

MUCH TO DO ABOUT SCHOOL IN TODAY'S LIFE!

Citizens' Committees for Schools Now Active in 25 Thousand U.S. Areas

For the 14th year in a row, school enrollments will break all-time records, but the number of citizens actively working for their schools is at an all-time high, too. It's that fact that causes hope for the effective solution of our school problems.

Never before has there been such interest in education in this country. Much of it undoubtedly stems from the October launching of the first successful Russian satellite. Today, it seems, almost everyone has a theory about education and a plan for the solution of education's problems.

At work quietly in an estimated 25,000 communities today, however, are local citizens' committees which are hard at the job of locating the weak spots in their schools and working with the boards of education and school officials to bolster these defects.

What those committees are able to do is serving as an example for other communities just getting started.

In Fort Wayne, Indiana, for instance, the citizens' council holds an annual county-wide conference on school problems to pin priorities on the jobs to be handled next.

In Minneapolis, a group comprised of representatives of every organization in town recently got together to find out how well the local schools were teaching the controversial social sciences.

Chattanooga, Tennessee, has a committee out shooting film every week to air over the local TV station and give the whole city a visual picture of what's going on in their schools.

The New York State committee is conducting research into the best ways to recruit and retain the best possible teachers for our classrooms.

These are just a few of the ways that citizens' groups, searching out the facts and working with the school boards, are able to help.

If you'd like to know how you can help, write Better Schools, 9 East 40th Street, New York City, for your free copy of "Let's Get Our Schools Ready Now!"



MOVIE and television actress, Spring Byington, urges citizens to write for help on how to solve their school problems. The address is "Better Schools," 9 East 40th Street, New York 16, New York.

New Sweaters Put Best Looks Forward for Fall

At the top of the list for newness in male fashions this fall—is the sweater that's as big, as bulky, and as wooly as you can get it. Warm as a pot-bellied stove on even the coldest days are the full-button bulky knit wool cardigans that button right up to the neck. And a sweater that will keep even your ears warm, is styled with a big shawl collar that snaps up to hug the neck.

Good Grooming, Good Behavior Are 'Go-Togethers'

An important facet of school life nowadays is a growing movement throughout the country with serious class discussions about behavior and dress. These are encouraged by PTA groups, educators, and others as a way to combat what some people say is a trend to excessive casualness which does, at time, border on carelessness.

The thought behind the whole idea is that a boy who is tidy about the way he dresses will probably want to be tidy in his work and general behavior. Being well dressed is easy for the young fellow if when buying needed items for his back-to-school outfit we show him that his clothes are selected first, according to function. And it's a lot of fun for him, too, because there are so many new, attractive clothing ideas that he will like.

White is right in the big bulks—all white, or white with color trim such as red at the cuffs and bottom. Stripes are also right—big bold ones. The other top colors are red, black and gray.

The low-button look with the deep V-opening is also fashion news and very big on campuses everywhere! Both the bulky knits for outdoors or the lighter weights, which you can wear to class are top favorites. The bulkies are smart in big bold stripes; the lightweights are good in the solid colors with harmonizing trim such as natural with brown edging.

Timely Tips
Whether the young man or young woman is off for elemen-



CHILDREN are learning skills such as typing earlier. With more and more children being taught, and being taught more and more — citizen's committees through out the country are being called on often to help.

tary school or college, a watch is not only a proud possession but a practical necessity. Pricewise — there's one for every budget.

If your favorite student is going away, he or she can use a traveling clock, complete with alarm. New, compact, traveling clocks come in a wide variety of styles and sizes. They are ideal too, for the stay-at-home who likes to keep track of homework hours.

WATCH POSTURE

When a child is taller than most of his friends, special care should be taken to see that he doesn't slouch. If posture correction is needed, help by pointing out attractive and successful tall persons.



YOUNG MUSICIANS — Today many grade schools, as well as high schools, have fine bands of their own. The young musicians learn early how important cooperation and concentration are in music, and in their other studies. A survey revealed that most of the best students are members of a musical group. The children enjoy the recognition they receive from the community as band members, too.



SEASONING for new fashions — Here's a dash of excitement, a magnificent scarf square interpreted in paisley-print jewel tones. Tied in a soft cowl drape, it picks-up color, and adds a gay, softening touch to the neckline of a chemise or trapeze dress.

Music Training Is Important Adjunct to Modern Schooling

A fanfare for fall will echo down the streets and sound in the stadiums of the nation as 88,000 school bands and orchestras swing into a new session.

The American Music Conference reports that the number of bands has almost doubled since World War II and the number of orchestras has grown even more.

Children playing musical instruments and getting instrumental instruction in schools, and with private teachers, today number about 8,000,000 compared with only 2,500,000 in 1947. One youngster in every four participates in musical activities.

In many high schools, the large number of youngsters who vie for position in the regular band has often necessitated a second band to handle the overflow.

School authorities recognize the band as a rallying point for school spirit and an excellent way to build group cooperation. The perseverance and concentra-

tion that learning a musical instrument requires usually carries over into other classroom studies, it is found.

The opportunity for worthwhile recognition from their community and friends, the out-of-town trips and competitions make the extra hours of practice seem worthwhile to the young musicians.

In Dr. James Bryant Conant's survey of high school education for the Carnegie Corporation, music was one of three courses recommended for the curriculum of all types of students—slow, bright and average.

Officials of 196 out of 200 colleges and universities surveyed, declared that musically trained students were far superior to others.

Another survey revealed that 90 per cent of all elementary honor students play some kind of musical instrument.

Both large and small communities take advantage of these music making activities. In Columbus, Ohio, a city of over 375,000, more than 87 per cent of all school children take part in some kind of music class or program. Even in Anton, Colorado, (a town of less than 3,000) — out of a total enrollment of 47 in 1957 — 43 Anton students played musical instruments.

Of the 96 extra-curricular courses offered in the nation's high schools from 1920 to 1953, only three have continued through the years. Of these, two are the school band and orchestra.

TEENS! HOLD YOUR LINES IN NEW, EASY STYLES

Growing girls! What's your line?

Teens should face the facts about foundations and correct their figure faults with properly-fitted girdles, panty girdles and bras.

Even under the relaxed lines of the new school fashions a smooth figure is a must.

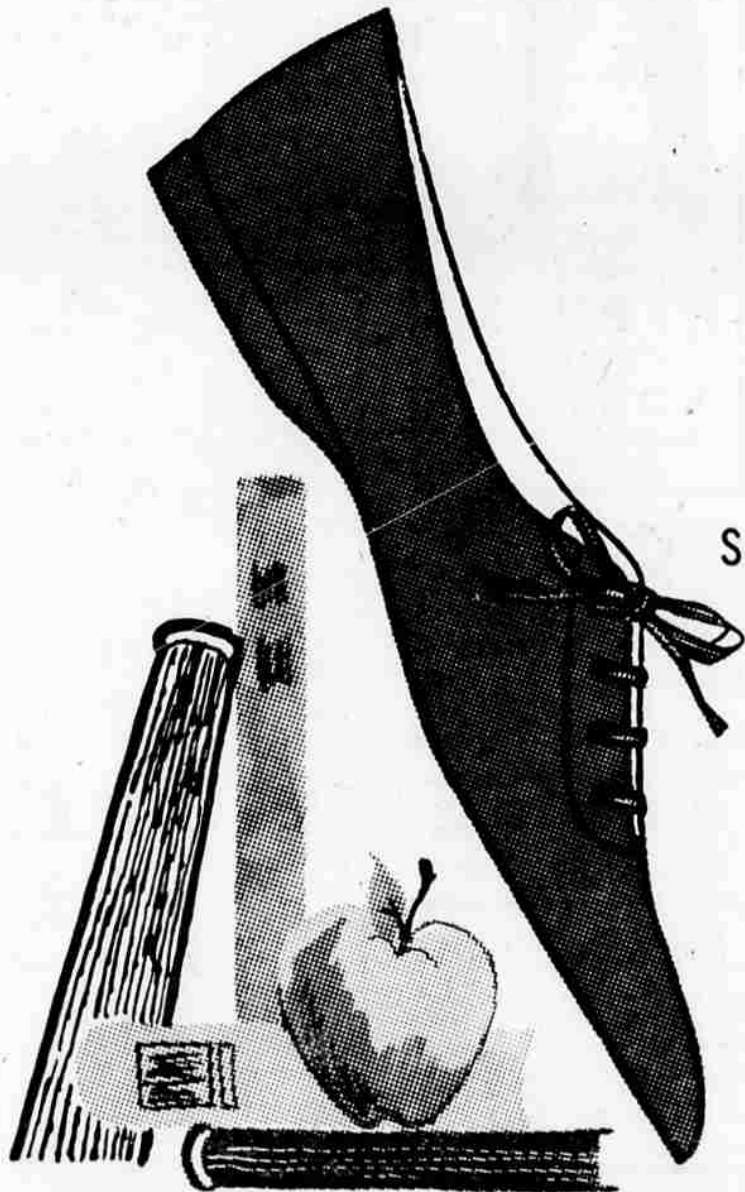
SCHOLAR BRIGHT YOUNG FASHIONS

RIGHT:

Pre-teen cotton knit chemise step-in dress, red or peacock in sizes 6-14, \$8.98. Pictured next is smart fashion at a small price in a drip-dry plaid gingham. Wear it three ways: chemise, shirt waist, or half belted. Sizes pre-teen 6-14, \$4.98. Last on the right, plaid skirts and solid matching chemette. Straight skirts or permanently pleated. Wool and orlon blends, Pre-teens 6-14, \$5.98 to \$8.98.

LEFT:

Imported tweed pre-teen coats of wool and cashmere blends and camel and wool blends. In colors red, beige, blue, grey and window stain tweeds. Sizes 8-14, \$24.98 to \$27.98. Also girls' coats 3-6x and 7-14, priced \$15.98 to \$19.98. For big and little sister choose back to school plaids and solid combinations. Chemise, shirt waist and middy types. Assorted colors combinations in easy to care drip-drys. 3-6x and 7-14, \$3.98 to \$10.98. Also at left, Pandora sweaters of washable orlon. In all the popular colors in slip-overs and cardigans. 3-6x and 7-14 and pre-teens, \$2.98 to \$7.98. Team your Pandora sweater with a straight or permanently pleated skirt in plaid or solid color, girl's 3-14, \$3.98 to 7.98.



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