

Salaries Take Record Total Of Birmingham School Funds

A record 83.5 per cent of the total current expenses of the Birmingham schools for 1959-60 went into salaries, according to the district's annual statistical and financial report.

The annual financial statement, a summary statement required to be published by law, was released last week by Superintendent Otis M. Dickey.

According to Dickey, the previous high had been \$2.9 per cent in 1958. This represents a sum of \$3,919,772.09 of the total current expenses of \$4,685,375.01. An additional \$302,957.00 or 6.4 per cent was spent for fuel, utilities, insurance and interest on the annual short term loan.

"IN AS MUCH as we must plan to attract and retain the best teachers available, plus the fact that certain item expenditures are almost fixed, it becomes clear that any flexibility lies within the remaining 10 per cent of our budget."

Of the remaining 10 per cent, representing expenditures of \$468,537.51, some \$212,000.00, or 4.5 per cent, went for teaching supplies, textbooks, libraries and other instructional expense; \$46,460.00 or 1 per cent was spent for operating

throughout the economy are also reflected in the per pupil cost of education in Birmingham. While the cost of educating a pupil in 1955 was about \$362.00 for operating expenses, the average cost in 1959-60 was \$389.60 according to Lloyd Van Buskirk, director of finance.

"This means," he volunteered, "that our citizens pay about 35 cents per hour for each pupil's instruction during the school day plus another 20 cents per hour for building the school he attends."

"Yet, while Birmingham ranked seventh in pupil enrollment in 1959 of 53 suburban communities, it ranked 20th from the highest in costs per pupil," he concluded.

"VAN BUSKIRK stated that an attempt is being made to lessen the amount of net interest paid on short term loans. An annual loan (this year a record \$1,100,000) is necessary to tide school districts over until the December local tax receipts come in. Timing of these payments plus the unpredictability of State Aid payments normally

methods and programs.
b. Providing our teachers the materials, training and consultant help to do this.
c. Making possible appropriate courses to help develop the talents and abilities of all students.
d. Giving particular immediate emphasis to the improvement of school library services and of foreign language and science programs.

SPECIAL HELP — We seek to provide assistance to pupils when needed to help them obtain maximum benefit from school. This implies:
a. Making available adequate guidance and counseling for all our students.

b. Providing the services of speech correctionists, nurses, therapists, visiting teachers, and psychologists and obtaining aid of community agencies when necessary.
c. HOUSING — We feel that our children must have safe classrooms which help motivate their learning and which are constructed according to well-conceived plans. This suggests:
a. Launching a new study of long-term classroom needs which will indicate how many, of what type of classrooms should be built, where, when and how financed.



Had Everything But the Wheat

A real crowd-gatherer puffed and chugged around a vacant lot on E. Maple near Elm street recently, to the delight of spectators and especially the driver, retired Grand Trunk Western railroad engineer Milo Baird (left) of Durand, and steam engine owner Dwight Baldwin, 915 Forest, Birmingham. The pair fired up Baldwin's 1916 engine,

which once operated a threshing machine, for National Model railroad association members who gathered in Birmingham last weekend for a regional meeting. Hobbyist Baldwin keeps the old thresher shined up, occasionally dons his polka-dot hat and stokes up the engine to "get away from it all."

Swainson to Campaign Friday in County Area

LT. Gov. John Swainson, Democratic candidate for governor, will return to Oakland county Friday for another day of campaigning.

Swainson's day will begin at 11 a.m. greeting workers at the gates of Fisher body plant in Pontiac, and will conclude with an 11:15 p.m. appearance at a buffet supper honoring George Fulkerson, Democratic candidate for prosecutor, at 3113 Maplewood, Royal Oak.

After an hour at the factory gates in Pontiac, Swainson will be honored at a luncheon for north end residents of Oakland county. The luncheon meeting, at Mitch's restaurant, 4009 Cass-Elizabeth road, is sponsored by the Waterford, Milford and White Lake township Democratic committees.

FROM 2 TO 2:30 P.M., the gubernatorial candidate will be at the gates of the Wixom Lincoln

Mercury plant. After an hour's break, when he confers with party workers at the home of Joseph Stadnick in Wixom, Swainson will join management officials of the Wixom plant for dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Canter, 29746 Highmeadow, Farmington, will host a reception for the lieutenant-governor from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at their residence.

At 8:30 p.m., Swainson is scheduled to deliver a 20-minute address at a public rally in Kerkley high school, corner of Coolidge and Catalina. A question and answer period will follow the speech.

AT 9:30 p.m., Swainson will attend a dance in Carpenter's hall, 22581 Grand River, honoring State Representative James Clarkson of the 4th legislative district.

Swainson will visit the Tel-Huron shopping center in Pontiac from 10:30 to 11 p.m. From there he will go to the Fulkerson buffet

Patti Andrus to Star In 'Desperate Hours'

Patti Andrus, 2168 E. Manchester, Birmingham, will star in The Clawson Players production of "The Desperate Hours" to be presented tonight, Friday and Saturday, at the Clawson junior high school.

Miss Andrus, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Andrus, has appeared in productions of "Blythe Spirit" and "Love From a Stranger," among others, at Willoway playhouse.

Attends Workshop

Dominic M. Corzani, 16925 Madeline avenue, Birmingham, is attending the fifth annual community education workshop in Flint, Michigan Tuesday and ends today.

Corzani is principal of Holly school, Detroit.

For his final appearance of the day, Swainson will be accompanied by James Kellis, 18th district Congressional candidate, and county Democrat nominees, during his tour of Oakland county.



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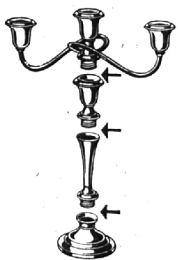
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