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The Public Schools Should Speak Up

is of course, and not consequently by their silence the schools vanning their closeness to patrons, are ming to appear as a great enigma, ho are the critics. A fair sampling at include Mrs. Rebecca, O. Ham, a clotte parent; the University of Illiperior of the consequently and the consequently and the president part of the consequently and the president state.

ucator: Dr. Maynard M. Boring, and dustrial leader, and the President of e United States. What are they saying? Mrs. Ham wonned in a letter to The News why her n should be compelled to study cooking and sewing in the seventh grade at deefield High when he "is clamoring be a scientist." Dr. Bestor asserts that e have wasted an appalling part of time of our voung people on trivities." Dr. Boring regrets that: "We we eared our education for the avere eight. We will do all sorts of things the unfortunates—the lower group but we don't do a thing for the outning kids with high intelligence." The President has called upon school rids, parent-teacher associations and rested eithers to scrutinize curricand standards to see whether and standards to see whether we are entering.



The Worth of Schools

Must Be Measured

any given moment are the product of
decades of changing trends and new
ideas—and of apparent changes in the
needs of students. Nothing could be
more dangerous than hurried and hysterical attempts to reorganize the school
system every time it comes under public criticism.

This point was accepted four years
are by President A. Whitney Griswold
of Vale University in a speech deploring the "symptoms of ill health" in the
public schools: "I don't think we should
heap abuse upon our public-school colleagues—far from it. There are many
historical reasons why these things
should be so."

But President Griswold added: "Yet
I submit that there are no excuses why
they should continue to be so."

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THE unanswered criticism of the schools has produced in many thoughtful parents a genuine puzzlement over the state of these institutions. In view of the circumstances it is not unreasonable for them to wonder whether their children are being educated properly.

It seems to us that if there is a case for the so-called "life adjustment" courses in the schools the educators ought to state that case and thus guard against a loss of public confidence. President Eisenhower's challenge to American communities to re-evaluate their schools has been endorsed in Mecklenburg by the Chamber of Commerce Study Committee on school consolidation. "We need to determine" the committee said. "the adequacy of the instruction offered in science and other fields for the proper preparation of our

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Tills ice over the great lakes of official nomposity in Washington is very thin indeed and skillful skating is required to avoid falling through. The fall of Presidential Press Secretary James C. Hagerty has caused a great splash in the public prints. Well that is should because Mr. Hagerty once was a formation over-inflated political cost. Hagerty has now become a target of reportorial medies because on more than one occasion he has referred to the President as "we"—implying, one supposes, that the presidency is composed of Dught D. Essenbower and James C. Hagerty when a senator flying to Chicago with the President developed, a mose-bleed, one reporter thinking the President for the facts. Non-plussed for a moment, Hagerty replied. "Oh, you thought it was us, she" asked eather if the President planned to go to Chicago.

From The Raleigh News & Observer

THE ICE-RICH MAN

Adenauer Is A Rock Around Which Flowers Bloom

Strength Enough If Pulled Together

remarked the Chanceller, something very like general or ordization of the Western Al-But now, he added, in the

GRAIN OF HOPE

Logrollers Prepare For Bloody Battle Over The Budget

'Can You Hurry? We're In An Important Race'

People's Platform

Pay Television Bill

Should Be Defeated

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-HOWARD BELL'E

Drew Pearson's How FCC Boss Bought ATV Set

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