

VALVES LEAKY, ENGINE BAD, BATTERIES IN POOR CONDITION, WROTE COMMANDER OF F-4 JUST BEFORE SUBMARINE WAS LOST

Leaky valves, engine breakdowns, battery explosions and bad motors were mentioned in a letter just received in Los Angeles by Allison S. Ede from his brother, Lieut. Alfred L. Ede, commander of the ill-starred submarine F-4, which sank in Honolulu harbor on March 25, in describing the condition of the boat. A written premonition of death was also contained in the letter, which was mailed three days before the submarine met disaster.

The accompanying pictures have just been received from Honolulu. At the right is the last picture ever taken of the F-4. The other photographs show a deep sea diver leaving a small boat to search the sea depths for the submarine. The photo was taken from the dredge California.



F-4 in Honolulu harbor just before the disaster; sending down diver to search sea depths for submarine.

CHILDREN TAUGHT WITHOUT BOOKS

None Used by Pupils Under 9 Years
at Fairhope Experiment,
Alabama.

"KIDDIES" ARE TAUGHT TO THINK

Parents' Association of Brooklyn
Heights Seminary Hears Founder
Describe Work.

Fairhope, Ala.—An experiment in education is being conducted in the little town of Fairhope, Ala., which aims, not merely to impart information but to perfect the entire organism of the child. It includes a complete course for the earliest years to college and departs radically from many of the accepted methods in the modern schools. It emphasizes not what the child has no name, but is merely called "the Fairhope Experiment."

The originator and director of the experiment, Mrs. Marjorie L. Johnson, in telling of the work, said: "The great trouble with most schools today is that they are informational, not educational; they do not teach the child to think, but merely teach him facts. Pressure is made by the colleges or the high schools to have the pupils meet certain requirements; the high schools force the lower grades to impart certain facts; the children in these grades are not given time to think these things out for themselves, the teacher's business being to clinch the facts.

The result of this is that the little

children who cannot take time to reason and find out for themselves merely memorize their lessons. This is easy for most children, and is carried through the high school, but when college is reached there is too much to learn, and the cry is going up all over the country from the college professors: 'You do not teach your boys and girls to think.'

"The artificial standard which has been developed in the schools of this country is responsible for the lack of initiative in us. Most people have to be told what to do, and then watched to see that they do it. There is no joy in work, but it is a task, just as the lessons at school were tasks, and we learned just what we were told to learn."

At Fairhope the body, the mind and the spirit are all developed. During the early years, when the interest in everything is keen, the little minds are directed toward certain things, but are allowed to reason and think for themselves.

At Fairhope there are no tasks given, no books are used until the children reach the age of 9. There are no grades, no marks, no requirements as far as information is concerned, and no effort to force on the children the adult point of view. In their occupations and activities they follow their own inclinations, and are helped by the teacher when they ask for help. There is liberty without license, however, for not caprice, but fundamental demands, are followed.

Marks and credits and examinations, which give opportunity for insincere work from false motives, are never heard of at Fairhope, but the children gain knowledge naturally, without having it forced upon them.

In the kindergarten the teachers use whatever material they want, but do not use any of the Montessori material. From the ages of 6 to 9, in the "first life class," there are no literary requirements whatever. The children

have occupations and nature study, and do not have their study of nature spoiled by the thought that they will be held up for what they have seen when they get back to the schoolroom. They are also given a fundamental conception of numbers by actually weighing and measuring and counting with tangible objects, but no figures are used, and nothing written down about it.

The "second life class," children of 9, 10 and 11, are given a little reading, writing and figuring. "We insist now," said Mrs. Johnson, "on the child learning to read, but the child has a right to his slowness, if he is slow to learn, and he goes on with his class just the same. There are gardens and shops, but no tasks, no lessons for tomorrow and no home work. The children come into the knowledge of books in the natural way and they learn to love books. They do not know that they are 'learning a lesson.' Grammar is not taught until the high school is reached, and arithmetic is reviewed thoroughly in the high school at Fairhope.

"All false motives are eliminated. The thought of failure is never presented to the child, because he goes on with his class in any event. It is no more the fault of a child that he cannot grasp a subject than it is your fault that you cannot digest a piece of beef that you have eaten. The fault may be with the beef."

This experiment has been conducted for eight years and results are wonderful in the development of spirit and initiative, Mrs. Johnson says. The children love their study and are anxious to learn. There is joy in every day of life, and the children are developing mentally, morally and physically in the natural way.

A Wisconsin inventor has patented a new kind of ski. It is provided with pivoted foot pieces that automatically send a skater over snow or ice as he presses his toe down against the runner.

FASHIONS IN NOTE PAPER

There are fashions in note paper and calling cards, just as in everything else, and the knowledge of these same fashions stamps a person as "well bred."

The quality or finish of all the new writing papers is "laid" with a watermark instead of the linen or fabric finish, although this latter finish will still be widely used. The sheets are square, of varying sizes, from a small note up, and the envelopes invariably just half the size of the sheet, requiring but the one fold.

The cards all favor the almost square sizes. The smallest are 2 1/2 by 2 1/2 inches, while the largest are 3 1/2 by 2 1/2. The name in script is always popular and in good style, and, best of all, quite reasonable, but the old English has stood and probably will stand at the head for style of lettering on visiting cards.

The old English shaded letter is, then, the style par excellence for visiting cards, and it is also by far the most expensive. The address should now be in the right hand corner, and if one lives in the city, only street and number are required. If a reception day is desired, it should be placed in the left-hand corner.

The Roman letter is sometimes used on a visiting card, but seldom unless the name is unusual in spelling, and greater legibility is desired. For a business card, nothing is in better taste than the Roman letter.

"At home" reception and dinner cards are usually in script, and of three sizes. The smallest is 3 1/2 x 4 1/2 inches, and the largest 3 1/2 x 5 inches. On all cards for luncheon or dinner, "Please reply" is preferred to the French initials, "R. S. V. P." Neither should be necessary, as every one should, as a matter of course, reply by sending a note of acceptance, but that it is the safest and surest way for the hostess to remind her guests of their duty. Especially as a reply is needed when bridge whist follows a luncheon, and that it saves the hostess much anxiety for a dinner, goes without saying.

Memo cards are 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 and the same style of type as for women is usually used. No address is ever given, but they are to be used when traveling or when a man lives at a club.

Cards for Mr. and Mrs. together are not often used. Sometimes they are framed for the first year after marriage or to commemorate gifts, but it is more or less of an old-fashioned custom.

The first year after a daughter is introduced into society she should have her name "just below and on her mother's card, and this she should use at all times. If two daughters enter society during the same season, then "The Misses Grey or Smith" should be directly under the mother's name.

When the young ladies have a card of their own, whether the oldest or not, it is no longer considered correct to have just "Miss," as "Miss Grey," but instead the full name or first name and middle initial.—Philadelphia Times.

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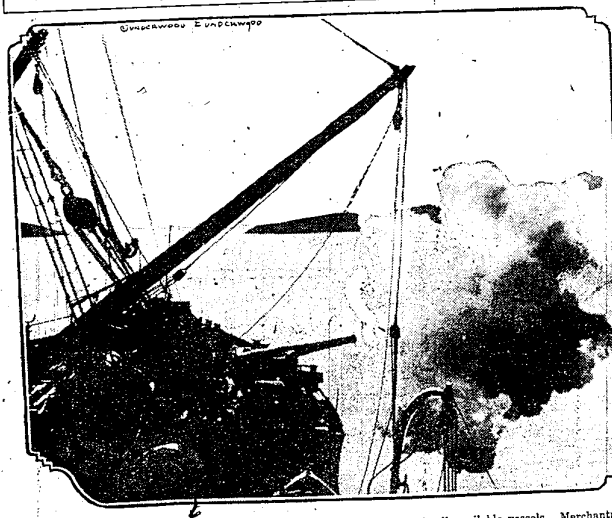
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