

Order Revision Of Replat for Harmon Property

Birmingham city commissioners Monday night directed the joint property owners to prepare a new replat of an interior lot between Harmon and Vinewood and Woodward and Woodland.

The owners propose to develop the property and to build five houses. Commissioners directed the developers to revise the replat to place both an easement and a sidewalk on the east side of a proposed

street, rather than one on the west side and the other on the east. The purpose was to locate the street farther away from property at 460 Harmon and closer to 420, owned by the developers.

THE REPLAT had been approved by the city plan board which recommended that the commission give tentative approval inasmuch as it met all zoning requirements. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Healy and other adjacent property owners objected to the replat because it would bring the street so close to their homes. They cited the peril it might mean for the numerous children in the area.

Commissioner William H. Bursum suggested the compromise arrangement, which won unanimous agreement from his colleagues.

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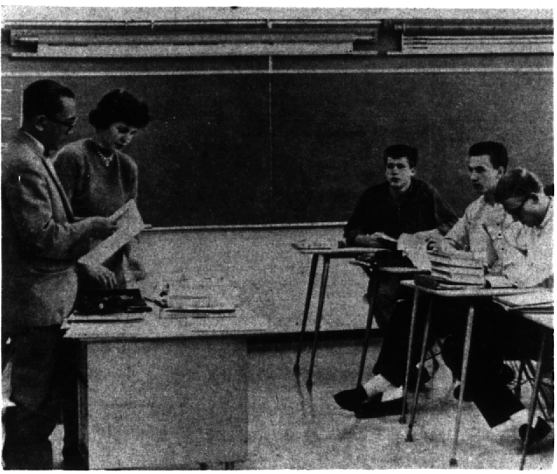
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Visiting Indonesian educator, Achmad Almatier, takes over Mrs. Joan Kennedy's 12th grade International Relations class at Groves High School Monday during his two-week study of Birmingham schools. The class, which is currently studying Indonesia, combined its textbook background with current events to formulate questions for the visitor.

Almatier, director of the English Department, Office of Vocational Education, Ministry of Education and Culture, Djakarta, Indonesia, who is visiting Birmingham as part of a six-month project of the International Teacher Development Program, will join his colleagues in Lansing Friday for the return trip to Washington.

Indonesian Educator Gathers Ideas for Homeland Project

By LES LANGLOIS City Editor
A newcomer to the Birmingham School System has made himself right at home—only to bid farewell tomorrow. Hardly taller than the students themselves, Indonesian educator Achmad Moechidi Almatier could have been found mingling in school corridors, classrooms and offices during the past two weeks. And as the 45-year-old foreigner put it, "It was very impressive." IN FACT, Almatier, called Tom by friends and relatives back home, could think of only one complaint with American students. "There seems to be confusion even in the colleges," he said, "as to which nation is Indonesia. It is often confused with Indo-China." However, the typically lean Indonesian found American students curious, inquisitive, alert, uninhibited and eager to learn.

IMPRESSED MOST by the close and liberal relationship between teacher and student and the availability of modern buildings and equipment, Almatier hopes for similar educational advantages in his homeland. As director of the English Department of the Ministry of Education and Culture in Djakarta, Indonesia, Almatier is studying curriculum and educational principles and methods in American schools. Upon his return home, he will set up an English curriculum for the Indonesian Vocational Schools. And that time isn't far off, as Almatier prepares to conclude a six-month tour under the auspices of the International Teacher Development Program and join 10 other colleagues in Lansing.

FROM THERE, a train ride to Washington, D. C., where the tour originated, and a plane trip home. With him go ideas, principles and impressions from Birmingham, Lansing, Chicago, San Francisco

and Washington schools which he hopes will guide him in his task back home. Home—a land of 90,000,000 population which stands as a crossroad between Asia and Australia and Africa and America—a republic based on democracy with the five principles of humanity, Almighty God, socialism, nationalism and social justice as its foundation. STRIVING TO stand on its feet since its Declaration of Independence Aug. 17, 1945, Indonesia has made education its primary objective. "Our main ambition," said Almatier, "has been to fight illiteracy through mass education." However, lack of funds deprives the youthful, agricultural country of the tools of quality teachers, and up-to-date facilities, equipment and materials.

BUT, ALTHOUGH still far behind in educational development the government is making steady progress. Before World War II, under Dutch rule, and during the war, under Japanese occupational forces, Indonesia didn't have a single university. Today, the country boasts 10 universities and colleges of law, medicine and technology. Between the years 1940 and 1956 education has grown from 18,091 schools with 2,921,990 students to 33,112 schools with 7,409,396 students at the elementary level; from 144 schools with 26,353 students to 4,421 schools with 642,436 students at the secondary level; and from 5 schools with 1,693 students to 62 schools with 25,387 students at the college level.

WITH CURRENT increases in the demand for education, Indonesia is beginning to achieve its "quantitative" objective of educating the masses. But, the same demand is creating a "quality" problem of providing adequate buildings, equipment and teachers. To meet the "quality" problem, teacher colleges are being emphasized with minimum qualification of a bachelor's degree required for teaching since 1956. However, most instructors are still teaching through former requirements based on experience and in-service courses. Like most Indonesian educators, Almatier, who

Delivery Man Injured in Gas Explosion

A Birmingham employe suffered first and second degree burns of the face Saturday when gas from a water softener tank exploded.

Robert C. Weld, 24, of 4221 Parkway, Pontiac, a delivery man for McClellan and Ball Co. of Birmingham, is reported in satisfactory condition at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.

According to the Birmingham Fire Department, Weld was preparing to recharge a water softener at the home of Byron Ellis, 816 Oakland, Birmingham. An accumulation of hydrogen gas in a pressure-type brine tank exploded when Weld lit a cigarette lighter to check the water level of the tank.

THE ACCIDENT occurred about 2:30 p.m. Weld was taken to Beaumont Hospital and later transferred to Pontiac Osteopathic.

Ellis, 70, who was administered oxygen by firemen for a temporary state of shock, was not injured.

According to Fire Marshal George Scott, the chemicals used to recharge water softeners do give off hydrogen gas which is flammable.

Program Postponed

The MSCO Community Arts Council announced Tuesday that the Charles Laughton program scheduled for Feb. 12 at Pontiac Northern High School has been postponed until the first week of April.

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That portion of Lot No. 2 of Assessor's Plot No. 26, City of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan, being 50.0 ft. in width and 170.0 ft. in depth lying adjacent to and southerly of Oakdale Avenue as vacated in Ridgedale Park Subdivision, City of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan.

This area is located northeast of the intersection of Maple and Hunter Boulevard in the City of Birmingham. The area is zoned "Parking".

Details on the condition of sale may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office.

The minimum acceptable bid will be \$17,000.00. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check equal to 10% of the bid.

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By: Irene E. Hanley
City Clerk