



School Chief Finds Work 'More Intensified' Here

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

John B. Smith has enjoyed his first year in Birmingham. Smith, 56, is beginning his second year as superintendent of the 15,000-student Birmingham Public School System.

The Harvard University School

of Education graduate replaced Otis M. Dickey as head of the school district last summer. Dr. Smith called his first year in Birmingham a "most enjoyable and interesting" experience. "The community fully lived up to what I had hoped it would," he said, "and the area is as nice as it looked when I first saw it."

HE SAID Birmingham was not unlike Greenwich and Lexington, Conn., where he had also served as superintendent. He termed Birmingham a community "where people are concerned about education."

Dr. Smith said his school work was "more intensified" than he had anticipated.

"A year ago I had no notion that we would get involved in a millage program," he said. "This compelled me to absorb more information and to make more decisions than are normally made in the first year."

Dr. Smith said he was "extremely pleased" with the community's support on the building program and bonding issue.

"It showed me that although Birmingham had quality schools the voters said 'let's do more.'"

A FIRM BELIEVER in communication between the school system and the public, Smith said the millage issue was a perfect example of Birmingham's public relations attitude.

He said however, that the schools "must guard against a lapse in communications."

"We must constantly make available to the public information about what we are doing with the money voted to us," he said.

He said the schools must also be aware of the ever-growing population in the Birmingham area.

"AS I DRIVE around and see the large number of developments going up, I feel that the maximum of 18,000 students predicted for the district will be exceeded," Smith said.

"We must also realize that there is an influx of younger people with children moving into the heart of the city."

Two major education programs are being introduced in the school program during 1964-65, Smith said.

Both foreign language and remedial reading will become a part of the elementary school curriculum this fall.

SMITH HAS also set up a department of pupil services under (See CHIEF, 4-A)

B'ham Schools To Evaluate Teaching Staff

Program Covers Subject Matter Ethics, Loyalty

Two years of work by professional committees has resulted in the publication of the first guide for the evaluation of teaching performance in the Birmingham Public Schools.

The plan, which became effective Tuesday, marks a milestone in the efforts of Birmingham teachers and administrators to make evaluation as objective as possible.

Although originally envisioned as a local voluntary program, evaluation becomes mandatory with the passage of the Michigan Teacher Tenure Law. Timely publication of the guide will make possible the immediate introduction of a carefully developed plan, according to school officials.

Supt. John Blackhall Smith commented, "We want to offer the very best education possible to every boy and girl in the Birmingham schools. A sound evaluation plan is a vital facet of this aspiration."

DEPUTY SUPT. Daniel A. Nesbitt, committee chairman, was highly complimentary of the efforts of committee members to accomplish the job which has long been controversial in professional circles. He cited the support and help of the Birmingham Education Association.

In addition to Nesbitt, other members of the evaluation committee were Arthur Kersjes, secretary; Grant Barber, Ray Bieski, Ada Bronson, Charles Boell, William Byrne, Henry Corbacho, William Corliss, Douglas Haesler, Phyllis Haasberger, Russell Hotchkiss, Johnny Ingram, Curtis Lather, Kim Schatz, Bernice Stennick, Richard Sumner, Abe Swart, Roy Vannette, Berkshire principal. Other members on the committee were Marjorie Kates, secretary, Richard A. Coolman, Peter Drees, Charles E. Lundy, Nesbitt and Dr. Smith.

A WORKSHOP was held Aug. 26-28 for principals and supervisors to familiarize them with the requirements of the plan and its implementation.

A study of the teaching process by the committee resulted in its developing performance criteria in 11 areas. They include subject matter, principles of learning and child growth and development, instructional methods and materials, classroom management, planning, student evaluation, personal relationships, interpretation of teaching program, personal qualities, loyalty and professional ethics and extracurricular and noninstructional obligations.

All professional staff members will be subject to evaluation.

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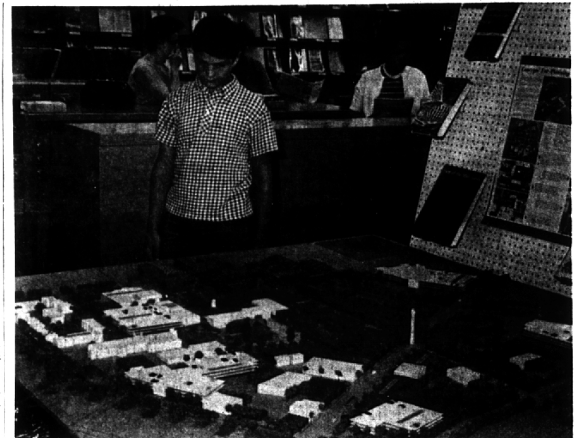
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A Glance into the Future

Bob Kilpatrick, 13, of 183 Hupp Cross Road, Bloomfield Village, examines a model of the Birmingham of tomorrow on display at the Baldwin Public Library. The model was prepared by the Civic Design Committee.

of the Citizens Action Committee. It depicts a possible concept for the downtown Birmingham of the future. The model will be on display through Sept. 17.

Birmingham Finds Drawings For Coolidge Unacceptable

By LARRY EVOE

Preliminary engineering drawings for the paving of Coolidge Road between Maple and Big Beaver were not accepted by Birmingham city commissioners Tuesday night.

Mayor Charles W. Renfrew termed the drawings "only a partial plan" and said the commission did not have to take any action regarding them.

The plans, prepared by a private engineering firm for the City of Troy, showed only an improved boulevard from Maple north to Derby Road. The remainder of the street north to Big Beaver was not shown.

City Manager L. R. Gare said he understood that this was to be the first phase of the construction program and the remainder of the paving would be put in at a later date.

THE COMMISSION and residents of the Bloomfield Manor have expressed concern over the paving that has been brought about with the announcement of a \$50 million development on the Troy side of Coolidge.

Commissioners have insisted that the road be improved with a boulevard extending its entire length and have stressed there be no cut-off at Derby.

The drawings presented Tuesday night showed crossroads just north of Maple, Dorchester and Windmere but left the question of Derby in doubt.

COMMISSIONER William H. Burgum said the plans should have

shown the roadway continuing north of Derby.

"This is the first time I knew construction would stop at Derby," Burgum said.

Commissioner William E. Roberts said the City must get some type of agreement with the developer, Norman J. Cohen, guaranteeing Coolidge would be developed as a boulevard all the way to Big Beaver.

Gare said he did not know how Cohen could make such a guarantee when the paving was the responsibility of the City of Troy.

COMMISSIONER Robert W. Page said he was "more than irritated" that the subject was even brought up Tuesday night when the construction drawings stopped at Derby.

Renfrew added that the commissioners had no agreement facing (See DRAWINGS, 2-A)

Preparing for Safety

"School's open, drive carefully!" is the theme of Automobile Club of Michigan's fall campaign reminding motorists to exercise caution behind the wheel now that school is under way in the Birmingham area. Approximately 19,500 youngsters are back in school (public and parochial) in Birmingham, with about 625 boys and girls manning street corners as school safety patrolers. Displaying typical placards that call attention to the opening of school are (from left) Richard Boyes, assistant manager, Automobile Club of Michigan's Birmingham Division; Mike Eickmeier, safety patrol captain at Adams School; and Police Chief Ralph Moxley.

Discussion Postponed For One Week on I&R

A discussion on a proposed charter amendment concerning initiative and referendum (I & R) was postponed for one week by Birmingham city commissioners Tuesday night.

The delay was made to allow City Manager L. R. Gare and the administration more time to study the issue and to allow the plan board an opportunity to review the amendment in regard to zoning matters.

If commissioners approve the proposed amendment, it will be placed on the April ballot and would require an affirmative vote by a majority of the electors for passage.

Initiative is the power of the electors to propose and enact or reject ordinances and referendum is the power of the electors to approve or reject ordinances adopted by the commission.

Gare said he would present the suggestions next Monday night along with a revised I and R ordinance.

Dick Swaney Chosen As Teen Consultant

Seaholm senior Dick Swaney has been named The Eccentric teen representative for the school year. Besides his work as teen consultant, Swaney's duties will include arranging for the selection of the Teen of the Week. He will serve as a consultant to the paper on teen affairs.

A three-sport man, Swaney quarterbacked the school football team (where he is also letterman) and is on the basketball and tennis squads.

NO ACADEMIC slouch, Swaney has been elected to the National Honor Society and carries a B-plus average in his college prep studies. A good business education, perhaps at the University of Michigan, is what Swaney plans following graduation next June.

The 17-year-old is also active in the Cicerone Club for service and

'No Intention' Of Suing City, Says Executive

A Birmingham tool and die executive told commissioners Tuesday night that his firm "never had any intention" of entering into litigation with the City.

Gustave Shauer, secretary, director and manager of the Shauer Tool & Die, 2099 Cole, said his company would not be involved in a suit concerning Birmingham's new ordinance covering the licensing of cigarette vending machines.

Last week Shauer and Floyd Joyce, owner of the Joyce Venders, filed suit in Oakland County Circuit Court charging the ordinance is "unreasonable and discriminatory."

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The Birmingham Eccentric requests all news and advertising contributors to submit their copy to our offices at the earliest possible time each week.

During the Detroit newspaper strike, The Eccentric is publishing larger-than-normal issues. These make earlier deadlines for all departments.

To continue to provide the best possible service to our readers and customers, we urgently request all contributors to submit their material as early as possible each week. This includes all classified and display advertisers, as well as news contributors.



Ready for the Fair

All set and ready to leave for the New York World's Fair are Mrs. John Kline (left) of Pontiac and Alice Burlingame, coordinator of The Birmingham Eccentric-sponsored tour coming up Sept. 28-Oct. 1. A coffee hour will be held at The Eccentric from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday, Sept. 19, for participants and for those who still wish to make reservations. Cosponsor of the tour is Oakland Travel, Inc.

Special Week Honors Women Voters League

Birmingham - Bloomfield LWV praised for community service—see editorial, photo on 1-B.

The League of Women Voters will kick off its annual finance drive next week, with praise from Gov. George Romney as their inspiration.

In proclaiming Sept. 15-19 as League of Women Voters Week in Michigan, the governor said, in part:

"The Michigan League, consisting of 36 Michigan chapters, has worked diligently and effectively for many important governmental improvements, including fair employment practices, better children's services, taxation reform. Michigan's new constitution, a study of public welfare and the relationship of federal, state and local programs."

"MICHIGAN PEOPLE continue to receive help in becoming certified and informed citizens by the League's sustained attention to encouraging people to register to vote and holding know-your-candidate rallies."

"Because the League believes democracy depends upon an informed electorate, it also provides the public with accurate and objective information about ballot issues and biographical information about candidates. An informed citizenry is an intelligently acting citizenry and during this important national election year, the League is stressing that 'Your Vote Makes a Difference.'"

"THEREFORE, I, George Romney, governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim the period of Sept. 13 through Sept. 19, 1964, as League of Women Voters Week in Michigan and urge all our people to recognize the impressive

contributions to more effective and responsible citizenship, government and public affairs that have been made over the years by the League of Women Voters throughout Michigan."

For the first time "Women Voters Week" has been proclaimed on a national scale by President Johnson.

The League will conduct a nationwide drive to urge women to register and vote, because its members are disturbed by the particularly large number of women who do not go to the polls.

According to the report of the President's Commission on Voting and Registration Participation, 10 per cent fewer women than men exercise the franchise won for them by the suffragettes.

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