

SCHOOLS HELD 'TOO YOUNG' TO TEACH RELIGION

Question of Bible Study Law Perplexing, Writes Miller.

"The public schools are not yet old enough in experience to permit satisfactory introduction of religious materials in the curriculum," says Charles F. Miller, city superintendent of schools in the current issue of "Our City Schools," public school home organ.

"The coming legislature, which meets in January, 1929, will consider the question once more, just as every legislature in Indiana is requested to hand down a statute which will bring some type of religious instruction into the schools," he said.

Religious instruction in Indianapolis at present is limited to reading of Bible passages without personal comment on the part of teachers.

No Question of Worth

"But there is no question that a great good could come from the introduction of the great moral and character building fundamentals of religion into our school programs."

The legislature in 1865 approved a single phrase: "The Bible shall not be excluded from the public schools of this state."

"Again in 1925 the state Legislature made it permissible for students to elect a course in religion in the state schools of higher education for credit, provided these courses were taken in a school that was not supported by state taxes."

"The challenge for Christian men and women in this situation does not require a combination to force a bill for religious instruction through committee hands of the legislative body and on to the statute books."

Open Mindfulness Urged

"The real challenge is of deeper significance and requires Christian men and women of our state to combine energies in the task of providing a certain unification of social consciousness among men."

"The church, the home, and the schools have contributed to the present social consciousness. That the results lack unity, in so far as religion is concerned, is evident from the legislative situation cited."

"The question of the introduction of religious instruction into the schools is one that needs to be faced with open mindedness by all," said Miller.

TWO TO BE NAMED ON ACCIDENT COUNCIL

New Members Will Be Appointed for School Next Week.

Two new members of the Prevention of Accident Council of the public schools will be named next week following the counting of official ballots last Wednesday by Dr. W. A. Ocker, chairman of the election committee.

At a recent meeting of the council a resolution was adopted requiring the retirement of two members at the end of each semester, and two new members elected before the end of the semester. Miss Elizabeth O'Mara, principal of School 6, and Mrs. Grace W. Kimber, principal of School 47, will be retired.

The successor of Miss O'Mara will be selected from principals of the following schools: 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, 25, 33 and 40.

The successor of Mrs. Kimber will be elected from heads of the following schools 12, 22, 30, 44, 46, 48, 49, 50, 52, 53, 63, 67, 75 and 83.

Washington

BY ROSS DORSETT

The Science Club visited the Nicholas Candy Company Tuesday and the largest turnout of this semester was seen. The memberships are coming in good and the largest number the club has had is enrolled.

The Girl Reserves recognition ceremony was held Friday. Eight members were admitted. The next meeting, which the health group is supervising, will be held Dec. 7.

Principals and eighth grade teachers of the grammar schools in the vicinity of Washington high school were entertained at a tea in the dean's office recently by Principal W. G. Gingers, and the heads and chairmen of departments. The discussion centered around courses of study for incoming Freshmen.

Guests for the auditorium exercises last week were Colonel Dougherty and Major Cathro. The latter is head of the R. O. T. C. in Indianapolis. Colonel Dougherty gave a talk on "Habit." After the address the commissions were given to the officers and sponsor officers by the colonel.

The orchestra directed by R. B. Shepard gave a group of numbers.

TROPHY GIVEN TO TECH

National First Prize Is Won by Boys' Quartet.

The largest cup in the Technical high school trophy collection also is the newest. The award just received represents the national first prize for boys' quartets, won in Chicago this spring in competition with schools from all parts of the country.

The Tech group was composed of Vincent Haines, Daniel Shattuck, Ira Hopper and William Jones.

Big-Head

A little boy in the primary grade of the Catherine Merrill school 25 became worried the other day over the futurity of any further growth on his part.

With his chin outstretched he marched up to the teacher's desk and demanded:

"How can I grow any more with my head in the way?"

Thanksgiving Program Is Given by Junior Girls



Above—Shirley Harvey (left) and Eleanor Davis. Below—Pauline Klingensmith.

VISIT INTEREST POINTS IN CITY

Pupils Pay Calls to Museum Riley Homes, Other Places.

Pupils of public grade schools have been visiting many places of interest in Indianapolis during November, reports show.

The children's museum probably received the most guests. Visitors were from schools 7, 9, 12, 21, 22, 30, 36, 69 and 78.

Local library calls were made from schools 31, 34, 38, 39, 74 and 82. Inspections of the postoffice were conducted from schools 6, 22 and 55.

Schools 7 and 12 visited the home of James Whitcomb Riley, while Riley school 43 took flowers to the poet's grave in Crown Hill cemetery.

In the course of nature studies, School 61 toured Garfield park, and children from School 81 visited Brookside park. Other schools which took up the nature trips were 73 and 49.

Many other trips have been taken through stores, fire stations, factories, packing plants, milk companies, and other places of interest.

ABOLISH FRAT HAZING

Initiations at Teachers' College Become Pink Teas.

By Times Special

MUNCIE, Ind., Nov. 30.—A new type of college fraternity which abolishes the antique form of rough initiation has been formed at Ball Teachers' college.

"The purpose of Lambda Sigma Chi is to ascertain a higher degree of moral, scholastic and fellowship standing," says Robert Milhollin, president.

Other officers of the fraternity are Dayle Keefe, vice-president; George Collins, secretary; Noel Scott, treasurer; and Francis Heaton, sergeant at arms.

Charter members: Robert Cooper, Thomas Gilbert, Morris D. Hanhart, Lawrence Hobbs, Kenneth Miller, Eugene Hiatt, William Persinger, John Poffenberger, Albert Russell, Lowell Sheets and George Scott.

Charter pledges: George Cherry, Darwin Dick; Earl Dickason, James Greene, Robert Hamilton, Russell Perrigo, John Winebrenner and Paul Whittenberger.

Two Associations Join Organizations

School 2 of Warren township and School 3 of Center township are affiliated with the state and county organizations of the Parent-Teacher Association, it was announced today by Mrs. E. R. James, president of the Marion county council of the P.-T. A.

'So Home and to Bed' Rule Bans Late Parties

Gary Students Can't Stay Out After 11:30, Is Edict.

"So home and to bed," said the General Pepps.

And "So home and to bed" is the rule at Gary, Ind., for public school social events following a drafting of new rules by school authorities.

Even little Cinderella was allowed to stay out until midnight, but the Gary youths will have to be home at 11:30 p. m., principals say.

And the bashful swain who wishes to "say it with flowers" just can't. "The rules bar the wearing of corsages at school events."

Another rule over which sentiment is divided is the law which bans after-party dinners at the corner restaurant. The girls are against it, but the boys are all for the rule.

"But, we will starve," wail the girls.

"The only girls who will starve are the ones who eat like a bird, a peck at a time," counter the boys.

NOVEL DISPLAY OF TINY 'DOGS' IS ARRANGED

Statuettes Range From Half Inch to Six Inches High at Library.

One of the most novel collections in Indianapolis will be displayed next week in the children's room of the public library, St. Clair and Meridian streets, under the direction of Miss Carrie Scott, children's city librarian.

The collection is composed of more than 100 miniature dogs of all breeds and sizes, ranging from one about half an inch high to another six inches high. One hundred ten were collected by Miss Scott while traveling on the continent. The collection of the dog statuettes is her hobby, and the unusual collection has a high value.

Case to Be Moved.

The display was in the art room of the library, but so many children came to see it that the case is to be moved. It replaces the miniature layout of the proposed municipal flying field constructed and loaned by L. S. Ayres Company.

The airport is lighted and has a flashing signal. Tiny planes are grouped about the hangars, and a blimp is moored in one corner. The entire field is about twelve feet long.

Replacing the dog exhibit in the art room is a display of Rumanian work by relatives of children of Rumanian parentage. Among the exhibits is a box pleated and embroidered skirt containing about five yards of material. It is entirely hand made.

Show Brilliant Apparel

Then there are two scarfs which were made entirely at home in Rumania from the growing of silk worms to weaving the home-made thread. There are many other brilliantly colored pieces of wearing apparel.

Donors of the exhibit all are from School 5. They are Lenita Aardlean, Victoria Poshia, Victoria Marculescu, Nick Vulk, Mary Andrie, Mary Maxine and Virginia Bolint. The display is directed by Miss Evelyn Sicks, head of the school division of the library.

LINDY'S PAL TO TALK TO PUPILS

Lieutenant D. E. Keyhoe to Address M. T. H. S.

"What's Next in Flying?" will be the subject of Lieutenant Donald E. Keyhoe, retired United States marine officer, Dec. 5 at Manual Training high school. Lieutenant Keyhoe was flying aid to Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh during his national air tour last year.

Lieutenant Keyhoe graduated from Annapolis in 1919, and has served with the marine air force since. He is an expert with airplanes and seaplanes and also is a balloon pilot, serving both in United States and tropical stations.

He has taken up commercial flying since severing his connection with the marines. He is the author of several books and articles on aviation. "Flying With Lindbergh" and several other articles written by Lieutenant Keyhoe show the personal side of the famous trans-Atlantic flier.

CHOIR TO BROADCAST

De Pauw Singers to Be Heard Over WFBM.

By Times Special

GREENCASTLE, Ind., Nov. 30.—Church services will be broadcast from 3:45 to 4:45 p. m. Sunday, by De Pauw university over WFBM, Indianapolis Power and Light company station.

The program includes a procession and recessional by the university choir, an organ prelude by Professor Van Denman Thompson, a hymn by the choir, a solo by Dean R. G. McCutchan, and a sermon by President G. Bromley Oxham.

The twenty-first presentation of the Messiah will be broadcast Dec. 15 by the university choir and De Pauw symphony orchestra assisted by Dean McCutchan, over WFBM. Other Sunday programs will be announced each week.

BUREAU PLANS SCHOOL

Solicitors in Farm Membership Campaign to Be Instructed.

Preparing solicitors for increasing Indiana Farm Bureau Federation membership, the third series of solicitors' training schools will be conducted Dec. 3 to 7, it was announced today. Two-day programs will be conducted at Marion, Bluffton, Veederburg, Delphi, Remington, Newcastle and Indianapolis. The four persons attending from each township comprise the farm bureau's township membership committee.

Pair Elected to Roines Club

Robert Manion and Philip Woerner were elected to membership at the last meeting of the Roines Club of Manual Training high school at the home of Wilbert Eggert.

Birthday Luncheon Scheduled

The Southport P.-T. A. will celebrate the birthday of its president, Mrs. Clyde Gray, with a covered dish luncheon Wednesday at the

Let It Rain! Who Cares With a Coat?



Left to Right—Lieutenant Robert McTurnan, Evelyn Brown, Billy Andrus and Captain Herbert Smith.

"Let it rain, let it pour; we don't care," say traffic officers of School 10, Thirteenth street and Ashland avenue.

Because the Parent-Teacher Association of the school have purchased rain coats and hats, "just like

regular policemen wear," for all the the boys of the traffic squad.

Captain Herbert Smith and Lieutenant Robert McTurnan, who head the squad, are shown helping little Evelyn Brown and Billy Andrus across the street.

REHEARSE FOR MANUAL PLAY

'Rosemary' Will Be Given Dec. 13 and 14.

Final rehearsals are being held for "Rosemary," the January 29 class play of Manual Training high school, to be given Thursday afternoon and Friday night, Dec. 13 and 14.

The leading character, Sir Jasper, is played by Fred Koehn. The second leads are taken by Mary Colter and Arnold Thielman. The part of the old sea captain is played by James Sanford, and Professor Jogram is played by Robert Manion.

The play is four acts and the last act action takes place on the Coronation day of Queen Victoria. The play is directed by Miss Lola Perkins.

Special costumes are being prepared and will arrive at the school next week, when dress rehearsals will start.

SCHOOL PAPER ISSUED

Several Contributors Assist Coburn Publication.

The November issue of the "Coburn Chronicle," publication of the Henry P. Coburn school, Thirty-eighth street and Broadway, was issued this week.

Contributors are Mary Catherine Stair, Georgiana Shuck, Louis Benoit, Dorothy Day, Doris Van Horn, Nancy Trimble, Harry McCelland, Bonnie Jean McKechnie, Kitty Myers, Virginia Christina, Betty Claire Bange, Patricia Porter and Robert Sliken.

ART STUDY SLATED

Classes to Meet Saturday at Herron Institute.

Despite dismissal of schools for the Thanksgiving holiday, the Saturday morning classes in art appreciation at the John Herron Art Institute will be held at 9:30 for pupils from schools 2 to 41, inclusive, it was announced today by Miss Anna Hasselman, curator.

The topic this week will be pottery, with methods and examples used. The classes will end Dec. 15, and a second session of the same course will be offered to children in schools 42 to 87, inclusive.

In addition to the classes, there are museum tours at any time, and gallery talks on the Egyptian collections.

TEACHERS SHIFTED

Leaves Are Granted to Several Instructors.

Appointments, transfers and leaves of absence were announced this week by Charles F. Miller, city superintendent of public schools, following a meeting of the board of school commissioners, Tuesday night.

Leave of absence was granted to Ethel Hightower, Mary E. Vance, Beulah Stevens and Mabel L. Roach.

Appointments were Virginia Boyer, telephone clerk at Shortridge; C. W. Hatcher, instructor in welding in Technical evening school, and the following to the reference library at Shortridge: Mary Jane Groff, Rosella Hall, Dorothy Leedy, Betty Pearce, Virginia Plock, Jeannette Riggins and Maxine Wright.

Transfers were granted to Anna Torrence from School 41 to 86; Edna Bearsworth from School 43 to 86; and Vivian White from School 26 to 87.

TECH PICKS OFFICIALS

Heads of Junior Legislature Are Chosen by Students.

Presiding officers of the junior legislature of Technical high school were announced this week. The organization was formed in the seventh-hour public speaking class.

Officers are John Holman, speaker of the house; Wayne Murphy, secretary; Liland Johnson and Nathan Roberts, clerks, and Frank Emens, sergeant-at-arms.

COURSE ADDED IN 'SUCCESS' AT BROAD RIPPLE

Show Failures the Right Way Is Intention of School Principal.

A course in "success" is being inaugurated in Broad Ripple high school through work of K. V. Ammerman, principal.

Outstanding successes and miserable failures both are problems of the average school, it is said. More attention, of course, has been given to the failures, usually on the negative side. A student as a failure is told not to do his work a certain way.

But under the new plan outlined by Ammerman in the current issue of "Our City Schools," houses organ of the public schools, a failure will be treated in a positive manner. He will be told to do a certain thing "this way," rather than not to do it "that way."

Plans Constructive Aid

"This procedure may be compared to two farmers living side by side, one of whom is a success and the other a failure," says Ammerman. "The policies and practices of the successful farmer when put in practice by the one who is failing might result in his success."

"I am capitalizing on one's achievement rather than on his failures. It is useless to discover a fault when there is no substitute to take its place."

"I hope, through research within my school, to be able to holdup before any pupil who wishes to succeed a plan which I can endorse because it has been tried and found workable."

Confers With Students

Ammerman is having a series of conferences with the most successful students individually and in groups to determine the method through which they gained success in their school work. Questions and discussions also are being used.

It is hoped, before the end of the school year, to have a plan which any pupil can follow to success.

New Safety Alphabet Is Made Public by Worley

Police Chief Claude M. Worley's contribution this week to The Indianapolis Times school page is four more verses to the Safety Alphabet. Children are urged to memorize

P. T. A. Will Serve Supper

University Heights P. T. A. will serve its second supper in the school dining room Friday night, Dec. 7. The public is invited. Room chairmen will have their Christmas party Monday at the home of Mrs. Carl Toohy, 4127 Bowman avenue.

M is for Mindful of danger around. Always be careful. Wherever you're bound.

N is for Neglect of safety advice. Beware then, and let this warning suffice.

O is for Only. There's only one way. To keep out of harm. Be alert all the day.

P is for Patience. We'd better not go. With a rush and a stumble To suiting and woe.

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