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In this machine age, however, this long distance vision is unnecessary.

"We are born with it and children experience great difficulty in training those eyes, given for outside work to the studies indoors."

The result, he said, is that the boy with defective eyesight becomes nervous in school, gets fidgety, then into mischief, is demoted and quits school, joining a crowd that does not chide him because of his failures. Crime often is the next step.

An adequate visual survey in the schools, more thorough than the "scanty, superficial examination now given," is a vital need, Dr. Skeffington said.

### BARBER WAR IS RAGING

Front of Bedford Shop Wrecked After Price Cut Announcement

*By United Press*  
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Mayor to Attend Shrine Session at Toronto on June 7.

Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan will close his city hall desk and join the Murat temple delegation to the Shrine conclave at Toronto, June 7.

The local delegation will include about seven hundred Shriners, who will make the trip by special train.

### Chief Surgeon Dies

*By United Press*  
EVANSVILLE, Ind., May 22.—Dr. Edward B. Long, long a practicing physician here and chief surgeon at St. Mary's hospital, died today after a prolonged illness.

### Convention Here



G. W. Rhodes

Colonel George W. Rhodes, manager of the Indianapolis branch of the Maytag company, Newton, Ia., manufacturers of the new Maytag aluminum washer, will head the convention of more than two hundred Maytag divisional and district managers who will assemble here from six midwest states, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

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"I'm keen about the talkies and I'm sure I'll be back before long," she said at the Orthopedic hospital.

She was injured two years ago when she was kicked by a horse.

meeting of the state association at Bloomington, July 11, 12, will be drafted, Osgood said.

He has invited State Senator J. Clyde Hoffman to speak on progress made by the Indiana tax survey committee. Hoffman is chairman of the committee and has presided at the public hearings.

### U. S. TO PLACE RADIO SETS IN FOREIGN HOMES

Federal Board Hopes to Bring Education to Illiterate Class.

*By Roy C. ALBRIGHT*  
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Broadening its program for bringing isolated mountain homes education and culture through radio, the federal education office made known today plans for installing sets in "foreign" homes in American cities.

L. R. Alderman, chief of the office and supervisor of the experiment in radio education, views radio as a tremendous Americanizing influence.

Before June, more than half of the 100 radio sets donated to his office by the United States Chamber of Commerce will have been installed at remote headquarters, in schoolhouses in isolated districts, and in city homes of foreign born, he said.

It will be impossible to control the type of programs that go out to these selected groups, Alderman pointed out. He believes that news flashes, market reports, travel lectures and talks on books, food, diet and farm problems all will play a

part in bringing these individuals "in touch with the times."

The experiment itself, which will extend over three years, alone will determine which has played the major role, he said.

Students of sociology in three universities are co-operating with the office of education in the project, and it is they who will keep the battery sets in repair and make note of educational advances made by their subjects, Alderman said.

The office tells of surprising things already discovered concerning the results of radio in isolated homes.

One is the story of Walter R. Pierce of Saunderstown, R. I., who saved enough money to buy a two-tube receiver. One by one he increased the number two twelve, and at the end of two years had a radio log containing 700 stations in fifty-two counties. So many times has he brought in programs from foreign stations that six children in his family are able to mimic the accents of the foreign announcers.

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