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2-A THE BIRMINGHAM (MICH.) ECENTRIC Feb. 18, 1959

School Board Set To Explain Needs

Explanatory speeches detailing the advantages to be obtained through passage of the 4 mill operating levy at the March 28 election will be given by all members of the Birmingham Board of Education during the next few weeks.

Each regular March meeting of the various school parent associations will hear a board member recount the reasons for putting the millage increase before the voters.

Mrs. Kathryn T. Loomis, board president, said that it was an unanimous decision of the board to carry tax and financial information about the schools to interested groups in person.

EVERY BOARD MEMBER is scheduled for at least one PTA appearance, with Bennett W. Root and George W. Coombe, Jr., each speaking three times. The entire schedule includes:

- March 2, Greenfield elementary
- March 3, Derby junior high
- March 7, Quanton elementary
- March 8, Torry elementary
- March 9, Harlan and Midvale elementary
- March 11, Walnut Lake elementary
- March 14, Adams and Franklin elementary
- March 15, Bloomfield elementary
- March 16, Pierce and Valley

Schools Dowling

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ing the growth of the Birmingham school district only point up the problem of a growing community, Ireland said. "Growth will not stop—or do the citizens wish it to. We know that about 500 new students, the equivalent of a new elementary school, will enter classrooms for the first time in September. According to the last school census, some 6,490 pre-school age children live in the district."

SCHOOL OFFICIALS point out that the area surrounding the new Groves high school is almost sure to come upon solving of sewage problems. This new growth also will provide new students for the district.

"Actually," says Ireland, "school operating revenue has not kept pace with the growth of student population. Millage levied in 1955 was only 2.5 mills; in 1957 an additional 2.5 mills was levied, bringing the total millage for operating to 5. This amount augments the district's share of the county taxes."

The millage increase would provide three main things for the Birmingham schools. It would provide for 51 additional instructors who are needed to care for the increase in students known to be coming and endeavor to reduce the teacher-pupil ratio.

Increased funds would allow for the inauguration of special programs, in-service training, and for purchase of needed library books and equipment.

Finally, the money from the new millage would provide salary increases for faculty members, bringing Birmingham's minimum and maximum salaries to a more competitive level with neighboring districts. An increased salary schedule for maintenance and clerical help is also planned, when the millage is passed.

Harvard Professor To Speak Feb. 24

On Wednesday 7 p.m. in the Michigan room in Hotel Statler, Raphael Demos, Emeritus professor of philosophy at Harvard university, will speak on "Education and the Good Life." The meeting is open to Harvard graduates and their wives. Reservations are being made through Allen Lomax at Grosse Pointe.

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180 WEST MAPLE AT HENRIETTA

Lodge

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the 15 mills, giving the local school board 15.25 operating mills.

Later that same year, the letter went on, Birmingham's share was to be 8.33 mills. In 1958 the County Allocation board cut Birmingham again to 7.98 mills.

"THESE CUTS represent about \$250,000—enough to take care of current teacher salary demands," administrative assistant Richard Featherston said.

These inroads into school revenues were made, the letter pointed out, in spite of the fact that any county or township bids to gain additional millage at a special election.

Pressure by school districts in spring 1959 kept the county from siphoning-off any more school funds.

"AND THIS YEAR Oakland county revenues are running almost \$1,000,000 in excess of those anticipated, while county welfare needs remained within the budgeted amount as a result of the continued business resurgence," the letter went on.

Thus, no loss to county needs is expected this year.

Lodge, who "feels very strongly about this loss of school revenues" and "wishes to circumvent the problem" by the bill he introduced.

Request Rezonings

On 2 Ann St. Homes

Petitions to rezone two properties on Ann street have been referred to the Birmingham plan board for study. Mrs. Vera F. Kitching, 508 Ann, and Mrs. Mary Geogie, 560 Ann, have requested their R-4 zoned homes be changed to B-1 business. The properties are immediately west of the rear of the Harold Turner Ford dealership on Woodward.

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Parentens Get School Room

The Birmingham Board of Education this week granted the request of the Parentens committee of the PTA to use school rooms for meetings.

Granted was the use of several unspecified elementary school rooms and the multi-purpose room or cafeteria of one of the junior high schools.

"ALL WE NEED is the cooperation of parents who have the children," one spokesman for the group told the board.

The board approved the purchase of \$24,160 worth of school buses.

The low bid of Ford dealer Stark Hickey was approved as the low bid meeting all local specifications. Four units at \$6,040 will be purchased.

The appointment of four new teachers for the remainder of 1959-60 was approved. The teachers are Hazel Heinemann, who will teach third grade at Valley Woods school; Helen Murteen, fourth grade at Pierce; Patricia Santure, physical education at Barnum; and Lucille Shephard, first grade at Pierce.

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