

About Your Public School

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QUESTION: In order to have an objective of attainment or a pattern of procedure in a particular subject, each school system adopt a philosophy of education. Has such a policy been adopted by the Board of Education in Birmingham?

ANSWER: Yes. On January 20, 1936, the following was officially adopted as a statement accepted by the Board as reflective of the organization of the local schools is issued:

"The fundamental purpose of education is to make the individual socially efficient in all phases of life activity through continuous growth, recognizing that individuals differ in interests, abilities, aptitudes, appreciations, and in capacity to learn."

A right kind of training in citizenship is a guarantee of American democracy. A program of education to train for social efficiency must be positive, flexible and interlinked with the changing order rather than static, rigidly run in a channel apart from the current of man's daily living.

Efficiencies toward which the schools should contribute to the individual are:

- 1. Good physical development.
2. Attitudes and abilities in preparation for one's responsibilities as a citizen.
3. Ability to do well some kind of work.
4. Ability and desire to profitably utilize leisure time.
5. Proper moral ideals and standards.

These efficiencies may be summarized in five words—health, character, vocational, avocation, and moral. To revise the operation of the schools in terms of modern social efficiency means that we must not be bound by the limitations of the 3 R's. Social efficiency is not merely the abstract phrases of his intellect. We should not fail to realize that in the secondary school membership who do not go to college. Nor, at the same time, can we lower academic standards for those who enter college.

The following needs are particularly obvious, if our aims, as stated, are to be realized:

- 1. Extension of our guidance program.
2. Exploratory and survey courses in Junior High School, if the purposes of this unit are to be achieved.
3. Enlargement of our offerings in the demands for fine art, music, physical education, vocational and manual arts and domestic science to be met.
4. A revision of curricula, if in individual differences in pupils are not expected to take each hurdle at the same height and the same time or fall in the race.
5. For our ultimate picture, if the schools are to measure up to their full stature we must recognize responsibility for special education of the handicapped child and provide for him. "If continuous growth is to be a reality, we must recognize need for Adult Education as part of the school program. If opportunity is to be secured for the proper use of leisure time, we should make an adequate and stable recreational program through educational planning and organization.
6. It is important, too, that for each activity a factored appraisal procedure be set up for that activity so that its worth may be evaluated.

In representing this picture for the future we recognize financial limitations. The ultimate can be reached only on a graduated basis, but each step should be an approach toward an objective related to and integrated with the whole.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—Mrs. Harold H. Carson, chairman Community Service Committee of the American Legion Auxiliary; "The success of the Community Sing sponsored by our committee last Friday night at the High School was most gratifying, not only on account of the large attendance but the fine quality of performance of those who assisted in building the program. We wish to thank William Sing, the director of the sing; Mrs. Helen Wagner Neff, the accompanist, Jack Postman who played the accordion, Yvonne Scott who sang several selections, Barbara Tooker of Pontiac who danced and gave a reading, the Barnum School Mother-Singers, with Victor Trich directing, Ted Johnsons who managed the projector, and the Maendler Music Store for its co-operation. We hope the day will not be long distant when such programs of community recreation for adults and young people will occur more frequently. We all need more fun in which we participate and which costs little. I would like to send some orchids for Mrs. Fred Farrar for the fun and Re-Creation, but folk-dancing classes offer."

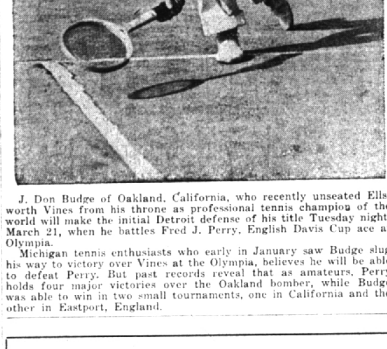
Contract bridge would be a great game if there were any four people who played it alike.—Judge.

BUDGE TO MEET PERRY AT OLYMPIA

When the driver of a transport truck applied the brakes for a stop light here a short time ago, his truck stopped but one wheel did not. An outside wheel on a dual trailer wheel kept on rolling and crashed into the plate glass window of a Main street store. The driver did not notice the wheel was missing until someone called it to his attention.

IONIA (MPA)—A man who visited here recently must have a clear vision of how, while in town, he called on three merchants, admitted petty thefts at their stores, and offered to make payment. He committed the thefts 15 years ago, he said. After setting the past accounts, the man again left Ionia, his conscience cleared.

Michigan tennis enthusiasts who early in January saw Budge slug his way to victory over Vines at the Olympia, believes he will be able to defeat Perry. But past records indicate four major victories over the Oakland bomber, while Budge was able to win in two small tournaments, one in California and the other in Eastport, England.



In The Wake of Oil Frenzy

By DON F. COCHRANE In Hartford (Mich.) Day-Spring

roughly estimated at a million dollars or less. Estimates of the money that has gone into the development are all guesses. They vary from one and a half to five million dollars, depending upon who is doing the guessing. The difference represents speculation. The revenues thus far have gone to the few, the investment has been made by the many. Speculation in leases, shares, oil rights and "overlays" is rampant and forms a tangled web. C. R. Burleson, the village printer and stationer, has sold more than 4,000 oil lease blanks and hundreds of maps of Bloomingdale township to fortune hunters. Prices paid for leases are reported to exceed the value of leased land—if no oil lies beneath.

There is still another side to the picture. A business man who resides on the east side of town—that's the "old" side—told us, probably with a tinge of exaggeration, that a piece of town property without an oil well can not be given away. Oil is the one thing that determines values in Bloomingdale now. Dry holes dot the east side of town and designate the property owners who are "out of luck."

Bloomingdale is a conspicuous example—Michigan's most conspicuous example—for that matter—of what an "oil boom" can do to a town. It separates the fortunate from the unfortunate and emphasizes the status of both. It keeps a new breed of "strangers" who "play the game," and are kinder-witted than the natives whose experience in oil has extended little beyond the filling of their gas tanks at a corner station. At that time they appear to have been a number of "right smart" natives in Bloomingdale. They are jingling now in their pockets, and have dreamed of possessing. There are also those who are doing no better, and who are waiting for the upheaval as the wreckage of the quiet community in which they have lived.

More than that, oil engenders a spirit of reckless abandon that finds expression in the town's taverns, in the fretful way that drivers operate cars and trucks, and in diversion of attention from the community's normal interests to boom that is beyond the comprehension of old time residents. People there are on the qui vive, expecting anything to happen any time and the nerve tension of the entire population is strained.

While Bloomingdale has experienced about all that can happen in a village of this size, fortunately, the tragedies that come from such disasters as have marked oil developments elsewhere, the search for oil goes frantically on in other sections of Van Buren county, including the Hartford area. Drillers dream of rivaling the "successes" that attend the discovery of oil in Bloomingdale last August.

Hartford people generally hope to see oil going out and cash coming in. But hardly at the price Bloomingdale has paid. The experience of that village should serve as an object lesson and should inspire regulations that will obviate a repetition of the share in which the north-end town has been plunged.

Our Cow Population There are 120,000,000 cows in the world giving milk, according to the estimates made at the World Dairy Congress in Berlin in 1937. About one-fifth of the cow population, or 25,000,000 cows at present in the United States, is in the industry.

ROLLING WHEEL

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Film Folk

The biography of the Boston dentist who discovered anesthesia in 1846 will serve as a basis for a picture this summer. The biography of William Morton is entitled "Triumph Over Pain". An original story called "White Rajah," based on the adventures of Sir Michael Brook in Sarawak, will be used as Mr. Flynn's next picture, preceding the production of "The Sea Hawk". Glenda Farrell and Barton MacLure "Triumph Over Pain". Margaret Stevenson, who played the lead in the stage production of "You Can't Take It With You," has been given a contract by Samuel Goldwyn and will appear opposite Joel McCrea in "This Restless Age". Kay Francis, who left Warner's after being with them for six years, has been signed by RKO for a featured role supporting Carole Lombard in "Memory of Love". Somerset Maugham's story, "The Moon and Six Pence," has been purchased by Warner's as a screen vehicle for Edward G. Robinson.

Film Folk

Mrs. Knute Rockne is asking \$50,000 from Warner Bros. for the privilege of letting them film the life story of her late husband. Cary Grant makes three pictures a year and gets \$150,000 per picture. However, he says that only eighteen per cent of his income is left after he gets through paying taxes and agents' fees. Even at that he should manage to get along. It is reported that Victor Fleming will receive \$150,000 for directing "Gone With The Wind." He replaced George Cukor after production had been underway for two weeks. Mickey Rooney is reported to have set the sub-deb's heart to adulter while on his trip to New York. There was a crowd hanging around the hotel whenever they thought he might be going in or coming out.

THE ANSWERS

- 1. 48.
2. An organization of 3,500 lawyers of "liberal" philosophy.
3. 1914.
4. Formed in 1883 by the merger of British and American concessions. It includes much of modern Shanghai and about 1,000,000 residents. It is governed by an elective municipal council.
5. 237,000 for the 1930 census.
6. Estimated 700,000.
7. When completed, TVA estimated power output will be about 1,500,000 kilowatts; Grand Coulee, 1,975,000; Boulder dam, 1,320,000.
8. A German who, about 1439, printed from movable type.
9. Officials estimate that 7,500,000 individuals and companies will make returns; about 3,000,000 will be non-taxable.
10. 1841.

Here's How to Get More and Pay Less

Make up your shopping list—meats, canned goods, bread, coffee and anything else you happen to need—then instead of stopping up and down the streets for bargains—just go to the A&P Super Markets. You'll find that A&P can offer you savings on practically your entire list—because all of our 1,500 items are priced low every day. We can do this, because through 30 years' experience we have learned how to operate a grocery business efficiently—cutting out many in-between profits. This saves a great deal of money and we share these savings with our customers by giving them lower food prices. In addition to your savings, A&P Super Markets also offer you the convenience of buying all of your food needs under one roof. Yes, madam—you can stop searching for bargains—because with A&P's every day low prices you can get more and pay less. Begin shopping at a convenient A&P Super Market now!

8 O'Clock Coffee 3 LB. 39c
A & P Soft Twist BREAD 3 for 25c
Del Maiz NIBLETS 10c
IONA SPAGHETTI 6 cans 29c
Dole PINEAPPLE 2 for 19c
GREEN GIANT PEAS No. 2 can 2 for 27c
GOLD BANT. CORN No. 2 can 4 for 25c
MIXED VEGETABLES No. 2 can 5c
IONA BEANS 1 lb. can 6 for 25c
LIMA BEANS Iona 1 lb. can 19c
KIDNEY BEANS Sultana 1 lb. 6 cans 25c
CAMPBELL BEANS 1 lb. 4 cans 27c
CUT WAX BEANS No. 2 4 cans 25c
CAMPBELL SOUPS each two asst. 3 cans 25c
HEINZ SOUPS each three assorted 2 cans 25c
IONA BEETS No. 2 can 4 for 25c
A & P SAUERKRAUT No. 2 1/2 4 cans 23c
IONA HOMINY No. 2 1/2 3 cans 25c
ASPARAGUS Tempting 15 oz. 2 cans 29c
PEAS & CARROTS No. 2 can 3 for 25c
SHOESTRING POTATOES 2 No. 2 cans 15c

SHREDDED WHEAT 2 for 23c
CORN FLAKES Kellogg 2 lge 19c
MOTHER'S OATS large 17c
KORN KIX 2 for 21c
PANCAKE FLOUR Sunnyfield 20 oz. pkg. 5c
AUNT JEMIMA FLOUR pkg. 10c
VERMONT MAID SYRUP 12 oz. 19c
KARO SYRUP Blue Label 5 lb. 27c
PORK LOIN ROAST lb. 15c
BEEF ROAST lb. 19c
Sirloin Steak lb. 21c
Porterhouse Steak all cuts lb. 29c
Smoked Picnics 5-7 lb. aver. lb. 15c
Smoked Hams 18-20 lb. Average Shank Half lb. 19c
Slab Bacon lb. 17c
Sliced Bacon lb. 11c
Bologna Ring or Large lb. 11c
Bacon Squares lb. 12c
Leg of Lamb lb. 21c
Lamb Roast Shoulder Cut lb. 16c
Hams Fancy Smoked, 10-12 lb. av. Whole or Sting Half lb. 22c
Salt Pork lb. 11c
Baked Hams Honey Brand, Whole or Shank Half lb. 27c
Ducklings Genuine Long Island lb. 17c
Link Sausage lb. 14c
Spare Ribs lb. 14c
Fresh Oysters pt. 17c
Fresh Smelt Laker lb. 10c
Pollock Fillets lb. 9c

FLOUR PILLSBURY OR GOLD MEDAL 5 LB. 21c
OUR OWN TEA 1/2 lb. pkg. 19c
NECTAR TEA Orange Pekoe 1/2 lb. 27c
BOKAR COFFEE 2 lbs. 39c
CONDOR COFFEE lb. 23c
WHITEHOUSE MILK 4 tall 23c
PRESERVES Ann Page except Straw, Rasp. 2 lb. 29c
SPARKLE Gelatin Dessert 3 pkgs. 10c
PEANUT BUTTER Sultana 2 lb. 21c
SUNBRITE CLEANSER 6 cans 25c
BAB-O CLEANSER can 11c
SILVER DUST large 21c
SUPER SUDS Red 2 lge 29c
SOAP CHIPS Sweetheart 5 lb. pkg. 25c
FELS NAPTHA SOAP 6 bars 25c
LUX, LIFEBOUY SOAP 3 for 17c
IVORY SOAP Largé 3 for 25c

Rinso, Oxydol 2 LGE 37c
U. S. No. 1 Mich. POTATOES 2 pks. 39c
CARROTS 3 bchs. 10c
BANANAS lb. 5c
Head LETTUCE 75 Size Head 5c
GREEN ONIONS 2 bchs. 5c
CALIFORNIA NAVEL Oranges 252 288 2 doz. 25c
LEMONS—360 apple 6 for 10c
WINEAP APPLES 5 lbs. 27c
CELERY 2 stalks 9c
SPINACH 3 lbs. 17c
GRAPEFRUIT Plus Meat 10 Size 6 for 25c
TOMATOES—Outdoor 2 lbs. 23c

Broiling & Frying CHICKENS lb. 21c
Sliced Bacon 1/2 lb. Cello Pkg. 10c
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