

DRASTIC CHANGE IN STUDY WILL SPUR STUDENTS

Pupils to Do Own Thinking
Instead of Being Guided
by Questions.

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ST. LOUIS, Sept. 7.—Pupils will do more than 80 per cent of the talking in the St. Louis public schools, under a new plan of instruction inaugurated this year.

Teachers, with their allotment of but 2 per cent, will use their time in stimulating the minds of the students to induce self-activity in "thinking and problem solving."

Conscientious teachers have had this method of instruction in mind for some time, thinking the pupils should be guided particularly in emotional development, character and appreciation for music, literature and fine arts.

F. M. Underwood, district superintendent for schools in the southern half of the city, directly responsible for the origin of the plan here, explained the method worked out by himself with the aid of principals of schools in his district.

Curiosity Challenged

The outline includes problems in history, geography, literature, and other subjects selected to challenge the curiosity and capacities of pupils and thus give them knowledge through direct thought rather than the former method of memorization, imitation and the mere following of instructions.

This year, under the new plan, pupils will learn the essential facts about the first presidential campaign in which William Jennings Bryan was a candidate by imagining themselves voters of the period expected to judge for themselves the party deserving support and their stands on free silver and other issues.

Debates and discussions growing out of the differences between pupils are expected to give them permanent knowledge of the party differences and national conditions during that period.

New Study of Geography

In like manner, they will study geography from the general standpoint of social and economic factors, finding out, by deduction, the reasons for the locations of large cities, industrial centers, agricultural districts and other general information.

Memorizing will be ordered only when the need for it is clearly apparent. It would be necessary in forming habits of correct pronunciation, physical posture, writing forms and like problems, but mastery of history dates, and other statistics will be reduced to a minimum. Underwood said.

He believes that character building which will result from correct emotional development is the most important need of school children today, and that properly directed, emotional reactions in children during their school years will do more than any other one factor in decreasing the number of criminals, morons, delinquents and other unsocial members of society.

According to the district superintendent, the field of emotional education has been but lightly touched by even the most modern of handbooks of education, and for that reason efforts in that direction will be somewhat slow and clumsy at first.

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Missouri Doctor Numbers 6,744 Babies in 'Family'



By NEA Service

BUNKER, Mo., Sept. 7.—Some day you may be walking down the street in Helsingfors or Tokio or some place and might meet somebody who hails from Bunker, Mo. If you do, the chances are 100 to 1 that he knows Doc (Dr. J. B.) Gordon, and the chances are 10 to 1 that Doc Gordon brought that person into the world.

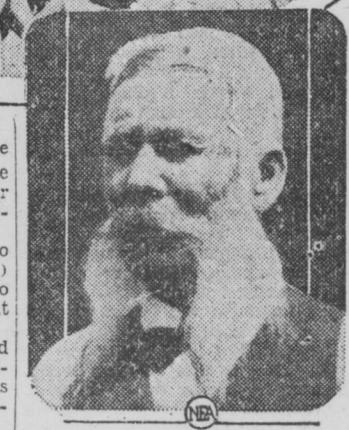
For Doc Gordon, 77-year-old family doctor of this town, has officiated at the birth of 6,744 babies during his fifty-six years of practice here.

Many of Doc Gordon's babies are grandparents now. Hundreds are parents and the others range in age from a few days to 21 years. Just the day before the celebration Doc Gordon drove several miles into the country to bring a new citizen into the world.

In 1871, Doc Gordon will tell you, he helped the stock at \$5 per head; now he gets \$25. For twenty-six years he rode horseback through woods that boasted no better highways than paths. Then he bought a horse and buggy. Now he spins over the roads in a "little car."

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MOTION PICTURES



Dr. J. B. Gordon and a few of his 6,744 "babies" are shown as they assembled recently at his home in Bunker, Mo. The doctor is in the center of the group and in the inset below.

He beams when he handles the tiny, squirming figures. He takes his work as a sacred duty.

"All these little fellows have a chance to be President some day you know," says this kindly old physician, who has spent his years ministering to the needs and brightening the days of his neighbors in this little corner of the world.

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TRAPS LAID FOR GIGANTIC WATCH SMUGGLING RING

Million Swiss Movements
Slipped Over Border
in Last Year.

By KENNETH WATSON
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WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—The customs service has launched a drive to break up the gigantic smuggling traffic in Swiss watch movements into the United States over the Canadian border.

The offensive was started by Commissioner of Customs E. W. Camp, when information furnished by Canadian officials revealed that more than 1,800,000 watch movements were smuggled into this country in the last year to avoid payment of high duty fees.

All watch movements can be imported legally into Canada for 50 cents each, regardless of value, whereas the American duty ranges from 75 cents on movements of seven jewels or less to \$10.75 on movements with more than seventeen jewels.

Canadian customs officials advised Camp last year more than 2,000,000 watch movements were imported legally into Canada from Europe. They estimate that the normal Canadian consumption would use but 125,000 of these, with 50,000 more re-exported legally to the United States.

Treasury officials say that all the remainder or more than 800,000 watch movements, either were

smuggled into this country or are being prepared for illicit entry.

Several times during the last year customs officials have apprehended men attempting to smuggle in as many as fifty watch movements in their baggage or in secret compartments in their automobiles.

The number of movements confiscated in such arrests, however, is so small in comparison with the tremendous number known to be smuggled in that Commissioner Camp has issued special instructions to the customs force along the Canadian border to try to break up the traffic.

Most of the smuggled watch movements are being disposed of to unscrupulous jewelers through fences. Even after all costs of smuggling have been paid, the watches can be sold below prevailing prices charged by legitimate merchants.

END TEACHERS' PARLEY

Institute Closes Today After Sessions Daily Since Tuesday.

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GROWERS TO MEET

National Group to Convene in South Bend.

By Times Special

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Sept. 7.—Vegetable growers from various parts of United States will gather here Sept. 10 to 14 when the Vegetable Growers' Association of America convenes for its twentieth annual meeting.

Convention sessions and exhibits will be held in Knights of Columbus Bldg. Headquarters will be in the Oliver Hotel with W. R. Beattie, Washington, secretary of the organization.

Meeting of the executive board with Indiana delegates Monday night will mark the opening of the parley. Tuesdays the delegates will visit the local market.

The various sections will divide for separate meetings Tuesday afternoon. These include the greenhouse, outdoor and supply men's sections.

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