

edge of educational processes, and local school districts are told that they take these people or it will be operated by other agencies; then it will not and cannot work to the full benefit of the child.

Please place the administration of the Headstart program in the U.S. Office of Education.

Proposed adult education program: I recommend a program of adult education at the high school level, for the thousands of people in this country who quit high school before they completed the requirements for graduation. The requirements here could possibly be the same as for the high school age child now enrolled. Most of these people who quit high school realize that they made a mistake and now have a strong desire to go back and finish high school. Due to obligations to families and employment, these people cannot attend a regular school program. Then, too, many would be embarrassed to go to school with their children and have to compete with a young energetic mind.

The same school facilities and equipment could be utilized to operate such a program. This would mean that public schools could be used more hours in a day and longer periods in the year. Why should they sit idle?

Think of what this would do to improve the capabilities and the wage earning power of the people of this country, and what it would do to improve the overall thought as to our responsibility to education of all. Consequently, the financing of a total educational program will be better received with higher values and everyone will be the recipients one way or the other.

School construction: A shortage of classrooms for the general education of children is now at the critical stage. But, it will be more critical before funds are available and classrooms can be constructed. Most of the school districts in Kentucky have extended their bonding ability to its capacity. Yet, the needs have not been met. I am sure this exists in most, if not all, other States.

The new programs of education are going to require additional classrooms. Where are they to come from? We need the aid of the Federal Government toward financial aid for the construction of classrooms and other educational facilities.

I do not believe nor propose that this be carried out by the Federal Government alone; that it should be a combined effort of the local, State, and Federal Governments. That if Congress would enact legislation for school construction, with matching funds to come from the local and State governments, then this classroom shortage could be met in a very few years.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity of presenting my statements on behalf of education. I am very humble and honored that you have granted me the time.

The Middlesboro Board of Education asked me to extend their appreciation to each of you for your untiring efforts to the education of the children of Middlesboro and the Nation. In behalf of the Middlesboro Board of Education, I would like to extend an invitation to any or all of you to visit Middlesboro and to see the real values that have come from your programs.

Thank you again.