



COLLEGE REPORT

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During the 19th Century, the United States spread from a narrow strip on the Atlantic seaboard over the largest land mass ever developed in such a brief period. Across the continent Americans built railroads and highways, established communities, cultivated farms, dug mines, and constructed factories and skyscrapers beyond the most fanciful dreams of the founding fathers.

They laid the foundation for a common culture upon the single national language that they taught to wave after wave of immigrants; they entered upon the most

SINCE 1900 social changes continued at an even faster pace with mass education taking its major role in the dramatic growth of a maturing nation. Before the availability of power machinery about ninety percent of the world's manpower went into raising and processing food.

Arnold Guyot in his famous geography published in 1868 could write that "tilling the soil, called farming or agriculture, is the principal business of the people of nearly all the States"; but about 1875 the number of Americans employed in agriculture fell for the first time below the number engaged in non-agricultural pursuits, and today the percentage has plummeted below ten per cent.

Correspondingly, population has flowed from the hinterlands into the mobile and cosmopolitan cities, making the United States largely an urban culture; and in the past two decades

it has spread out from the cities into wider and wider suburbs. Now demographers predict that by 2000 A.D. continuous megalopolises will stretch along the Atlantic Coast from Virginia through Massachusetts and along the Pacific from San Diego to Santa Barbara.

WITH THE cities meanwhile new professions have arisen to supplement the traditional three. In 1870, for example, the United States had only about 8,000 dentists, but by 1950 their number had increased ninefold to about 75,000. During this same period total population of the United States increased four times, but the number of journalists multiplied 18 times, of chemists 75 times, of engineers 76 times, and of designers and draftsmen more than 144 times. Similarly the 4,000 librarians of 1900 increased nearly 14 times to 55,000 in 1950 and during the same half century the

number of nurses expanded from 12,000 to 403,000 or nearly 34 times.

These random statistics suggest the magnitude of the educational task that 20-Century American society has faced, but the fact of urbanization alone has had additional effects. The American people began to send their children to school for longer periods than ever before in history because they have had nowhere else to send them. Urban children could seldom assist their families financially as could farm children.

CHILD LABOR in the cities virtually disappeared, and employment for youth grew scarcer. Some 77 per cent of the 18-and 19-year-old youth of 1920 had full-time jobs, but less than 43 per cent of the same age group found work in the period immediately preceding the second World War. Surplus young people of earlier generations could

Hearing Set on Junk Yard Plan

A hearing on proposed amendments to county laws governing the operation of automobile junk and salvage yards has been set for Oct. 31, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.

The proposed regulations, which were recommended by the Regional Planning Commission, were reviewed and the Oct. 31 hearing was set by the Board of Supervisors yesterday.

"Anyone interested in speaking to Supervisors on this issue should plan on attending the session," Chace said.

THE amendments would establish tighter restrictions on operators of auto dismantling, junk and salvage yards, Chace said. Included in the restrictions are certain site development standards, as well as operational changes.

The site standards would include a minimum 8-foot fence or wall surrounding the yards, as well as paving of the interior lots. Landscaping standards are set down for the exterior.

OPERATORS would be required to conduct all their business inside the fence or walls, removing unsightly dismantled cars from public view.



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