

EDUCATION MAKING GREATER PROGRESS THAN EVER KNOWN

(By Associated Press)

Des Moines, Ia., July 2—Premi-ent among the many factors that should be mentioned in the educational progress of the year is the aroused interest in education itself, Mrs. Fannie Fern Andrews of Boston, told the National Education Association here today.

"We might almost speak of an educational renaissance," Mrs. Andrews said.

"Educational leaders have become leaders in educational progress; they have forced the public to recognize the importance of education in a new and different light; they have established the belief that education has social, economic and political value—that the stability of the country rests on education," Mrs. Andrews added. "In the midst of economic depression and world upheaval, they have demanded more money for the schools, and they have convinced the public that the greatest financial asset of a country, regardless of the moral asset, is an educational people.

"A review of the educational legislation during the past year is a striking evidence of this belief. The country cannot afford not to spend money for the adequate education of all its children.

"The determination to give every boy and girl a chance, to see that the eleven million rural school children have opportunities commensurate with the urban children, is a leading part of the program in this educational revival, and it is the educators who are forcing this problem on the people, and demanding the necessary funds for the realization of their plans. They have made their own program, which covers every phase of the educational problem, from the Kindergarten through the university and they are determined to carry it through. Where is a village in the educational world today that was hardly perceptible five years ago.

"Our school men and women have learned the lessons of the war. New projects and new methods voice the needs of the new time. New courses in history are about to be published. Schools are vying with each other for the best citizenship courses.

There has never been such a serious consideration of the meaning of citizenship, and our school people are taking the lead in formulating the definition. They are using education to help solve the problems of the nation, as the various committees of the National Council indicate—witness the Committee on Thrift Education, the Committee on Racial Well Being, the Committee of Character and Citizenship Education, and the

Editor Preaches a Funeral Over Dog

(By Associated Press)

Kansas City, Kan., July 2—E. R. Humble, a retired editor and lecturer conducted a funeral service over the body of Jiggs, a fox terrier dog, who came to his death when running to meet the car in which Frank Schultz and his family were returning to their home at 1136 32nd street, Kansas City, Kansas.

The dog had been the constant company of the Schultz children. It was Margaret, aged five, who went to Mr. Humble with the request that he would preach for Jiggs funeral.

Mr. Humble said—"Poor Jiggs is dead. But he died happy in his love that is more wonderful than I can tell you. And Jiggs will live in you. When you are grown, my children, you will often think of this faithful animal and wish that all men were like him—faithful unto death. Jiggs was a good dog. That is saying much. When the sun sinks in the west for me, I could ask no higher words of praise than those I have applied to him. To say he was good is highest praise."

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MAKE THE SCHOOLS CLEAN IS APPEAL OF THE TEACHERS

(By Associated Press)

Chicago, July 2—School buildings should Americanize by setting before children standards of cleanliness, attractiveness and sanitation. Neither American nor foreign-born children should be exposed to the effect of living daily in schools with grimy walls, dirty floors.

These were outstanding features in recommendations made by William T. McCoy, vice-president of the American Federation of Teachers, in rendering to the Chicago high school

federations his report of the Eastern Conference of the organization held recently in Washington, D. C.

"Our school plants should be models of neatness and sanitation," he said. "The existing deterioration of the school system throughout the country makes it imperative that teachers themselves establish standards desirable for school buildings. We note with regret that pupils and teachers are becoming accustomed to surroundings below the standards of their home environment. The social menace we see in this situation is that the public school will not continue to be a civic model but a symbol of degradation.

"The following standards for school buildings were submitted for adoption by teachers throughout the United States:

"Rest rooms for girls and teachers

"Lunch rooms for pupils and teachers.

"Clothing closets with facilities for drying and ventilating.

"Drinking fountains so adjusted that infection from this source will be impossible.

"Hot water, liquid or powdered soap.

"Absolutely sanitary conditions in toilets.

"Thorough cleaning of classrooms at least once a month.

"Abandonment of use of classrooms without natural light and pure air.

"Insistence upon systems of ventilation, heating, and sweeping which

do not dry up or contaminate the air.

"Maintenance of needed repairs within buildings and of a neat appearance outside.

"Strict conformity to regulations established by the fire department.

"Only as American teachers set the standard that school buildings shall be safe, and clean can they be said to perform their duty in teaching civics. The building will speak louder than the teacher."

BOLSHEVIKS HAVE NO FAITH IN MEN IN KRONSTADT

(By Associated Press) Riga, Latvia, July 2—The Bolshevik government has decided not to

take any more chances with the fickle political affections of the Kronstadt sailors, once the backbone of the Soviet forces, recently the revolutionists who held Communist troops at bay for some days. The Kronstadt fortress, up to the time of the recent Kronstadt revolution, was for all purposes, more or less of an independent sailors' republic, which controlled the powerful fortress nearest Petrograd. Since the revolt there was quashed, the fortress has been put under the jurisdiction of the Seventh Army corps, with headquarters at Petrograd, depriving its garrison of any independent powers.

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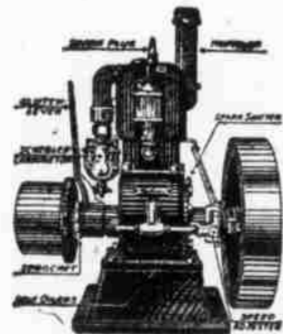
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