

# HOW SCHOOL TAX IS SPENT

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state pays \$400 annual aid. About 100 pupils take work in this department. Does not this demand justify its existence? A pupil must earn at least 16 credits to graduate. If there were no commercial, domestic science or manual training department, the pupils in these classes would be forced into other academic classes, which would mean additional teachers of the regular subjects. Bear in mind also that the state pays \$400 annual aid to the domestic science and manual training departments also. There would then be no considerable saving in cutting out these departments, aside from the fact that we would be turning back the hands of the clock of educational progress.



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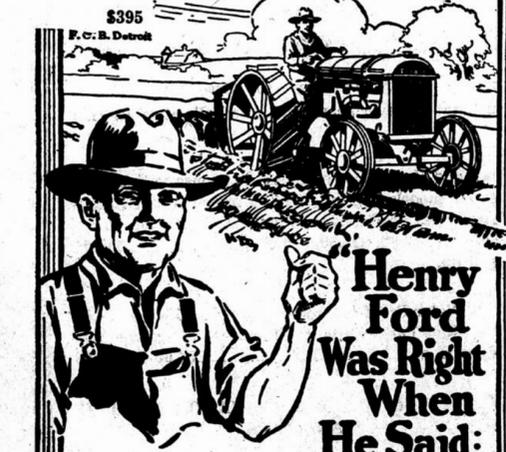
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# UPSALA

Upsala News-Tribune, April 7.—Mrs. Gust Newstrom returned from St. Paul Saturday, where she has been visiting.

Miss Adelia Larson, who has been employed in Minneapolis, arrived here on Saturday. She is now in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Larson.

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