

The New—in Review

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TEACHING IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL. The secondary school and its changing curriculum is focusing the attention of many writers. In recent years many books have been written on the problem of teaching in the secondary school. *Teaching Adolescents in Secondary Schools*, by Harry Rivlin, is reviewed here because it is a book which is directed to the classroom teacher. The success of any educational program, no matter how lofty its aims may be, depends upon the teacher in the classroom. In this book the author has "tried not only to give the new teacher the help he needs in solving his most pressing problems, but also to develop a point of view toward teaching and toward his students that should help him to solve countless other problems which have not been discussed."

A sampling of chapter headings include these topics: The Teacher and the Changing Secondary School Curriculum, How Can the Teacher Apply Generally Accepted Principles of Good Teaching, The Unit Plan of Teaching, Making Learning Concrete, Managing a Classroom, and The Beginning of a New Term.

Although the book is directed primarily to the new teacher, the experienced teacher will also find it useful.—Appleton-Century-Crofts, Inc., New York. Price \$3.

RADIO WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN, by Jennie Waugh Callahan, is a book which will be helpful to teachers interested in producing radio programs. Many teachers have found that the children gain valuable experiences in the process of writing and producing their own radio programs. With increased use of disc, tape, and wire recorders it is not necessary to have a broadcasting studio and station to provide this valuable activity.

Radio Workshop for Children is a how-

to-do-it book. "It covers all the details of running a school workshop: the building of programs from all subjects in the school curriculum, the initial-to-final steps in writing various kinds of broadcasts, the detailed directions for auditioning children, casting, rehearsing, and broadcasting programs in which pupils perform."

The book is concise and clear in its description of the various aspects of radio production. To the teacher who wants to use radio production as a classroom activity, this will be a valuable aid.—McGraw-Hill Book Company, price \$3.75.

ARITHMETIC 1948 is a monograph which includes the papers presented at the Third Annual Conference on Arithmetic held at the University of Chicago, July 7, 8, and 9, 1948. Teachers of arithmetic should find in this monograph many ideas and suggestions for improving their teaching. Some of the topics discussed are: Multi-Sensory Aids, Evaluating Outcomes of Instruction in Arithmetic, The Meanings of Problems, Place of Workbooks, Organization and Administration of the Arithmetic Program in the Elementary School, and the Professional Preparation of Teachers. Available from The University of Chicago Press, \$2.50.

THE EDUCATIONAL MOTION PICTURE. Perhaps no teaching aid has received as much attention during the past ten years as the motion picture film. Teachers and administrators have been concerned over the use of this valuable tool in the classroom. *Film and Education*, edited by Godfrey Elliot, is a book which has drawn together into one volume all of the important facets bearing upon the educational motion picture.

The thirty-seven chapters are written by a specialist in the field. Here in one

place has been brought together some of the best thinking on the subject. The book is divided into five sections: The Nature of the Educational Film, The Film in the Classroom, The Educational Film Elsewhere, and Administrative Problems and Practices.

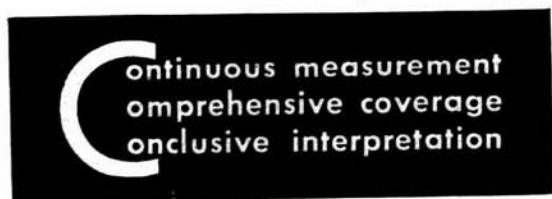
Part II, *The Film in the Classroom*, will be of special interest to classroom teachers. A discussion of basic techniques and the application of films to specific teaching areas is presented. Part V takes up the question of state film programs, the cooperative film library, selection and evaluation of films, and other problems which are concerned with administration of the program.

For anyone interested in the use of motion pictures in education, this volume will be valuable. Published by The Philosophical Library, New York. Price \$7.50.

A FILMSTRIP. "Story of West Coast Lumber" is the new filmstrip recently issued by the West Coast Lumbermen's Association. This filmstrip deals with the lumbering industry in the Douglas fir region—the states of Oregon and Washington. The subject matter covered includes harvesting of the forest supply, manufacturing of West Coast lumber, and growth and protection of trees.

This filmstrip should be of interest to social studies and science teachers as it presents valuable information on the lumber industry of the Northwest. Vocabulary, pictures, and continuity are excellent. For further information on this filmstrip, write the Society for Visual Education, Inc., 100 East Ohio Street, Chicago 11, Illinois; or West Coast Lumbermen's Association, 1410 S. W. Morrison Street. The filmstrip is available free to schools.

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