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## Forward Look

Curious school children from Midvale Elementary pause on their way home to watch construction equipment pave the way for what may be for some of them, their future home. Looking things over are (from left) Chris Farnsworth, 6, of 2537 Whiteleigh; Lisa Ramsey, 9, of 499 S. Cranbrook Cross; Linda Bush, 11, and Martha Bush, 8, of 3641 S. Glengarry; and George Quart, 11, of 235

S. Glengarry. Construction of the \$635,000 Westchester Elementary School at W. Maple and Westbourne is the first of four new schools and five additions to be undertaken in Birmingham school system's five-year building program. The 13-classroom school will accommodate 350 students when completed next fall, thereby relieving overcrowded conditions in the school district.

## Tax Deduction For Special Assessments?

Birmingham city commissioners adopted a resolution Monday night favoring tax deductions for special assessments for legal improvements.

The resolution stated that the commission "is in favor of legislative action to permit taxpayers to deduct from their taxable income as a business expense special assessments paid to local governments for local improvements which bear a direct relationship to the business of the taxpayer and

which are reasonable in amount and which are made with a reasonable expectation of a financial return commensurate with the amount paid."

MAYOR FLORENCE H. WILLET had directed the attention of area mayors to a similar resolution approved at the 38th annual Congress of the American Municipal Association. They requested that if Birmingham adopted such a resolution, they be furnished a copy of it.

Commissioners instructed the administration to also send copies to the area's senators and congressmen in Washington, D. C.

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## Using String Under Tension Is Art Form

Pre-school youngsters, like their older brothers and sisters, enjoy creative "handwork." For any of them, using string to form imaginative objects and designs will bring much enjoyment.

The props are easily obtained and are inexpensive. Instructions are simple and easily understood.

Common wrapping string and several packages of plastic golf tees are the creative tools needed. The youngsters' artistic endeavors will be exercised with these tools supplied on a panel of Masonite 1/8" Peg-Board, mounted in a handy position on a wall or framed and placed on an easel.

To brighten the scene and give the perforated hardboard the appearance of a canvas awaiting a child's figurative paint brush, give the panel a paint primocast and two finish coats of paint in a suitable background color.

THE SIMPLE secret of this form of art expression is to put string under tension. This is done by using the golf tees, which fit nicely into any of the holes of the perforated hardboard, as tiny posts. The child, of course, after a moment's instruction, will get the idea of winding the string, always under tension, from tee to tee.

Colored string may be used instead of white to make the design stand out.

Mother's help in locating the tees, at first, will be needed; also, in giving little Jimmy or Susan the knack of winding the string from one to another under tension. She'll be needed, too, to tie the ending knot.

As the youngster progresses in skill and daring, this string-on-Peg-Board art form can lead to numerous variations, becoming absorbing to the child and helpful in developing finger dexterity, muscle co-ordination and artistic expression.

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## Medical Society Names Officers

Dr. Harry Arnkoff was named 1963 president-elect of the Oakland County Medical Society. He was elected along with new officers and directors at the annual election meeting of the society at Kingsley Inn.

Dr. James Reed of Birmingham was installed as president for 1962. He succeeds Dr. Chaurovitz-Burke, who served this year.

ALSO elected for 1962 were Dr. F. M. Sheridan, secretary; Dr. John L. Barrett, treasurer; and directors Dr. Bruce D. Bauer and Dr. Z. F. Endress.

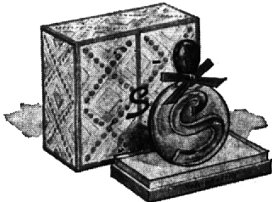
The society awarded to Dr. Ethel T. Calhoun of Birmingham a plaque in token of her selfless work in helping Oakland County children during the 1952-53 polio epidemic and for her pioneering in introducing the Sister Kenny treatment method to the county.

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