

Rural School Bus Accidents Kill 4 Adults, No Children

Although four adults died, not one child was killed in rural school bus or associated accidents in 1958, according to the annual report issued by the State Police.

On the other hand, there were more accidents of the kind than in any year on record. The injured totaled 282, an increase of 108 compared with 1957, and there were 502 accidents, a gain of 27. The death toll in 1957 included three adults and four children.

Although the report covered only rural experience it was noted that one child was run over and killed by a school bus in an urban area.

OF THE 284 accidents involving school buses, 92 per cent or 264 resulted from collisions with other vehicles. Of the remaining 21, seven involved pedestrians and there were two collisions with railroad trains.

The state department of public instruction reported an average of 475,000 children transported daily in 6,100 buses which traveled an estimated 53,000,000 miles during the 1958-59 school year. Both the number of children transported and number of miles traveled were increases.

The State Police gave a reminder of the new law which went into effect last September requiring that cars in both directions stop when a school bus is stopped. The Birmingham Eccentric launched an editorial campaign in favor of the new law which was instrumental in obtaining its passage.

Looking for a pet for the children? See the Classified columns under "Pets for Sale."

By GM Designer

Dr. Leroy Kiefer, 720 Kennebec court, Bloomfield hills, executive assistant in charge of product and exhibit design of the styling department of General Motors will be speaker at the first meeting of the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library.

The meeting will be held at 8:15 p.m., Sept. 29 in the Baldwin Public library auditorium.



Clinic Serves Birmingham

The Detroit orthopaedic clinic, a Torch Drive service and one of the foremost institutions in the country for the treatment of various childhood ailments, provided therapy and consultation to six Birmingham youngsters during the past year.

Ranch Home Humor



"Come to bed... people have gone down six doubled and redoubled before!"



School Bell Clangs at New Building

Shiny new school buses (background) conveyed approximately 1000 ninth grade students to the Wednesday opening of the new Groves high school at Evergreen and 13 Mile. These students seem eager to start their studies in the new building despite a heat wave that pushed opening day temperatures into the 90's.

Courthouse May Cost \$3,049,700

Final bids on Oakland county's new courthouse were opened yesterday and representatives of O. Dell Hewlett & Luckenbach are expected to make their recommendations to the many committees tomorrow at 11 a.m.

Total cost was estimated at \$3,049,700.

These committees will submit their joint recommendations to the county board of supervisors on Monday.

Rail Fans Get Bay City Trip September 27

Steam locomotive enthusiasts will have their day again on Sunday, Sept. 27, when a sturdy coal-burner takes over the job of hauling a "railfan special" on the Grand Trunk Western Railroad from Detroit to Bay City and return.

A total round-trip distance of 240 miles will be covered, almost half of it on a branch line that now has no regular passenger trains.

Practically non-existent in other parts of the U. S., the steam locomotives which now are assigned to two of GTW's Durand-Pontiac-Detroit local and commuter lines have gained nationwide fame with photographers. It's for them that the excursion will include special picture stops.

Birmingham Doctor Named to New Post At Area Hospital

The board of trustees of the William Beaumont hospital recently announced the appointment of Dr. Harold A. Ott, 1950 Lakepark to the position of director of medical education.

He will assume responsibility for coordination of the intern, resident and extern medical education programs and assist the medical staff in the medical teaching programs.

The trustees said Dr. Ott would devote half his time to his new duties and continue in private practice of medicine.

O. W. BURKE Co. submitted the lowest architectural bid at \$2,961,000; R. L. Sutley submitted the lowest mechanical bid at \$679,800, and the electrical bid from former contractors remained the same at \$308,900.

Bids for the new courthouse were re-advertised after a contractor took the county to court because the contracts were awarded to the second lowest bidder.

The new bids were substantially the same and may be lowered by accepting alternate specifications.

A SNACK CAR will be included in the train, serving sandwiches, coffee and soft drinks at popular prices. It will leave Birmingham at 8:55 A.M. and return at 7:50 P.M. Tickets for the trip, which is sponsored by the Michigan Rail Road Club, are on sale at Grand Trunk Western's ticket offices in Birmingham and Detroit.

ANNUAL STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM Year Ended June 30, 1959

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS	
General Fund Balance on July 1, 1958	\$408,484.64
Receipts:	
Current Tax Collections	2,511,705.37
Delinquent Tax Collections	91,240.06
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	4,064.91
State Primary Fund	362,832.37
State School Aid	1,239,893.00
Library Fund	16,037.44
Vocational Education	2,850.90
Other Grants	27,317.11
Tuition	7,157.05
Other Revenue Receipts	74,093.72
Total Revenue Receipts	\$4,323,705.93
Non Revenue Receipts	
Short Term Loan	\$850,000.00
Sale of Property	300.00
850,300.00	
GRAND TOTAL OF GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS	\$5,174,005.93
OPENING BALANCE AND RECEIPTS	\$5,582,490.57

DISBURSEMENTS:	
Administration	\$135,665.23
Instructional	2,340,135.12
Operation of School Plant	794,507.10
Maintenance of School Plant	73,337.63
Fixed Charges	96,212.09
Auxiliary Services	134,706.25
Capital Outlay	55,651.76
Total Current Expenses	\$4,469,918.18
Supplemental Disbursements	
Short term loan	\$850,000.00
Transfer to Building & Site Fund	3,358.07
Other	25,918.16
\$878,407.23	

GRAND TOTAL—GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS	\$5,348,325.41
CASH BALANCE GENERAL OPERATING FUND June 30, 1959	234,165.16
\$5,582,490.57	

BUILDING AND SITE FUND RECEIPTS	
Cash on hand July 1, 1958	\$2,817,821.93
Receipts:	
Sale of District Bonds	2,106,000.00
Transfers from General Fund	56,824.40
Other Receipts	15,448.19
Total Building & Site Fund Receipts and Balances on July 1, 1958.	\$2,159,384.19
Disbursements:	
Capital Outlay: Grounds	\$235,266.22
Capital Outlay: Buildings	1,631,513.48
Capital Outlay: Furniture and Equipment	15,448.19
Total Capital Outlay Disbursements	\$1,882,227.89
Transfers to General Fund	49,368.75
Debt Retirement Fund	3,412.34
Other Building & Site Disbursements	
Total Building & Site Fund Disbursements	\$1,935,408.98
Total Building & Site Fund Balance June 30, 1959	3,041,797.14
\$4,977,206.12	

DEBT RETIREMENT FUND RECEIPTS	
Cash on hand July 1, 1958	\$79,227.49
Investments: U. S. Government Bonds	\$51,851.78
U. S. Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness	149,241.24
U. S. Treasury Bills	158,611.26
Total balances on July 1, 1958.	\$1,238,971.79
Receipts:	
Current Tax Collections	\$1,525,262.20
Delinquent Tax Collection	24,104.17
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	2,539.56
Revenue from Interest on Investments	21,569.33
Transfers from General Fund or Building & Site Fund	51,225.03
GRAND TOTAL OF DEBT RETIREMENT RECEIPTS	\$1,654,700.29
TOTAL—DEBT RETIREMENT RECEIPTS AND BALANCE	\$2,893,672.08

Disbursements:	
Principal on Debts	\$963,000.00
Interest on Debts	424,181.48
Other	4,518.23
Total—Debt Retirement Disbursements	\$1,391,699.71
Supplemental Disbursement—Transfer to General Fund	1,027.00
GRAND TOTAL—Debt Retirement Disbursements	\$1,392,726.71

DEBT RETIREMENT FUND BALANCES ON JUNE 30, 1959:	
Cash on Deposit	\$36,915.52
U. S. Government Bonds	\$85,661.19
U. S. Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness	308,282.43
U. S. Treasury Bills	300,086.03
1,500,945.37	
TOTAL DEBT RETIREMENT FUND DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES ON JUNE 30, 1959	\$2,893,672.08

School Year 1958-59		
Appraised value of school property:		
1958	1959	
Sites	\$1,084,752.46	\$1,011,576.97
Buildings	15,832,995.21	16,111,985.28
Equipment	1,809,490.95	1,914,563.43

TEACHERS' SALARIES:	
Minimum—Bachelor's Degree \$4500	Master's Degree \$4700
Maximum—Bachelor's Degree \$6900	Master's Degree \$7100
Median—\$547.86	
Number of elementary pupils—resident—7,204	
Number of elementary pupils—nonresident—9	
Number of secondary pupils—resident—4,202	
Number of secondary pupils—nonresident—10	
Ratio of pupils to teachers—24.5	

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.

This becomes increasingly difficult each year as the financial situation, both State and local, remains so problematical. Drastic economies are made postponing the maintenance that should be annually completed, reducing teaching supplies, increasing teaching loads, and holding salaries at the same level for a third year when costs continue to rise. The net balance of \$234,165.16 does not actually reflect a good fiscal position. Accounts Payable for the heavy purchases of the summer in preparation for the opening of school in the fall will absorb this amount in a short period of time. Salaries for July and August are also demands that must be met and will exceed this amount.

Property tax collections will not be forthcoming until December, 1959. This has made the demand for the Board of Education to borrow \$900,000 to cover accounts payable and payrolls falling due prior to this collection.

The attendance in the city continues to grow. Additional teachers have been required as well as supplies and equipment for these students. If these additional demands continue, and if sources of revenue from the allocation board and the county continue to remain static, serious reductions will have to be made in the educational program of the schools.

It is reasonable to conclude that the school district is not maintaining its level of accomplishment and an aroused public interest must determine the course that public education shall take in the next few years.



Just Playmates

FARMINGTON—Dana Charisse, one-year-old daughter of the Rudy Hilsens, 2350 Middlebelt, has a rather unique babysitter—also just a year old. Rori of Noblebrook, pride of the Hilsens's Noblebrook kennel, is a great date that enjoys his playmate even though he now out-weighs Dana by a sizable margin.

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