

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 Mindedness 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. Kimball, 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, 11, 14, 16, 17, 25, 33 and 40.

The successor of Mrs. Kimball 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 ceremonial was held Friday. Eight members were admitted. The next meeting, which the health group is supervising with Alice Timmons as chairman, 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. Gingery, 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 grade of the Catherine Merrill school 25 became worried the other day over the futility of and further growth on his part.

With this in mind, 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



Holiday Observance Held at Washington High School.

A Thanksgiving program under direction of the junior girls was held Wednesday at Washington high school.

The main hall of the building has been decorated for a week with pumpkins, cornstalks and autumn leaves.

The program was opened by Rev. Landy Kendall in a reading from the Bible and a prayer. The girls' glee club sang, under direction of Miss Etta Scherf.

The following were in the play: "The Mysterious Thanksgiving Guest," Philip Ross, Shirley Harvey, Norman Eldridge, Dean Berry, Eleanor Davis, Gladys Brooks and Harvey Bunday.

The program ended with a reading by Pauline Klingensmith.

VISIT INTEREST POINTS IN CITY

Pupils Pay Calls to Museum Riley Homes, Other Places.

For a Million

City Teachers Undecided If Wealth Would See Them Still at Work.

LINDY'S PAL TO TALK TO PUPILS

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

IF I had a million dollars I'd quit teaching school."

"I wouldn't. I'd keep right on teaching."

"I'd get married."

So said Indianapolis teachers when asked "If you had a million dollars, would you continue teaching?"

It was started by Professor Harry D. Kitson, professor of education at the teachers college of Columbia university. He asked 409 teachers the question in New York.

More than 100 told the professor they would keep right on teaching. They were marked 100 per cent in interest. But five said their interest in teaching was zero or less.

Teachers who had taught sixteen years or more had an average interest of 92, while those who had taught ten years or less had an interest of 75, the professor found.

"Beginners in teaching have the highest interest," said one education official. "The same interest is shown by teachers old in experience."

Teachers in the profession about three years have a very low interest in teaching. They would quit in a minute. After that their attachment to their work grows, it is said.

"Interest doesn't amount to much when one considers the many other worries confronting a teacher," an official said. "They have to please their principal, the parents, the children, the trustee, the superintendent—and the newspapers representing the public."

The question of marriage or teaching is one of the problems of the younger teachers, it is said.

"Would you rather teach or have a husband," one teacher was asked.

"Between a man or a job," she answered, "Give me a man. I'd rather take care of my own children than those of another woman."

In the New York proposition of a "job or a million," however, none of the 409 teachers were actually offered \$1,000,000.

Change P. T. A. Meeting Date

P. T. A. of John Strange school will meet Friday night, Dec. 7, instead of Dec. 14, it was announced today. The annual Christmas party and bazaar will be held on the latter date.

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, Veedersburg, 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 Woerter 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, General Pepys.

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

'So Home and to Bed' Rule Bans Late Parties

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

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THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

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 Lucetta Ohr while traveling on the continent. The collection of the dog statuettes are her hobby, and the unusual collection has a high value.

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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. The girls' glee club sang, under direction of Miss Etta Scherf.

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