

## Mothers' March Nets \$61,000 from Oakland

Although collections in the Oakland County March of Dimes Mothers' March fell about \$12,000 short of last year's contributions, Birmingham, West Bloomfield Township and Southfield exceeded the previous year's mark. Bloomfield Township and Troy collections were below those of 1960.

Of the \$61,000 collected in Oakland County, Birmingham accounted for \$4,469.74; West Bloomfield Township, \$2,040.95; Southfield, \$4,577.42; Bloomfield Township, \$1,500; and Troy, \$1,656.96. Lathrop Village will conduct a Mothers' March later this month.

Reasons for the decline were given by George W. Kuhn, Oakland County campaign chairman, as the weather and current unemployment in industrialized sections of the county.

"THERE WAS a definite pattern in the people's response to the Mothers' appeal this year," Kuhn said. Most of the communities in the up-county and southwest part

## Financial Phase of Education Reaches 'Big Business' State

Education in Birmingham has become a big business. Enrollments exceed 12,400 pupils. More than 800 employees service their needs. Under the direction of the Superintendent, principals of all schools and directors have varying degrees of responsibility for administrative units of the district involving over 350 accounts.

In August 1960, the Board of Education authorized the employment of a Director of Finance, responsible to the Superintendent, to assist in the mounting of budget planning and control pressures of a steadily growing school district. Selected to fill this position was Lloyd Van Buskirk. He is currently deeply involved in preliminary budget-making.

WHEN ASKED by what guides financial procedures are developed he replied, "It is extremely important that we continue to develop a system which reflects accurately our fiscal status at any given time."

It is equally important we insure that each pupil in each classroom is actually being provided with the best educational program that his teachers, administrators, the Board of Education and the public feel he needs to achieve these goals, we feel it is vital that all who have responsibility for administering a budget should also have a part in planning it."

Van Buskirk continued to explain how budget-making currently proceeds.

THE PROCESS actually begins with the teacher. He informs his principal or coordinator of the services and materials his pupils need to benefit most from the school program.

The principal then consolidates the requests from the building into all units and consults principals or coordinators in the resolution of any problems, so that the best educational program exists for all pupils. They then submit the combined requests to a central office director, a committee composed of the superintendent and of all central office administrators.

The Committee reviews the requests in the light of estimated funds available and approves requests originating with curriculum committees, principals, coordinators and the Board of Education.

If modifications are in order,

requests are returned to the source for further study by the originator and his staff. At this point, the Board of Education is brought actively into the picture.

AFTER ALL current differences are resolved and projections have been submitted to the Committee, a final review and planning session is held with all principals and administrators of budget units.

The tentative budget is then submitted to the Board of Education. Final modifications are made as a result of joint study by the Board and the Budget Review Committee, not only in the proposed budget, but also in the 5 year projection.

Upon adoption by the Board, it is submitted to the County Allocation Board for their review prior to distribution of the 15 mills between the county, townships and schools. Further adjustments may be necessary depending upon millage allocations.

AFTER THE financial plan is agreed upon, the principal must know how clearly the plan is being followed. To facilitate this, a cost accounting system will tell at a glance the status of each of the 350 plus accounts as well as the amount obligated in each account for each school building or budget unit.

"WE FEEL confident," concluded Van Buskirk, "that the foresight of the Board will enable us to continue to develop and improve a system of fiscal checks and balances which will be fully adequate in the future to meet the demands of a growing school system."

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## NATURE NOW State's Natural Riches Viewed on Trip North

By LYDIA KING FREHSE  
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

AS WE moved northward along the ice bound shore, second growth forests of jack pine, poplar, birch and scrub oak took over the land which before lumbering days was a great forest of red and white pine. The present growth will if unmolested, return in time to another similar climax forest. In the meantime the hand of man is hurrying this natural succession of trees.

The transformation was set in motion in the 1890's over Northern Michigan by the Detroit News Restoration Plan. It continued until 1924 and resulted in the planting of millions of pine trees on more than 20,000 acres of cut and burnt-over state lands. This program was financed through voluntary contributions by individuals, clubs and nature-minded organizations.

"The results are now evident in new forests in which the older trees have grown as high as 35 feet tall. Some of these state-managed acres will be subjected to a harvesting program of thinning which will increase the growth and beauty of the remaining trees."

IT IS EVIDENT that these replanted areas have done much more than their first and important task of holding soil and conserving rainfall. They are gradually reclothing the land in beauty and creating new homes for wild life. Thus they play their part in attracting the tourist and sportsman whose spending yearly enrich the coffers of both the individual citizen and the State, by millions of dollars.

As we approached the old lumber town of Alpena the leaden sky lifted to give way to a rim of beautiful green for wild life. The snowy fields lay like checkerboards, still and empty in the moonday sun.

OUR RETURN trip led us west of Huron's shore along the north and east rim of beautiful Hubbard Lake. Here on its frozen surface hundreds of fisherman's shanties testify to the clamorous popularity of a sport which also nets our state a rich bounty.

Here and there cedar swamps grew green and impenetrable. These are the homes of the black bear where even now the hibernating mother suckles all unheeded, her new litter of cubs. Each of these areas only from 10 to 12 ounces or 1/200 to 1/250 of its adult weight.

At Kawkinwin the gas flares from hundreds of newly drilled oil wells testified further to the hidden wealth of our state.

And so at nightfall, home again and refreshed and full of questions which must not only be answered but "understood."

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## Holy Name Series Features Speaker

The fourth presentation of the Holy Name Culture Series will feature Miss Anita Colby, model, actress, executive lecturer and president and editor of Women's News Service. The series will be held at the Marian High School auditorium at 8:30 tonight.

Miss Colby's topic "The Link in the Chain" stems from her general theme of the importance of one person to another.

In her lecture Miss Colby will relate anecdotes concerning Rosalind Russell, Clare Booth Luce and other well known personalities.

MISS COLBY, who has won recognition as an outstanding Catholic woman and was voted the key woman of the year by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, says Cardinal Newman's writings were the source of ideas for her lecture.

Tickets for non-season holders may be purchased from Mrs. James F. Murphy, 1319 Dorchester.

**Fertilizer OK'd**

Birmingham stands to get 14 tons of fertilizer to be used in its parks, cemetery, golf course and other City property. City commissioners accepted Monday night the low bid of \$1,470.80 from McClellan-Ball Co. Acceptance had been recommended by Charles W. Gale, superintendent, forestry and parks department.

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