

Education Association Prepares Pamphlet on Child's Intelligence

Value, Limitation of IQ Tests Told in Publication

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Everybody talks about "I.Q.'s" and everybody knows that a high one is better than a low one.

But exactly what is an I.Q. anyway? What does it tell you about a child's mental capacity? Can human intelligence really be measured with the scientific precision implied by an exact numerical score?

On the sound assumption that many parents would like answers to these questions, the National Education Association is distributing to teachers and school officials across the land a little booklet entitled: "A Briefing For Parents: Your Child's Intelligence"

Prepared by Experts

It was prepared by seven experts on intelligence testing, and explains in layman's language the values and limitations of the I.Q. tests which are widely employed in U.S. schools.

There are many different types of intelligence tests, and new ones are constantly being developed. All of them seek to measure the "mental age" of a child in relationship to other children.

Before a test has any value for this comparative purpose, it must be administered to a large number of children. This enables educators to determine "norms" for the test—that is, to learn the average score of children of a particular age level.

Once this average is known, the performance of each child who takes the test is compared to it. For example, if a seven year old gets the same score as the average score of children nine years old, he is regarded as having a "mental age" of nine.

His intelligence quotient, or I.Q., is obtained by dividing mental age by chronological age, and multiplying the result by 100 just to get rid of decimals.

Thus the seven-year-old with the mental age of nine would be credited with an I.Q. of 128.

Tests Not Precise

If a child's score on a particular test happened to be exactly the same as the national average for his age level, his I.Q. would be recorded at an even 100. But educators know very well that the tests aren't that precise, so they regard any I.Q. between 90 and 110 as normal or average.

Contrary to popular folklore, there is no magic score which connotes "genius." But any score above 130 implies superior intelligence, and scores above 140 indicate very superior intelligence.

In the absence of any better tool, educators use I.Q. tests as rough approximations of a child's capacity to learn. But they do not regard them as infallible scientific measurements of any particular child's intelligence.

Research has shown, for example, that many children suffer severely from "test anxiety." Their fear of tests will cause them to make deceptively low scores. A child who is dependent on other people will usually make a lower score than one of equal intelligence who is highly self-reliant.

A child's I.Q. may change considerably as he grows older. It is more likely to rise than to fall, and the rise prob-

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

YOGI BERRA, conducting an impromptu baseball seminar in Toots Shor's old bistro one winter night suddenly declared there were seven different ways a batter could get to first base without making a hit. Can YOU name them? Here they are: 1. A base on balls. 2. Hit by pitcher. 3. Interference by the catcher. 4. A dropped third strike. 5. Forcing out a preceding runner. 6. Getting on via an error. 7. Becoming a pinch runner.

Thinker Berra also pointed out one way a pitcher could yield six successive base hits without putting a single man on base: play a girls' team.



Herb Stein has spotted a Chinese restaurant out Hollywood way that's so swanky the cookie messages are printed in French. Sulking at a back table there, incidentally, was a hillybilly who's on the way out. He's suffering from receding sideburns.

Mike Connolly insists that at least one Hollywood star steadfastly recalls his humble beginnings. Once a year regularly he goes back to Chicago's slums to visit his wife and kiddies.

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Disbarment of Attorneys Urged

Portland—UPI—The board of governors of the Oregon State Bar announced Thursday it has recommended permanent disbarment of two Portland attorneys, J. Kelly Farris and Herbert D. Black.

The bar said the recommendations were filed with the clerk of the Oregon Supreme Court. The attorneys have 60 days to file petitions in their own behalf after which the court will decide what action to take.

Both Farris and Black said they would appeal their cases.

The bar's announcement found Farris guilty of seven charges of professional misconduct... and Black guilty of 10 charges of unethical and unlawful solicitation and

acceptance of professional employment through the use of runners."

Salem—UPI—The Senate Judiciary Committee has scheduled a hearing Feb. 3 on the problem of curbing obscene literature. The Interim Committee on Criminal Law proposed a measure to prevent furnishing "material manifestly tending to corrupt the sexual morality" to children under 18 years.

Famed Attorney Now Resting at Home

Los Angeles—UPI—Famed Hollywood attorney Jerry Giesler was resting at home today following his release Saturday from Mt. Sinai hospital where he had been confined for a rest.

Giesler, bothered by a heart ailment in recent years, was hospitalized in September after suffering a serious attack.

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