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## CRULL TELLS EDUCATIONAL TRENDS TODAY

### School Supt. Says Modern Thought Is To Spread Scholastic Training

"Great advances have been made in the field of modern education since the time of the depression, and perhaps the most important of these is the new idea of equalizing opportunity," said Howard D. Crull, superintendent of schools in Birmingham, yesterday in commenting on modern educational trends. "This means, as an example, that the boys and girls in the poverty-stricken areas in the southern mountain districts will have the same chances for education that more fortunate youngsters have. In the state of Michigan, 11% of the high school students go to college. In Baldwin High, 33% do so. But it is not these alone whom we are concerned with. It is the students who do not go to institutions of higher learning that must have the chance of making good without a degree."

Education Scrutinized—During the last depression, according to Mr. Crull, education

was severely scrutinized and criticized for its apparent inability to fit its graduates for the society into which they were coming. Society had advanced, but education had not; and therefore, because of the lack of preparation and foresight given to its graduates, it was a contributing cause of the depression. It was felt that something should be done, so in November, 1935, the Educational Policies Commission was organized. It consisted of six representatives of the National Education Association and six representatives of the American Association of School Administrators. These twelve members have been meeting continuously since.

The first publication of the commission came late in 1936, when it put out a book, "The Unique Function of Education in American Democracy." It pointed out that the function of public schools was to create equal opportunity for every pupil as far as possible.

The second publication of the commission, "The Structure and Administration of Education in American Democracy," was released recently. As in the first report, equal opportunity is emphasized. This report points out the responsibility of each state of developing within itself, and of adopting its own principles. It is valuable to those who are interested in knowing more of educational programs. This report may be obtained through Mr. Crull.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY OFFERS UNIQUE NEW LITERATURE

Heading the list of newly-acquired volumes at the Baldwin Public Library is that well-known book by Kurt Schuschnig, My Austria. Dorothy Thompson writes a short introduction for this book, which is part autobiography and part political history. Schuschnig describes the three dark periods in the history of the state of Austria through which he has lived—the old Empire that went to its death in 1918; the parliamentary-democratic Republic that stopped in 1933; and the third period, the recent Austria, of which Schuschnig himself. The incidents that the reader will undoubtedly remember are the recent years in which the author played such an important part. A historical piece of literature without parallel, it is a chronicle of men and events written by a man who influenced history itself.

**The Dawn of Literature.** When ancient and modern literata is mentioned many people immediately think of Greece and Rome for the former and Europe and America for the latter. But this book of Holliday's widens one's horizon of literature and reveals, by reference and quotation, interesting details of many books of the past. Among those works referred to are the books of the Dead and other religious and philosophical works of the ancient Egyptians; the high culture of Babylon and Assyria; the closed in their ceremonial domains; the highly imaginative romances and poems of Persia; and the Jewish nation's great contributions to history, religion, drama, and poetry. This book is also a stimulating approach to the literature of the Oriental. The volume had been very well documented so that any person who desires additional information can go deeper into the originals.

**Portrait of America.** by Diego Rivera, with an explanatory text by Bertrand D. Wolfe. Into the murals that he painted in New France, Detroit, and in New York, Rivera painted his conception of America: past, present, and future. This book contains sixty reproductions of the murals he painted in this country. Rivera includes in the text a long and informative introduction. In it he explains the special problems of his own time and the long and the difficulties he has encountered in the United States, and in an account of the destruction of his Rockefeller Center fresco, Wolfe furnishes the explanatory text which serves to clarify the revolutionary conceptions which inspire Rivera's paintings.

**Diaghilev, His Artistic and Private Life.** by Arnold L. Benzel and Walter Nouvel. In addition to being a biography of Diaghilev, it serves as a history of the modern movement in the Russian ballet. Painting and music were Diaghilev's early interests. At 20 he was the editor of the Mir Iskustva (The World of Art); who he was 30 years old he published a monograph of Levitsky and three years later his work of painting ended in an exhibition of historical portraits at Paris. From 1904 to 1908 he took a serious interest in the ballet which remained his primary interest till his death in 1929.

**The Red India.** a collection of Currier and Ives prints, with an introduction by W. S. Hall. This new addition to the local library consists of a collection of the famous Western pictures of Currier and Ives. This volume is the second of a new and important series of reproductions of famous Currier and Ives prints, which are at the present time one of the most important sources for the history of the nineteenth-century America.

**The Witch of Wall Street.** by Boyden Sparkes and Samuel Taylor Moore. A story of a woman who, from early childhood, wanted to become the richest woman in America, and who finally realized her ambition. But she obtained this position at the cost of love, respect, and the means she used to get her way more than once brought her into a court of law. A good part of her life she spent in a dingy flat in Jersey City. How to make money she knew, but she simply couldn't spend any of it. Reported to have left an estate over \$100,000,000 of which \$9,000,000 was known to be in cash, she left not one cent to charity. Dowdy, stern, unlovable, nevertheless she was unique. And the account of how she attained her ambition makes interesting reading.

**How to Dance.** A new book put out by the Louellen Publishing Company that tells one how to do everything from the Waltz down to the Suzi Q. Lindy Hop, and the Boll Weevil. And for those who might want to learn about them, it also shows the proper procedure for the Virginia Reel, Paul Jones, the Polka, and others.

**The Delights of Freedom.** The good news is that in a free country, where a man may say what he thinks—if he isn't afraid of his wife, his neighbors or his boss, and if he's sure it won't hurt his business or his reputation.—Patterson (Kan.) News.

## SCHWAGER OUT FOR LIEUT. - GOVERNOR



Henry A. Schwager

For the first time in its history, Royal Oak is offering to Michigan Republicans one of its citizens for the office of Lieutenant-Governor in the person of Henry A. Schwager, automobile dealer there. Mr. Schwager, who was born in Switzerland 50 years ago, where he laid the foundation of a profound understanding of engineering research and manufacturing, came to the United States at the age of 18. For many years he was associated with General Motors Corp., Packard Motor Car Co., and during the World War assisted in the development of the Liberty engine for airplanes.

"For many years I have been deeply interested in the problems of society, from social, political, and economic standpoints," asserted Mr. Schwager in making his announcement. "An earnest desire to better the welfare of my fellowman has been my abiding interest in various community and fraternal organizations."

**His Platform.** Mr. Schwager, who is the father of 11 living children, is Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus for three consecutive years. The eight points of his platform include:

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2. Abolishment of unfair taxes.
3. Honest and capable management in EVERY department of Government.
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6. Protect the equities of the workingman, the farmer and the businessman.
7. Self-reliance of individuals, communities and the state.
8. Abundant and unmistakable support for those senators and congressmen who will carry similar objectives to Washington.

## HILLS SCHOOL TO OPEN SEPT. 12

W. A. Shunck, director of the Bloomfield Hills School, has announced that the school will begin its 1938-1939 school year September 12. He expects to find approximately 220 students enrolled at that time. From November 24 to 27 will be the Thanksgiving recess, and the Christmas vacation will extend from December 17 to January 1. The second semester will start January 30, with the school closing from April 8 to 16 for the spring recess. Baccalaureate services will be held May 28, while the second session will close with its commencement exercises on June 9.

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## School Of Sacred Music Tells Plans

The eighth session of The School of Sacred Music at Waldenwoods, near Hartland, Michigan, will be held for ten days, July 25 to August 4.

The school was founded as a nonprofit enterprise by Nellie Beatrice Huger, its present director. It aims to raise the standard of church music, and to give training to church musicians. Among the faculty will be Dr. H. Augustine Smith, of Boston University, Professor Arthur Croley, of Oberlin College, Archibald C. Jackson, of the Detroit Institute of Musical Art, and Mr. Homer Bodenheaver, formerly for years with Billy Sunday.

On Thursday, July 28, the Michigan Federation of Music Clubs will entertain the students and faculty of the school at a musical tea. All of the State Board members have been invited.

## M. MOULE SEEKS TO BE PROBATE JUDGE

Formal announcement of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Judge of Probate of Oakland County was made today by Maurice M. Moule, Pontiac attorney.

Mr. Moule, who is 37 years old, is a son of Robert L. and Laura M. Moule, and was born in a lifelong resident of Oakland County. In furtherance of his legal education he has studied at a number of leading universities, after taking his A. B. degree at the University of Michigan. Additionally, he has received his law degree at George Washington University, graduate work majoring in American government and law at Yale University, and graduate work in political science and history at the University of Michigan Graduate School.

He at one time held an assistant librarianship in the United States National Court Library and in the Library of Congress at Washington, and has practiced law in both the State and local courts. In his legal training he has specialized in probate and real estate law.

Mr. Moule is a member of the First Presbyterian church, and is interested in young people, having conducted Sunday School classes for several years for young people in the study of religion. He is president of the University of Michigan Club of Pontiac.

## Many FHA Mortgage Loans Sought Here

Walter R. Raychel, manager of the Birmingham Credit Bureau, and special credit representative of the Federal Housing Authority for the Birmingham area, reported this week a tremendous increase in applications for mortgage loans. "Although I have been doing some work for the FHA for several years, right now I am busier than ever, probably due to the activity of the Washington government to encourage construction work on new homes," said Mr. Raychel.

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## ST. JAMES TO MOVE OLD COM. HOUSE

Before a month has passed the members of St. James' Episcopal Church of Birmingham expect to have under way a project whereby they will have a new building in which to carry on more extensive church work, plus a central-heating plant for the three buildings which then will make up the church-owned group.

This plan calls for the moving of the old Community House, now on the corner of Maple and Bates, to a new location which is almost directly behind the parish house. This would put the building 70 feet from Maple Avenue.

The reason for this action is that the east half of that block, formerly owned by the St. James' Church, has been taken by the Federal Government for the construction of the proposed new Post Office.

Present specifications call for this old Community House to be placed on a new basement foundation, and it will be used by the church as a Sunday School on both the first floor and in the east half of the basement. The west half will house the new heating plant that will supply the three buildings. This means that the present heating plant, now under the main entrance to St. James' Church and considered quite a fire hazard, will be removed.

Because the parish house projects over the lot line into the Government property, about eight feet of the east end will be cut off and a brick fire wall constructed. This will bring the east end to rest directly on the lot line.

A committee under the direction of Irving B. Babcock, of Bloomfield Hills, is now soliciting contributions and pledges from the church members. It is reported that enough has been received to date that will permit the work to be started within a month.

A permanent property committee, consisting of George T. Hendrix, 2501 Willets street, chairman; John J. Gaffill, 548 Southfield Road; and Louis A. Parquhar, 1016 Lake Park Drive, is now taking bids for the work and awarding the construction.

**WE HEARD IT SAID BY—** Harry S. Starr, Manager, City of Bloomfield Hills: "We don't have many trees on our acre. Haven't had one for more than a month—you see, first know that our office department won't stand for them, so they seldom start, knowing they will be put out pronto."

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