

Gifted Youth Not Receiving Education To Fit Abilities, Opinion Of Federal Worker

WASHINGTON—Altogether too many bright young people in this country are not getting educational opportunities equal to their abilities. As a result the nation is the loser. This is the opinion of Dr. Elise Martens, chief, section of exceptional children and youth, U.S. Office of Education. She says that it is society's responsibility to make use of whatever talents the young may have, "both for their own happiness and the good of the world."

"We feel that every child is unique, that each needs the type of educational opportunity which will help him most and bring out the best in him, whether he is below average, average or superior in intellect," she told me.

My talk with Dr. Martens was in relation, however, to a recent statement of the educational policies commission on "Education for the Gifted." The statement said too many gifted youth drop out of school too early, that only half go to college—"Evidence that the nation's intellectual resources are not being fully used." Main reason for failure to go to college: "They can't afford it."

Dr. Martens says that often the gifted are either not discovered early enough and just "mark time" in school, or perhaps they leave to support the family, or the whole school curriculum is not enriched to challenge them.

The commission's statement goes farther. It insists that "the American ideal of an open, casteless society is endangered by social and educational practices which tend to recruit leaders from 'upper-class' families without regard to individual ability. The commission recommends: 'All gifted youth (the top 10 percent in intellectual ability) should be educated with the expectation that they will go to college. All highly gifted youth (the top 1 percent in intellectual ability) should be educated with the expectation that they will continue higher education beyond college graduation.'

Dr. Martens, who was among the distinguished educators who helped prepare the statement says: "We would like to see these young persons working part of the day with children of equal brightness, thus giving them a challenge to their best effort. Along with this we'd like to see them part of each day—in art classes, shop, physical education, social studies—in contact with the average, so they will realize it takes all kinds of people to make a world and each has a distinct contribution to give."

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Bicycle Riders Increasing, So Is Accident Hazard

By Jane Eads

WASHINGTON—There are approximately 18,000,000 bicycle riders in the United States, of whom about 90 percent are children, says the Bicycle Institute of America. The institute estimates there will be 25,000,000 by 1960.

The National Commission on Safety Education considers that with bicycles and motor vehicles increasing in number each year, exposure of bicyclists to possibility of accident is also increasing. It says proportionately more accidents will occur unless the school, the home and the community act together to create greater safety in bicycling. In view of this, it has just published a pamphlet, "Bicycle Safety in Action," to help schools teach bicycle safety.

"Although cycling is one of the safest of all sports," commission members state, "the number of bicycle accidents is incredible." (The National Safety Council reports collisions of bicycles with motor vehicles resulted in 5,000 deaths and 20,000 injuries in the United States during 1948.)

In addition to teaching safety measures, the new booklet says, safety instruction has the added value of teaching citizenship and will influence the young student to take an interest in other problems of traffic safety, including that of becoming a good driver."

The commission, a part of the National Education association, believes the problem of bicycle safety should be a part of the school curriculum. It outlines a program for school use, tells how to set up bike safety courts, arrange weekend bike-hikes, conduct inspection programs, prepare articles on bike safety for school newspapers and so on.

Yoncalla

By MRS. GEORGE EDES
Jack Blodgett of San Jacinto, Calif., is visiting his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Blodgett, in Elkhead for a few days. On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Blodgett, Jack Blodgett and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Davis and two children, enjoyed a day's fishing at the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Taylor of Bushnell, Neb., visited at the Blodgett home last week.

Mrs. May Anderson of Shoestring



LITTLE BROWN JUG REYNOLDS, popular movie actor who portrays "Little Beaver," will be one of the out-of-town visitors to highlight this year's presentation of the Douglas County Sheriff's Posse rodeo, slated for the county fairgrounds Friday and Saturday. Pictured above as he sits astride his favorite mount, the little Indian will thrill spectators with his horsemanship and amusing antics.

left last week for southern California, where she will attend a wedding.

Walter Lunney has purchased the old Townsend hall in Scott's Valley and will convert it into a three apartment dwelling.

Mrs. May Lunney of San Francisco arrived here last week to spend a month with her two daughters and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reinhardt, former residents of the Shoestring district and now of Grants Pass, visited at the Melvin Howard home Friday.

Kyle Reel and family of Mt. Carmel, Ill. have been houseguests at the Wilbur Briner home for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Valentine and two daughters of Bremerton, Wash. visited at the Howard and Briner homes in Shoestring last week.

Mrs. Kathryn Long of San Francisco is visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lambdin.

Miss Marie McLaine of Los Angeles is visiting at the Bob Lambdin home.

The stork made two stops at Hayhurst last week, bringing a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Rentz and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Rychard. Mrs. Rentz and Mrs. Rychard are sisters and their babies were both born on the same day, Wednesday, June 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Curtis and son spent the weekend visiting Mrs. Curtis' sister and family at Reedsport.

Mr. and Mrs. Strait and family have moved from the Sidney Lasswell ranch south of town to the Dickey apartment. Mr. and Mrs. Strait are spending the summer attending summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Smith have moved from the Miller home in Hayhurst to the Cain home west of town.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Hanson left Friday for Corvallis, where Hanson will attend summer school. The Rev. and Mrs. Smith will occupy the Hanson home for the summer. The Rev. Mr. Smith is pastor of the Yoncalla Church of Christ.

Mrs. Al Hoffman left Monday to attend summer school at the University of Oregon.

A "Father's Day" dinner was enjoyed at the George Edes home Sunday with roast chicken and strawberry shortcake and all the trimmings served. The following enjoyed the dinner: Mr. and Mrs. George Edes, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hall of Yoncalla, Mrs. Joel B. Holtan of Eugene, Misses Lawana, Carolyn and Patricia Edes of Sandy, Ore.

Members of the Elkhead Grange and Elkhead Community club will sponsor a benefit dinner and dance

Sutherlin

By MRS. BRITTAIN SLACK
Harold Riggs was very badly burned last Thursday while burning slashings with Ollie Bunch northeast of Oakland. In some way gasoline fumes exploded and threw flames over Riggs. His arms and hands were badly burned and his clothing was put out by rolling.

He was taken to Mercy hospital in Roseburg for medical treatment and was brought home the next day. He is reported as getting along as well as can be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Vandenberg and children left Thursday for Idaho, where they were called by the serious illness of Mr. Vandenberg's father.

Mrs. Mary Barker and Mrs. Gula Crowell are in Portland this week attending an Eastern Star meeting.

Miss Connie Groshong, student at Oregon State college, Corvallis, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Groshong, arrived home this week to spend her summer vacation with her parents.

A. L. Beal is having his house repaired and painted, as the house was quite badly scorched from a fire that destroyed the garage three weeks ago.

Lloyd Holgate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Holgate, who has been attending University of Oregon at Eugene, is home to spend the summer vacation.

Marian Heaton reports that his bachelor apartments west of town are nearly completed and ready for occupancy.

Mrs. L. Alexander, who has been residing in the Beamer residence on West Everett street has purchased the hall, July 8, the proceeds will be used to help pay off the mortgage on the hall. The public is invited.



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Pittsburgh Mayor Makes Effort To End Milk Strike

PITTSBURGH, June 19 — (AP) — Mayor David L. Lawrence summoned representatives of the striking milk drivers union and the dealers to a meeting today with instructions to "end your shadow boxing and resume delivery of milk."

A three-hour Sunday conference failed to end the 12-day-old strike which has cut off milk supplies in seven counties.

The union-AFL local 205 milk and ice cream salesmen and dairy employees representing 3,200 strikers met yesterday afternoon and last night in an executive board session to consider the mayor's appeal and other business.

Union spokesmen indicated that the settlement terms involving 800 drivers and dairy employees in the Washington, D. C., milk strike would not serve as a pattern for peace here.

The Washington plant employees voted to accept a five-and-a-half day week with plants closed on Sunday. The Pittsburgh union has rejected the greater Pittsburgh Milk Dealers' proposal for the same thing.

At the last bargaining session, the dealers again insisted on arbitration of the dispute and indicated they would consider arbitration of the retroactive pay issue. The contract expired May 1.

The union argued that they would consider arbitration if the dealers would agree to retroactivity.

The union's last proposal was for a five-day work week with six days pay for all plant and hourly rate employees. The dealers' offer was a 5½ day work week with pay for 48 hours until May 1, 1951.

The union is asking \$13.50 a day for driver-salesmen whose old rate was \$10. The dealers propose \$11 a day and \$12 for extra route salesmen.

It has been estimated that about half of all U. S. citizens are church members.

girls plan on attending the university next fall. Mr. and Mrs. Coffelt came here from Eugene.

Billie Trozelle has purchased a new home on Fifth avenue and took possession the fore part of the week.

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Chicago Lumber Firm Buys Huge Roseburg Log

CHICAGO, June 20—Roseburg's contribution to the National Junior Chamber of Commerce convention, a giant 34-foot Douglas fir log, was purchased today by a Chicago lumber concern. The log had the honor of being the largest log to be in a parade when it appeared last night in the giant Jaycee parade of states. Due to the immense size of the log (it's 5 feet in diameter and weighs 34,000 pounds) it did not cross any bridges.

The log made its historical march under the guidance of four Roseburg members of the Paul Bunyan club: Irv Pugh, Bill Tip-ton, Glenn Scott and Bill Endicott. The log started its long journey to Chicago when it was hauled 200 miles by a logging truck to Portland, then on a gondola car to Chicago. Thousands witnessed it as the biggest part of one of the biggest parades ever seen in Chicago.

SMELL THAT STILL?

HICKORY VALLEY, Tenn. — (AP) —There's a still in this little farming community that goes full blast off and on and the "revenuers" don't mind at all. It is used to make oil-of-sassafras, not corn-squeezin' or moonshine.

It's easy to tell when the still is

working. If you're anywhere in the valley your nose will pick up the sassafras smell. And it doesn't take long for the tellers in banks in surrounding towns to tell when the still has been at work. The money paid out to farmers and to helpers winds up in the banks and always has that sassafras smell.

Eldon Roark, feature columnist for the Memphis Press-Scimitar, says one person who did complain was a Negro helper at the still, who asked for his pay in some money that didn't smell. "This here money's too easy for my wife to find," he said.

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