

# School Officials Cope With Bus Problem

## Hills to Take Bids for 12 More Buses

### Transportation Discussed at Special Meeting

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In anticipation of the increased number of children the school district will be transporting to school next fall the Bloomfield Hills School Board has authorized cost bids to be taken on the purchase of 12 additional school buses.

The decision was made at a special meeting of the school board Monday night at which Supt. Eugene Johnson reviewed the progress made so far in solving the problems involved in transporting school district children to private and parochial schools in the area.

Johnson stated that administrative officials met last week with representatives from Cranbrook, Kingswood, St. Hugo, Sacred Heart, City and Country and Bloomfield Country Day schools.

THE SCHOOLS were asked to furnish a list of their students residing in the school district limits.

Until the list is completed the exact number of additional buses which will be needed cannot be determined, Johnson told the board.

However, the board agreed to ask for bids on 12 buses because there is an approximate six-month interval between order and delivery date.

Based on previous bus purchases by the school district, estimated cost per bus is \$5,800.

THE BOARD delayed finalization of the newly-created position in charge of transportation until a special meeting set for Feb. 25.

Charles Lemke, principal of Conant School, has been attending all meetings dealing with transportation problems in anticipation of taking over the job when it is activated.

"We should have an adequate salary set and the position in operation by April 1," Johnson said. He added that it was unfair to saddle the job on a new person.

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## WHY?

EDITOR'S NOTE:  
This article is an attempt to explain some of the psychological reasons as to why one person might take the life of another.

BY THE OAKLAND  
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INTRODUCTION: The bell tolls for us as we quietly consider a tragedy. Horror, fear, disgust and anger must be put aside as we attempt to understand what has happened.

The futures of two of the leaders of tomorrow have been destroyed. The process of survival and perpetuation has been interrupted. Our youth no longer exists in our world—the other exists in a marginal manner of a living death.

We ask ourselves why. We turn to ourselves and inquire where we have failed. We seek to understand in order to prevent a similar tragedy in the future.

MOTIVATION: We don't know who committed this act. That is not the point of this discussion.

In seeking to understand how such an act could occur, we must speculate as to some of the psychological dynamics which would motivate a person to behave in this manner.

Most commonly such a happening is an impulsive act stemming from severe feelings of inadequacy or unworthiness precipitated by a

catalytic experience wherein the belief that the person is overwhelmed.

Within himself, at the point of real or imagined threat to self-concept, the person experiences a sense of loss, fear, remorse and self-depression. The sense of loss and fear can be such that there is a regression or reaching back on the growth or maturation scale to early years.

WITH THIS, feelings of hopelessness, nothingness and overwhelming sadness occur. The thought of self-destruction takes the form of denial of the reality of unworthiness, and now anger is directed toward the imagined threatening object.

In this personal struggle for survival, the sick mind seeks a solution. Recovery from the thought of self-destruction takes the form of denial of the reality of unworthiness, and now anger is directed toward the imagined threatening object.

In this regression state, lost in confusion a primitive, defense mechanism takes over. Murderous rage, common to all of us in early childhood, now is experienced and becomes the solution to survival.

THE frustrating cause of such a painful state must be destroyed. This is only a wish and remains as such either conscious or unconscious, for even though lost in confusion and overwhelmed with anxiety, the person is aware of the state.

(See WHY?, 4-A)



LED BY A color guard of crosses, American flags and church flags and banners, nearly 2,500 persons from many faiths took part in Sunday's civil rights demonstration in north Birmingham. The marchers stretched across the width of Woodward Avenue. Forward elements of the procession had already reached Holy Name Catholic Church before the end of the marchers were able to leave the Congregational Church.

## Students Seek Reinstatement Of 18 Boys

A group of Seaholm students calling themselves a Parent Committee circulated petitions this week seeking readmission of 18 boys suspended for fraternity membership.

The group claimed 900 signatures were obtained Tuesday morning from Seaholm students.

They said students have been asked to attend an in-house meeting tonight of the Student Congress at the school. They will seek a resolution calling for the return of the boys to classes.

Members of the Parent Committee (not to be associated with the PTA Council's Parent Committee) are inviting school board members and parents to another meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the school cafeteria.

## Eight Draw Suspensions At Seaholm

Eight more boys at Seaholm High School have been suspended from classes because of membership in fraternities.

The total number of youths serving suspensions now stands at 15. They will be out of school for periods of either 10 or 20 days with no makeup privileges.

Birmingham Superintendent of Schools Dr. John B. Smith said the eight boys went to Seaholm Principal Ross Wagner last week and admitted they were members of either KST or MSCP.

THE BOARD of education suspended 18 Seaholm boys on Feb. 2 for being members of the two organizations.

Dr. Smith said there was a possibility that the suspensions could be lifted and the board would be willing to "listen to any additional information," on the matter.

He said he does not have the authority to reduce the suspensions and at this time has no plans to ask for such authority.

## Says Civil Rights Walk Was Many Years Coming

By LARRY EVOE  
City Editor

A walk that took many years to get under way was accomplished in Birmingham Sunday.

Rev. Maurice Geary, chaplain of Marian High School, told the nearly 2,500 persons who took part in the religious procession in behalf of civil rights that the walk was long past due.

"We have walked — Catholic, Protestant and Jew—but it took us many years to get around to taking that 15-minute walk," he said.

Rev. Geary spoke before an overflow crowd at Holy Name Catholic Church. The group had marched to the Catholic church from the Congregational Church to attend the religious service.

## Contractor Asks Higher Rubbish Rate

Birmingham's private rubbish contractor has asked for an increase in rate or to be relieved from his present contract.

J. J. Giacalone of the Detroit Rubbish Co. told city commissioners Monday that his firm was "experiencing grave hardship" in carrying out its contract with Birmingham.

Giacalone said he needed a 40 per cent increase in rates to meet his current operational costs. Birmingham's present rubbish contract calls for a payment of \$53,000 a year.

GIALALONE SAID his men had recently joined the Teamsters Union and received a 15 per cent raise and with overtime compensation and other benefits his costs had risen 25 to 33 per cent more than had been anticipated.

The firm, he said, also acquired "unforeseen" maintenance problems and could not meet the payment of bills.

The bid submitted for the present contract, he noted, was \$1,000 lower than the previous contract.

MAYOR WILLIAM H. BURGUM told Giacalone that the contract was awarded after bids had been taken and the company posted bond for a faithful performance of the contract.

"There is a possibility the City could not void such a contract," BURGUM said.

Commissioners asked the administration to bring in a report next week on the contractor's proposal.

THE PROCESSION and service was sponsored by the Birmingham Council of Churches and was under the direction of Rev. Arthur A. Lowry of Our Lady Queen of Marys.

Led by a group of men and boys carrying crosses, American and church flags, the crowd marched half a mile on Woodward Avenue and Harmon St. between the two churches.

Before the start of the procession, the crowd heard invocations by Rabbi Irwin Groner, associate rabbi of Congregation Shaarey Se-dek, Southfield, and Rev. Raymond Fenner, pastor of the Congregational Church of Birmingham.

IN THREE groups, the marchers led Woodward and Euclid and began walking toward Holy Name on Harmon at Woodlawn. The first contingent was made up of the flags and religious symbols.

The main body of marchers followed and the clergymen of the various faiths concluded the procession. Only a few of the marchers carried signs. Approximately 50 Negroes took part in the procession.

At the start of the service Rev. Lowry read a letter from Senator Philip A. Hart expressing regret he could not attend the march himself and praising the churchmen for their efforts.

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self and praising the churchmen for their efforts.

"This demonstration of faith in basic American principles comes at a time when Congress is moving toward historic civil rights legislation," he said.

(See WALK, 2-A)

## Need Canvassers For City Election

Birmingham City Clerk Irene Hanley needs help.

Miss Hanley is looking for canvassers for the April 6 election and so far no one has applied for the job.

In previous years the city commissioner served as canvassers but under the new constitution this is not possible.

The board is to be made up of four persons, two Republicans and two Democrats. The four will be appointed by the commission from a list of applicants.

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## Policy Change Possible for B'ham Board

### 6-8 New Vehicles Needed to Carry Additional Load

By LARRY EVOE  
City Editor

The Birmingham Public School System is going to have a bus problem in September.

The schools are faced with the task of providing transportation for nonpublic school students that live within the Birmingham School District.

Under recent legislation public schools are required to transport nonpublic school students that live within the school district and who attend such a school within the district.

A preliminary estimate by Norman Wolfe, assistant superintendent of schools, sets the number of nonpublic school students involved at about 1,050.

ON MONDAY morning Wolfe and Dr. John Blackhall Smith, superintendent of schools, met with representatives of nine nonpublic schools that are within the district.

The schools include Brother Rice, Marian, Detroit Country Day, Brookside Academy, St. Regis, Holy Name, St. Columban, Our Lady Queen of Marys and Our Shepherd Lutheran.

Dr. Smith told the gathering that although the situation would create many problems his administration would do "everything we can not to disrupt your school program."

THE NEW program must be developed immediately, Wolfe said, because it involves the 1964-65 budget.

It has been estimated that the additional students will require a minimum purchase of six to eight new buses at about \$5,000 each. In addition, Wolfe said, operational bus program amounted to \$125,000 of which about \$65,000 was returned to Birmingham from state funds.

The state reimburses the schools for a part of the cost for transportation. In 1962-63 total cost of the bus program amounted to \$125,000 of which about \$65,000 was returned to Birmingham from state funds.

Under present board policy students are transported who live a mile from elementary schools or a mile and a half from secondary schools.

IT HAS NOT yet been decided whether the same policy will apply to nonpublic school students.

Wolfe asked the representatives of the schools to provide his office with information spotting those youngsters who do live more than a mile and a half from school so bus routes can be laid out to accommodate the program.

The schools do not transport any students who live outside the limits of the school district to buildings located within the district limits. Nor do the schools transport any students living within the school district who attend schools outside the district.

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TOWNSHIP POLICE CHIEF NORMAN DEHNKE  
The shotgun was pointed at his stomach.

## How Police Chief Faced Down Man With a Shotgun

By DAVE PHILPO  
Township Editor

Sometimes it doesn't pay to try to be a friend... When you are a policeman.

Chief Norman Dehnke of Bloomfield Township learned this truth during the longest 25 minutes of his life early Sunday morning when he tried to talk "a friend" out of a loaded shotgun trained on his stomach.

Dehnke was rousted out of bed at about 4:30 a.m. with a report of family trouble at 2805 Franklin Road.

He needed no map to show him the way.

The chief and Holly Course, 50, attended the same church; his daughter had dated Course's son, Jerry, 17; and Dehnke had been in the home many times.

DEHNKE LEARNED from Mrs. Course that her husband was inside the house, armed with a shotgun and was drinking. She said that she and Course had struggled over the weapon and it had discharged into a wall.

The blast was the climax to a family quarrel, she said.

"I didn't just walk in there as a policeman, but as a friend," Dehnke said. "I thought I could talk him into giving up."

"When I got into the living room he ordered me to sit in a chair. Then he threatened to blow my brains out."

"All the time he kept gadding with the safety on the gun. He

## Board, Medical Group to Discuss Learning Lab

The Bloomfield Hills School Board has authorized its president, Dr. Charles Bowers, to arrange a conference with representatives of the Oakland County Medical Society and the school board to discuss certain phases of the school district's Learning Abilities Laboratory.

Bowers told the board:

"There is considerable misunderstanding of the laboratory's function. It is concerned with education, not medical psychology."

BOWERS SAID he would ask the medical association to recommend definite rules of procedure for the laboratory in referring children found to have mental problems to the proper medical authorities.

The association will be asked to name any specific incidences of referrals made by the laboratory to which it has objections.