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PLANNING YOUR YOUNGSTERS' FUTURE Deputy Supt. Dan Nesbitt

Has Stake In Future Of 15,000 Youngsters

This is the first in a series of articles The Eccentric is presenting on the various departments in the Birmingham Public Schools.

As second in command of the school system, Nesbitt is in charge of planning the entire course of study from the kindergarten through the 12th grade.

Nesbitt is the first person ever to fill the office of deputy. The post was created in 1961 when Dr. Otis M. Dickey became superintendent of schools.

Prior to his promotion, Nesbitt had served five years as director of curriculum. He also served as the first principal of Derby Junior High and was principal at Pierce Elementary for two years.

Nesbitt has both a BA and MA from Syracuse University and has taken post-degree work at the University of Notre Dame. He attended Williams College on a John Hay Fellowship.

He often speaks about various school programs and policies to PTA's, service clubs and other organizations. A resident of Birmingham since 1954, he is married and has three children.

Hills Schools Eye New Salary Plan

A new salary schedule which would put teachers in the Bloomfield Hills School District on an equal pay footing with teachers in other comparable systems was unveiled to the board of education Tuesday night.

Proposed schedule until Dec. 3, to give board members an opportunity to study cost estimates which may total almost \$500,000.

Master's, \$7,700 (with incentive or 30 hours toward a doctorate, \$8,000); and a master's plus 30 hours and incentive, \$8,300.

Board member Donald Hyde suggested that the schedule for a master's degree be spread over 14 years, instead of 12, to avoid the \$1,900 increase at the final step.

The committee, which will be retained through the millage election, is composed of representatives from the school board, the teachers, PTO groups and the administration.

STILL TO BE worked out is the question of how many teachers will be covered by a built-in incentive track of the schedule and at what level they will begin to accrue incentive, or merit, pay.

BOARD SETS DATE

Decision Due by March 1 On School Adm. Building

A March 1 deadline has been set by the Birmingham Board of Education to reach a decision as to where the proposed new school administration building should be located.

John Blackhall Smith, superintendent of schools. Funds for the new building were included in the \$5,300,000 bond issue approved by voters last June.

School authorities had planned to construct the building on school-owned property near Pierce Elementary School, but the Citizens Action Committee has asked the board to consider remaining in the downtown area.

OF OBTAINING Federal funds for such a project have proved negative, Smith said. Parking would also be a problem if the building was to be in the central district, according to Smith.

IN THE PROPOSED schedule, teachers would not be eligible for incentive pay until they have been in the school system for three years. This would be one year beyond the two years when a teacher reaches tenure.

AT THE LOWER end of the scale, a teacher with no experience, holding a bachelor's degree, would receive \$5,300, compared with \$5,000 under the present schedule.

A teacher with a master's, 12 years experience and 30 hours toward a doctorate plus incentive pay could receive \$10,000. This represents a \$1,900 increase over the comparable level in the present schedule.

THE BEGINNING teacher, with a bachelor's, would receive a \$250 raise per year until the start of the fourth year. If he qualified for the \$300 incentive pay, his total increase would amount to \$550.

Let Contracts For Buildings

Construction contracts for two small building projects were awarded by Birmingham city commissioners Monday night.

The Chesterfield Building Co. was given the contract for the construction of a salt storage shed in the DPW yard at Eton and Cole. Chesterfield's bid was \$4,000.

T. C. Brien, DPW superintendent, said his department had already constructed concrete footings and driveway aprons for the front of the building at a cost of \$1,136.

The LaSalle Building Corp. was awarded a contract for the construction of a steel maintenance and storage building at the new recreation area at Lincoln and Cranbrook. LaSalle's low bid was \$5,408.

Brien said the building will be approximately 32-by-60-feet in size and will contain public facilities. The project is scheduled for completion by Jan. 23, 1965.

A SUBCOMMITTEE headed by Frank Fisher has been investigating the possibility of securing a site in the center of the city.

The committee's deadline for presenting recommendations to the school board is also March 1.

"THERE ARE a number of decisions that need to be made by official municipal bodies and there continues to be need for investigation of not only locations, but the financial structure under which this building might be erected on city-owned property," Smith said.

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Hearing, Trial Dates Set in School Suit

A final hearing and trial of a suit attempting to block construction of a second high school by the Bloomfield Hills School District has been scheduled for Jan. 22 in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Gravlin Ordered To Stand Trial

William G. Gravlin, 39, of Troy has been ordered to stand trial for the Sept. 28 ax-murder of his 16-year-old stepdaughter, Judith Ann Bentley.

End of An Accident

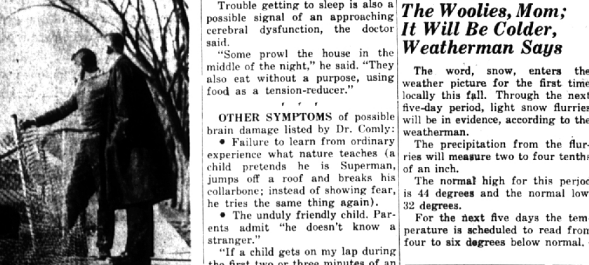
A Pontiac woman received minor injuries Tuesday morning when she was thrown from an auto involved in a two-car collision at Emmons and Cummings in Birmingham.

Brain Damage, Child Behavior Weighed at School Workshop

The effects of minimal brain damage on the behavior and learning abilities of school children was discussed before almost 200 persons Friday at the Bloomfield Hills High School Little Theater.

In the audience were psychologists, social workers, administrators, physicians and special education teachers, invited to an all-day workshop sponsored by the Learning Abilities Laboratory of Wayne State University, in conjunction with the Bloomfield Hills School District.

Dr. Comly added that a careful study of the child's early health and behavior history in conjunction with psychological, psychiatric, neurological and medical examinations are necessary in pinpointing and treating minimal brain dysfunction.



DR. COMLY divided children with minimal brain damage into two broad groups—the hyperkinetic, or overactive type ("Dennis the Menace"), and the underactive, or lethargic type.

"The woolies, Mom! It will be colder, Weatherman Says" The word, snow, enters the weather picture for the first time locally this fall. Through the next five-day period, light snow flurries will be in evidence, according to the weatherman.

"The woolies, Mom! It will be colder, Weatherman Says" The precipitation from the flurries will measure two to four tenths of an inch.

OTHER SYMPTOMS of possible brain damage listed by Dr. Comly: Failure to learn from ordinary experience what nature teaches (a child pretends he is Superman, jumps off a roof and breaks his collarbone; instead of showing fear, he tries the same thing again).

"The woolies, Mom! It will be colder, Weatherman Says" The normal high for this period is 44 degrees and the normal low, 32 degrees.

Our Next Issue Set for Nov. 27 To afford its employes an opportunity to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday, The Birmingham Eccentric will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26.