

# 'So Long Summer' — 'Hello Homework'

## 32,000 Students Will Say

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Almost 32,000 Birmingham area students of all shapes and sizes from tots in kindergarten to teens in high school will soon embark on that familiar trip—back to school.

Some anxious, some somber—back they'll flock.

Back—to some 190 days of study and homework.

Back—from some 80 fading days of vacationing, swimming, camping, loafing, working and even—studying.

Out of moth balls come books and brains—into storage go leisure and games.

**EXCEEDING LAST** year's enrollments by more than 6,000, elementary and secondary public schools open in Birmingham on Sept. 7, in Southfield Hills on Sept. 8 and in Southfield on Sept. 9. School opens Sept. 5 at all area Parochial schools, while Cranbrook School for Boys begins on Sept. 20, Brookside School on Sept. 13 and Kingswood School on Sept. 19.

Teacher workshops or orientation sessions will be conducted at most schools for new, old and beginning instructors the day preceding opening dates.

**TO MEET GROWING** enrollments, all schools have acquired additional teachers and improved academic programs with some schools (especially those in Bloomfield Hills) expanding classroom facilities.

Birmingham's expected enrollment of 12,800 in the district's 18 schools will be served by an additional 63 teachers bringing the teaching staff to a total of 568.

**FOUR MAJOR** position changes will take place within the Birmingham system.

Charles Lundy, of Bellfountain, Ohio, will replace James Burchyett as principal at Groves High School. Burchyett has accepted a position as superintendent of schools in Grand Blanc, Mich.

Robert McBride of the Farmington school system will replace Edwin Crandell as principal at Harlan School. Crandell will become curriculum coordinator in the Oak Park system.

**FILLING NEWLY** created positions will be Wayne State University professor, William Forbes, as coordinator of science education and Seaholm band instructor, William Berndt, as full-time coordinator of music.

Both posts were established as a result of recommendations of the Citizens' Curriculum Study Committee.

**ADDITIONAL TEACHERS,** program improvements and higher operating costs have boosted Birmingham's school budget this year to \$6,386,502.23, a 12.9 per cent increase over last year's budget of \$5,653,310.97.

No new construction or expansion of school facilities have been undertaken or are anticipated in the Birmingham system this year.

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS'** enrollment, which has been growing at the rate of about 400 a year, will be about 4,200.

Twenty new teachers, raising the total teaching staff to about 200, and several classroom expansion projects will absorb the increased enrollment.

New construction includes a \$1,000,000 18-classroom junior high school for 600 students at Opdyke and Kennington and a two-unit 13-classroom elementary school on Wing Lake Road, south of Maple. Both new schools are expected to be completed by the fall of 1962.

**OTHER CONSTRUCTION** consists of a complementary six-room addition to Conant Elementary School, a seven-room addition at Pine Lake Elementary School and an eight-

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### Apple of Her Eye

Kirk Converse, "almost seven-year-old" son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon G. Converse III of Evelyn Court, Franklin, hasn't been a school boy long, but he learns fast. He knows an apple a day keeps the doctor away—and that one for the teacher is

a pretty good idea too. When little red-head goes back to school next month, he'll be in the second grade. Brother Brad will be in the third grade and the oldest Converse boy, Glenn, will tackle fifth grade matters.

## Hills Leads in School Construction

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Bloomfield Hills is this year leading the way in school construction. The Birmingham program is temporarily complete but, according to school officials, the board of education will have to ask the public in November for additional funds for building facilities.

There are no additional new facilities in Southfield. The expected increase of 400 to 600 students will be absorbed in existing classrooms. There will be an increase of almost one pupil per teacher with each teacher handling about 26 pupils per class.

Present plans in the fast-growing Bloomfield Hills School District call for additions to two elementary schools and the high school, and a new junior high and elementary school.

A **SIX-ROOM** addition to the new Conant elementary school is complete at a cost of about \$125,000. Most of the cost of the addition was provided by savings from the 1956 budget, with the remainder from this year's budget.

The two elementary additions are at Pine Lake and Eastover Schools. The seven-room addition at Pine Lake will cost approximately \$133,000 and the eight rooms at Eastover nearly \$184,000 for total construction. Completion of both units is expected between Sept. 1 and Thanksgiving.

A **\$1 MILLION** addition for 500 pupils at Bloomfield Hills High School is under way August 3. The addition will provide much needed space for the school's ever-growing attendance.

Included in the addition will be 25 classrooms including three science labs and a language lab. Also in the addition will be a "little theater" seating 386, two new music rooms and offices for the board of education.

Remodeling will be done to the old music room, changing it to an

art room; the chemistry lab will be renovated and the library will be enlarged by 33 per cent. The addition will add 67,000 square feet to the present building, and raise the capacity from 700 students to about 1,100 or 1,200. Completion is expected by September of next year.

**BLOOMFIELD JUNIOR** High is at present capacity of 900 students. To compensate for expected

growth, the Hills Board of Education is planning a new junior high for 600 pupils at Opdyke and Kennington to be completed by Sept. 1, 1962. Cost is approximately \$1,250,000.

School Superintendent Eugene L. Johnson said the board is trying to avoid city-type schools with large enrollments and therefore is planning the new schools to provide more efficient education for students in the school district.

**THE OTHER** new school will be a two-unit grade school, 13 classrooms handling kindergarten through sixth grade. It will probably serve the Wing Lake area where crowded conditions exist.

Cost of the new elementary school is estimated at \$450,000.

Heavy population growth is given as the reason for the mushrooming of school construction in the Bloomfield School District.

## Increased Enrollment Expected At Local Parochial Schools

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More pupils, more grades—and more facilities to house both—sum up the situation in area parochial schools this fall, as the Sept. 5 opening date approaches.

About 5,500 pupils will attend the eight local Catholic schools, an increase of about 1,400 pupils, according to figures furnished by the Detroit Archdiocese.

Sixth grade classes are being added to St. Regis and St. Columban elementary schools. Marian High School will add an 11th grade and Brother Rice High School a 10th grade, bringing both schools a step closer to a complete high school curriculum.

**HOLY NAME,** St. Regis and St. Bede's Schools will boast new additions, with provisions ranging from cafeteria to classrooms. A convent for the sisters at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and a chapel at St. Hugo Country Day School have been completed.

In addition to these eight schools, an increase over last year's enrollment of 325 pupils is expected at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills when it opens

Sept. 7.

A new two-story wing, gift of Sacred Heart's Fathers' Club, will be open this fall. The wing will contain a second-floor, 450-seat auditorium and large stage; the main floor includes a dining room and a secepry and prop room for auditorium use. The dining room will seat about 250 persons.

**FORMER DINING** area space will eventually be converted into a language lab, according to the Rev. Mother Wansboro.

Sacred Heart has also redone two full size hockey fields and a playground and has completed blacktopping of the tennis and outdoor basketball courts.

The two-story addition at Holy Name will house a library, cafeteria, athletic facility and four new classrooms, bringing the classroom total to 28. Enrollment in the school's eight grades last year was 960 pupils.

An increase of about 50 pupils over last year's 295 is anticipated at St. Regis, with the addition of the sixth grade, according to the archdiocese.

A **ONE-STORY** addition and

conversion of the former chapel to three classrooms will increase the facilities. The new addition will be used as a chapel and later for classroom space. In size it is the equivalent of six classrooms.

St. Bede's School, with an attendance last year of 405 has added six classrooms.

An increase of about 50 pupils is expected at St. Columban's with the addition of grade six. Last year's total was 333 pupils.

Enrollment at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs last year was 938; At St. Hugo Country Day School it was 465. Both schools take pupils from first through eighth grades. Enrollment will remain about the same, according to the archdiocese.

**NO NEW** building took place at Marian or at Brother Rice High Schools. Enrollment last year was 416 and 247, respectively. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Arthur Karey of the Archdiocese estimated enrollment at Marian High School would be about 600 pupils and at Brother Rice about 450 to 500 students.

The school year will close June 8, 1962 at the eight local parochial schools.

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