

School Plans Already Set For Summer

CRANBROOK — A seminar in new science — chemistry, atomic physics and radiation biology — is one of the highlights of the 1966 summer school for high school students sponsored by Kingswood school of Cranbrook.

Applications are being accepted for the six-week school which runs from June 20 through July 29.

Eligible students are those who will have completed grades 10, 11 or 12 by this June. Seven non-credit courses are offered.

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attitude of the particular community which it serves. Realistically, we cannot expect our teachers and administrators to be any more less prejudiced, more courageous, than the general level of our community.

All of us—teachers, administrators, parents, citizens—are responsible for the educational system we tolerate and support. By and large, we get just about what the majority of us want and will pay for.

AS OUR VALUES change, so too can and should the nature, direction and program of the educational system change. We feel, however, it is a deplorable situation when a board of lay citizens elects to ignore and/or not seek the counsel of a man who has stature in the field of educational administration, before making a decision.

We strongly condemn this type of action by the board of education and commend the position the Superintendent of Schools has taken.

We, too, find it difficult to professionally reconcile ourselves to working in such a situation. Many of us have personal obligations which make it a practical impossibility to leave Birmingham at this time. We are, therefore, that we remain in Birmingham, but we cannot remain silent.

IF WE ARE to maintain professional integrity, we feel we must do everything in our power to affect a change in the attitude of the board. We are certain that in time, and with persistence, it can be demonstrated to the board that they need the guidance of professional educators if they are to arrive at sound decisions regarding matters of curriculum and methodology.

We feel it can be demonstrated that no enterprise can succeed unless its employees have confidence in and provide complete backing for their employees.

We have always appreciated Dr. Ireland's outstanding abilities as a capable and inspirational leader. We feel it is largely because of his leadership that Birmingham has risen to a position of prominence as an outstanding school system.

The Birmingham schools are in need of this kind of leadership more than ever before. If a faculty, we would like the board of education to know that it is our conviction that the loss of Dr. Dwight B. Ireland to this community can be traced directly to the action and behavior of the present board of education.

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Board

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ly left out of that story. His salary today is \$21,000.

I BELIEVE The Eccentric's managing editor hit Ireland's sore spot when he wrote that Ireland had been elected to the Birmingham school board of young, interested, aggressive members who felt the public should exercise more control over school policies and programs... this has resulted in the "do-it-yourself" kind of control, rather than the "we want to keep-posed" kind of control.

If Ireland should leave, I doubt very much that the Birmingham school system will fall apart in disaster, or that teachers will leave by the dozens.

The reason? In spite of what is claimed, the salary scale in Birmingham is still much higher than other places and the facilities in which and with which to work are top.

If Ireland wants to leave, let

him. There is no one who is indispensable—not even Mr. Ireland.

FORMER RESIDENT

No Voter Wants Positive Action From Community

To the Editor:

As one who voted against the millage proposal on March 28, I am dismayed at the emotionally negative attitude taken by the recent election by many proponents of the measure.

My own vote was one of protest against a "We've always gotten what we wanted before, we'll get it this time" attitude which I felt existed on the part of the school board and the school administration.

Based on the turnout of 30 percent of the voters, plus personal contacts, I am sure that a large number of "no" votes were for the same reason, I believe this is a good sign.

THIS IS A good sign because it demonstrates without doubt, far from being disinterested, the Birmingham area residents are vitally concerned in their schools. The question now should be how to take advantage of this great interest.

I should like to suggest some positive action. Some members of the school board agree with me that the board did not thoroughly sell the millage proposal to the voters.

In June there is a regular school election and at this time the millage proposal should be presented on the ballot. However, now is the time to sell, really sell, the need for these additional funds.

WHY NOT A mass meeting of all PTAs as a start?

At this meeting a panel made up of representatives of the school board and the school administration should be prepared to answer in full all questions pertinent, not only to the additional millage, but to the entire operation of the school district.

They should also be prepared to explain fully what economy measures have been initiated in the past and what are planned for the future.

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