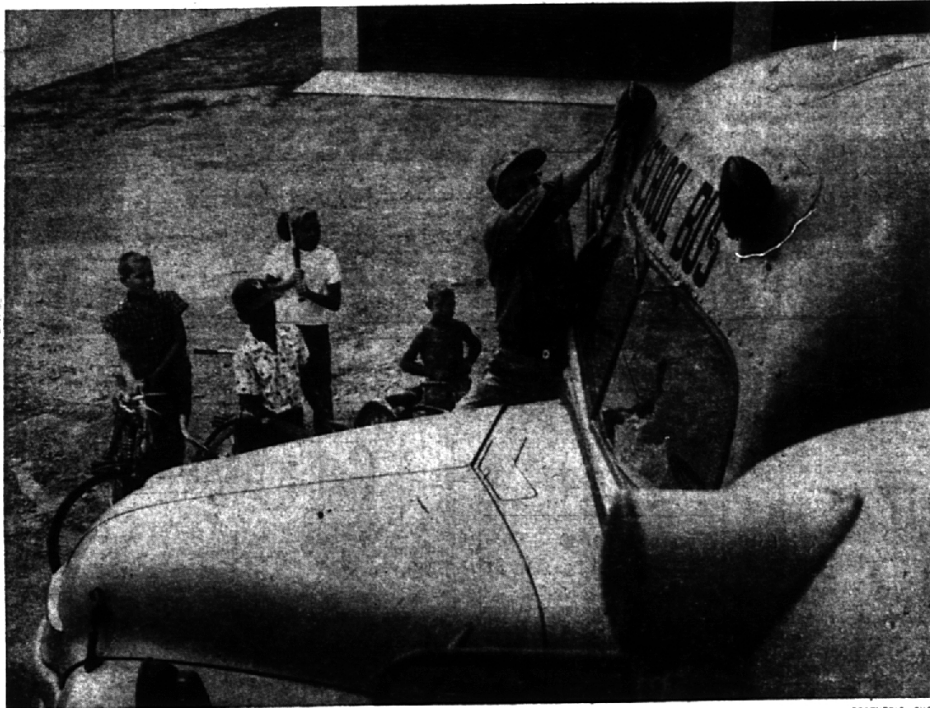


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BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

B'ham Area Schools to Open Soon For More Than 22,000 Students



3 Weeks' Vacation Time Left

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Suburban life gets back to normal about three weeks from now, when more than 22,000 Birmingham area youngsters will rise and shine early in the morning, and start back to school.

Ready for them at school will be several new courses, with emphasis placed on science and arithmetic.

Some of the schoolward-bound youngsters will find new school buildings waiting for them. Others will ride new busses, or greet new teachers on the first day of school. Whatever is new and newsworthy in area schools and classroom fashions, you'll find it covered in the pages of this special "Back to School" issue.

Opening Days

BIRMINGHAM schools open Tuesday, Sept. 8 for all except kindergartners. Elementary students report at 9 a.m., and will be dismissed between 11:45 and noon. Seaholm and Groves students report at 8 a.m., with dismissal at 11:30 a.m. Because of bus scheduling, the junior high school opening hour varies—8:15 a.m. for Bar-num and 8:10 a.m. for Derby, with both dismissed at 11:30 a.m. the first day.

Regular sessions will be scheduled on the second day.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS schools open for half-day sessions Thursday, Sept. 10. Elementary schools open at 9 a.m., and pupils will be dismissed at noon. Junior high classes start at 8:30, with dismissal at 11:10, and senior high is from 8 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.

Regular sessions resume Friday. BLOOMFIELD COUNTRY Day school classes begin at 9 a.m. Sept. 16.

OUR SHEPHERD Lutheran school registration is Sept. 9, and classes begin Sept. 10.

CATHOLIC schools in the Birmingham area — Marian high school, Holy Name, St. Columban, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, St. Hugo of the Hills, and St. Bede — will open Tuesday, Sept. 8, the opening hour varying with the individual school.

SOUTHFIELD schools begin with half-day schedules Wednesday, Sept. 9. Elementary students report at 9 a.m., Southfield 10 school eighth graders at 9:15, ninth graders at 8:30 a.m., and high school students at 8 a.m. All will be dismissed by noon the first day.

KINGSWOOD school Cranbrook opens Sunday, Sept. 20, with a general meeting and welcoming dinner for new students. Registration is the following day, and classes begin Sept. 23.

CRANBROOK school for boys opens its academic year Sept. 21.

Population Rise

Student population in the area's three public school districts alone has jumped by 1,772, according to early estimates. Birmingham (See OPEN, Page 7)

School Days, School Days—They're Here Again!

"Aw, already," exclaimed four young lads who spotted Luther Thomas, 876 Chestnut, polishing a school bus recently as they returned home from a summer game of baseball. The sign of an end to vacation for the boys, however, means that one is just starting for area moms.

Tom Tassen, 1456 Milton, (left) will return to classes at Derby junior high school. Studies at Torry school will resume soon for (second left to right) Joe Loiacano, 1779 Mansfield; Ricky Vosler, 1515 Mansfield and George Basr, 1494 Milton.

Colorful Tights Still Popular With the Girls

Climate makes no difference . . . from Maine to California, Florida to Alaska, feminine students will be wearing tights.

Only a few years ago tights were just for dancers or for keeping warm. But no longer. Tights this fall are simply too attractive not to wear.

Girls of all ages have embraced them for day and play wear, for fashion and comfort.

ON COLLEGE campuses many of the smartest co-eds will wear the newest lacy-knit tights, for dressiest occasions, in place of conventional hose.

Definitely in the dormitory, tights will be fashion-first for both lounging and keeping extra warm during dream hours.

Under skirts, shorts, bermudas and skorts, tights add an extra dash of fashion spice!

COLORFUL? You bet! Every beautiful, exciting color appears in tights this season . . . and sometimes more than one color per pair.

Patterns, too, are diversified, and knit right in . . . just like the co-ed's favorite sweater.

Weight-wise, tights range from the very lightest to extra-heavy. Many are now seamless. Two "best of all" . . . tights really fit, any figure.

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Book Store Hours Set In Bloomfield

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Purchase of text books may be made by students in Bloomfield Hills schools beginning Aug. 24. Book stores at each school will be open week days 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until the opening of school Sept. 10. Both new and used books will be available. Students who have used books in good condition may turn them in for sale at the book stores.

County Starts Guidance, Counseling, Testing Plan

A broad program for testing, counseling and guidance of school children in Oakland county is being inaugurated by Oakland county board of education.

According to Dr. William Emerson, county superintendent of schools, the decision to hire an experienced consultant and to establish a testing center, is the result of "persistent requests for assistance in these fields from local school districts."

DR. LEONARD M. COHEN of Philadelphia has been appointed to head the program as director of testing, guidance and counseling. He arrives Sept. 1, and will make his home in the Pine Lake area.

Dr. Cohen, who has headed similar work for the state of Pennsylvania, will have the job of improving counseling and testing programs, and developing facilities to make testing programs less expensive, more accessible and readily used. He will also function as a consultant to the staff of the instruction department, headed by Dr. Harry Hahn.

OFFICIALS OF Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills school districts, which already have extensive testing programs, were enthusiastic over the county program.

Eugene Johnson, superintendent

of Bloomfield Hills schools, said, "It is our present plan to work closely with the center and utilize its facilities."

He pointed out that expenditures of the Bloomfield school system for its testing program would be lessened because of the testing center.

Daniel Nesbitt, director of curriculum for Birmingham schools commented that the center "would be of great assistance to Birmingham's counseling staff."

BOTH AGREED that having the facilities for mechanical grading of tests at hand would be helpful. Offices of the testing center will be located in the county board of education quarters in Pontiac.

Available on a loan basis from the testing center to county schools will be a storehouse of test booklets, in quantities to provide school-wide testing. The booklets will be provided without charge, but schools will pay for consumable items such as answer sheets.

THERE WILL BE facilities for (See COUNTY, Page 9)