

Schools Should Supply Culture

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It is difficult for those of us who belong to the last generation to realize that the day when the high school's sole responsibility was scholarship is past. A new vision of the school's obligation to the community has broadened our field and increased our task until nothing that affects the life of the girl or boy is extraneous to the interest of the school and its officials.

Most of the girls in our high schools today are between the ages of 14 and 18; a few are under 14 more perhaps are over 18; but the mass will be found to be within the given limits—the age of change and unrest. What are the needs of these girls?

Need of Program

Perhaps there is nothing so soul satisfying to the administrative officer as the well organized plan for the year's work—a teacher's schedule, a room schedule, a program card for every pupil and everything in readiness to push the button on the opening morning. It does seem that it should all work smoothly. The first day, as we all know too well, closes with chaos in the vicinity of the main offices. Most com-

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plaints are easily adjusted. But here is Mary who weeps because she has been assigned to sewing, or cooking, or biology, or almost anything. It doesn't matter, just what—Mary is 15. She had a vision of what her program might be and lo! it seems to be something else. Mary's trouble are real, as Mary at 15—more real, more serious, more poignant than they will ever be again. She needs to confer with someone not immersed in the general rush of routine duties; someone with time, patience, and understanding, to whom she may pour out the cause of her dissatisfaction. It is useless to tell her she must follow her program. She is 15 and unhappy. The school, exists to serve her in the interests of the community. It is vital that Mary shall approach her work happily. Nobody can estimate the value of Mary as an asset if she determines to make her life a success; nobody can estimate her possibilities for harm, if she remains discontented. The school must not fail. Here is a task for a dean of girls.

Other "Marys"

There are other unhappy Marys in every school; and of no two are the causes of their miseries, real or imaginary, identical. Sometimes it is a broken family—the father and mother have separated; or there is a step-parent. Sometimes there is financial depression in the home the father out of work; the mother ill. The prolonged interview with Mary brings out the real cause of her distress. The vital task is to help her adjust her difficulties to see them in their right relation, to recognize herself as a responsible member of society whose business it is to live in peace and comparative happiness with her family.

In every high school is the girl who tries to conceal her real complexion from the world. She admires lips of carmine, such as blaze on the covers of cheap fiction magazines. She affects the plucked and penciled eyebrows; she likes her lashes separated with messy black pigment; and she especially admires the vivid orange-red cheek bones, surrounded with an undue amount of powder applied in hasty daubs, or slightly revealed through a solid mask of white wash. Who shall deliberately, persistently, gently, convey to her the fact that our external appearance is not our own business, except in the privacy of our own rooms; that, when we go forth to mingle with our kind, good taste demands that we shall consider the standards of those with whom we would associate, and that we may not offend with impunity. Here again is work for a dean of girls.

Closely allied to the girl with the excessive make up, is the girl who wears inappropriate clothing. If long dresses and are fashionable, hers are the longest; if tight skirts are worn, hers are the tightest; if short sleeves are in vogue, hers are the shortest; if earrings are dangling, hers are most conspicuous for their length, breadth and brilliancy. One girl so arrayed seems like fifty. She is omnipresent. Her chosen field for conquest is the gathering place of the athletic teams.

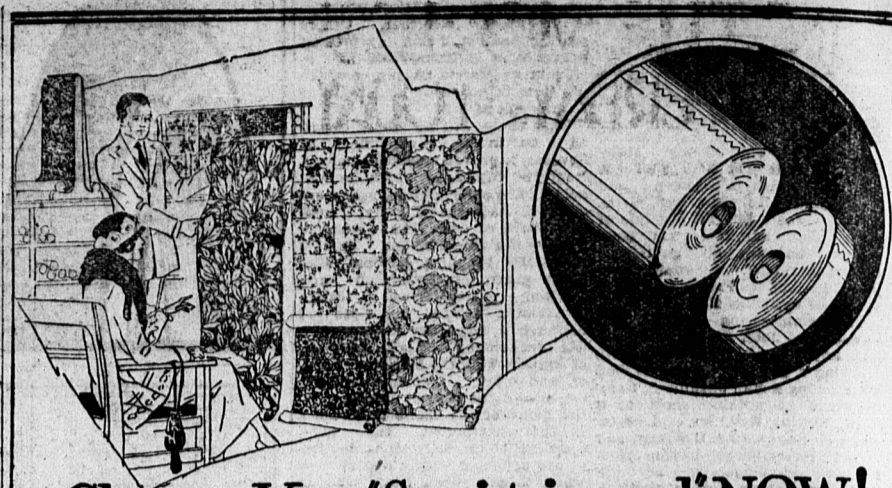
The gathering of evidence requires time; the evaluation, judgment; and the decision, courage. Who in a school faculty will undertake the task except the dean of girls?

Home Conditions Inadequate

Katherine, ambitious, determined, trustful, with home conditions wholly inadequate to help her fulfill her ambition, wishes a high school diploma. Her mother has not learned to read or write. The family finances are low. She needs clothing and school supplies. She doesn't wish to be an object of charity, but she does need money. Can we find a place for her to work after school? She can take care of children. Perhaps there will be an opening later; but in the meantime she must continue. A loan is arranged for, Katherine borrows on her note whatever she needs to meet immediate demands. Katherine's private financial affairs must not be known to her fellow students. Her business transactions must be carried on confidentially. Who shall manage this and all similar cases? Who so well as the dean of girls?

In no way can a dean so directly reach all normal girls as through an organization with membership dependent only on enrollment. A girl's presence in the school makes her perform a member of the organized group. Girls desire popularity and leadership, and in an organization they readily see an opportunity to have their efficiency recognized.

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