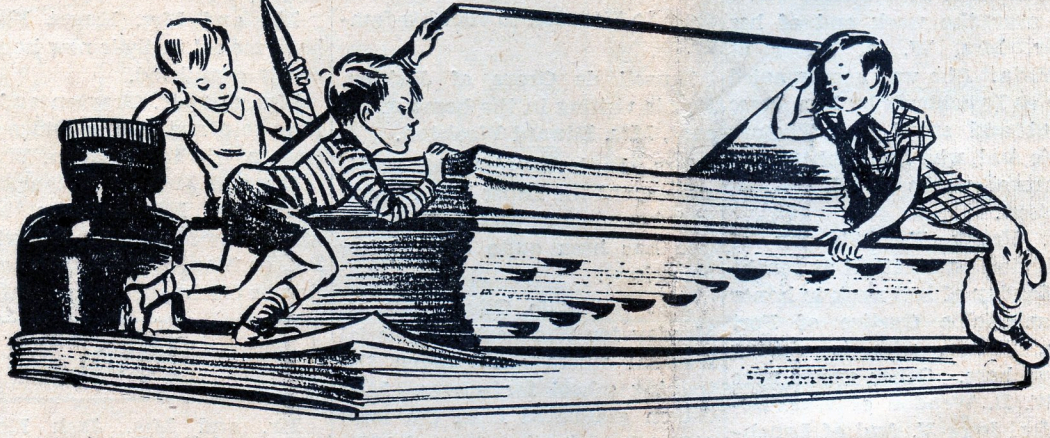


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Instruction Must Meet Need Of Times

By O. L. EMERICK, Superintendent Of Schools

I wish to express to the editorial staff of The Loudoun Times-Mirror our deep appreciation for the sympathetic understanding and friendly assistance with our school news.

As we open our schools for another session it is our earnest desire that the school work this year will be better than ever before. We want to work hard and effectively, play hard and fairly and do all things properly and well that are needful to develop and cause to grow with the optimum rapidity all the desirable embryonic talents of the school pupils.

It is the task of the schools to do for our youth those things that they most need and that will not be done some other way. The main function of the schools is generally conceded to be the intellectual development of our youth. However, we must recognize that there

is the opportunity for every teacher to exert a powerful influence on the spiritual and moral growth of her pupils. The good teacher does not neglect this opportunity.

Again, we can do much to protect and improve the health of school children. There is a definite obligation here. To many of our children it is more important to have them given the proper dental care, in case of neglect, than to teach them any subject listed in our school curriculum.

We look forward to a year of progress and improvement along all phases of school activities. I make this appeal to the parents that you will keep your children regularly in school, that you send them to school each morning refreshed by a night of rest and above all when things go wrong

at school we invite you to visit the teacher to talk about the problem. You are invited to visit the schools at any time, too.

The world in which we live is becoming rapidly more complicated. The task of the schools is increasing in direct proportion to these complexities of our existence. We must change, improve and advance in all directions. What we teach and how we teach and the conditions of our teaching must be constantly subjected to the test of the needs of life itself in our rapidly changing world. I appeal to all of our people in Loudoun to study analytically our school needs and to be informed of the progress and developments among our neighbors in other counties and states and then be willing that our own conditions be forfeited and improved.

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