

School System Ineffeciant

Babson Again Discusses Education

By Roger W. Babson
Babson Park, Mass., Sept. 21 (Special Correspondent)—As another school year opens, I want to again go on record that the present public school system is largely obsolete and inefficient. School superintendents and some teachers see the handwriting on the wall; but those who really control the situation appear blind to what is going on.

More Visual Education Needed For Character
Some years ago, a few farseeing educational leaders were convinced that moving pictures had great possibilities in connection with the public schools. They thereupon urged certain concerns to make "educational" films. These concerns have done a good job and these films are being used today successfully in many schools and colleges. Yet, however, teach only history, science and certain other factual subjects, without developing the character of the child.

By "character" I mean his purposes, habits, and desires. As every modern psychologist knows—character is the big thing for which the public schools should aim. Yet, we turn this very technical task over to plumbers, storekeepers and politicians to solve. Top-notch educational experts tell me that the answer lies with properly directed emotional visual education.

Educated Children Said Best Inflation Hedges
I have a bunch of grandchildren. Incidentally, I believe that GOOD healthy grandchildren, who love to work and have been taught to pray, are the best inflation hedges which any man can have. Naturally, I want them "educated" in addition. But here is what troubles me—One of my grandchildren is a girl 12 years old. She has little interest in her school work except the games which she is taught to play. Yet, at home she is "studied" most of the time, to the radio. Like most other kids, is crazy to go to the movies. She knows the names of all the leading movie and broadcasting actors. She especially likes the movie and radio dramas. Upon checking with neighborhood parents, I find that their children measure up about the same.

Schools Must Go Drama Or Be Waste of Time, Money
Some old maids reading this column will say that young children should not be allowed to go to the movies or listen to these radio "bedtime" features. Others blame the inefficiency of the public schools on the home and pass the buck back to the parents. What is the answer? Should the children be forbidden to listen to these radio dramas and attend the run of movies or

shall the public school adopt more visual emotional education while still retaining discipline?

Frankly, our present educational system must be amended. The school committees—backed up by the publishers of textbooks—are forcing children to drive "horse and buggies" in an automobile and airplane era. Unless the public schools are to turn the real education of our children over to the commercial movie and broadcasting companies, then schools must install more visual education and drama. Otherwise, the public schools will gradually become a waste of time and money.

Television Seen Problem For Children's Character
All of the above is true without any consideration of what will happen to our children when television gets into every home. Considering the present influence on the child's character of going to the movies only once or twice a week, what will happen when television operates in all homes all of every evening? Really the situation is very serious.

I am making no appeal for the movies, or radio. I sometimes wish neither had ever been invented. Moreover, I am much opposed to "babysitting" and "amusing" children. Schools should not engage in any appeasement program. I even believe that the bamboo stick and black walnut ruler should be restored as a part of the public school system. My appeal is merely this: The first purpose of the schools, after teaching the "3 R's," should be to awaken children intellectually and spiritually. The best way to accomplish this may be to scrap much of the present school system and institute more carefully selected, both factual and emotional, visual education.

"Yankee Villains" In Japanese Films Face Dull Future
Tokyo, Sept. 24—(U.P.)—German and Italian actors who did a bustling business portraying American villains were victims of reconversion today as Japan's movie-makers planned a peacetime schedule featuring musical comedies.

The Japanese masses are avid movie goers, and no doubt they'll miss hissing the "Damn Yankee" as he grabs little Suzi and snakes the polka-dots out of her kimono.

During the war the film industry turned out two or three pictures a month, mostly dealing with propaganda. Nippon's main studios generally survived air raid devastation, but the nation's 2,000 pre-war theaters were reduced by incendiaries and high explosives to about 900.

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TOGO'S HEART BAD, MAY LEAVE HOME AND GO TO JAIL

Tokyo, Sept. 24—(U.P.)—Shigenori Togo, foreign minister in Japan's Pearl Harbor cabinet and No. 2 on Gen. Douglas MacArthur's first list of Pacific war criminals, was examined Friday and Saturday by two American army doctors to determine if he could be removed from the protective custody of his home to Yokohama jail, it was disclosed today.

Togo is suffering from a heart ailment and was permitted to remain at his home when American forces sought to take him into custody on Sept. 15.

Togo's condition was reported unchanged. The doctors, from the U. S. 8th army, told members of his household they would report their findings to MacArthur. Togo's son said the doctors told him his father's pulse was irregular, but he would provide no further details regarding his condition.

The doctors said that after they report to their superiors, a decision on what is to be done with Togo was expected in a few days.

SOCIETY and CLUBS

Flag Presented To Local Group Tuesday Evening

A large silk United States flag was presented to the Crater Lake Auxillary No. 1833, Veterans of Foreign Wars, by Dwight Alderman, of Portland, past department commander of the post, at a meeting Tuesday night at the armory. The presentation was in recognition of the auxillary's work for the past year and President Margaret Erbes accepted the flag for the unit, after which she led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.

During the business session the rummage sale, to be held Wednesday and Thursday, was discussed. Those having rummage are to contact Frances Zundel before Wednesday morning.

Persons desiring information about the successful membership drive are to call Mary Schulz, 5993.

Following Tuesday's meeting refreshments were served in the dining room by Julie Canfield and committee. Next meeting is to be held October 2 at 8 p. m. in the armory. All local and visiting members are urged to attend.

Washington Residents Here For Short Stay
Mrs. W. G. Swan and her daughter, Mrs. L. J. Pippin, both of Centralia, Wash., arrived in Medford Friday for a short visit at the home of another daughter, Mrs. Bren H. Starcher, Route 1. The visitors will return north by way of the Oregon coast route.

Lawrence Greys Here To Visit Relatives
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Grey are in Medford as guests of Mr. Grey's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Grey, Barneburg Road. The visitors are from Berkeley, Calif.

P.-T. A. Activities
County Council
The county council of Parents and Teachers will meet at the

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Jackson county Housing Center, 820 Priddy street, Wednesday, Sept. 26, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. The morning session will be devoted to business, unit and committee reports. Committee chairmen reports will take the place of the school of instruction, usually held in October.

The afternoon program will be a round table discussion on "Compulsory Military Training" by a representative group of teachers and parents. The public is invited to listen to the talks.

Butte Falls
A Parent-Teacher association meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 4 p. m. in the Butte Falls high school auditorium. Officers will be installed.

Elk Creek P.T.A. met in the school house September 14, the first meeting of the school year, with the new president, Mrs. Clara Ditsworth in the chair. The school board advanced \$400 for school lunches, as the cook will serve a full meal to the children at noon. Faculty, this year includes Mrs. Brown, principal, Mrs. Ahn Briggs and Mrs. Canfield.

Next meeting will be Friday afternoon, October 12. Everyone is invited. Mrs. Helen Ax-tell, Mrs. Clara Ditsworth and Mrs. Audrey Collin are on the serving committee for that day. Mrs. Audrey Collin is the new recording secretary for this year.

Upper Rogue Grange met September 20 in their hall with Master Roy Vaughn presiding. The young members put on the program and closed the meeting. It was voted to open grange promptly at 8 o'clock and after the first of the year hold meetings again twice a month, on the first and third Thursdays. Next meeting will be October 18, with a covered dish supper at 7:30.

Dr. and Mrs. Mallery and Mr. and Mrs. Canfield were on the serving committee at last meeting.

Booster night will be held Saturday night, Sept. 29. The public is invited. Each grange lady is to bring a home-made cake, a large crowd is expected and good entertainment is assured.

New window shades have been purchased.

Tortured General Cannot Feel Pins
San Francisco, Sept. 24—(U.P.)—Army medical officers at Leterman General hospital today stuck pins in the hands of Brig. Gen. L. R. Stevens, Houston, Tex., but the general who stood for 14 hours with his hands tied behind him after his capture in the Philippines, didn't feel them.

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SECRET SERVICE OF NIPS FEEBLE

San Francisco, Sept. 24—(U.P.) Allied agents seeking information to aid American invasion of the Philippines set up headquarters across the hall from the Japanese Secret Service bureau in Manila early in 1943, Melbourne radio disclosed today.

A broadcast heard by United Press in San Francisco said a Filipino spy working for the Allies obtained Japanese sketches of airfields in the islands and walked out of the building with the bulky documents protruding from his pocket.

On the way out he engaged a Japanese sentry in conversation for several minutes before he walked away unchallenged. The sketches were put aboard an American submarine and taken to Australia for study by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters.

The H.E.C. of Central Point Grange will meet Tuesday, instead of Wednesday, this week, the meeting to be at the home of Mrs. Della Parker, 307 Vancouver street, for one o'clock luncheon.

Those having canned fruit or other home products for the Booster Night exhibit may leave them with Mrs. John Yantis.

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asked to bring a prospective member.

It was also decided to serve the "Pioneer" dinner sometime in October.

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