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News in Education

22,000,000 Children

According to records of the U. S. Office of Education, there are approximately 22,000,000 children ranging in age from 5 to 14 in elementary schools, public and private throughout the country. They are taught by more than 650,000 teachers. Principals, supervisors, superintendents, and service employees swell the number beyond 700,000. The latest published figures available show that slightly more than half of the children in public elementary schools in this country attend school in a community of 2,500 population or less. They go to school approximately 33 weeks of the year at an average cost of \$56.39 per child.

"Elementary education can be classed as big business from the standpoint of number of children enrolled and annual expenditure in dollars and cents," says the U. S. Office of Education, "and there is need for parents and all citizens in a community to know and understand the principles on which modern schools are organized."

Southern Mountains

Comparatively few of the children in the most mountainous counties of Georgia, Kentucky, or Virginia, attend high school, unless they go to nonpublic schools or to public schools outside of their home counties. A survey of education in the Southern mountains made by the Office of Education reveals this fact. Opportunities for secondary education frequently are not available in the home counties of high-school-age children, or if available, the distances are great and transportation is not provided, it was learned.

The Teacher

"The teacher makes the school what it is," according to the Office of Education, which emphasizes the need for parents of school children and other citizens to get acquainted with teachers. In a leaflet, "Know Your Teacher," just published, the Office of Education asks questions concerning teacher qualifications, duties, responsibilities, relationships, selection of teachers, and the economic welfare of teachers, and offers 26 suggestions for investigation and discussion.

Retirement

The Office of Education reports that the first attempt of any magazine to establish pensions for college teachers was in 1905 when Andrew Carnegie made the announcement that he was setting aside a gift of \$10,000,000 as a foundation for the purpose of providing retirement pensions for teachers of universities, colleges, and technical schools in the United States, Canada, and Newfoundland. An Office of Education publication, "Insurance and Annuity Plans for College Staffs," reports in detail on pensions, group life insurance, retirement systems, and fundamental principles of a comprehensive program of insurances and annuities for college teachers.

Library

Does the modern library keep busy? The Office of Education notes 1 day's activity in 1 library: 1,185 students and faculty members came to the library; 26 used the browsing room, 232 used the reference room, 124 the periodical room, 144 the business library, and 659 the reserve bookroom. They borrowed 826 books, called at the desk for 56 periodicals, and asked 85 questions. The library staff answered 22 telephone queries, placed 52 new books on the shelves, ordered 20 new books, and sent 1 book out on inter-library loan, mailed 16 letters and 25 notices. Forty-seven books were placed on reserve.

Safety

The U. S. Office of Education asks if children are protected by an adequate fire alarm provision in their school. A gong is needed in buildings of more than one story. It is important that it may be operated from the janitor's room, from the principal's room, and from all teaching rooms. It should be loud enough to be heard by all teachers and pupils in the building. To insure its being in repair, it should be tested every morning before school.

Rehabilitation

The Office of Education reports that during 1937-38 nearly 10,000 persons throughout the United States were rehabilitated—that is, they were restored physically, trained where necessary, and placed in remunerative employment. At the close of the year 1937-38 there were 43,000 persons in process of rehabilitation. During the year the total expenditure of federal funds by the State for vocational rehabilitation was \$1,790,842.42.

The average man shaves twenty miles of face during his lifetime.

NATIONAL LOTTERIES

It may not be generally known that an American national lottery was instituted by the Congress of 1776 and that between that date and 1829 at least seventy acts were passed by Congress authorizing lotteries for public purposes, such as school, road and other improvements.

During the presidency of Washington, Harvard College supported itself in part by a grand lottery, with capital prizes as high as \$20,000.

Most European governments have at one time or another employed national lotteries as a means of raising funds for the public treasuries, and municipal lotteries have been common. Cuba has conducted a national lottery since the formation of the republic.

France financed the war of the Spanish Succession by a lottery which was not suppressed until 1836. England authorized lotteries for harbor improvements and for the financing of the Virginia Company, which founded the early settlement in America, and raised government funds by that means until 1824.

Religious and charitable organizations were in some countries permitted to operate lotteries, long after the government had abolished them as national institutions. On a small scale such exist in America today in the form of "raffles," which do not differ in principle from the more pretentious lotteries of the past.

But during the last hundred years the trend of sentiment throughout the world has been against lotteries, particularly in the United States, where drastic legislation for their suppression has been enacted.

Still, the gambling instinct is perhaps as strong as ever and finds opportunities for expression in many ways, ranging from the outright method of the gaming table to lawful speculation in markets and stocks, regarding the morals of which there is much difference of opinion, even among the better elements of society.

MAN, YOUR MANNERS—

QUESTION: What is the correct way to sign a hotel register? A. L.

ANSWER: Use the form of name that you use in business or on your identification card, adding also your town or city and state; the street address is not necessary.

QUESTION: What kinds of sandwiches should be held in the fingers to be eaten? G. W.

ANSWER: Most sandwiches are held in the fingers. The fork is used for a club sandwich or larger chicken sandwich; the knife is also employed when necessary.

BOOKS YOU'LL ENJOY

SELECTED LIST OF NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY
Alexander, Roy—THE CRUISE OF THE RAIDER 'WOLF'
American Institute of Chemical Engineers—TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING PROGRESS.
Kain, Ronald Stuart—EUROPE: VERSAILLES TO WARSAW.
Lister, Joseph J.—RURAL YOUTH SPEAK.
LYND, R. S.—KNOWLEDGE FOR WHAT.
Odom, Howard Washington—AMERICAN SOCIAL PROBLEMS.
Osborn, Paul—ON BORROWED TIME.
Pearl, Raymond—THE PRESENT STATUS OF EUGENICS.

As the World Turns...

By "COUNT" V. K. SUGAREFF
Taking advantage of the law is not an uncommon practice, but for professional ball players to collect unemployment insurance during the off-season seems an exorbitant violation of the spirit of the law. They collect \$15.00 a week for twelve weeks, which is the maximum time limit. Some of the ball players in question are members of major league teams and draw good salaries. One of them receives a salary of between \$8,000 and \$9,000. These gentlemen have the legal right to get these benefits, but it does not have the force of being ethical.



John L. Lewis' vituperative salvos against the Democratic Party will hardly be appreciated by many Americans who sympathize with labor unions and their efforts to improve the lot of Labor. The Democratic Party has not done enough for labor to suit Mr. Lewis. He has eliminated the Republican Party for "its frankly hostile attitude" toward labor. Some people are speculating as to whether Mr. Lewis is about to organize a labor party and become its nominee for the presidency. It might be well for him to consider that forty-seven local unions of the C. I. O. have endorsed Roosevelt for a third term. He might find himself in the same predicament as when he ran against Samuel Gompers for presidency of the A. F. L. The votes were overwhelmingly for Gompers. After the defeat Lewis said that he "must have misunderstood the call."

The Balkan Entente, meeting at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, last weekend, has agreed to maintain a "common virgil" to protect their independence and territorial status quo. In plain language, it means that there will not be a strong military alliance among the Balkan states to cope with future emergencies. Should the Allies guarantee the independence of all the members of the Entente as they have that of Turkey, then Greece, Rumania, and Yugoslavia might be persuaded to enter a military alliance. In the absence of such an alliance the Balkan states are apt to be the victims of aggression from any one of the large European powers.

BACKWASH

By George Fuermann

"Backwash: An agitation resulting from some action or occurrence."—Webster.

Then came registration . . . Cecil Grissom, speaking of an eco prof, "He doesn't even use the textbook when he makes out the final exam.



Fuermann

He just goes into a trance." . . . Johnny Bannister points out that, "If you really want to know a girl's bad points, just praise her to another." . . . How many can you do? There are 293 different ways of giving change for a one-dollar bill . . . Winston's Simplified Dictionary has endeared itself to all Aggies. In defining "ordeal," the explanation reads, ". . . hence, a severe trial or experience; as, the ordeal of taking two examinations in one day." . . . A Southern gazette recently offered a year's subscription for the best answer to the query: "Why is a woman like a newspaper?" Among the entries were, "Because you can't believe anything they say," "Because they are thinner than they used to be," "Because they are well worth looking over," "Because back numbers are not usually worth what they cost," "Because they always have the last word," and "Because they carry the news wherever they go." Winner of the grand prize, and deservedly so, was: "Because every man should have one of his own and not borrow the other fellow's."

To whom it may concern:
Freshmen Harold Hickman and Tom Rideout wanted to "crum" for finals but were continually harassed by visitors who had already completed theirs. The result was the appearance of a sign on the door which read:

Abiding within this humble room,
Two little freshmen await their doom.
Until with finals we are through,

WHAT'S SHOWING

AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL

Thursday and Friday—"ON DRESS PARADE," with the Dead End Kids.

Saturday 12:45—"20,000 MEN A YEAR," with Randolph Scott.

Saturday 6:30 and 8:30—"STAR OF MIDNIGHT," with William Powell and Ginger Rogers.

Monday 6:30 and 8:30—"THE ROARING TWENTIES," with James Cagney and Priscilla Lane.

Tuesday 3:30 and 6:30—"FOUR FEATHERS," with C. Aubrey Smith.

Wednesday 3:30 and 6:30—"ANOTHER THIN MAN," with William Powell and Myrna Loy.

AT THE PALACE

Thursday, Friday and Saturday—"GULLIVER'S TRAVELS," a Max Fleischer cartoon.

Sunday through Tuesday—"REMEMBER THE NIGHT," with Fred MacMurray and Barbara Stanwyck.

Beginning Wednesday—"BROTHER RAT AND A BABY," with Wayne Morris and Priscilla Lane.

AT THE QUEEN

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Sunday and Monday—"OH JOHNNY HOW YOU CAN LOVE," with Tom Brown.



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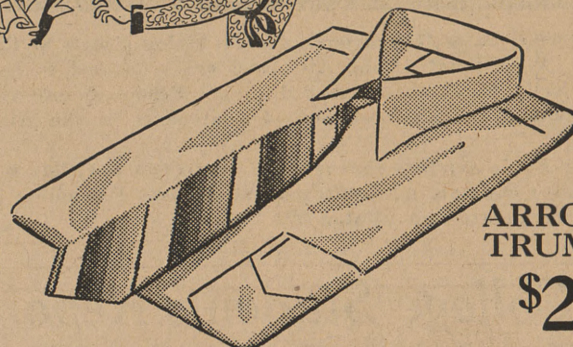
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Sta-Ties50¢ 89¢
Aggie Patch20¢
Terry Cloth Robes\$2.50
Tennis Shoes79¢ 98¢ \$1.98
Cord sole drill shoes\$2.98
Dress Oxfords\$2.98 to \$4.98
Rubber Boots\$1.98 \$2.75
Riding Boots, 17 in.\$6.90
Athletic Socks25¢
Dress Socks10¢ to 49¢

Drawing Supplies

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(With T Square attached to back)\$2.50
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