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OPINION OF FAMOUS PEOPLE ON EDUCATION.

Educators between closing and opening of schools, discuss "What is education? What should it do? How can we form the young?" etc. Educators should start with the meaning of the word "educate" and stick to that. It means "to lead out," to bring out of the youthful mind that which is in it. It does not mean to force the opinions of teachers on that youthful mind.

Dealing with raw materials, science and industry "educate" those materials, by bringing out the best that is in them.

They seek for hardness in steel, for resiliency and wear in rubber. They don't try to make rubber of steel, or steel of the rubber. But that is exactly the process applied to many young minds.

And for that reason, in reading the biographies of many successful men, you find that their first proof of real ability was their ability to evade the processes of education.

And the greatest good fortune was an irregular education, or none. Washington says Secretary Mellon will devote his vacation to teaching banking and corporation management to his son, Paul, back from a post-graduate course at Cambridge.

An attentive son can learn more from his father than from a thousand professors put together, if his father KNOWS. And Mr. Mellon does know.

In a grave in Westminster Abbey a father and son lie side by side, Pitt, who kept Napoleon out of England, and his father, the Earl of Chatham.

Pitt, a delicate boy, was taught in youth by his father, and, later, studied statesmanship at his father's dinner table, listening to Chatham and other older men. He entered the House of Commons and was Chancellor of the Exchequer at twenty-two and Prime Minister at twenty-three.

Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt says: "Character building begins in the cradle." Parents should train children from their babyhood.

An old English horse trainer asked: "When should I begin training my colt," and told that the colt was three weeks old, said: "You have lost the three most important weeks."

Children should be trained with kindness and explanation, never with whipping or other brutality, from babyhood.

But don't waste too much time correcting and nagging concerning faults that the child will outgrow with time; and not other wise.

Dr. Frankel, learned Metropolitan Life expert, says the philosophic mind rules the child best.

Between the ages of three and fifteen, according to Dr. Frankel, each child goes through all the various stages through which the human race as a whole has passed, from the Stone Age to the present day.

"The philosophic mind," knowing that a young child is a young barbarian, and cannot be anything else, does not foolishly expect too much, and force the child to be a hypocrite.

However, one thing is more important in the bringing up of children than the philosophic mind, or anything else, and that is AFFECTION, and especially the love of a mother.

No science can take the place of that.

It is to the mind's expansion and healthy growth what food is to the body. There is no substitute.

GIVE RULES FOR MOTOR TRIPS THROUGH CANADA.

From time to time the Bureau of Motor Vehicles receives queries relating to the operation in Canada of motor vehicles bearing Pennsylvania dealer's plates. Commissioner Benjamin G. Eynon, writing to each province, gleaned the following information:

British Columbia—Use not permitted.

Manitoba—Reciprocal.

New Brunswick—No reciprocity. New Brunswick plates must be secured.

Nova Scotia—Use permitted only to bring car to destination; tourists privileges denied.

Ontario—Thirty days only.

CHILD IS STANDARDIZED, FAMOUS MOTHER SAYS

America must save its children from standardization if it is to save its soul!

That is the plea of Adrienne Morrison, famous mother of the three Bennett sisters, Constance, Barbara and Joan.

Miss Morrison herself is an actress of importance, having played in many well-known roles, including Shakespearean ones. She is of the seventh generation of actors in her family, and made her first stage appearance at the age of six months, in her father's arms.

"American children are the most patterned infants in the whole world," she said. "The American parents to have their offspring 'successes,' in the money sense of the word, is standardizing the young to a deplorable extent."

Miss Morrison feels there are many ways to counteract the machine influence of the machine age in which we live. That is, of course, if parents are willing to seek them out. She expressed it:

"Teach children to use their leisure intelligently and beautifully and they will become individuals, each of whom will be interesting in his own particular way, and will make his own contribution to life's richness."

Her own experiment as manager and director of the Children's Players is an outcome of her belief that today's youngsters need food for their imaginations, that they yearn for a sense of healthy adventure in their lives, and need clean romance and genuine glamor.

Miss Morrison has a company of professional adult actors who give the kind of plays that all children yearn for. Classic fairy tales, the best of the imaginative moderns, plays that meet the vivid imagination of the child and carry him far away into the lovely land of make-believe.

They are calculated to stir his own imagination and satisfy his hunger for beauty and adventure.

"Americans are perhaps the most machine-minded folk in the world," Miss Morrison said. "Of course any people that has pioneered its way into greatness is apt to worship the tools that helped it. But because of this mental attitude, we measure rule."

"The result? We set rules for this, that, and everything, and look askance with those who do not fall in line and follow. Of course we want our children to fit into the mold with precision and perfection. That is what is hard on the growing young!"

We stifle their individuality, kill the spirit of individual adventure, destroy their initiative and choke their imagination and desire for beauty by prescribing rules for everything. These qualities are the rightful heritage of every child. They should be fostered, not hurt.

"It is more than wrong to teach the child only how to make good in his work. America far more needs instruction in how to make good in leisure."

MUST KNOW CHANGES IN ADDRESS OF AUTO OWNERS

Motor Vehicle Commissioner Benjamin G. Eynon today called attention to the fact that motor car owners and operators who have changed their address since issuance of 1930 licenses will do well to notify the Bureau of Motor Vehicles at Harrisburg if they wish to receive applications for 1931 registration.

"Within a couple of months," said Commissioner Eynon, "the addressograph section will begin the preparation of forms and operators licenses for 1931. It is impossible for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to know when a car owner changes his address, therefore it behooves him to give us this information. Change of address must be made on Bureau Form M-18, a copy of which may be obtained in the office of any automobile club, notary public or justice of the peace.

"Unless we get immediate action from those who have changed their address, we will have a repetition of what has occurred for several years past. In other words several hundred thousands of those applications will be returned. It is a very simple matter to procure and mail one of these forms and car owners are not doing the right thing when they fail to live up to the provisions of the law."

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FARM NOTES.

—Overcrowding of chicks in the brooder house may lead to such vices as cannibalism and tail picking. Providing 40 lineal feet of hoper space for approximately 300 chicks has permitted chicks at the Pennsylvania State College to obtain all the feed desired when wanted.

—Fruit should be thinned out if the usual June drop has left more fruit on the trees than will mature properly. Thinning will improve the quality of the remaining fruit.

—Weeds must be annihilated mercilessly even if the weather is too hot for comfort. Permit no weeds to go to seed in lawn or garden. Such prevention will save work and worry in the future.

—During the summer an occasional visit should be made to the tree plantation to see if weeds and grass are overtopping the trees or whether insects are doing any damage. Tramping back the weeds and grass along the rows will allow sunlight to reach the trees. Insects can be killed by hand or controlled by appropriate measures. Consult your county agent.

—Roses must always be planted firmly. The top 2 or 3 inches of soil should be cultivated every week. Never sprinkle the rose bed; apply water freely so that plenty of moisture will reach the root system.

—Beef cattle specialists of State College recommended regular feeding and plenty of water for baby calves. Cool, airy, well-bedded quarters will provide comfort and aid gains.

—Quality products are profitable because they satisfy customers and get repeat orders.

—A good dairy cow probably consumes more water than any other domestic animal. The more feed consumed, the more water the cow requires.

—The time to select exhibits for the coming fairs and farm products shows is at harvesting. Pick uniform typical specimens rather than the largest individuals which can be found.

—Perennials which are planted for next year's borders must receive sufficient moisture to germinate the seeds. If it is not possible to plant after a soaking rain, the soil should be thoroughly saturated.

—Fewer mistakes in culling hens will be made when the flock has been properly fed and the hens given a chance to lay as many eggs as they are capable of producing.

—Strawberry beds should be renewed or renovated just after picking time. It is not always necessary to reset the plants. Your county agent can give you helpful information on this subject.

—Watch for the little red mites which hide in the cracks and crevices of roosts, supports, and walls. These small parasites suck the blood from chickens at night. A good mite paint can be used on the roosts and supports for their control.

—If rose blooms are cut before 10 o'clock in the morning and after 4 o'clock in the afternoon the flowers will not wilt so quickly as when cut in the middle of the day.

—Cows may eat and may also use for bedding, timothy hay, quack grass, etc. These roughages require from 18 per cent to 20 per cent digestible protein in the grain mixture. Such mixtures are more expensive than when alfalfa or clover is fed.

—Providing cows with proper feeds in accordance with their ability to produce and taking good care of the manure from each cow are the two sure ways for cutting down the cost of producing butterfat.

—One pound of grain should be fed for each four pounds of Holstein milk produced. One pound of grain should be fed for each three pounds of Jersey or Guernsey milk produced or feed each cow one pound of grain for every pound of fat produced by her in a week.

—The cockerels from the early

PRISONERS AIDING IN REFORESTING MOVE

A total of 1,371,476 seedlings and transplants of forest trees were shipped during May from the nursery at the new Western State Penitentiary at Rockview, according to a report of prison industries prepared by Harry F. Andrews, superintendent of prison industries.

Of the total number 975,900 of these seedlings and transplants were shipped to other states in the far west, the south and the New England states. The list of states to which shipments were made includes, Indiana, West Virginia, Michigan, Maryland, Illinois, Tennessee, Montana, Missouri, Connecticut, Iowa, Utah and New Jersey.

In addition to the foreign shipments seedlings were also provided for a watershed at the Western State Penitentiary where 35,000 young trees were shipped. The total value of the total numbers of young trees shipped from the nursery amounted to \$8,979.99.

The report also shows that during the month approximately two miles of seed beds were prepared and sown to various species of forest trees.

The value of planting seedlings and cultivating woodlots at state institutions is annually demonstrated at institutions where the lumber is cut for needs that arise. There are approximately 6,000 acres suited for the production of timber at the several institutions.

At the Warren state hospital as much as 100,000 board feet have been cut in a year for use at the institution. At the State Industrial Home for Women at Muncy a small saw mill is operated by the tractor belonging to the institution and 30,000 to 40,000 feet of lumber are taken out annually.

CAMPAINING TO AID THE SUB-NORMAL CHILD

Applications from school districts for special class teacher reimbursement, which have been received at the department of public instruction, show that there are in Pennsylvania at the present time 758 approved special classes with 11,370 handicapped children receiving instruction from specially trained teachers.

These public school classes of handicapped children include children who are mentally backward, crippled, malnourished, deaf, partially sighted blind, and with various types of speech defects—all receiving instruction adapted to their special needs.

The records show that sixty-four districts have organized special classes for the instruction of handicapped children. Philadelphia has 563 such classes. Other school districts with five or more classes are: Pittsburgh thirty-five, Harrisburg seven, Johnstown seven, Easton six, Chester five, Donora five, Lancaster five.

The 1925 assembly passed a law appropriating sufficient funds to reimburse school districts maintaining approved special classes with properly licensed teachers. The financial aid provided by this law has stimulated the organization of such classes and has proved a boon to the handicapped children in the state, officials assert.

KILL EIGHTY DEER

Pennsylvania farmers killed eighty deer during June, an increase of twenty-one over the same month in 1929.

hatches may be satisfactorily marketed as broilers.

—Fastening hardware cloth or baby chick netting under the low roosts, then slanting it down to the floor helps to teach chicks to roost when no more than a week old. The roosting habit will save many a chick from being smothered.

—Clover leaves make excellent greens and roughage for hens. There is no danger of harming the poultry if just the leaves are fed. There might be some danger in allowing them to eat the stalk because it is tough and hard to digest.

—Eggs contain phosphorus, iron, calcium, common salt, potassium, salts and sulphur in easily digested form. All of these are necessary to health and are much easier to take as fresh eggs than in the old spring tonic of sulphur and molasses.



FOR several months, sheep farmers over a wide area were at a loss to check the marauders. One moonlight night the owner of a valuable flock saw a strange dog running. Immediately he telephoned his neighbors and slipped out of the house to protect his own animals. Within half an hour he heard a distant volley of shots. Shortly his telephone rang to inform him that the killer had been caught red-handed.



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