

Effort Made To Strengthen All Levels of Educational Process

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Washington - Complaints over the inability of many high school graduates to read, write or do simple arithmetic with ease or competence are beginning to get results. A country-wide effort is under way to strengthen instruction in the three R's at all levels of the educational process. It's more than a matter of going back to drilling and memorizing. New methods of teaching youngsters the basic skills of learning are calculated to stimulate their interest and put new zest into the task of learning.

Reforms in teaching the three R's have been a prominent theme in many recent educational conferences. Although debate continues over the relative values of "child-centered" as against "subject-

centered" education, demands for tougher, more disciplined instruction in basic subjects are having profound effects on school programs. New teaching materials are being widely introduced. Teachers are being sent to special workshops to learn more effective ways to give their young charges a satisfactory grounding in fundamentals of education.

Program Watched
Elementary school heads all over the country are watching an experimental program instituted this year at the Amidon School in the District of Columbia. The program was set up to test the belief of Washington's school superintendent that children will learn better and faster if taught by more direct and more concentrated methods and if required to put forth more effort. The school's prospect points out that it is facility in the three R's which enables students to "unlock the knowledge and experience man has acquired and preserved." The Amidon School seeks to give its pupils that facility by "combining the best of the old and the new" ways of teaching.

Various new instructional systems for beginning readers and for retarded readers have been developed in the past decade. The so-called Phono-

visual method relies heavily on training in letter sounds. The Hay-Wingo system stresses from the beginning the sounds of letters and it entails extensive drilling. The New Castle system uses film strips to project the reading lesson on a screen - a method found particularly successful with children of low or average I.Q.s. At the Amidon School reading instruction starts with study of the alphabet, phonetics and syllabication. The method combines "seeing and sounding," and "the meaning of words will, where necessary, be taught by the teacher."

Methods of Refining
Reforms in reading instruction are not limited to techniques for teaching beginners. They include methods of refining and deepening the older student's use of his reading skill. Many junior high schools employ the so-called "developmental reading" program for this purpose. Developmental reading takes many forms - reading for below-average students, speed reading for competent students, differential reading to teach students to read in one way for general knowledge, in another for details, in another for pleasure.

Inability of college students or graduates to write well has

been attributed to failure to require them to do enough writing and rewriting before they entered college. Former President Conant of Harvard, who recently made a close study of American secondary education, has recommended that half the time in high school English classes be devoted to composition. Students, he said, should be required to write an average of one theme a week. Elementary school teachers have been showing increasing interest in a language arts program developed for fourth, fifth, and sixth graders at Boston's Francis Parkman School. Pupils there are taught not only spelling, grammar and rules of sentence structure; they are trained also in observation and in the selective use of words and phrases.

More Radical Changes
Reforms in mathematics instruction, some still in the experimental stage, promise even more radical changes than those in English instruction. Activity in this field, spurred by the need to do a better job of training scientists and technicians for the automation and missile age, is concerned with achieving a broadened understanding of mathematics among all students and of finding ways to awaken a wider interest in the subject. The new approach at-

tempts to tear the veil from the "secret world" in which professional mathematicians operate. It has to do with the nature of mathematical thinking, the meaning of mathematical symbols, the basic concepts which govern the solution of problems.

One of the most interesting fruits of the movement to revise the mathematics curriculum has been the growing conviction that certain abstract mathematical concepts can be learned at very early ages. Syracuse University's Madison Project has successfully introduced study of algebra as far down the educational ladder as the third grade. It has been found that algebra actually is easier for fourth-graders than for children in

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Fort Wayne, Ind. - A rubber company executive predicts the 1960s will be known as the "decade of the high-income family."

Karl O. Nygaard, business research director for B. F. Goodrich Co., told a gathering of engineers here 25 million American families will have incomes of more than \$7,500 a year by 1970. About half that number of families are at that income stage today.

the seventh grade. The younger pupils are said to get a firmer grip on the essential nature of mathematical thought.

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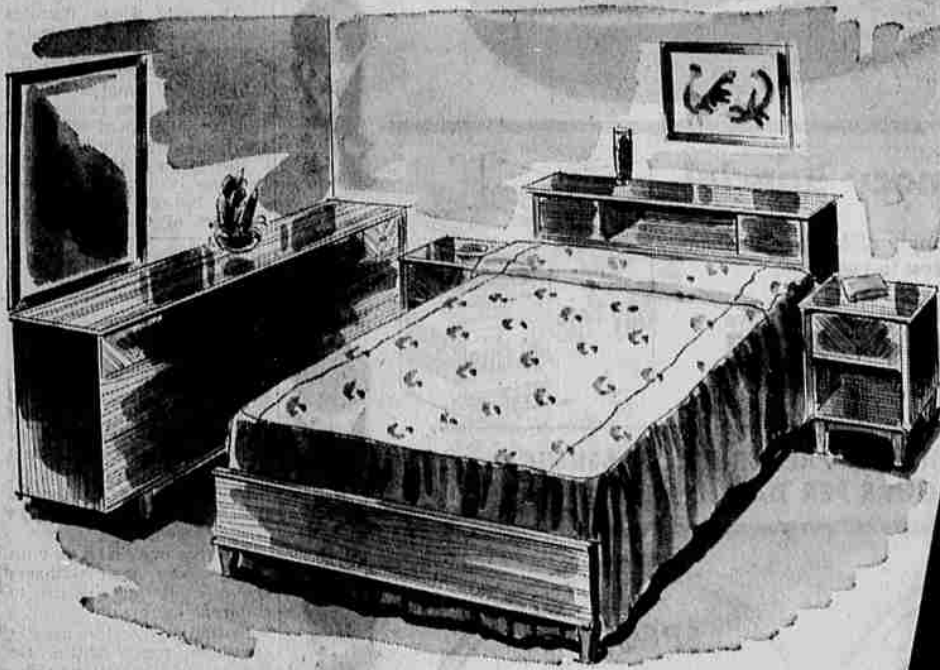
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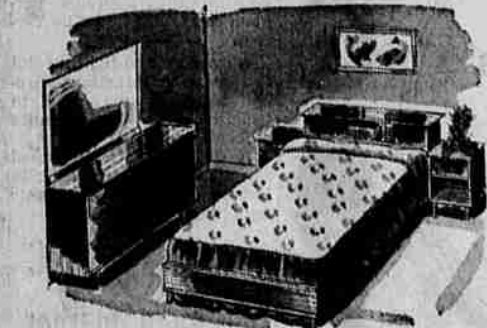
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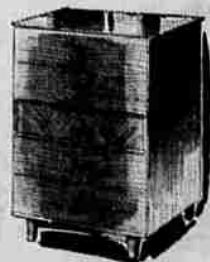
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