

# School And Your Child

By JOHN COREY

"You can raise your child's IQ." That's the word in a current "Parents Magazine" article. And, says "Parents," it's parents' duty to try to raise their youngster's IQ because IQ is the open sesame to success.

The feature recommends that this can be done by reading at home, library visits and family discussions. It even suggests a six-month drill regimen that's supposed to boost a rating 15-20 points.

"Education, U. S. A.," a Washington publication, editorializes that this type of information is "Guaranteed to give you shudders."

"Granted, IQ tests are not perfect, and sometimes they carry too much weight, but it doesn't help matters to scare parents."

Further, states "Education, U. S. A.," "Certainly, one should stimulate a child's mental growth, but not for the narrow motive of IQ-hiking. Encouraging parents' hyperpretensions this way can induce child hypertension."

What do education professionals, men who know and work at their trade, say about raising IQ?

"For children from typical homes there is little chance that IQ can be increased," reports Dr. Robert F. Topp, dean of Northern Illinois University's college of education at DeKalb.

"About all a parent can do to make sure that his child has full benefit of his native capacities is to provide him with the best care physically, create a home atmosphere rich in learning opportunities and give him lots of love and discipline."

Needless to say, parents who project their own ambitions on their children and pressure them too much are more likely to harm than to help."

Dr. Topp explains that probably the maximum IQ one can attain is set by his inheritance, while environment—all those social, intellectual, emotional and physical conditions that surround a person—determines the extent to which the person attains this maximum limit.

"It is fairly certain that no one ever actually reaches his highest intellectual development, simply because it is quite impossible to create the perfect environment for each individual."

Occasionally changes take place in a child's IQ or seem to take

place, Dr. Topp admits. Once in a while a test is poorly administered or the child does not, or cannot apply himself to the test experience and subsequent testings may produce higher or lower IQ's.

Frequently when a child is taken from an orphanage or a substandard home and placed in a home rich in cultural, physical and emotional resources, his intelligence quotient rises. A change from a low standard school to one of quality can shoot it up.

Sometimes when a physical problem such as defective hearing of vision, malnutrition or diabetes is discovered and corrected the IQ as measured by tests will become higher, says Dr. Topp.

It is not unusual for a child or adult suffering from an emotional ailment not to function with full efficiency intellectually and such individuals may score lower on intelligence tests than they should.

When the problem is corrected their IQ's will seem to increase. If a child comes from a foreign country, particularly if the mother tongue is spoken in the home, his scores on group intelligence tests may be detrimentally affected.

Intelligence test scores made on infant intelligence scales have little predictive value for later intellectual status, Topp adds. After the age of two, intelligence test scores have somewhat more predictive value but not until the later elementary school ages and the IQ score obtained is a true measure of this phase of intelligence or that it will remain relatively constant.

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**THREAT TO DOLLAR**

A Yale University economist declared that the "major danger" to the dollar is the huge short-term claims accumulated by foreigners against the United States gold reserves.

Professor Robert Triffin told the Senate-House Economic Committee that these claims now exceeded by more than \$1,000,000,000 the \$18,000,000,000 of American gold stocks.

What is needed he said, is "a fundamental reform of the international monetary system."

# Labor Survey Here Success

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Industrial Committee and the Rural Development Committee, I commend you for your splendid cooperation during the recent labor survey.

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# Know The Weather

By EDWARD H. SIMS

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Some people do not realize that a foot or two of snow is not an unusually heavy fall. Snow is so light that a fraction of an inch of rain is often the equivalent to more than a foot of snow!

Sleet is the most damaging and most dangerous of the three types of precipitation, causing slippery highways, foliage damage and adding excessive weight to wires, etc.

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