PARENTS CONFUSED BY SCHOOL HOURS

Domestic Routine Upset by Programme Arranged to Meet Overflow.

RELIGION A FACTOR

Many Pupils Suffer From Eye Strain After Study in Artificial Light.

MEAL HOURS CHANGED

Teachers Deplore Loss of Personal Contact With Their Students.

Thousands of families have had their daily domestic routine disarranged by the programme adopted by the Board of Education to make room for an overflow of public school pupils. In some instances this readjustment of the hours has worked a hardship and, generally speaking, it is confusing and inconvenient to parents who have been used to the regular school periods.

Besides the mass of pupils attending school at the regular hours there are thousands in the double session classes and more than 125,000 on part time. The double session pupils' school hours are as long as those registered for the regular session, but they come later, usually in the afternoon, and the classes overlap those of the morning pupils. Where there are triple or quadruple sessions the day begins soon after dawn and in midwinter continues until dark. Part time pupils have their schedule shortened by one or two hours, although in some instances they receive practically the full course.

A Typical Example.

The Washington Irving High School, which has a double session, starts at 8:17 A. M. and continues through until 4:43. Classes overlap during the middle of the day and if there were a triple session there would be another overlapping period and the day would be considerably longer.

Most parents are more reconciled to the part time classes than to the double session programme. Many of them understand very little about the arrangement. The point which seems to strike them as most important is that Giovanni isn't at school as long as he used to be or as long as some of the other boys in the neighborhood are. Where the mother looks upon the public school as a sort of governess this shorter programme is something of a trial. Instead of having Giovanni looked after by his teachers all morning and until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, with an hour off for luncheon, her offspring may be at home all morning and at school all afternoon, or at school in the morning and at home in the afternoon. If it happens that one of her boys goes from 8 A. M. until 12 noon, and another from 12 noon until 3:15 P. M., she finds that this arrangement has its advantages and its disadvantages. The advantage to her is that she can have one of the boys at home all the time to run errands or mind the house if she has to go to the store. And there is a disadvantage to her in the fact that the day starts early, that one boy has to have his luncheon before the other boy comes home from school, and that the morning session boy, if he happens to be quite young, has to be taken care of by some other member of the family instead of his big brother, who has to go to school in the afternoon.

Teachers, principals and parents find more of this sort of confusion in the double session than in the part time schedule. One objection raised by Jewish parents to the two a day sessions is the fact that the afternoon programme during winter continues on after sundown, and orthodox Jews religiously abandon all occupation when the sun drops below the horizon on certain days. In one of the girls' high schools the Jewish students carried their religious scruples into the classroom and refused to continue their work after the hands of the clock had reached a certain hour. The associate principal pleaded with the girls to continue for the sake of class discipline, and some complied. But a teacher or principal could not insist upon their doing so.

The Rush Hour ProMem.

The subway presents almost as great a problem to the school girl and boy as it does to the business men and women, and in many of the high schools where the double session is employed principals have arranged to dismiss the final classes in time for the pupils to avoid the overwhelming crush at 5 P. M. Girls and boys cannot be so carefully guarded early in the morning where the first session starts at 8:17 A. M. This unusually early hour necessitates rising at 6 o'clock if the pupil has a long distance to come. Perhaps the pupil is the first to rise and it may be necessary for the girl to get her own breakfast in order to reach school on time.

Many families need their daughters or their sons a part of each day to assist in the tailor shop or the fruit store or in some other wage earning business of the father. If the school hours happily fit in with the work hours there is no objection made by parents to the double session, but if it is impossible to have their son changed from morning school session to afternoon so that he can help the family at home or in their business, or if he cannot be changed from afternoon to morning in case that is the more convenient arrangement for the family, then complaints against the double system are voiced.

The luncheon hour for the double session programme is another inconvenient feature in most families. Where the pupil has far to go and must be at school by 11:43 A. M. or 12:33 P. M., it means having an extra luncheon before the other members of the family are ready. Those who are registered in the shorter sessions have a five minute period betwen classes for luncheon.

Personal Influence Disappears.

The teacher and the pupil never have time to meet and talk over school affairs, which is a situation principals and teachers both deplore. When classes are over for the morning or the afternoon the pupil would naturally linger on to consult the teacher about some lesson or change of studies or whatever might concern the pupil and the teacher. There is no time for this, however, because of extra classes despite the fact that double session schools have a double staff of teachers.

The confusion resulting from having double the number of pupils ordinarily found in a school may not be serious, but it is not conducive to poise of mind and application, according to the pedagogic view. To have 6,000 pupils in a building intended for 3,000 cannot help seeming like crowding, even when authorities state that it is merely making a greater use of school buildings and equipment.

Another feature of the double session which parents and principals deplore is that frequently the pupils do not have proper study rooms. In the newer buildings the auditoriums are well lighted and often do not depend upon artificial light. Parents note that where artificial light is used, and particularly where the child has study periods late in the winter afternoon, there is sometimes a complaint about eyestrain.

The normal school session is from 9 A. M. until 3 P. M. The double session starts one hour earlier and continues almost two hours later. Where there are triple sessions these hours are extended and the quadruple session takes up an extra day. Often pupils do not get home in time to help with the dinner; it even happens that they do not get home in time to eat dinner with the family. High school pupils specializing in a commercial, scientific or art course and who live in the Bronx or Richmond or Queens, as often happens, reach home long after dark if they are registered in the second session.

PRINCETON'S HALLS ARE OVERCROWDED

Freshman Class of 541 Gives College Problem of Adjustment.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

PRINCETON, Oct. 1.—With the opening of the collegiate year Princeton is still more overcrowded than at any other time in her history. "We can have no more class sections than there are already, because the only place to put them would be on the roof," said a member of the faculty. That adequately describes the situation with regard to rooming facilities, dining halls and all the other phases of college life.

Official figures issued by the Registrar's office show that 1,964 students have been registered and more are arriving daily. The limit which was contemplated last year when the question of restriction of enrollment was first decided upon was set at 2,000, so that it is almost certain the restriction must go into effect next September.

The big freshman class has caused the present problem, 541 freshmen having been admitted and with many others turned away for various reasons or still waiting to learn if they have been successful in their effort to become undergraduates.

The number of men who actually took examinations last June for Princeton totals more than 2,000, and another 800 tried this September. The result was that the new class should present a very high academic record throughout its college career.

Every room in McCosh Hall has a class occupying it at every hour, while Palmer, Guyot, the School of Science and other buildings are likewise being fully utilized. Murray Dodge Hall and other buildings never intended for use as class rooms have been taken over for that purpose.

The dining halls, which were thought at the time of their construction in 1915 to be adequate to accommodate all demands upon them for many years, are crowded beyond their capacity. At one luncheon this week 1,200 men were served, a number which a few years ago exceeded the total number of all undergraduates. Rents in the town are going up all the time, until as much as $10 a week for an ordinary room does not cause especial indignation. Since there have been no dormitories built in several years the great increases in enrolment have meant that a greater number of men each year have been forced to room in town and to pay whatever was demanded for what they could find. At present some of the entering class are occupying cots in Murray Dodge Hall while seeking a place to live.

The new Moses Taylor Pyne Hall, a dormitory, and the addition to the art building are now under construction and are expected to be finished by the opening of the next academic year. These will lessen the congestion to some extent, but will far from clear it up.

CHINESE TO BE GUESTS AT ELECTRICAL SHOW

2,000 Here for Tong Dedication Going To-morrow.

Two thousand Chinese merchants, here for the dedication of a new clubhouse of the On Leng Tong at 41 Mott street, will attend the Electrical Show to-morrow as special guests. The invitation was extended through Yee H. Kee of the Tong.

Arthur Williams, head of the electrical show, is confined to his home at Roslyn, by illness, but keeps in touch with every development at the exhibit by wireless. He listened in yesterday to a "jamming contest" for amateurs in which twenty-nine entrants took messages through interference.

The winner was B. B. Jackson of East Newell avenue, Rutherford, who took thirty words in a minute without an error. Two young women operators who reached the finals were Miss A. E. Morrison, 20 East Forty-ninth street, and Miss Sonia Soberg, 400 Irving avenue, brooklyn.

Paid admissions were in excess of 25,000 it was said last evening at the close of the fourth day of the show. The more than 10,000 who visited the exhibits all day yesterday marked a record attendance, it was said.

BUSINESS IN AUSTRIA THROWN INTO CHAOS

Foreign Buyers Force Demand for Gold Payment.

By the Associated Press.

VIENNA, Oct. 1.—The demorlization of the crown exchange has brought about chaotic business conditions here. The country is flooded with an inrush of foreigners who, taking advantage of the prices before the readjustment of values, have been buying everything of intrinsic value until merchants are demanding payment virtually on a gold basis.

The Austrian law forbids a shop to close its doors without liquidation, and the result is a general withdrawal of unreplaceable goods.

It is reported that Innsbruck has virtually been swept bare by Swiss and Italians, until the people there, at a mass meeting in protest, demanded the expulsion of foreigners. The effect on the native population is disastrous, the people being unable to buy the necessaries of life.

The Government does not conceal its fear of serious demonstrations.

HUNTER HAS NEW COURSES.

Registration at Hunter College began yesterday and will continue through tomorrow. With the beginning of the school year Hunter has considerably extended its evening work, offering courses leading to the degree of master of arts, anthropology, biology, chemistry, classics, English, French, geology, German, history and social science, music, physics, physiology and hygiene.

A course in short story writing, together with courses in dramatic composition and play producing, will be features of the curriculum this year.

THOUSANDS OF VETS FOR RESERVE ARMY

Assignments Will Be First Step Toward Having 4,000,000 Men Ready Always.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—Detailed regulations under which thousands of world war veterans now members of the Officers' Reserve Corps will be assigned for duty in the reserve army frame work contemplated in the national defence act were made public to-day by the War Department and will be distributed immediately to the 66,800 officers who now compose the corps.

Assignment of reserve officers to the twenty-seven divisions of organized reserves throughout the country will follow immediately as the first step in general staff plans under which an army of more than 4,000,000 could be quickly mobilized at need.

The regulations are extensive and cover every phase of the relationship between the citizens' officers and the regular army. The same theory of decentralization of administrative authority from the War Department to corps area commanders is carried out for the officers that were employed in planning for the organized reserve system.

There are now in the officers' reserve two Major-Generals, O'Ryan of New York and Price of Pennsylvania, and seventeen brigadier-generals, all of whom saw service in that rank during the war. There are also 322 colonels, but the great majority of the reservists, 29,967 of them, are second lieutenants.

In conformity with wartime practice the regulations provide that only men with actual training or experience may be appointed reserve officers of the line. This includes appointments in the infantry, cavalry, field or coast artillery and air service—the combatant arms of the army. Special service appointments may be made, however, where the civil training or professional training of a citizen fits him for wartime service with the army, but not to lead troops in battle. To accomplish this two distinct classes of reserve officers are created.

Assignment of line officers will be by corps area commanders and the regulations provide for localization of officers to units of the organized reserve in the vicinities in which the officers live. For this purpose more officers than are required by organization tables may be attached to such units. Three groups of officers are created for assignment purposes.

FIRST BLUE LAW TEST TO COME IN ALABAMA

Special Session Takes Up Matter Tuesday.

The Anti-Blue Law League yesterday called public attention to the drive that is being made in Alabama by the blue law forces to gain a whole set of restrictive laws. Alabama is the touchstone, and the special session of the Legislature of that day, October 4, will either advance or set back materially the blue law movement.

"The entire strength of the Alabama blue law forces will concentrate on the passage of a State restrictive measure," was the statement of the opposing league. Similar measures are also to be introduced this fall in the Tennessee, Florida and Georgia Legislatures. Should these bills pass, the blue law system, immeasurably strengthened and swollen with success, will begin its fight for a Federal amendment.

"The fight in the Northern States has already been begun. Robert G. Davey, former lobbyist for the New York State Anti-Saloon League, and now head of the Lord's Day Alliance in New York, has already begun it in the form of weeklong revivals in the up-State rural sections. He admits incorporating his organization in order to receive a large bequest which we know runs into six figures and for which a check has already been written by one of the faction that has been happily designated 'the religious rich.' We know that New York State will soon begin systematic local ception on blue Sundays instigated by the Lord's Day Alliance, which is backed by enormous resources. The nationwide campaign of the blue system for a Puritan Sunday is now well inaugurated."

OUTCRY IN SENATE ON BIG SALARIES

Heflin Demands Investigation of Heavy Increases in Federal Reserve Bank.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—A demand that the Republican majority in the Senate investigate increases made recently in the salaries of officials and others in the New York Federal Reserve Bank was made to-day by Senator Heflin, Democrat (Ala.).

Reading from a list showing that $1,800, $2,400 and $5,000 a year salaries had been raised to $12,000, $15,000 and $25,000, Senator Heflin told the Senate it was an "outrage" that there should be such a "digging into the funds of the people" when a great army of unemployed "marched through the land."

Senator Fletcher, Democrat (Fla.), interrupted to call attention to salaries paid by the Shipping Board. He said there was a $150,000 a year board of operations to tell an $84,000 a year shipping board how to operate the Government merchant fleet, that there were experts at high salaries to tell other experts what to do and that there were high paid lawyers to tell other high paid lawyers how to interpret the law.

Senator McKellar, Democrat (Tenn.), told the Senate that he had received recently a request from a business man in his State as to the possibility of chartering a shipping board vessel to carry a cargo of freight from Texas to United Kingdom ports and had referred the request to J. B. Small, a $30,000 a year director of operations. He had been told, he said, that the inquirer should charter a British ship rather than an American vessel, because the British steamer would give a lower freight rate.

Resuming his address, Senator Heflin launched into a vigorous attack on the Republicans, asserting that not one of them had protested against or demanded an investigation of the increase in the salaries in the New York Federal Reserve Bank.

Senator Smoot, Republican (Utah), replied that Senators could not be held responsible for the increases and that there was no law governing the situation. He added that he had called the matter to the attention of the Federal Reserve Board and that undoubtedly an inquiry was being made.

Declaring that the Senate would hear more on this and other subjects later, the Alabama Senator went on with his attack, charging that Wall Street was the devilish source from which came Republican campaign funds," and that "money flowed like rivers" in the recent Senatorial election in New Mexico.

The speaker also charged that a seat in the Senate had been "sold on the auction block in Michigan."

"I have not time to discuss that case now," he said, "but go read the testimony and see if seats in this body cannot be bartered."

THIRD OLD MILLSTONE TO BE CARRIED TO YALE

Ox Team Will Haul Relic for Harkness Memorial.

NEW HAVEN, Oct. 1.—A millstone from Branford, Conn., which probably ground the corn eaten by Abraham Pierson, father of Yale's first president, is to be deposited in Branford Court, the central campus of the Harkness Memorial Quadrangle, at Yale, with special exercises on next Saturday.

Two millstones, one from Saybrook and the other from Killingworth, both intimately associated with the beginnings of Yale from 1701 to 1716, already have been deposited in the courts which take their names from these towns.

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