



ONE THING OR ANOTHER

BY GEORGE WM. AVERILL

Birmingham public school system's new superintendent, Otis M. Dickey, walked in to our office last week and introduced himself.

After welcoming him and indicating The Eccentric would continue to cooperate in every way toward the strengthening of the system's many aspects, I asked: "What is going to be your policy regarding newspaper coverage?"

"Perhaps because he is an educator, he read in professional language."

"I believe that a school system's educational program should rest on the understanding and goodwill of the public which is being served."

"IN OTHER WORDS, you mean you will work with the press to the end that the public knows lots more about the Birmingham school system?"

"You can count on that," he emphasized. Then I remarked that in my opinion,

this would be most acceptable to the public.

"Today," I said to Dickey, "the public is demanding to know more and more about their governmental services."

"One of the motivating reasons, I believe is money. The taxpayer is super-sensitive about who is spending his money and where. It would seem you would obtain great benefit by informing the taxpayer about the things his money is buying in Birmingham schools."

I WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED to hear Dickey mention his "open door" news policy. With all the strengths and benefits the public obtained from the previous administration under Dwight B. Ireland (and these were many and good), not enough was known generally about our local school system other than hearsay.

And that's not because The Eccentric

didn't try to get news about our educational system. We published practically everything that was officially handed out (or leaked out), and much which we dug for.

Dickey's approach to communication with the school district as related to newspaper publication is heartily welcomed by The Eccentric and the public.

N. Carolina Grads Dine Out Together

A get-together of North Carolina State College alumni from this area in Royal Oak recently attracted a large contingent of Birmingham "old grads."

Charles Weaver of Birmingham, was host for the dinner meeting.

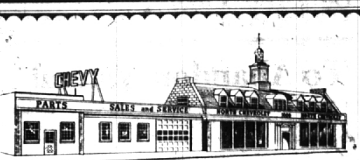
a teaching job at Michigan State University. These people are wondering if there is any connection between Featherstone's decision and Ireland's resignation.

It can be stated unequivocally—there is no connection.

When Featherstone left an Ohio State teaching job 10 years ago to come to Birmingham, he kept his desire to return to teaching some day. Featherstone two years ago took some preliminary steps which have culminated in his MSU teaching position.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 27th day of July, A. D. 1960.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate. In the Matter of the Estate of HAZEL B. WHITE, Deceased. Lee A. White having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said decedent, and that administration of said estate be granted to Lee A. White, the executor named in said will, or some other suitable person and for determination of the validity of said will.

It is Ordered, That the 15th day of August, A. D. 1960, at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, is hereby appointed for hearing and decision of the petition, and for determination of the validity of said will, and that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this notice in said County, and that publication be made personally or by registered mail, return receipt demanded, to each of the known heirs at law, legatees and devisees at their last known place of address at least ten days prior to said day of hearing.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate. 19, 20, 21

STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said County on the 27th day of July, A. D. 1960.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate. In the Matter of the Estate of GEORGE HENDRICK HEIDEMAN, Deceased. Virginia W. Heideman having filed in said Court a petition praying that the will heretofore filed and admitted be granted to the petitioner or to some other suitable person and for determination of the last will of said decedent.

It is Ordered, That the 6th day of August, A. D. 1960, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, be and is hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition.

And it is further Ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this case by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally, and by mailing such copy to each of them by registered mail with return receipt demanded, addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this case.

And it is further Ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three consecutive weeks previous to said day of hearing in THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

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