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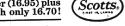
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Morale of Our Schools at Stake

Affairs within the official family of the Birmingham public school district are in

Supt. Dwight B. Ireland, for almost 18 years the educational leader hereabouts, has tendered his resignation, effective

The board of education "has unanimous-ly voted not to accept the resignation." We have asked him to reconsider, and earnestly hope he will decide to stay," declared Mrs. Peter B. Loomis, board president.

"We have suggested that he try to get "We have suggested that he try to get away during the Easter holiday, get away from the pressures in his office caused by the failure of the recent millage levy," continued Mrs. Loomis' statement. "Per-haps rest and a change of scene while he thinks over the situation will result in a favorable decision."

WHILE THE board's official statement, as we write this, implies that Ireland's chief anxiety and concern is "... caused by the failure of the recent millage levy", it can be authentically stated that another, and more important (to Ireland) con-dition exists. It is the status of the work-ing relationship between Ireland and the board itself.

Briefly, so far as we can determine, the Briefly, so far as we can determine, the board, spurred on by three of the latest elected male members, is assuming more and more policy-making responsibilities. This is contrary to past arrangements, wherein the board allowed its chief educator to plan and carry out a major por-

cator to plan and carry out a major por-tion of the policies governing our schools. Ireland, we gather, not only opposes the curtailment of some of his important cus-tomary responsibilities, but he also vigor-ously dislikes the manner in which the board has effected such changes. He ap-pears to hold that the board's methods of communication with him was headly not pears to hold that the board's methods of communication with him are hardly pat-terned after the manner of co-operative teamwork. He says he is being left out of certain phases of the board's planning

THIS ALMOST REVERSAL of relationship with the board, (so important to Ire-land) has resulted in a sort of impasse. Exactly what compromise needs to be effected to heal this breech, we do not

But this we do know: a very unhealthy condition exists with the official family of the Birmingham public school district

the Birmingham public school district. Ireland has offered his resignation. The board has refused to accept it. The board, we think, basically doesn't want to lose Ireland—at least not during the current school year, as well as the one ahead. Fundamentally, the chief concern of everybody ought to be the school students and the cause of edupation. Next come the teachers, parents of school children, and the remainder of the district's populace.

WE BELIEVE THAT an acceptable de gree of "peace" between the board and the Superintendent can be established, at least to the end that the district's schools may continue to operate. This may require more of a "give-and-take" spirit between all parties concerned.

It definitely is a challenge—a character-ful challenge—to test the wit and the

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risdom of the chief actors concerned. Regardless of what side of this situation one may take, we believe that, should Ire-

land find it impossible to change his fina lecision, that (should he therefore leave decision, that (should be therefore leave "when mutually agreeable") his dedicated service to the cause of education here en-titles him to retain happier memories that currently seem to be his lot.

The school youth should be the chief concern of everybody in this case. The cause of education is next-of-kin. This school district's taxpayers have contrib-uted millions of dollars into the hands of our school officials. They possess a public our school officials. trust in this respect.

PEOPLE ELECT PEOPLE to run their public affairs. Public officials, of course, should exercise their respective ideas and convictions on matters relating to their respective spheres of responsibility.

If a majority of the present school board desires to change the pattern of its policy-making, it certainly has that right, too. Likewise, if a Superintendent for reasons of his own wants to oppose a board's ideas, he also has that right.

he also has that right.

In other words, strained relations between public officials happen. But when
they do, is it not the responsibility of all
concerned to bring into operation every
facet of wisdom and understanding, of
patient and co-operative striving for an
acceptable solution of whatever perplexes
them at the moment? them at the moment?

IN SO DOING, ONE NEED NOT sacrifice his own principles—indeed, that would

be wrong.
We sincerely urge that the board education do whatever is possible to find a satisfactory solution in the present

nergency. We likewise suggest to Ireland that he endeavor to impersonalize to the fullest this situation, that he, too, recall some ancient words that read "Blessed are the

Peacemakers . . ."

This district's populace expects Ireland and the school board to effect some final decision on this relationship problem. The morale of every person in the district de-serves to be held high.

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

To the Editor:

I wish to speak candidly on a subject frequently encountered by mothers shopping in the Birmingham area with their pre-school children.

My little boy, age 3½, and I went shopping in your fair town. It was to be a pleasant all-day affair, but was marred by an incident not unusual in my experience and those of other mothers.

Children hour facilities, something which the store personnel do not understand and are quite do not understand and are quite disadriful of.

APPARENTLY, such things are "mot done" in Cosmopolitan Birmingham. In New York, tondon, Parris and other villages the human tions are readily available.

While I was making a purchase at a store, my little boy requested the use of the such and the store where I also intended to shop and give not often and the store where I also intended to shop and give not often and the store where I also intended to shop and give not often and the store where I also intended to shop and give not often and the store where I also intended to shop and give not often and the store where I also intended to shop and give not often and the store where I also intended to shop and give not often and the store where I also intended to shop and give not often and the store where I also intended to shop and give not often and the store where I also intended to shop and give not often and the store where I also intended to shop and give not often and the store where I also intended to shop and give not often and the store where I also intended to shop and give not often and the store where I also intended to shop and give not often and the store where I also intended to shop and give not often and the store where I also intended to shop and give not often and the store where I also intended to the store where I also intend Michigan Democrats are afforded the opportunity of making their choice of Governor from a trio of: Lieut-Gov. Swainson, Sec. of State Hare, and Detroit's Councilman Connor. The Republicans have Paul D. Bagwell and State Sen-ator Carl Morris to choose from in the The final choice will be made at primary. The final choice will b the November general election.

In due time the Cuban people probably will penetrate the Communistic sham of Castro, and throw him out . . . unless, of course, he falls victim to the pattern of course, he falls victim to the pattern of the bloody purge he started over a year ago. Our own Uncle Sam is playing the role of a patient victim . . . much to the dissatisfaction and irritation of many

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## Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

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**Awakening Giant** 

Nature Now Is on Page 5-B

Too Many Clerks,

Public's Comfort

**Bosses Ignoring** 

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

"From the loud mouthings of vulgar, profane and dirty yells from three foor young mot on the hands would think the salsons were running full blast. Our marshall acould have found business await-inity."

Oakland Rector at St. James for the past 18 years, the Rev. Warner L. For-syth will resign June 17 from St. James Episcopal church, he an-nounced this week. His future plans are incomplete.

Oakland was one of 16 counties the state to vote "wet" in last eek's election. For the past two ars, Oakland has been "dry."

"Many threats of arrest and ex-clusion from property owners are ripe along the line of the creek at the north end of town because the boys are dumping all sorts of trash into the atream. Boys, when an open the permission to swim and play there, why not do the fair thing?

30 YEARS AGO April 17, 1930

y an apparently unanimou of confidence in his leader the Oakland county board or visors Tuesday re-electe rt Y: Moore of Birminghan hairman of the board."

Birmingham Community House's ledication ceremonies have been et for April 28.

"Resumption of transportation service on the West Maple road by the Bloomfield Transit Co... was begun last week. Bloomfield Transit... now is operating on a regular one-hour schedule... from Woodward to Franklin road."

STRICTLY FRESH The trouble with trying to put an old head on young shoulders is that you're liable to get slapped.



who can convince his wife she's too chubby for a mink coat.

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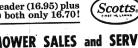
could-nappen a state of the memoral public information officer at Selfridge Field had "gyroscoped" his way to a Nuremberg, Germany, assignment with the 8th Infantry division back in

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