

American Schools Living in Past, Noted British Observer Declares

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New Brunswick, N.J. —(UPI)—The trouble with America's schools, according to a distinguished British observer, is that they are living in the past.

This critique may surprise Americans who are accustomed to blaming "progressive" modern methods for all of the ills of U.S. education. It is, however, the considered view of Prof. Denis W. Brogan of Cambridge University, a peppy and perceptive critic of American life who is sometimes called "the foreigner who knows America best."

Brogan is on his 31st or 32nd visit to America (he has lost count of the exact number). He is delivering a series of lectures at Rutgers University here on "The American Crisis."

Part of that education crisis, he believes, lies in the failure of U.S. schools to respond to the new challenge that now confronts them.

From here on it will be Brogan talking. In the past, the primary job of American schools was producing "good, loyal American citizens," and equipping them to earn a good living.

An Old Idea This dedication to the school system to social and economic goals was not a new idea cooked up by modern advocates of "life adjustment education." It was the dominant philosophy of American education from the time the first colonial schools were established.

These early schools "aimed at producing a bible-reading society, a society with common ethical standards, with a common attachment to American political institutions."

The "democratizing" function of American schools became ever more important as waves of immigrants poured into the country. The schools deserve great credit for the outstandingly successful job they did in "making Americans out of millions of the children of immigrants who had come to the golden shore with inadequate preparation for a way of life so different from what they had known in Europe."

What is unfortunate is that American schools today are still concentrating on their original function, and have failed so far to rise to an urgent new challenge that confronts them.

Senate Gives OK To Uninsured Motorist Bill

Salem —(UPI)— With only five negative votes the state Senate Thursday passed and sent to the governor House bill 391 requiring an "uninsured motorist clause" in all automobile liability policies issued in the state.

Sen. Andrew Naterlin (D-Newport), said in support of the bill that it would cost far less to Oregon motorists and give much wider coverage than would compulsory insurance.

Study Made Sen. Anthony Yturri (R-Ontario) said that a study had been made and a report issued just a month ago on compulsory insurance, long in effect in Massachusetts, wherein it was declared that this method of insurance had not proven satisfactory.

Yturri said that the rates charged for insurance in that state were far higher than in adjoining states which did not have compulsory insurance. Opposed by Dimick

The principal opponent of the bill was Sen. Dan Dimick (D-Roseburg) who introduced a compulsory insurance bill in the Senate which is now in committee.

Dimick said that the insurance fraternity in Oregon was not in favor of the uninsured motorist clause, and that it was being promoted by only one company.

This was denied by Sen. Richard Groener (D-Milwaukie), himself an insurance agent. Senators voting against the bill included Dimick, William Grenfell Jr. (D-Portland), Lloyd Key (D-Milton-Freewater), Robert Straub (Springfield) and Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie).

SCALPER FOR RUSSIANS New York —(UPI)— An office worker for the national council for Soviet-American Friendship, once accused by the U.S. attorney general of being a Communist front organization, was given a city summons Thursday. She was charged with scalping tickets to performances of Russia's famed Bolshoi Ballet.

"The United States is now rich enough, unified enough and mature enough to ask its schools to lay less stress on making good Americans and more on making critical, technically competent citizens."

The most conspicuous shortcoming of U. S. education is that "the boy and girl at the high school stage is not stretched enough." Even if all of the curriculum reforms proposed by Dr. James B. Conant in his recent report on high schools were put into effect tomorrow, "the pupil in the American high school is not going to be overworked."

Really bright boys and girls are the principal victims of a school system that subjects all students alike to "the lockstep of promotion by age and the temptation of snap courses."

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Wage Earner Works Less for New Car

Detroit—The average American wage earner today can make enough money to buy a new Plymouth by working 180 hours less than was necessary in 1928, according to Harry E. Chesebrough, general manager of the Plymouth division.

Today's car will last twice as long and travel nearly three times as far before it is worn out, he said. It has nearly half again as much passenger space, more than 60 items of standard equipment which were not available in 1928, and will out-perform by two to one the car of 32 years ago.

Wall Street Chatter

New York —(UPI)— W. E. Hutton & Co. says the more conservative market almost in the wake of official efforts of curb speculation probably "came out in time to prevent a run-away speculative binge that was probably destined to end in a sharp correction that could have spread to the general market."

Humphrey B. Neill, in his letters of contrary opinion, says the bulk of the material warning against thoughtless speculation and tips is becoming so great as to suggest to many that it's merely "wolf, wolf" and done so "the big boys can pick up cheap stocks on a break in the market." This could lead to a postponed reaction.

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How young car enthusiasts have kept pace with automotive styling trends is shown by comparing a winning model car from the 1949 Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild competition with a recent winner. Ten years ago the short hood and "bulbous" surfaces of the car shown at the top represented futuristic thinking.

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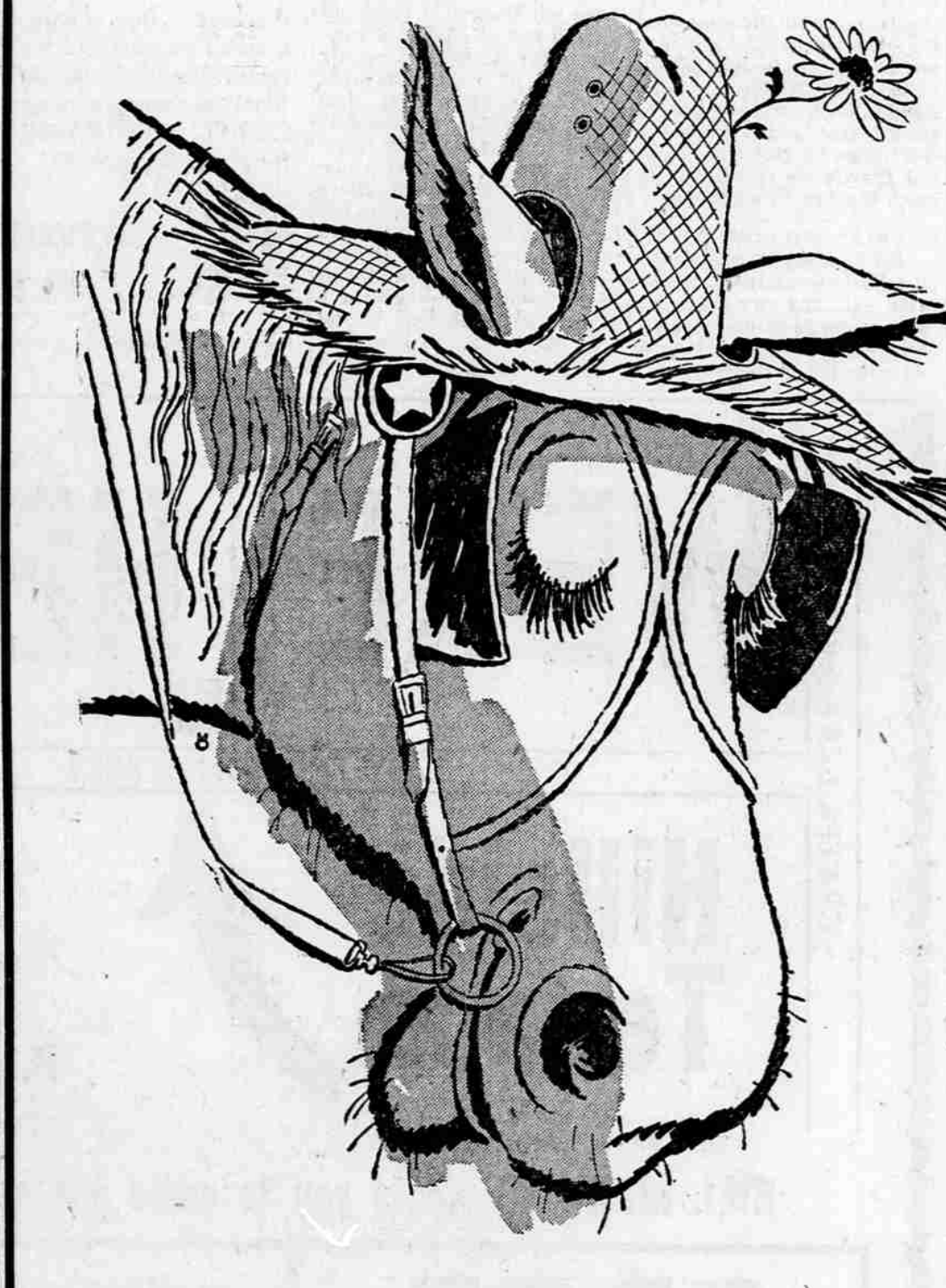
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