

# Forgotten Youngsters Find Champion in Carnegie Corp. President

## False Emphasis Said Placed on Higher Education

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Each year, nearly one million American boys and girls enter college. But another 17 million of the same age group terminate their education when, or even before, they graduate from high school.

Much attention has been focused lately on the problem of providing enough space in our colleges — and enough scholarships — to bring higher education within reach of every youngster who is capable of benefiting from it.

But very little national concern has been expended on the boys and girls who don't go to college — not because they lack money, not because they can't find room, but simply because they aren't blessed with the academic ability necessary to do college work.

These forgotten youngsters have now found an eloquent champion in John Gardner, president of the Carnegie corporation. In the annual report of this great philanthropic foundation, which has done so much to aid higher education, Gardner has some trenchant things to say about the "false emphasis" which Americans are now placing on college as the only route to success.

"The great prestige that college education has achieved is the source of many false notions," says Gardner, "and one of the worst is that it is the only form of continued learning after high school."

"Most parents, teachers and counselors have given little or no thought to the ways of learning and growing that do not involve college. The result is that college appears to be the only path to self-development."

This national obsession with college degrees has two "unfortunate consequences," Gardner asserts.

"On the one hand, it exerts pressure on the young person to continue his schooling whether or not he has any taste or aptitude for it. This is



**PROGRESSING**—Work is progressing on straightening and widening sections of Highway 62 between Shady Cove and Prospect. The area pictured is about 10 miles south of Prospect. Construction was started late last summer. Bulldozers and scrapers are shown removing large rocks from the road surface. Most blasting work has been completed on the sections. Paving will be completed later this year.

ties are not developed is a loss to society.

"It is better to spend money preventing such outcomes than to spend it later picking up the pieces."

Beyond these immediate reforms, Gardner pleads for a new perspective on education itself.

"The root of the difficulty," he says, "is our bad habit of assuming that the only meaningful life is the 'successful' life, defining success in terms of high personal attainment in the world's eyes. Today attendance at college has become virtually a prerequisite of high attainment in the world's eyes so that it becomes, in the false value framework we have created, the only passport to happiness. No wonder our colleges are crowded."

"The crowding in our colleges is less regrettable than the confusion in our values. Human dignity and worth should be assessed, only in terms of those qualities of mind and spirit that are within the reach of every human being."

"This is not to say that we should not value achievement. We should value it exceedingly. It is simply to say that achievement should not be confused with human worth. Our recognition of the dignity and worth of the individual is based on moral imperatives and should be of universal application."

## Tiros Satellite May Help to Spot Summer Storms

Washington — (UPI) — This country hopes to put up a third Tiros weather satellite next summer in time to help spot tropical storms during the 1961 hurricane season.

In early January Tiros II, launched Nov. 23, photographed from more than 400 miles in space a cloud pattern in the Coral sea which enabled the hurricane warning center at Brisbane, Australia, to give ships an accurate report on the direction the storm was moving.

"We hope to get Tiros III up next summer in time to help us spot hurricanes in our own neighborhood," said Dr. Harry Wexler, chief scientist of the U.S. Weather Bureau.

Tiros III, it is expected, will be an improvement over both Tiros I, launched April 1, and Tiros II.

Only with Tiros II have weather scientists attempted to make prompt use of cloud pictures for help in daily forecasting. This has necessitated an effort to distribute Tiros II information as quickly and widely as possible.

Because no facilities exist for getting actual photographs to Australia in a few hours after they are taken, U.S. weather experts have been sending "word codes" containing cloud descriptions to Australia.

On the basis of these codes, the Australians have been able to construct weather maps which, as in the case of the Coral sea hurricane, have been helpful in making forecasts.

It was a cloud analysis based on Tiros II pictures which first tipped the Australians off to the fact that they were about to get relief from the most prolonged December heat wave in 43 years.

The Tiros II information covered a region of ocean south of Australia for which few accurate observations were available.

The satellite on Dec. 29 reported a cold front moving in,

approval and money for the project.

Such a system, Wexler said, could have prevented the foulup in forecasting which preceded the "inaugural blizzard" of Jan. 19.

Two days before the storm hit the capital, there had no sign of it in observations taken from "below the weather."

The early forecast for Jan. 19 called for fairly light snow. It was revised later in the day but not soon enough to prepare the city for the fall which practically buried it.

The fault was in timing. Wexler said the system with enough satellites to keep the storm under continuous surveillance as it moved east would have exposed the storm earlier for the true villain it turned out to be.

## 18 Mumps Cases Reported in County

Eighteen cases of mumps headed the list of communicable diseases reported to the Jackson county health department last week, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician.

Diseases reported include mumps, Medford, 9; Phoenix, 1; Central Point, 2; Ashland, 1; chicken pox, Ashland, 2; Jacksonville, 4; Eagle Point, 1; measles, Ashland, 10; Phoenix, 1; tuberculosis, Medford, 1; strep throat, Medford, 1; pink eye, Medford, 1; influenza, Shady Cove, 3; Medford, 4; Ashland, 3; Trail, 2; pneumonia, Eagle Point, 1; Gold Hill, 1; Ashland, 2; Rogue River, 1; and scarlet fever, Medford, 1; and Prospect, 1.

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Gardner anticipates the objection that such services would be "expensive."

"It would be an added expense to the schools, but not necessarily to society as a whole," he says. "Young people who fail to get jobs or who become juvenile delinquents are a costly burden on the whole community; and every boy or girl whose ability

often harmful to him; it is always costly to society; and it leads to make-believe education."

"On the other hand, if he drops out of high school or doesn't go on to college, he is landed on the scrap heap and that further learning or growth is out of the question. This is disastrous for his morale and in the long run dangerous to society."

Gardner proposes a number of specific, practical steps to give a better break to the youngsters who don't go to college.

Here are some of his suggestions:

1. High schools should provide more and better vocational training courses, not only for the boys and girls who are capable of learning a skilled trade, but also for those in the lowest ability group, who can at least be prepared for relatively simple jobs in business or industry.

2. Every high school should provide continuing vocational and educational counseling to all boys and girls who leave school short of college. This counseling should continue until age 21. It should include advice on the many ways in which a person may continue

his education — for example, through training programs offered by corporations and unions, at night schools, or in correspondence courses. Some schools may wish to operate their own employment services; others can work closely with federal and state employment agencies.

3. For the benefit of youngsters who are inclined to drop out of high school before graduation, schools should provide some kind of transitional "work-study program," under which a student spends part of each week in school, and part on a job. Provision should also be made for a

young person who has dropped out of school to resume his formal education a year or two later, when experience has taught him how great a handicap is his lack of a high school diploma.

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