

Highly Critical Audience Watches Opening of Schools

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Principal Asks For Fund Support

E. B. Comer, principal at Newport School, has requested the aid of individuals, alumni and civic groups in making the Newport School Endowment Fund grow.

The fund was started four years ago, the purpose being to help worthy students finance their college education. Mr. Comer reports that one student benefited from the fund two years ago and another this past year.

But the fund amounts to only slightly more than \$200 and therefore is not of substantial help to college students.

Persons who would be interested in contributing to the fund, or organizations which would consider raising money for the fund are invited to contact Mr. Comer at the school.

There's good news for mothers in girls' dresses with hems that can be lowered for lengthening without leaving a crease.

A highly critical audience is watching the opening of school this fall. It is to be hoped the events of the past year will not blunt their judgment.

Following Sputnik, we have heard a great deal about education in the USSR — school six days a week; and for the ablest students who are not diverted at 14 into the labor reserve and technical schools, ten years of mathematics, four years of physics and four years of chemistry; government scholarships for all talented youth; two and a half times as many engineers and scientists being graduated each year as in America.

Does this mean that only a blind imitation of the Soviet system with a one-sided emphasis on science and technical education will save the day? Or does it mean that we parents must examine our attitude toward our schools to determine what meaning American education should have.

A carefully planned program to educate the scientists and engineers that our defense forces and industry need so badly is, of course, vital. But it is even more

important that American children should not grow up to be illiterate; that they get a good basic education, which is so essential to our democracy and our economy.

We can't have peace, prosperity and progress without an educated citizenry. Even our scientists need to relate their discoveries to man's whole history and to communicate intelligently with their fellow men.

None of this should give educators or the American public generally the comfortable excuse that no changes are needed.

While the Soviet program of education must be avoided, this does not mean that the Russian achievement and toughness in demands on the minds of able students should not be taken as a lesson.

In the days before World War II, German science and technology were probably as far ahead as the USSR appears to be today.

Yet, the stamina and integrity of the minds and hearts of the free world, overcame the handicap.

Two New Teachers Join Faculty at Camp Glenn

R. W. Davis, principal of Camp Glenn School, has announced the names of two new teachers on his faculty for the 1958-59 term.

They are Mrs. Mary Holt Richardson, who comes here from Stanhope School, Spring Hope. Mrs. Richardson is a teacher gained due to the increased enrollment last year. She will teach fourth grade.

The other new faculty member is Miss Mildred Hamilton, who replaces Mrs. Margaret Fulcher as a sixth grade teacher.

Other faculty members remain the same. They are John Duncan, Thomas Cordova, Miss Margaret Hall, Miss Helen Collie, Miss Joyce Ann Taylor, Mrs. Patti McKinley.

Miss Annie Fleming, Mrs. Mamie Swain, Mrs. Etta Duke, Mrs. Lallah Williams, Mrs. Mary Brown, Mrs. Cora Russell, Mrs. Vera Freeman.

Mrs. Inez Lina, Mrs. Rosalie Davis, Mrs. Betty Sewell, Mrs. Esta Lee Pigott, and Mrs. Sallie Mason.

The enrollment at Camp Glenn

is expected to be 30 to 40 more than last year. Floors in the school have been refinished over the summer.

Mr. Davis also said that the swamp area which has been filled in in front of the school will be sown in grass seed and shrubbery will be planted.

He said that the school wanted the place filled in because water was always lying in it, children would get in it, and snakes were also known to inhabit the place.

Classroom Interiors At Beaufort Painted

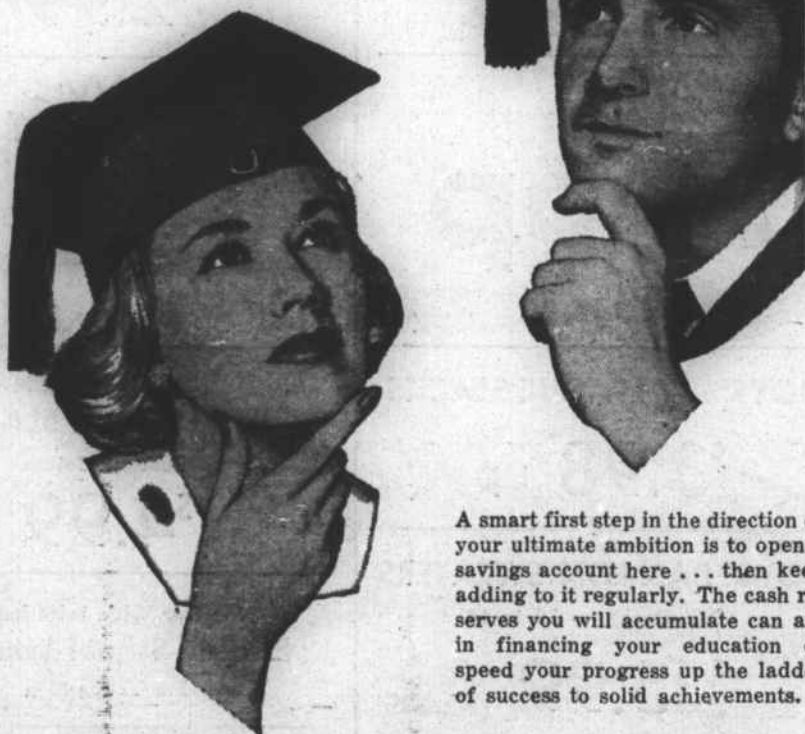
All classrooms in Beaufort School have been painted this summer and floors cleaned and waxed. Hallways will be painted this winter.

Because the former band room is now converted to a cafeteria, there is no band room. B. E. Tarkington, principal, said that consideration is being given to obtaining a quonset hut as a band room.

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