

Changing Parental Attitude Seen Helpful to Learning

With the approach of a new school term directing attention to preparing the children for their return to learning, substantial gains in the qualitative results of American education appear to be in the making.

First and most important to these gains is the changing attitude of parents who not long ago were complaining over the volume of homework assigned their children, and who considered it smart to proclaim openly that they didn't want their youngsters to grow up to be "egg heads."

TODAY the clamor is for a return to fundamentals, more "learning" and less "method" in teaching and greater disciplining of pupils. Second is the attitude of the youngsters themselves, best reflected from high school groups by the seriousness with which teenagers are working to qualify for admission to college.

The soul searching in which the nation has been engaging in customary democratic fashion, since Sputnik soared into outer space last fall, has given great impetus to re-evaluation of our system of education.

This has brought a renewal of

appreciation for learning. It has also brought enhancement of respect for underpaid teachers who stay on in essential jobs despite the lure of more pay from industry.

And re-enforcements have appeared from the ranks of public spirited citizens who are pressing for additional funds (a) to overcome the shortage of school facilities and (b) to provide pay increases for more teachers who are needed in greater numbers.

Recommended for first consideration of parents, is the home atmosphere in which children will have to study.

OF EQUAL importance is the pre-school checkup of the physical well being of the children as insurance against avoidable illness after they start to school.

Pre-school eye examinations are recommended to determine whether corrective measures are necessary.

Finally, there is the need for fitting them out in advance of the opening of the school term, with clothes and shoes and school supplies, which, if acquired now during the more leisurely hours of a fading vacation season, can save much time and money.



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In Summer School

Judith A. Underwood, 32335 Ingewood drive, Birmingham, is among 2,581 students enrolled in summer courses at Washington University, Chancellor Ethan A. H. Shepley has announced. Miss Underwood is attending the university's summer school, which offers two five-week sessions of courses, continuing through August 29.

Guest Instructor

William W. Mahan, Jr., 862 Brooklawn, Birmingham, is one of 75 visiting faculty members at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, this summer. Mahan is an educational psychologist in the Ferndale school system.

Karen Thompson in Hawaii

Among 5500 students enrolled at the University of Hawaii summer session this year is Karen Thompson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. O. Thompson of Bradway boulevard. Enjoying her first visit to Hawaii, Karen is enrolled in adolescent and infant-child psychology.

A lively round of activities including tours to temples, museums, a sugar mill, pineapple canneries, dances, lectures by top-level instructors, intercultural programs, and an introduction to the Hawaiian sport of ti leaf sliding has been planned by the office of student personnel.



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