

AN OUTLOOK FOR OUR SCHOOLS

Society recognizes that every child deserves—has the right to his education. It is of utmost importance that this child shall have an educational opportunity that measures up to his expanding capacity.

Under present conditions in most of our schools—grade and high—gifted children are seldom working up to their capacity. The race of the tortoise and the hare is duplicated under the eyes of every school teacher every day in the year.

The total efficiency of our educational plants—the biggest institution in our community, will be materially increased when we have made adequate provision for this group of children who are either asleep, bored by listening to work of a type which they recognize as inferior, or are becoming an added source of worry to the teacher because their inattention to uninteresting exercises invites ways of self amusement.

Some plans to provide appropriate opportunity for progress thru school at a rate which is best for the various abilities discovered, and to pursue studies adapted to their capacities are being carried out in our schools this year.

In the lower grades both teachers and superintendent are constantly on the lookout for children showing marked ability. Skipping of grades is our form of providing for maximum effort from children showing unusual mental acuteness and power of assimilation.

Another plan whereby a strong group of a grade is placed in a separate section and permitted to advance as rapidly as they are able, covering the subject matter outlined for this grade, may be put into operation here in the near future.

gated classes is a plan now in effect in several of our school rooms. These segregated pupils do not come into contact with other children in the course of their regular school work. The lesson assignments are more comprehensive, outside or collateral reading is required, special topics worked up and out, and individuality in their work encouraged.

Our public schools and their curriculum were built for the "average child." The bright child cannot get value received in time spent without provision for his needs and his ability.

The contribution the gifted boy or girl will make in future to the community in which they live will abundantly pay for special provision in instruction and organization in our schools.

J. F. Reed, Supt.

Timber Uninjured by Fire. Investigations made by the United States forest products laboratory indicate that timber cut from insect or fire-killed trees is just as good for any structural purpose as that cut from live trees of similar quality, provided the wood has not been subsequently injured by decay or further insect attack.

Almost Beyond Human Devising. I am trying to do two things—dare to be a radical, and not be a fool; which, if I may judge by the exhibitions around me, is a matter of no small difficulty.—James A. Garfield.

SOUTH OF LISLE

Mr and Mrs Spencer Greene, as guests of their son, Hibbard and wife, of Aurora, motored into Chicago Saturday evening and attended the Grand Opera.

Mr and Mrs E E Bain and daughter, Edna, of Chicago, came out and attended the card party and dance at Naperville Wednesday evening.

Mr and Mrs Jack Griffith visited in Chicago on Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Collins Goodrich and Mr and Mrs Frank Meyer and Mr and Mrs Paul Utley attended the card party and dance given for the benefit of St. Johns church, Naperville, last Wednesday evening.

Work at the dredge has been stopped for the winter the men returning to their homes.

Mr John Doerr of Chicago spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs Wendell Doerr.

Mr Frank Rennels of Littleton, Ia., stopped off on his way South for the winter, for a short visit with Mr and Mrs Harry Foster.

Many in this vicinity enjoyed the pictures shown by Mr Carnross at Riedy's hall Monday evening.

On Friday afternoon, December 22, there will be a Christmas entertainment at the Goodrich and Pfaff schools. A short program by the children and then a Christmas tree. Everyone is invited.

Don't forget the radio concert at the Goodrich school December 22. Everybody welcome. Be sure and come. You will enjoy it. Mr Charles Miller is confined to

his bed with a severe attack of grip. Little Donald Miller has been sick for the past few days.

Mrs Paul Utley and son spent Sunday afternoon with relatives in Naperville.

But Not in Sympathy.

If you get cold feet, your friends are apt to make things hot for you.—Reading News-Times.

Damascus Retains Old Wall. Damascus is surrounded by a dilapidated wall six miles in circumference.

TO THE WOMEN OF DOWNERS GROVE

One of the dates on your program for next week should undoubtedly be the meeting of the League of Women Voters to be held Tuesday, December 19, at the new home of Mrs. H. S. Paine in East Maple avenue.

Our new representative, Mrs. Lottie H. O'Neill, has asked the League to keep in touch with legislation carried on at Springfield this winter. To

help the women of the Grove in the committee in charge has engaged Miss Edith Rockwood, of Chicago, to speak on legislation that is expected to come up at Springfield during the next session of the legislature.

Plan to be present, next Tuesday, December 19.

Oratory Analyzed.

What orators lack in depth they make up in length.—Montesquieu.

Origin Lost in Antiquity. Origin of the word Asia remains unknown.

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A Vision of Christmas-

"Twas the night before Christmas and all thru the house—" and so on to the finish—"A Merry Christmas to all and to all a Good Night."

What visions of the past the rendition of this Christmas classic brings to us. It recalls the days of our childhood when the thought of Santa Claus, of Christmas, and of presents filled our every waking moment.

That is the kind of Christmas I wish for you this year. A christmas Season when your feelings will be one with those of the little children — no thought of the every day world—no doubt of the goodness of everything — just a state of mind in which you enjoy to the fullest the blessings of the Christmastide.

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