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Washington, July 7.—Public high schools will be short by 15,000 teachers when th efall term opens, according to estimates by A. O. Neal, of the bureau of education. The bureau recently conducted an extensive inquiry among more than 7,000 high schools in the country.

These schools now employ 65,857 teachers and will require 17,275 new teachers in the fall to provide for the normal increase in enrollment and to take the places of those who are leaving the schools for other work. Mr. Neal considers that this proportion fairly represents the general condition in high schools throughout the country, and he estimates that a total of 25,978 places must be filled before the next school term begins.

The visible supply at present does not approach that number by far. A canvass of colleges and universities to ascertain what number of graduates would take up all teaching show that of those who will adopt this calling 1,630 men and 4,742 women will choose high school teaching.

On this basis it is estimated only 16,620 members of this year's graduates from higher institutions teach in high schools. The difference, 15,358 places, must be filled from sources which are not now apparent, or that number of classes will be without instruction.

The threatened shortage is twice as great as the total number of teachers in New England, and greater than the number in New York and Pennsylvania combined.

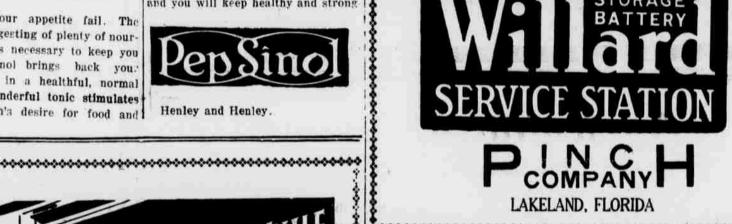
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