

Insists Schools Can Benefit From Advances

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Growing problems of the schools, arising from the explosion both of population and knowledge in recent years, can be solved if the schools will make use in their own operations of some of the new technologies and procedures which are themselves a product of education.

This is the view of Charles E. Bish, director of the Project for the Academically Talented, sponsored since 1958 by the National Education Association.

Schools have now become a big business, Bish points out, adding that he sometimes wonders if they are tied too closely to a "pen and pencil age."

"ARE WE paying the teachers larger salaries each year to do things like making out the register?" he asks.

"This is absurd. The good systems, some of them, are going to the use of punch cards and magnetic tape for data processing, just as the banks do.

"We must find ways to relieve teachers of the burdens of clerical work and other nonteaching duties. There are two ways of doing this. One is by employing more teacher aides—this is not done on anything like the scale that is needed.

"High school graduates could go into any high school I have ever seen and perform a tremendous number of tasks which now take up the time of teachers."

THE TIME that teachers now spend in nonteaching chores, Bish suggests, might well be devoted to planning and inservice training so that they can keep up with the expansion of knowledge.

In addition to employment of teacher aides, Bish holds, much time could be saved by the use in school management of the new procedures and technologies commonly employed in industry.

Equipment is available for handling scheduling of classes, keeping records of credits earned by teachers through summer study, payroll preparation and maintenance of supply records, all of which now require a great deal of the time of the professional staff.

TELEVISION and teaching machines will never take the place of the teacher in the classroom, Bish says; but they, too, have a contribution to make in the more efficient use of school resources.

School enrollments have expanded greatly, he points out, both because there are now many more people and because people are staying in school longer than ever before.

At the same time there has been a vast increase in the amount of

Catholic Schools Open on Sept. 4

All Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Detroit, including those in the Birmingham area, will start school on Sept. 4.

Brother Rice High School, 7101 Lahser, Bloomfield Township, will graduate its first senior class next June.

The Catholic schools in this area include:

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St. Bede, 18300 W. 12 Mile, Southfield; Queen of Martyrs, Beverly Hills; Martin High School, 7225 Lahser, Bloomfield Township; Brother Rice; St. Regis, 3891 Lincoln, Birmingham; St. Owen, Franklin; and Convent of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington, Bloomfield Hills.

Board of Education Once Hung on Wall

There was a time when the board of education was about three inches wide, half an inch thick and not quite three feet long. It hung behind the door in the principal's office and was, on occasion, applied to appropriate parts of the anatomy of recalcitrant students.

This was a form of discipline. Corporal punishment and discipline are not synonymous. Recent developments, however, are tending to bring them closer together. Over the nation there is rising concern about what the teacher can do—aside from the manly art of self-defense or calling the police—to maintain discipline in the classroom.

"There seems to be a growing trend across the country to return to the use of corporal punishment in our schools as a partial answer to the problems of juvenile delinquency." Thus the new report, "The Shape of Education," published by the National School Public Relations Association, National Education Association, quotes a recent research study.

THE ISSUE became acute recently in Washington, D. C., among other places. There Superintendent of Schools Carl F. Hansen proposed to the board of education that it rescind its rule against corporal punishment.

This the school board refused to do and promptly a move got under

way in Congress to overrule the school board. Citing research, Hansen said that most educators now favor some sort of corporal punishment, when needed.

The time-honored precept that "this is going to hurt me more than it is you" has not, however, been revoked.

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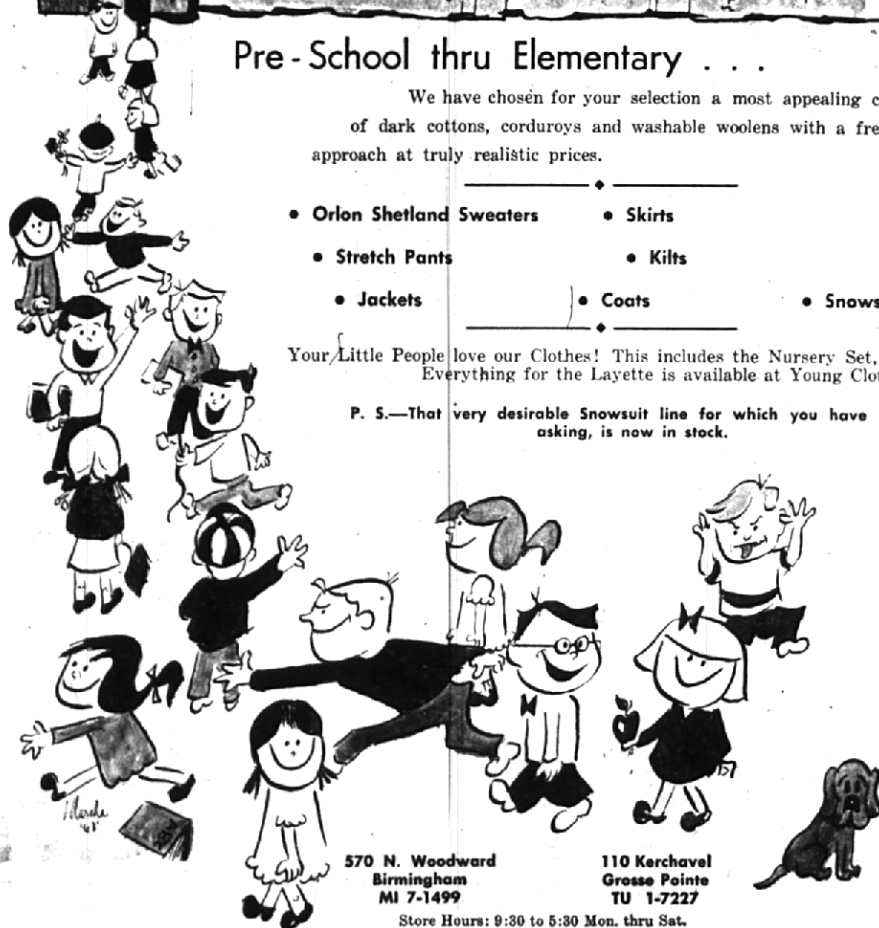
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