

# Supt. Roe Eyes Historic Check-Up

A team of the South Bedford School of Education in approval of the North Central Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges for accreditation of Marshall and Pierce Junior Highs, under the newly agreed procedure, may enable the district to make educational history of national importance, Superintendent M. B. Roe has declared.

Educators throughout the nation have long maintained that the first step in formal upgrading of public education should be the provision for comparable standards for junior high schools which have for decades been applied by accrediting associations to senior highs, according to the superintendent.

The North Central Association is carrying out two years ago an intensive evaluation of selected junior highs in cooperation with school staffs and a national committee. The School of Education, which was a school of techniques in education requested it. This was intended to give the local schools not only fine standards for the boys and girls but to help put the district in a position to qualify for accreditation when that time comes.

"The time has now come," Superintendent Roe explained, "when we can obtain verification of the quality of our junior high program and facilities and accreditation which will be a great help, if plans are met."

# Study Shows Students Can't Change

At first, if you're an average student, you find it hard to change your study habits to become a top grade—even if you're a student who is not a top grade. That is necessary if you want to achieve. This seems to be the result of an experimental "pass-fail" program adopted by the University of Michigan Colleges of Engineering, Science, and the Arts.

During last winter, students were permitted to take courses outside their major field of study on a pass-fail basis, with the credits to count toward graduation but not toward the final grade-point average.

The year the faculty has extended the privilege to junior students as well. In general, the students welcomed the idea, but they gave them a chance to explain.

A compilation of grades reported by 175 of the 200 students who took advantage of the program in its first year indicates that the "pass-fail" students' level of work was the same as the students in the traditional courses. The traditional students were in the same classes as students taking the course under the traditional grading and credit system.

The instructor gave all students the traditional letter grades, but for those enrolled on a pass-fail basis, the registrar recorded only "pass" for those making C or better, and "fail" for those getting D or lower.

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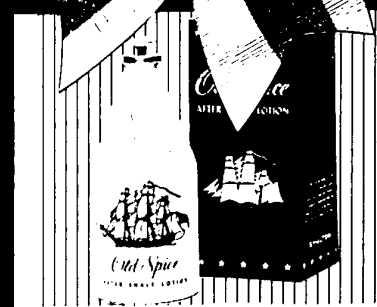
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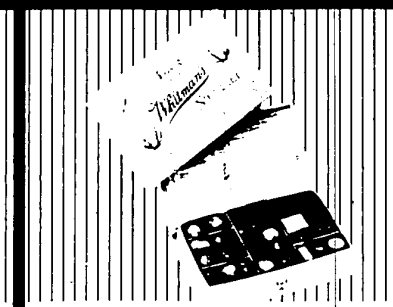
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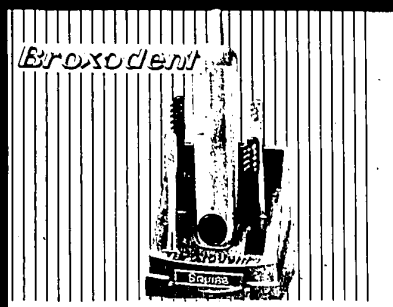
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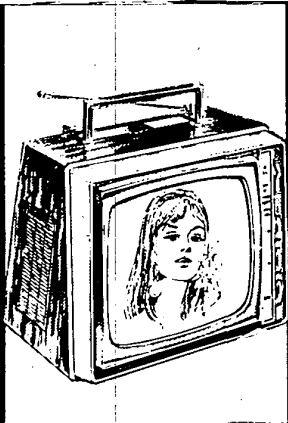
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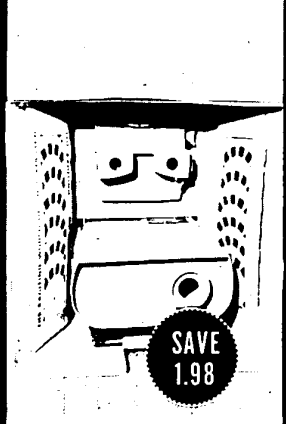
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