

School Building Delay Irks Board Treasurer

SOUTHFIELD — The \$1 million addition to Southfield High School was not ready for classes today and Kenneth Larsen, school board treasurer, feels part of the blame must be shouldered by the architects.

Larsen last week criticized Tarapata MacMahon, Bloomfield Hills architectural firm, for laxity in coordinating construction and suggested the board "take a look" into retaining the firm for future jobs.

AFTER AN INSPECTION of the construction site, Larsen said

he thought the contractors will meet their latest promise to complete the addition by late September.

Slow construction may have been the contractor's fault, Larsen said, but laid the responsibility for supervising the work on the architects.

"We didn't get sharp building coordination," he said, but added that he respects the "creative ability" of the Bloomfield firm as "among the best."

The criticism of Tarapata MacMahon came as school board members discussed sites for a new

junior high school and administration building-bus garage, the latter of which the Bloomfield firm is to design.

THE BOARD shelved Larsen's suggestion for future consideration.

Southfield's overall construction is slightly behind schedule, repeating last year's dilemma when it was feared heating systems in four additions might not be ready before cold weather.

The high school addition consists of a 600-student "house," a classroom section, and a library-material center.

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One day Phyllis Finney, another boy in school about as rough and raw as I, and about as big a fool, just hinted in a private way it would be a fine smart feature, and give us lots of glory if we up and lick the teacher.

The teacher, he was sickly, he was not as big as I. We knew that we could trounce him if we didn't half but try.

For anyone looking at him, would of said on sight there wasn't any grit in him and not a speck of fight.

The school bell started ringing, we scrambled in pell mell. I ran against the water pail on purpose and I fell. I fell upon a block of wood; it badly raked my shin, the water splashed upon me and wet me to my skin.

Say! That scrawny little teacher, why he bounded from his chair. He grabbed me by my trousers, and swung me in the air.

Round and round and round and round he swung me like a top, and when I saw a thousand stars he suddenly let me drop.

He took me and he shook me till I thought that I would die. He swished me with his ruler till my pants were almost dry.

And all the rest the fighting men with pale and frightened looks sat shaking in their very boots, or wrestling with their books.

Where is that little teacher now that gave me such a scare? He still is sickly looking. He is sitting over there. Although he's past 70 and sickly, yet I know: I'd hate to have him get those hands of his on me now.

Happenings

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30 YEARS AGO
Sept. 7, 1933

The City Commission is on record today as being opposed to the new minimum wage scale established by the Federal Emergency Administration, which declares that unskilled labor employed on public works projects in Michigan which are being financed by Government grants and loans must be paid at least 50 cents an hour, and skilled labor \$1.20 an hour. The commission entered a formal protest against the scale as being too high.

A total of 60 Baldwin High School students responded to Coach Miles W. Robinson's first call for football candidates by reporting to the field Tuesday afternoon for the first practice session of the season. The coach has nearly four weeks in which to whip the squad into shape for the first scheduled tilt of the season, which will be on Sept. 29 against Hazel Park.

Birmingham's Chief of Police John P. Hackett returned to his post Tuesday following a vacation during which he attended the 10th annual convention of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, and was made a member of its executive board. The convention was held Aug. 28-30 at Marquette. About 80 police chiefs and 65 guests attended the convention.

Return from Western Trip

Ten Birmingham boys were among the 27 Eagle Scouts who returned recently from a 39,000-mile trip to the West.

The local boys are Paul Coughlin, Harry Price, Allan Laffer, Bill Nagengast, Jeff Boling, Jeff Doane, Dick Gruen, Mike Sloman, Amby Burley and Gary De Paydt.

The station wagon caravan, led by Ken Bourgon, visited the 127,000 acre Philmont Scout Ranch at Chimaron, N. M.

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Scouts carried 35-pound packs for a 13-day hike into Mexico's rugged Sangre De Cristo mountain range. They hiked up to 20 miles a day and saw bears, deer and wildlife of all descriptions.

On the return trip they were guests at the U. S. Air Force Academy in Denver, Colorado.

The Detroit Lions are marking their 30th year in the National Football League in Detroit during the 1963 season.

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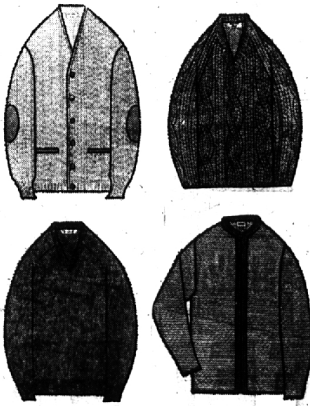
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