

THIS AND THAT

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"Not a dam bit!" But after Mr. Thorpe's address, when I asked the same question, Governor Holt answered, "It was a great speech; I agree with him on almost every point."

The West Virginia Governor was at the Convention for two days, with his smiling wife. He is an attorney, in his early forties—and is an aggressive, popular champion in his State today. I asked him what he thought of Governor Frank Murphy's attitude toward sit-down strikes in Michigan; replied Governor Holt: "I know Governor Murphy, and I certainly think he missed his opportunity in Michigan when sit-downs first came upon Flint. You can bet your life that I would not tolerate them in West Virginia."

Speaking of the labor situation, one evening I stopped to get a bit of food in a little restaurant in Ansted, West Virginia, frequented by the natives, including coal miners. One chap, a miner for 40 years said, "John L. Lewis has done much for the miners, but I don't believe that we would vote against even for his term. He is all right where he is—but I would vote for Franklin D. Roosevelt again—even for his term."

A majority of the homes we saw while traveling in West Virginia were pretty well built, still wearing new coats of paint. Only in the areas adjacent to industrial centers, or near some smaller coal mines, were the homes ramshackle in appearance.

West Virginia is a great little State. Its people are hospitable. Tour it some time, you won't regret it.

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AIMS OF SCHOOLS ARE SET FORTH IN ANNUAL REPORT

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mony in order that the objective of a full and well rounded development of the child may be realized.

The idea of adapting a school program to the children has become almost universal. In the typical elementary school of a few years ago a standard curriculum was set up and each child, regardless of his ability or interest, was expected to be so instructed as to experience the standardized curriculum. Today children are considered as individuals and it is determining the needs of the individual and administering to them that is the objective in elementary school education, so far as possible, to give consideration to the needs of each individual pupil and to so adjust our procedures and methods as to administer in a maximum way to these particular needs, particularly the individual differences both for flexibility and variety in both the procedures used and the rate of progress in the program.

The program started sometime ago in the elementary school and has been carried over into the secondary schools. The program of studies is built around large units of work. This is somewhat different than a formalized program but has the advantage of developing within the pupil desirable interests in the work that is to be accomplished rather than attempting an artificial desire to accomplish the uninteresting. Visual aids, manual activities and many other such methods are utilized in the attempt to put the program into actual operation. Several units of work that have been developed in the elementary schools of Birmingham this year are: an Italian Activity; Milk Unit; Safety First Unit; Florida; Water Transportation; The Story of Wood; The Development of Air Transportation and Its Progress; A Second Grade Goes to Mexico; Health Unit; Cave-man Unit.

For the first time in the last few years physical training has been added to the curricula of grades five and six. Though the amount of time allotted to this activity this year has been a minimum, the need has been recognized for such course and no doubt in the future more time can be allotted to this work as teachers are available.

Reading Tests
In the field of vocal music, additional instruction has been available this year. Supervision of this subject in grades one, two and three has been possible and teaching two periods each in each elementary school in grades four, five and six has been accomplished. This work has been supervised by one additional teacher in this field during the past year. Voc-

cal music was also added to the Senior High School curricula. Standardized tests were administered throughout the elementary school in reading with Gates Primary and Gates Silent Reading tests. The results of these tests are particularly gratifying and significant in that they revealed that with the exception of the few pupils enrolled in the elementary schools are reading above the author's standard for their grade. This is particularly gratifying because the pupils seem to be advanced as much as one year in reading in the past year. This is accruing from this type of program does not, however, lie in the evaluation of the reading ability of the pupil but rather in the diagnostic value of determining reading deficiencies and with the assistance of the teacher and certain materials, remedial work may be done with the students to assure efficient work in the problem of adjusting reading difficulties.

Manuscript writing in grades one and two has been particularly rapid strides in these two grades. Teachers are enthusiastic about this type of instruction and are particularly gratified since most teacher training institutions are advising and training their pupils in the style of writing for primary work.

At the closing of school there were 1,000 pupils enrolled in the elementary schools of this district.

Secondary Schools
The secondary schools of Birmingham, which include Junior and Senior High School, have this year had a very interesting year. Changes in the program of studies in all secondary schools at this time have been made. The schools have opened at 8:30 o'clock in the morning. By shortening the noon period and adding an additional 45 minutes per day for school work. This is comparable with secondary schools in other sections but generally throughout the State as regards the length of the school year. It has been possible to have three 51 minute class periods in the morning with an activity period and three 51 minute periods in the afternoon of each school day. From the administration of the schools several advantages and pupils too, generally have felt that home work has been reduced. The amount of school work to do a reasonable amount of school work during the school day. This plan still remains in effect and is used for recitation and half for a directed study.

School assemblies have been held in the field of general education. The school assembly programs, especially in the secondary school, are planned by the student body one semester in advance. The planning work is in cooperation with the building principal and the student body. The purpose of these assemblies is to serve the best interests of the student body. Some of the outstanding assemblies have been the National Youth or Society Assembly of the Senior High School, Panel Discussions by the student body, Open House at Council Meetings at which time problems of the student body were discussed. Shows and dramas were presented by some groups of students. The instrumental and vocal music departments have contributed in a major way to these assemblies. Additional assemblies, using both "talk" and sound moving pictures have been found to be very popular, as well as instructional. Each building is now equipped with projectors for silent movies and the high school is equipped with a sound projector.

During the past year, in the senior high school, the program of studies in all secondary schools at this time have been made. The schools have opened at 8:30 o'clock in the morning. By shortening the noon period and adding an additional 45 minutes per day for school work. This is comparable with secondary schools in other sections but generally throughout the State as regards the length of the school year. It has been possible to have three 51 minute class periods in the morning with an activity period and three 51 minute periods in the afternoon of each school day. From the administration of the schools several advantages and pupils too, generally have felt that home work has been reduced. The amount of school work to do a reasonable amount of school work during the school day. This plan still remains in effect and is used for recitation and half for a directed study.

Taking into consideration the fact that the child's mental development is so small when compared to the physical, the Board of Education authorized the superintendent to investigate and make arrangements for limited service in the field of mental hygiene. With this in mind the Children's Center, which is a part of the Couzens Foundation, was conferred with, with a result that the Hill Center was established in Birmingham during the past year. Probably no single attempt in any field of general education during the past year has had more gratifying results than this work over the present school year. There was, assigned to Birmingham, the work of the Children's Center, three workers, one day each week to begin this year. The center is to be a mental hygiene center for the pupils of the Birmingham Schools. Many teachers have had and are having contact with the result that with a minimum amount of lost time in orienting the thinking of the children, work on some of the problems was immediately begun. During the year there have been forty referrals to the Hill Center made either the administrative staff or the teaching staff of the local schools. The work of the center has been interviewed. Interviews have been held with at least ninety-four children and fifty-six interviews with principals and teachers of the students who were attempting to solve some of the problems confronted were those of truancy, behavior difficulties, social adjustment, nervousness, personality problems, poor school work with pupils who had very good ability. In several of these cases a great deal of progress has been noted during the year, the gratifying thing is that in some cases complete adjustment has been effected. It is planned to continue this work with the opening of school next fall.

During the school year the instructional sports program conducted in the junior high schools has been most successful. Approximately 87% of the pupils enrolled in the junior high school for this year participated in this program. The instructional sports program conducted in the junior high schools has been most successful. Approximately 87% of the pupils enrolled in the junior high school for this year participated in this program. The instructional sports program conducted in the junior high schools has been most successful. Approximately 87% of the pupils enrolled in the junior high school for this year participated in this program.

Part Two of our series of studies primarily statistical tables relating to the growth in membership in the independent order of Odd Fellows. An interesting fact is that this is the first year since 1931 in which the school year has completed more than nine months. This year being nine and one-half months in length. An interesting chart reveals the child's bill for one day of school in Birmingham. This is divided into teaching service, supplies, supplementary books, operation of buildings, insurance, maintenance of building, an equipment, auxiliary services, which include library, health, attendance and clerical help, totaling 42.2 cents per pupil per day. For one year ago the cost at that time amounted to 67.3 cents per pupil per day. The portion of the report dealing with the annual statistics we find that twenty-one of our

GLORIOUS BIRTH OF 30 YEARS AGO RULED OUT

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Redcoats, Washington crossing the Delaware river, the surrender of Cornwallis to Washington at Trenton.

Yes, if you were a boy, in those days, you could sneak your mother's favorite dishpan out into the vacant lot next door, and watch it careen in the air as it tumbled, celebrated the Fourth. And in the evening, you could put on your own night display, with pin-wheels nailed to the tree in your front yard; you could set up sky-rockets, and hope they wouldn't start a fire on some nearby roof; you could wear a Roman tunic, and once in a while hurt somebody when an "extra" one shot your head or your chest; you could be a "flower-pot" and snaked-in, the grass-colored burning powder.

But, as they say in the classics, "but days is gone forever in America." How have changed. Too many of them got hurt, or killed. So a crusade was started to outlaw this holiday celebration. Sunday's game will see Walled Lake Park A. C. double with Howell A. C. On Monday, Walled Lake will play a double header with the Cross Pointe star nine.

Alie Upward, an employee of the City Treasurer's office was made deputy-treasurer Monday night for the period from June 27 to September 1. She has authority to act as treasurer Harold H. Corson, in the event he is absent from Birmingham during any of that period.

Teachers have been employed in Birmingham between 16 and 21 years and that nine have been here between 21 and 25 years. The report also indicates that 100 of our teachers is 13 years, which reveals to some extent our staff shortage. The average age of our teachers are men and 82.96 per cent of our teachers are women. Of these six men teach in the Junior High School and nine women are assigned work in the Senior High School, 22 in the Junior High School and forty-two in elementary schools. The school year 1937-38 closed without a financial deficit. Although state aid was not forthcoming within \$13,000 of the original estimate of revenue from this source delinquent tax collections during the year offset this loss. The \$12,000 represents the 16 per cent out in state funds announced late in the Fall of 1937. The report is being reviewed by the Superintendent for future development of the local public schools.

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Activities at the Barnum School swimming pool will begin on the morning of Friday, July 1, according to Miles W. Robinson, director of activities for the Birmingham Recreation Association. Registration, in the main, was completed June 29, but additional ones may be made in the morning hours only, at the Barnum School. There will be swimming daily starting Friday. The schedule of barn and groups is available at Barnum or through Mr. Robinson.

Small Pamela Stump and Anne Kamper, aged nine and eight respectively, made one of the most original charity drives in the city recently, for the benefit of the Chinese war sufferers. They were timely, and doubtless (the masters) in a neighborhood circus, presented in the back yard of Pamela's home on Hates street. The proceeds, totaling 26 cents, formed the most recent contribution turned over to Mrs. H. H. Corson, chairman of the Red Cross drive for the Chinese being held in Birmingham.

Regulation base ball games will be played at Walled Lake on Sunday and Monday, as part of the holiday celebration. Sunday's game will see Walled Lake Park A. C. double with Howell A. C. On Monday, Walled Lake will play a double header with the Cross Pointe star nine.

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"Chief," a doberman, owned by Fred Zimbaum of 248 Greenwood

avenue, is doubtless the first Birmingham dog to win a degree of C. D. from the American Kennel Club. C. D. (Companion Dog) awards are bestowed after various tests, featuring obedience and intelligence. Chief took his tests at Indianapolis, Ind., and at Ashland, O., winning the highest honors and blue ribbon both times. Walter Everett, who trains the dog, is now exhibiting him at his kennel, and will put Chief through his tricks any Sunday afternoon.

George E. Baskin, of Lakeview avenue, is an ardent trout fisherman. Said he to this Wanderer the other day: "I was fishing on the Pere Marquette River Thursday evening of last week and the caddis fly hatch was on the river. Heavily covered with caddis flies, the trout were raring to them—and I managed, with the aid of an artificial caddis fly, to catch eight Brown trout that evening, the smallest being 17 inches long."

Birmingham's City Commission Monday night spent a long evening attending to the business of this community. Opening their session at 7:30 o'clock, they went through the routine of passing bills, resolutions, reading petitions, talking over the magnitude on various matters; at exactly five minutes to twelve one of the Commissioners offered a motion to adjourn; said Commissioner Luther Hayscock: "Aw, let's wait another five minutes and then we can quit tomorrow." A general laugh followed—and so home they went after a busy evening for which they receive the magnificent sum of five dollars per meeting.

This really happened in Birmingham: A little five-year-old girl went into a local grocery store and asked for three rolls of toilet paper. When it was handed her by the clerk she said: "Just charge it, please," and started to

walk out. Whereupon the clerk overtook her and questioned: "Whom shall I charge it to?" "To R. Stover," said the five-year-old merely smiled and answered: "Why? why? why? it's my father's name."

GIRL HIT BY CAR SLIGHTLY INJURED
Helen Boyd, seven-year-old daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Boyd, suffered bruises and minor injuries Tuesday, when she was struck by a car driven by Mr. Harry R. Cooley of 809 Henrietta street. Mrs. Cooley made statement to the police but was not held. The girl who was attempting to cross the street on Woodward avenue just north of Maple, darted from the middle of the road into the path of Mrs. Cooley's car.

She was treated for body bruises by Dr. John H. Gordon, and returned to her home on Redford and the Ten-and-Ours Half mile road.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY:
Louis Hascall, local realtor: "My greatest hobby is that of playing golf. And some day I hope my Birmingham Rotary Club will beat local Exchange and Lions in this national stroke game."

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Oldest Member of Odd Fellows
Proudly wearing the diamond-studded medal awarded him on the 77th anniversary of his membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, 98-year-old William H. Place, above of Permont, N. Y., is the oldest man in the world in age and years of service. One of a picked group of men who guarded President Lincoln during his Gettysburg address, Place received a congratulatory message from President Roosevelt.

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