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Parents

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their diapers against their own wish and their parents' wishes. Another distraught parent asked Mr. Whitney at the Hill building: "Why and how can we do it until he thought all of the parents of Barnum school wanted this and nothing but to be done about it until one of us had enough signatures to prove that we didn't like this. In the new in this district and find it hard to believe that such a thing exists that requires work for a person to obtain signatures of many others to build the morals of a public school.

IS THERE not a law prohibiting indecent dress in public places and isn't Barnum school a public school? In case of fire, would those boys have to leave the building in the nude? I understand that they are locked inside—another that has to wear suits be allowed to wear them?

Will we have to make a hasty move in order to preserve our son's self respect and modesty? The high school and Derby does not allow this situation—why does Barnum? Perhaps this should be explained to the real estate office so that they may push the other side of Birmingham. It would be a good selling point for the Derby area.

Well, sir, I won't ramble on but please, don't throw this aside because too many boys are depending on you to publish something to get the reaction of the majority. We know that this may not concern all the parents of Birmingham but—can't you let the other parents know how lucky they are to have chosen a house outside the Barnum district?

We will be looking for your viewpoint in Thursday's issue.

UPSET PARENTS

EDITOR'S NOTE: We believe you've got an uphill battle. Upset Parent. Boys have been swimming in the nude all the way from the 'ol swimmin' hole to the YMCA. They've never used suits in the indoor, windowless pools such as Barnum has.

Employees' Prexy Urges Millage Approval June 13

To the Editor: The Birmingham school system over the past few years has grown tremendously. And the taxpayers of this community can be proud now that the children have one of the finest educational programs in the country.

The school board, through the cooperation of the superintendent, has been fortunate in securing some of the finest professional help to teach the children, plus clean, intelligent, custodial and maintenance help. To visualize these developments and maintain the best for the children and community, we must also face cold facts. If the school board wishes to continue this plan, it must employ the best teachers, non-teaching personnel and retain the present employees.

SALARIES must be competitive to meet competition of neighborhood communities. Therefore, in order to have salary increase at this time 1 1/2 millage must be authorized by the voters on June 13, 1960. To help protect a vital educational program and your chil-

dren, support your school board. Vote yes June 13. TOM FAIRHURST, President, Birmingham School Employees

Candidate Answers

To the Editor: In the 4th issue of the Eccentric, "A School District Parent" asked for a clear statement of where each of the candidates for the board of education stands with respect to the forthcoming election. Her letter raised certain questions regarding my statement in the April 7 issue in which I announced my candidacy.

In my announcement, which followed closely the March 28 millage defeat, I stated that I felt that the large negative vote suggested that many citizens were concerned with the quality of the final product and that the criticism of "frills" reflected discontent with the present curriculum. Obviously, I could not read the minds of the 4,700 residents who voted no.

BUT I HAD become aware of an increasingly critical attitude toward public education among people I had met. I don't believe this attitude represented specific dissatisfaction with the scholastic program of the Birmingham school system so much as a general uneasiness about the effectiveness of our approach to education compared with that of other American communities, against the backdrop of the challenge from the Soviet Union.

I believe, however, that there is a basic question concerning the direction of our educational program that was evident in the discussion at a recent school board meeting. At this meeting, the board was considering a proposal to change the status of certain non-academic subjects, such as home economics and manual training, from required to elective to permit offering additional science and language courses. Certainly, we must offer these courses as part of a sound vocational training program for the 50 per cent of our students who will not go on to college. But it seems to me that our curriculum must be directed toward maximizing opportunities for the 70 per cent majority.

IN ADDITION, we must assure

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland, in the Matter of the Estate of Pearl E. Hill, deceased.

At a session of said Court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, on the 4th day of May, A. D. 1960.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate. The Detroit Bank and Trust Company, Executor of said estate, having filed in said Court its first annual account, and petition praying for the examination and allowance thereof, for the allowance of fees, and for an extension of time in which to close the estate.

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ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate. (11, 12, 13)

that our counseling program provides the student with proper guidance in the selection of courses in preparation for college. On the basis of conversations with the parents of high school students, I have become convinced that there is room for significant improvement in tailoring a specific program in accordance with the personal desires and potential of the individual student and the realities of a college world in which standards of admission are being raised every year.

I have been very pleased personally with the quality of instruction and the content of course material at Quorton school, which two of my daughters attend. As a parent and citizen, however, I am concerned that our educational program must be sufficiently flexible to permit changes as our requirements change. Working in

harmony with the Administration and responsible citizens committees, the school board, I believe, should assume a role of leadership in the evaluation and, where necessary, redirection of the curriculum. Although I was initially opposed to the resubmission of the four mill proposal in the June 3 election because there might be insufficient time for a thorough and objective study of all issues, I am strongly in favor of the 1 1/2 mill proposal specifically tied to teachers' salaries now on the June 13 agenda. We cannot expect to retain our excellent faculty and attract new teachers with outstanding potential unless our salary scale is competitive with that of other districts in the Metropolitan area.

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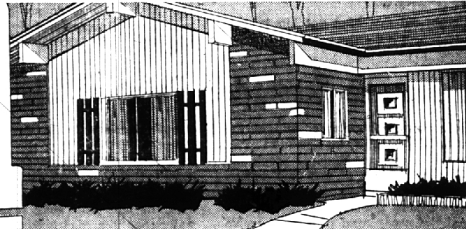
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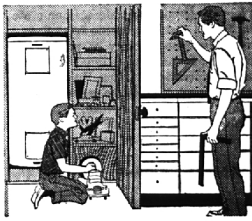


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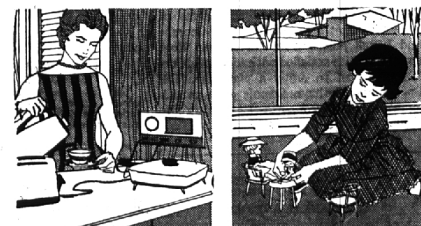
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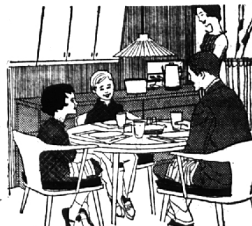
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