

Opinions Differ on Value of History Courses Taught in B'ham Schools

By AL SELBY

Do graduates from Baldwin high school have a sound background in American history? Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of Birmingham schools, thinks they do. And he claims that University of Michigan officials have stated that Baldwin graduates "show an excellent background in history training."

There has been a controversy raging in the nation's newspapers and education circles recently concerning the instruction of U.S. history. The press claims that, in the confusion of modern times, teaching of basic American ideals and historical cornerstones has been sadly neglected. Educators deny this emphatically and charge the press is undermining Americans' faith in their government by its continual negative criticism of government systems and officials.

WHEN ASKED about the controversy, Superintendent Ireland said that caution must be exercised by the parents of school-age children in these days of "hot" news. "In this barrage of accusations, persons believe that all statements can be applied to local conditions. This isn't necessarily the case," he pointed out.

"Social studies teaching is no longer the easy position it was before the great flood of press, radio and other communication mediums began commenting on it and the problems it involves. Teachers in these days could simply teach the pupils what the books had to offer and supplement it with knowledge they had picked up while earning their degrees. The curriculum involved famous persons, documents and historical events."

"NOW THE CHILDREN go home at night and hear radio commentators slam our government. They read newspaper accounts of government officials facing investigations for one thing or another."

"Their social science instructors are apt to be asked very embarrassing questions the next day. If they cannot make satisfactory explanations or discuss the current problems in relation to past situations, the students lose faith—both in the school and the government."

"We should be getting the finest brains in the country to teach social studies in our high schools, but we aren't. Increasing numbers of talented men and women are avoiding the teaching profession to enter more lucrative fields."

IRELAND PAUSED here and paid tribute to Mrs. Anne Lueth, the teacher who has carried the load of American history teaching at Baldwin for the past six or seven years.

Mrs. Lueth received her master's degree in American history at the University of Michigan. It was Mrs. Lueth who set up Baldwin's United Nations course.

This course was submitted to the University for approval and instructors there said it was one of the finest they had ever seen, Ireland said.

Mrs. Lueth is leaving Baldwin this year, according to Ireland, but will be succeeded by Howard Love, a Wayne graduate. Love did his cadet teaching under Mrs. Lueth's guidance.

OTHER MEMBERS of the Baldwin teaching staff handle various history courses. Ireland said that the knowledge gained from any course depends to a great extent on the teacher. The teacher's knowledge, in turn, is the combined result of personal experience and the professors he studied under at college.

"With identical material and text, a course can be entirely different—depending on the instructor," he explained.

Statements of Baldwin graduates of this June, five years and

about their subject. "I had American history in the fifth, ninth and eleventh grades. Naturally it was my favorite subject, so I got something out of it," he said. Charles now has 40 credits of history at MSC. 15 of these have been in U.S. history and a good share of the others dealt with some or all of the Western hemisphere.

STRANGELY ENOUGH, Charles is all in favor of repeated courses of American history in a person's primary education. "It's really a waste of time," he said, "but if you have it three different times as I did, something is bound to stick."

Two Baldwin graduates of 10 years ago have different opinions of the Birmingham system and its results. The former Ruth Navin graduated with 139 other bachelors in 1940. She has since married William J. Taylor of Detroit, attended both Denison college in Ohio, and Wayne, from which she graduated. Mrs. Taylor said she learned "more about Birmingham's own municipal government than anything else."

Classmate Jack Dunn said he remembers the contents of his eleventh grade American history course "very well."

"I DON'T BELIEVE students who plan to attend college should be required to take American history in high school because they can learn it so much better and faster in college," Miss Andrade said.

Another '45 graduate is Charles Crandell, a history major at Michigan State. Now a senior in college, Charles has some definite ideas on the way history is being taught in high schools.

"The textbooks were slanted and read like romantic novels," he charged. The instructors I had knew little and cared less

Port Huron Addition Seen Threat to SOC Gas Supply

Birmingham has joined the other south Oakland communities in protesting the connection of a new Port Huron pipeline to the 14 Mile Panhandle Eastern line. If such connection would jeopardize the supply to this area.

Representatives of Birmingham, Royal Oak, Berkley, Huntington Woods, Ferndale and other municipalities in this area, appeared in Lansing Tuesday morning before the Michigan public service commission which is considering the connection.

The Southeastern Michigan Gas Co., which recently purchased the Port Huron area gas facilities from the Detroit Edison Co., proposes to put in a new 56-mile pipe line from Port Huron to the Clawson substation of Panhandle.

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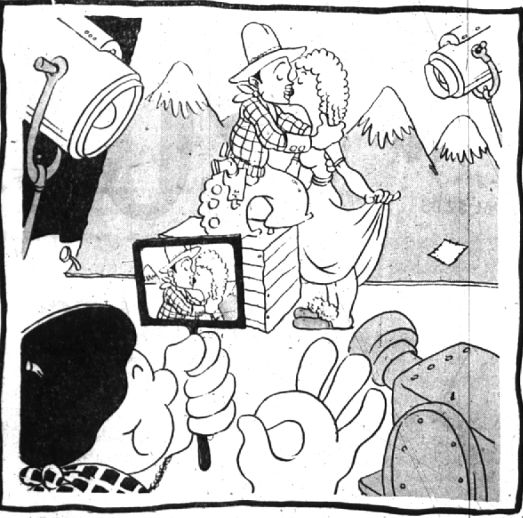
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