

FORMALISM SCORED IN ADULT TRAINING

Keep Study Alive and Out of 'Straight-Jacket,' Educators Warn at Conference

LEADERSHIP IS STRESSED

Democracy Makes Increasing Demands Upon the Voters, Dr. Gulick Declares

Increased attention by adult education to the development of leaders capable of dealing with current problems was advocated yesterday at the sixth annual meeting of the New York Adult Education Council at the Hotel Astor.

A warning was issued by school authorities against placing adult education in a "strait-jacket" of formalism. More freedom and elasticity for experimentation were proposed to keep adult education vital and alive.

Dr. John H. Finley, president of the council, presided at the luncheon. An interpretation of the Regents Inquiry volume dealing with adult education was given by Dr. Luther Gulick, director.

Rise in Adult Education

In discussing "Self-Education Beyond School," Dr. Gulick called the desire on the part of adults to return for further education "one of the great phenomena of our time." One important factor that has given rise to this interest in self-education, Dr. Gulick told the 200 educators at the meeting, was the demand made in a democracy for the attention of the electorate.

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EXILED REMARQUE ARRIVES IN U. S.

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Three well-known writers arrived yesterday on the Cunard White Star liner Queen Mary from Europe. Erich Maria Remarque, expatriated German author of "All Quiet on the Western Front," is making his first visit to this country. Mrs. Marie Belloc-Lowndes, British author, and Frederick Lonsdale, British playwright who is en route to Palm Beach, also were aboard.

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Looking forward to a more active and busier Sixth Avenue midtown sector as a result of demolition of the elevated street and the construction of the subway line, the Sixth Avenue Association announced yesterday it would sponsor a competition for the beautification and re-design of Herald Square and Green Square Parks.

These little triangular areas at Herald Square between Third and Fourth and Thirty-fifth Street and Greeley Square between Third and Third and Thirty-third Street and Sixth Avenue meet Broadway in an upset state now due to subway work and the razing of greater part of the elevated street there.

The Sixth Avenue Association, however, hopes that they will be made over into restful green spaces in keeping with the restful thoroughfare despite the fact of the lack of adequate soil for the planting of large trees.

V. Clement Jenkins, president of the association, said the members and property owners were especially desirous of seeing a better than heretofore existed for the statue of Horace Greeley in Herald Square, now boarded up to be removed during the subway construction period. The statue of William Dodge in Herald Square is also boarded up and the ground squares in turn up.

The contest, designed to attract architects and landscape architects will close on Sept. 1. The names of the judges and the amount of the awards will be announced.

Mr. Jenkins said the plans would be submitted to the city for its possible use, done in the association's name for a design for Bryant Park which the winning plan adopted by the Department of Parks. A public exhibition of plans submitted for Greeley Herald Squares will be held at Sixth Avenue group.

TO HONOR GOUDY TOI

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Frederic W. Goudy, the old designer of 108 famous faces, will be guest of honor at a meeting of 1,000 representatives of printing and advertising organizations at the Hotel New York tonight at 8 o'clock. A test fund gathered by the annual

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Thomas Fandler of New York University, one of the authors of the report, denied that it was as out of date as Mr. Starr charged.

The annual report of the Adult Education Council, entitled "The Council and the Community," was made by Winifred Fisher, executive director.

Studying the motives that accrete adults to take courses, Miss Fisher found that men and women want to enroll to get better earnings, to get new skills or keep up with old ones, to meet new people, to be with other people, because it is something a citizen should do, to relax or loaf, and to do something different.

Information on 29,000 educational and recreational adult activities are now filed at the council's office, Miss Fisher declared.

The following new members of the Board of Directors were elected: Robert P. Lane, A. Hyatt Mayor, Fred G. Randall, J. Selwyn Schapiro and Clarence C. Stoughton. Directors re-elected included Morris E. Siegel, Albert M. Jones, Edward C. Lindeman, Mrs. Caroline O'Day, Mark Starr and Caroline A. Whipple.

DANISH HEIR AT ST. THOMAS

Prince Frederik and His Wife Are Guests at Reception

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES. CHARLOTTE AMALIE, Virgin Islands, March 23.—Morris de Castro, Acting Governor of the Virgin Islands, was host today to Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark and his wife, Crown Princess Ingrid, and also Vice Admiral Adolphus Andrews, President Roosevelt's representative, who arrived yesterday aboard the cruiser Indianapolis.

Although the visit of the royal couple was unofficial an elaborate program was prepared in their honor. Upon their arrival here this

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Mr. Remarque is accompanied by a friend, Otto Klement, who acts as an interpreter for him when he gets into difficulties with the English language.

Mrs. Belloc-Lowndes said her new book, "Lame Jordan," is the fictionalized version of the famous Fall River murder. She added that the book would carry a subtitle asserting "This is a novel of conjecture."

TWO PENSION FUNDS HELD MENACE TO CITY

Police and Fire Accounts Must Be Revised, Riegelman Warns

A warning that unless the pension funds of New York city police and firemen are placed on a sound actuarial basis the city will be carried millions of dollars over its debt limit and forced to suspend for many years all capital outlays for schools, hospitals and other city buildings was given by Harold Riegelman, counsel to the Citizens Budget Commission, Inc., before a meeting last night in the City Club of several civic organizations.

Current deficiencies in the two funds amount now to more than \$100,000,000, he said, which automatically becomes a part of the city's long-term debt under a constitutional amendment taking effect July 1, 1940, unless the two funds are placed on a sound basis meanwhile.

He pointed out that under the present regulations of the two pension funds policemen contribute only 2 per cent of their salaries toward their pension fund and the firemen nothing. Other city employees contribute 5 to 8 per cent of their salaries toward their pension funds, he said.

More than sixty-five persons representing forty-two organizations in New York City and Westchester



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"Mr. Putnam now is living on the West Coast and the sale contract was signed by him when he came to New York recently," Mr. Babbitt explained. "He did not go to look at the home he was selling nor did he even look at some Scarsdale property that I gave in part payment."

In the dwelling are many reminders of Miss Earhart. A wall of one room is papered with aviation maps she had used. A closet contains trophies and mementoes of her aerial exploits. The gardens are partly of her design.

L. Richard Bamlerger, New York broker, who now is occupying the house on a lease said he assumed Mr. Putnam would send for the objects that are stored here.

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