

Schools' Role in Warring World Discussed by New MEA Head

Training Camps For Democracy Called Necessity

"The fundamental task that faces the public schools in this crisis is not the adaptation of vocational education to the defense program, tremendously important as that is, but rather the development in our pupils of the attitude of disciplined, responsible citizenship. It must be a discipline willingly and conscientiously accepted, not one imposed by a 'total' political party."

Such is the opinion of Dr. John F. Thomas, the new president of the Michigan Education Association. Dr. Thomas, who is deputy superintendent of Detroit's public

schools, will take office July 1 as president of the state's professional organization of 34,000 teachers and school administrators. He succeeds as president, Supt. John S. Page of Howell.

Factor of German Success

"In the totalitarian nations, the schools have been seized as a chief instrument for welding youth into an unthinking, unified, usable bloc. This indoctrination of German youth through the public school system has certainly been a considerable factor in the German military successes," Dr. Thomas pointed out. "The rising generation has been inoculated with the idea of sacrifice for the line willingly and conscientiously accepted, not one imposed by a 'total' political party."

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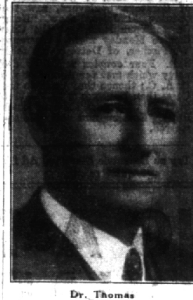
first attention to our public schools as training camps for democracy. In this nation our schools are indoctrinated for self-government, and respect for the rights of others, rather than for the attitude that 'might makes right.' It is from this training in democratic citizenship that our nation obtains the strength, morale, and ideology that will enable it to combat totalitarianism.

"It is in the schools and colleges, too, that our citizens have learned chemistry and physics, mechanics and engineering, and all of the skills and sciences that will enable this country to compete and exceed the skill of war industries in Europe, if necessary."

Teachers Must Set Example

"A million boys and girls will mobilize in Michigan public schools this September. The 34,000 teachers who will be waiting to greet them realize more than ever before the tremendous responsibility which is now theirs. They are aware, too, that no teacher can inspire intelligent responsible citizenship unless he himself is a disciplined, unselfish citizen."

A pioneer educator himself, with 42 years of service in public education in Michigan, Dr. Thomas has worked with and for boys and girls in many types of educational institutions. Born in Pennsylvania and educated in the public schools of South Bend, Indiana, he attended the University of Michigan. After graduation in 1898, he became



Dr. Thomas

deputy superintendent of Detroit schools. He was president of the Detroit Schoolmen's Club during 1933-40.

Studied At Duke

In the meantime, he had continued graduate study at the University of Michigan and at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. He received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Duke University in 1933, and published the thesis of his study, "Beyond Normal Cognition," in 1937. Dr. Thomas is a recognized authority in the field of extra-sensory perception.

The laconic 42-year-old educator is a model for his motto: "The less you say, the less you have to explain."

Will Try to Rear Sturgeon in Ponds

ALLEGAN—Ten sturgeon in the city are placed rearing pond below Allegan dam on the Kalamazoo river this summer will furnish a novel test of whether these big fish of the Great Lakes will spawn successfully in such confinement.

Men dipping bass and bluegills below the dam for rearing pond brood stock, encountered a run of 10 to 125 pounds. They took 12 in a single day.

Fish culturists of the conservation department view the run as evidence of the increase of sturgeon under complete legal protection of Michigan and some other states. Sturgeon is still rated a commercial species in Lake Ontario and other Canadian waters of the Great Lakes, but in the upper river lakes it had declined from abundance to a scarcity approaching extinction.

How to Build Your Own Cabin Described in Book

By LINDO MOORE

Just one hour of sunshine breaking through the Michigan rainy season with which we have been blessed of late, and even the best regulated thoughts stray to vacation plans.

Some dream of cruises on the blue Caribbean. Some picture themselves exploring historic cities. Others think wistfully of 36-hole days on a golf course, every hole in a pair. And some dream of a little cabin in the north woods.

Camps and Cottages, by Charles P. White is as complete a guide as one could wish in achieving one's heart's desire in the matter of a cabin. According to the author, to own a little camp, it is unnecessary to have a thousand dollars, not a barrel of tools, some lumber and a bit of patience—and of course the book, are all the equipment necessary.

The directions are detailed enough for the experienced carpenter, yet simple enough for the beginner. Numerous drawings help make directions clear.

Beyond New England Thresholds, by Samuel Chamberlain. Made up of a series of photographs with comment, this book comprises nearly a complete portrait of New England houses.

The Arts and Decoration by Samuel Chamberlain. This book is a collection of photographs with comment, this book comprises nearly a complete portrait of New England houses.

Cape Cod in the Sun, by Samuel Chamberlain. In this book the photographer-author has captured some of the charm of one of the most famous corners of the country. The sweep of shoreline, the two villages and cottages, the fisher shacks, the sea, are presented in every sort of light, from the most delicate of sunsets to the harsh glare of the noon day sun.

New England Doorways, by Samuel Chamberlain. Photographs of a bewildering variety of doorways. Some of them show architectural types that today are nearly extinct.

Fair and Warner, by Joseph Gier. What makes the weather and why, makes up a fascinating book. Also the a history of the United States weather bureau—how it gathers facts, when and where observations are made, and most important of all, who it serves—are fully explained.

People, by Henry Pratt Fairchild. An exposition on population—the meaning back of the long statistics of births and deaths, that to most of us mean lit-

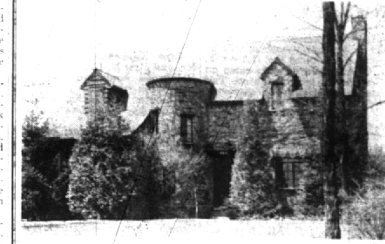
tle or nothing. The author demonstrated how these facts and dynamics of population are at the heart of much that is happening in the modern world. They affect taxes, employment, business, prosperity, even the kind of world we live in. An unusual and absorbing book.

When the Whipperwill, by Marjorie Rawlings. A collection of stories about the Georgia swamp dwellers in the locale made famous by "The Yearling."

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Federal National Mortgage Association Notes		73,000.00	
United States Bonds and Other Guaranteed Bonds		28,175.62	
Other Bonds		87,123.61	
State and Municipal Bonds			
Canadian Bonds		10,925.00	
Industrial Bonds		137,195.14	
Railroad Bonds		79,960.25	
Public Utilities—Operating		77,938.66	
Loans and Discounts—Secured (Secured by Adequate Listed Collateral)		157,647.09	
Loans and Discounts—Unsecured (To Birmingham Individuals, Business Enterprises, and Corporate Units of Oakland County)		64,646.30	
Real Estate Mortgages—(All on Birmingham and Community Improved property)		619,596.20	
Overdrafts		6.37	
Federal Reserve Bank Stock		6,300.00	
Banking House—Less Depreciation		37,997.35	
Furniture and Fixtures, Less Depreciation		11,338.99	
Accrued Interest on Bonds Purchased		331.91	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$3,476,768.73	
LIABILITIES			
Capital—			
Common Capital Stock	\$ 116,424.00		
Preferred Capital Stock	8,376.00	\$ 125,000.00	
Surplus Fund		84,000.00	
Undivided Profits—Net (Not Accrued)		56,248.63	
Reserves		14,852.90	
Interest Collected But Not Earned		947.01	
Dividends Unpaid		27.65	
Other Liabilities—(Canadian Discount, Federal Tax and Expense Checks Outstanding, and Social Security)		189.64	
Deposits—			
U. S. Government and Other Public Deposits Secured by Pledges of U. S. Bonds and Other Securities	\$ 402,828.49		
Other Deposits	2,770,653.72		
Certified Checks, Cashier's Checks and Bank Money Orders Outstanding	22,020.69	3,195,862.90	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$3,476,768.73	

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