gym classes.

Girls Hold Party For Departing College Students

Patricia Fuller and Marsha Keys, Pleasant St., gave a luncheon Sept. 24 at the home of Pat. 388 Westchester Way. Fifty-nine graduates of Birmingham high school attended for a last visit before departing for their various schools and colleges.

Girls attending were Carol Bain, Gerry Barber, Lois Bernitt, Sue Bollinger, Susie Boydton, Janet Brooks, Chris Carlson, Sue Conway, Carol Decker, Nancy Doherty, Sue Fletcher, Carol Fairbank, Linda Greenwalt, Sue Hard, Barb Hays, Frances Harris and Linda Henning. Also Pat Henny, Barb Hobart, Julie Hoover, Jan LeMessurier, Punch LeMessurier, Lynn LoPata, Jan Lynch, Kay Mabey, Carol Moody, Betty Nichols, Barb Nunneley, Pam Parkins, Barb Parker, Ruthann Hoffman, Karen Parrish, Keppy Patton, Nancy Parsons, Sue Purvis, Linda Roberson, Carol Sandelman, Nancy Stewart, Di Stokes, Lynn Sutherland, Midge Tapp, Sue VanHook, Joan Vinton, Gail Weekesser, Carol Williams, Barb Williams, Liz Reed, Bobbie Wood, Beekie Wood.

Guys, Doll Up! Try Your Hand At Essay Contest

Hey fellows! Want to win a sport coat? Nine local merchants are sponsoring a contest for junior and senior high school male students to highlight Michigan Dress-Up Week. The contest, which starts Sept. 20 and ends at midnight Oct. 10, is a 50-word essay completion of "You should dress right because . . ."

First place winner will receive a sport coat and slacks; second

place, a sport coat and third place, a sport coat and slacks. Entries BLANKS are available at all participating stores and at Barnum and Derby junior high and Birmingham senior high schools. Birmingham winners and their parents will be invited to join other state-wide winners at a champagne breakfast Oct. 17 at the Hotel Statler.

Local sponsoring stores are Jacobson's, F. J. Muballand, Eggleston's, Peck's, Bob Gwynne, Princeton Pres, Mortimer's, Higgins and Frank and Dickinson's. They are cooperating with the Michigan Clothiers and Furnishers association and the Michigan Apparel club.

A person can't hope for success—he has to "hop" for it. Commissions are not paid on arguments won, but on sales made.

To become a champion, fight one more round.

Even a tombstone will say good things about a guy when he's down.

It's time enough to say it, when you know it to be true.

Annual Statistical and Financial Report School District of the City of Birmingham Year Ended June 30, 1958

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

General Fund Balance on July 1, 1958	\$ 384,818.45
Receipts:	
Current Tax Collections	2,612,118.79
Delinquent Tax Collections	59,866.94
State Primary Fund	315,574.96
State School Aid	1,375,714.37
Library Fund	13,775.41
Vocational Education	3,160.80
Other Grants	24,536.18
Tuition	4,999.28
Other Revenue Receipts	77,646.61
Total Revenue Receipts	4,487,393.33

Non-Renue Receipts	
Short Term Loan	\$500,000.00
Sale of Property	2,832.50
	502,832.50

GRAND TOTAL OF GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS	\$4,990,225.83
OPENING BALANCE AND RECEIPTS	\$5,375,044.28

DISBURSEMENTS:	
Administration	\$ 143,866.86
Instructional	3,110,910.16
Operation of School Plant	799,063.69
Maintenance of School Plant	93,140.88
Fixed Charges	23,125.19
Auxiliary Services	143,687.98
Capital Outlay	103,169.12
Total Current Expenses	\$4,416,963.88

Supplemental Disbursements	
Short Term Loan	\$500,000.00
Transfer to Building & Site Fund	27,323.02
Other	22,272.74
GRAND TOTAL—GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS	\$4,966,559.64
CASH BALANCE GENERAL OPERATING FUND 6/30/58	408,484.64
	\$5,375,044.28

BUILDING AND SITE FUND RECEIPTS	
Cash on hand July 1, 1957	\$1,985,012.18

Receipts:	
Grants	53,774.00
Sale of District Bonds	3,000,000.00
Sale of Property	4,934.28
Transfers from General Fund	27,323.02
Other Receipts	8,240.18
Total Building and Site Fund Receipts	\$3,094,271.48
Total Building and Site Fund Receipts and Balances of July 1, 1957	\$5,079,283.66

Disbursements:	
Capital Outlay: Grounds	\$ 512,266.79
Buildings	1,508,477.57
Furniture & Equipment	165,469.18
Total Capital Outlay Disbursements	\$2,186,213.54
Transfers to General Fund or Debt Retirement Fund	70,787.30
Other Building and Site Disbursements	4,460.89
Total Building and Site Fund Disbursements	\$2,261,461.73
Building and Site Fund Balance July 1, 1958	\$2,817,821.93
	\$5,079,283.66

DEBT RETIREMENT FUND RECEIPTS	
Cash on deposit July 1, 1957	\$ 471,923.80
Investments: U. S. Government Bonds	756,252.65
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	268,227.93
U. S. Treasury Bills	58,566.35
Total balance July 1, 1957	\$1,554,970.73

Receipts:	
Current Tax Collections	\$1,497,507.38
Delinquent Tax Collections	40,951.36
Interest on Investments	25,885.42
Non-Renue Receipts—Transfers from General Fund or Building and Site Fund	70,787.30
GRAND TOTAL OF DEBT RETIREMENT RECEIPTS	\$1,635,131.46
TOTAL—DEBT RETIREMENT RECEIPTS AND BALANCE	\$3,190,102.19

DISBURSEMENTS:	
Principal on Debts	\$1,558,000.00
Interest on Debts	574,689.15
Other Debt Retirement Disbursements	18,441.25
Total—Debt Retirement Disbursements	\$1,951,130.40

DEBT RETIREMENT FUND BALANCES ON JUNE 30, 1958	
Cash on Deposit	\$ 79,227.49
U. S. Government Bonds	861,891.78
U. S. Certificate of Indebtedness	149,241.26
U. S. Treasury Bills	158,611.22
TOTAL DEBT RETIREMENT FUND DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES ON JUNE 30, 1958	\$3,190,102.19