

# New School Climaxes Construction

The final stage of converting votes into bonds into buildings is rapidly drawing to a close, according to Norman Wolfe, assistant superintendent in charge of buildings and grounds for the Birmingham Public Schools.

The climax of the current \$4.9 million building program authorized by Birmingham school district voters in Nov., 1961, will come this fall with completion of Berkshire Junior High School at 14 Mile Road and Lahser.

"Considering the time we had available to get this building up," said Wolfe, "the progress has been exceptionally good."

"A COMBINATION of excellent cooperation among architects, contractors and local officials, plus good weather and no significant strikes, will enable us to meet our deadline of having the most essential areas ready to go when school starts."

Slated to be ready by school opening are the academic areas, special classrooms, library, offices, parking areas and possibly the kitchen.

Wolfe thinks it may be necessary to confine the lunchroom menu for the first few days to cold meals until all the kitchen equipment is operating.

SCHEDULED FOR later completion

are the shops, music rooms, gymnasium and swimming pool.

Commenting on the new school building, Wolfe noted economy of construction and future maintenance, an outstanding library, flexibility provided by folding room partitions and multiple use of space, excellent science laboratories, and efficient arrangement of various instructional and service areas.

Temporary offices have been established in Valley Woods School adjacent to the new school.

According to Berkshire Principal John Dickey, preregistration and preschool information will be provided for at Valley Woods until

Sept. 3 when offices will move to the high school.

ALSO TO BE ready for fall term opening is the new science

wing at Barnum Junior High School. The four-room addition will provide Barnum students with the most modern science facilities available, according to Wolfe.

In addition, the enlarged library and counselors' offices will also be completed.



BERKSHIRE JUNIOR High School, which will be completed in the fall, backdrops Ron Rolph, assistant principal (left), and John Dickey, principal. The school is at 14 Mile Road and Lahser, Birmingham.

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teaching science at the Garden School, Brooklyn, N.Y.

During the last year he has been working in New York on a commission to develop an elementary school science curriculum.

MRS. JOAN Borland of Detroit will assume her duties as English teacher in the departmentalized fifth through eighth grades. She obtained her B.S. and master of arts in teaching degrees from Wayne State University.

She was chosen by the Ford Foundation for the Advancement of Education to be part of the professional teacher training program which it sponsors. This consists of a five-year program leading to the master's degree which excludes "methods" courses as such but provides a background for entering the teaching profession.

DUE TO the expansion of the school with the addition of another third grade, and due to the leave of absence of Mrs. Frances Halbeisen, third grade teacher, who will be living in Switzerland for the coming year, two new third grade teachers have been appointed.

Mrs. Margaret Lull of Bloomfield Hills comes to City and Country School with nine years' teaching experience in elementary schools. She holds a B.A. degree from Michigan State University and is currently working towards her master's degree at Wayne State University.

Mrs. Janet Culver of Southfield holds an A.D. degree from Albion college and is currently working towards her master's degree at Wayne. She has taught for four years in the Grosse Pointe Public Schools, has published articles for several educational magazines, including the 'Instructor,' and has traveled extensively in England and continental Europe.



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