EDUCATIONAL COMMENT

DO YOU TWIST YOUR MOUTH?

Twisting one's mouth into odd shapes was noted by 123 different students who were asked to list the most annoying habits of their 112 different college professors. The only practice more frequently noted by students was the professorial habit of "rambling" in their lectures.

Joe E. Moore of the North Carolina State College reports in the Journal of Abnormal and Social Psychology that any facial expression which varies from the usual seems to annoy students. They seem to observe all gestures closely. The teacher who fingers chalk, twirls a watch chain, or takes off and replaces his glasses, can be reasonably sure that his movements are noted.

"The pet expression of some college teachers become so obvious and annoying that some students amuse themselves by making small wagers on how often a certain professor will use his pet expression during an hour lecture. One industrious student kept a record of how often one professor used his pet expression during a two-week period, and found that it had occurred more than two hundred times."

HARD LINES

ADVICE TO "CONVENTION SHOPPERS"

If you wish to have a part in making the program fail, here are some suggestions:

Be Discourteous. Come to the meetings tardily, and raise commotion by leaving early. In the short time you are present, scribble notes to your friends, whisper to your companions, and save time for a "cat-nap." In general, be as rude as the younger whom you recently disciplined for discourtesy.

Be Bored. Forget that the speaker is your guest and that he came to the meeting upon your invitation. Yawn, sleep, slouch, and do your best to convey the impression, "the sooner over, the better." Try not to be embarrassed if your neighbors comment upon the quality of your hospitality.

Be Dull. Assume a hard, firm, blank expression as if to defy anyone to try to break down your inattention. Be resolved to listen to no part of the speech but the jokes, and do your best to give the impression you resent being present.

Be Limp. If you don't respond to any one of the foregoing suggestions, this one will be sure to do the trick without giving any outward display. The speaker can pound, push, or prick, but you are beyond his reach, and you can go from the meeting with the firm assurance that it was a "flop," at least, so far as you were concerned!

—Michigan Educational Journal.

TENTATIVE CURRICULUM IN DEMAND

Evidence of the nation-wide interest in the Tentative Curriculum now being tried out in some Virginia schools, is to be found in the out-of-state sale. More than 1700 copies had been sold to school-boards, libraries, committees, and individual teachers outside of Virginia up to Sept. 15, 1935. The Curriculum for Elementary Schools is sold at $2.00, the Curriculum for High Schools at $1.50.