

Modern Education Developed During Current Century

School bells will soon be calling an estimated 50-million students back to school. Over a million youngsters will be enrolling into classes for the first time, and the balance of this number will go to primary, intermediate and high school classes around the nation.

Again school reopening focuses attention on increased enrollments, shortage of properly trained faculty and lack of proper school housing. Although these problems have been rectified in many communities, others are still facing them.

Since our nation's beginnings education has been an important facet of the American way of life.

The foundations of the modern American educational systems were laid by the Calvinist Puritans of New England. In 1642 the legislature of the Massachusetts Bay colony, faithful to the Protestant principle that everyone should be able to read the Bible—passed a law requiring all parents, in towns within jurisdiction, to give their children an elementary education.

Law Declares Schools

And so throughout our early history, more and more schools were established by local law. As the frontiers moved westward, settlers created their own schools for their children.

Although early schools were set up by church groups, which also controlled them—by the end of the American Revolution these schools were made independent of the churches. By the nineteenth century, a system of decentralized control, compulsory, popular education was set up.

Several attempts to establish a national system of education over the years were unsuccessful since the decentralized control of schools was well-established throughout the country.

When the tenth amendment to the U. S. Constitution was adopted giving the individual states all powers not reserved by the federal government, the foundation was laid to establish state-controlled school systems.

In turn, the state systems evolved into units of state, county and later, city school systems.

Free System New
The free public school system as we know it now, actually evolved in the twentieth century.

In most states up to the Civil War and for several decades thereafter, parents paid for their children's schooling. Children of paupers were given free education, but wholly on a charity

basis. The concept too was changed by the end of the nineteenth century when states required local administrators to tax themselves for the full support of public schools and all children within the school area.

The system we know now came into being in the twentieth century. A far cry from its humble beginnings in the early days of the colonies, support for our free public school systems come from local property taxes (two thirds) with the balance being made up of monies contributed by the state (from taxes) from permanent state school funds and some federal aid.

Enrollments Grow

As enrollments continue to grow in all types of schools round the country, the problem facing school systems is not all economic.

Never in the history of the nation has there been so much awareness of the importance of learning, not only for the individual but also with relation to the immediate future of our civilization.

Today the curriculum of schools faces scrutiny and inventory as science education, humanities, languages a new frontier opened up by the space age are creating far greater demands for knowledge and skill than ever before.

The average citizen has found many channels open for intelligent discussion and activities concerning the betterment of the school systems and their curricula.

Children as well as adults are imbued with this revitalization of serious interest in education. A growing pride in scholastic standing appears to be developing even among the children in elementary schools.

Firm Executive For Longer, Wider Beds

New York—UPI—"Eighty per cent of today's married couples sleep in cribs," according to John W. Hubbell, vice president of a bedding manufacturing firm.

Hubbell said four of every five American couples sleep on a standard size double bed which is 54 inches wide, allowing each spouse 27 inches of sleeping space, or the width of a baby crib. He suggested beds up to 21 inches wider and five inches longer than standard double beds.

About one-half the states observe 10 or more legal holidays each year.

Highway workers of many states are under some form of civil service.



JETLINER CRASHES—Spectators stand at the edge of Guanabara Bay behind a pair of wheels and part of the fuselage of the Panair do Brasil DC8 which crashed and burned after takeoff from International Airport at Rio de

Janeiro Tuesday. Thirteen of the 104 persons aboard the Europe-bound jetliner were killed and nine were listed as missing. (UPI)

Shell Basket Aids In Kennedy Decor

Stanford, Calif.—UPI—A tortoise-shell wastebasket, given Mrs. Leland Stanford by Mrs. Ulysses H. Grant in 1887, has been accepted by Mrs. John F. Kennedy for her redecoration program at the White House.

The wastebasket is made from the complete shell and is lined with red satin. The Stanfords became good friends of the Grants after 1885. Later, in Washington, the President's widow was helpful to Stanford, then a new senator from California.

A card pinned to the wastebasket—in Mrs. Stanford's handwriting—describes the curio as a "tortoise shell bag which always hung in General Grant's room at the White House and in his own home in New York, in which he placed wastepaper."

Teachers in 35 of the states participate in state controlled pension plans.

Human blood contains about 11,000 white corpuscles per cubic centimeter.

Traffic Violators Have More Accidents

New York—UPI—Drivers who commit traffic violations are particularly likely to have accidents, according to the Metropolitan Life Insurance company. A study of Iowa drivers, it said, showed the ratio of actual accidents to the number expected was 134 per cent among drivers with two or more violations.

Speeding, improper passing

and failure to observe stop signs were the most highly associated with accidents, the company said.

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