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### A STUDY OF ACHIEVEMENT AND SUBJECT MATTER IN GENERAL SCIENCE

#### CHAPTER I

#### INTRODUCTION

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In 1864 when Fisher attempted to establish some standards by which the achievement of school children in different elementary school subjects could be measured objectively, he started a new era in scientific school administration. The public, however, was not ready to receive Fisher's suggestions, so for approximately forty years nothing was done towards their fulfillment. Later, in 1894, when Rice startled even the more progressive school men with his facts regarding the insignificance of such factors as (a) the amount of time, (b) the social status of the school or of the pupil, and (c) the time of day at which the subject was taught, as related to the success of the pupil in a given subject, the work of Fisher gained impetus. During the twenty-five years following Rice's monumental work, the American elementary and secondary schools have been the ground for many standardization, measurement, and curriculum studies.

Today the status of the subject matter of elementary and secondary school subjects varies anywhere from the practically established state of Latin to the most experimental state found in some of the vocational subjects. Standards in subject mat-

2. Rice, J. M. "The Futility of the Spelling Grind". The Forum: 23:163-172. PP 409-419, 1897.

<sup>1. &</sup>quot;See Jr. of Ed. Psy., vol. 4, pp. 551. A quotation from The Museum, a Quarterly Magazine of Education, Literature, and Science, vol 111, 1864, is reproduced as a communication" -Thorndike.

ter range anywhere from the well established four fundamentals in arithmetic to the rather subjective standards used in General Science. Methods of measurement of achievement in the various subjects range anywhere from the scientifically established test and scales, as in spelling and reading, to practically none at all, as in manual training and civics.

In spelling, for instance, we have the work of Ayres, Thorndike and Buckingham, all of whom have attempted not only to ascertain what words in the English language are most necessary in the average adult's vocabulary but also to ascertain which of those necessary words the school children of different ages are capable of mastering. That information, once scientifically established, can be made the basis of selection of subject matter for each school grade, of method of presentation of subject matter, and of measurement of achievement in the subject. Such studies would serve to show what words can be most economically and tasefully taught in different school years and what words the child will master in the natural course of events as the result of other similar words previously mastered. They would also serve to show the relation of achievement in subject matter to abilities, either special or general, and to other subjects simultaneously or previously pursued. It is clear that a study of this kind thoroly and completely carried out in any school subject, once that school subject is itself located in the school curriculum both as to time and place, would serve to secure maximum achievement and maximum usefulness with a minimum of effort.

The subject of "General Science" is a comparatively recent addition to the secondary school curriculum and as a result of its comparative youth is as yet unstandardized and undefined both as to subject matter and achievement. In spite of its newness and the generalized nature of its content, however, General Science has aroused a volume of popular interest sufficient, not only to warrant its place among the secondary school subjects but also to place it among the required subjects in numbers of secondary schools. Consequently, to the writer — himself a teacher of General Science and keenly aware of the lack of standards and the lack of information regarding the relative values of different elements in the subject — a scientific analysis of the subject matter of General Science seems distinctly worth while.

#### CHAPTER II

#### PURPOSE

In general, the purpose of this study is the development of a measure of achievement in General Science in order to ascertain the relative amount of General Science subject matter possessed by school children, both that which is already common knowledge to the pupils thru "experience" and that which is acquired specifically thru instruction in General Science or in other science courses. It would also serve to measure amount of information retained and would indicate factors which limit and modify the acquisition and retention of General Science subject matter.

More specifically, the purpose of this study has been differentiated as follows.

(1) To ascertain to what extent the material supposedly taught in the General Science course is already possessed by pupils before taking the course. It has been the experience of the writer that pupils in a given section, purposely selected for its homogeneity of ability, came to the class at the beginning of the year with various amounts of the subject matter already in their possession. In other words, certain portions of the generalized subject matter of General Science appear to be common knowledge, whether one has or has not taken the subject of "General Science".

(2) For this reason a diagnostic test is to be developed which will serve to place pupils into sections homogeneous as to the point at which their General Science course should begin and as to what it should include.

- (3) To find out to what extent the subject matter of General Science has been mastered sufficiently by pupils, who have had General Science, to enable them to state it objectively.
- (4) To ascertain how much of the material once mastered is retained one year, two years and three years later.
- (5) To study the differences between boys and girls, both as to the common knowledge of and as to the acquisition of the subject matter of General Science.
- (6) To investigate the relative difficulty of different items of the subject matter of General Science for boys and girls. This is important in order to determine whether there is any real difference in difficulty which would justify the popular belief that General Science is easier for boys, or that some parts of General Science are best mastered by boys.
- (7) To compare achievement in General Science for different school grades, as determined by General Science test scores. The comparisons in General Science achievement of 8th grade pupils and of 9th grade pupils would be especially desired by Junior High School advocates.
- (8) To ascertain what General Science information is acquired by pupils who do not take General Science. For this purpose control groups of pupils, who had not taken General Science, were used.

#### CHAPTER III

### SURVEY OF LITERATURE ON GENERAL SCIENCE

### A. History of General Science

The teaching of Chemistry as a college subject began in the United States as early as 1767 at Columbia College. As a secondary school subject Chemistry made its debut in 1819 at 1 Hassam Private Academy, North Carolina. Since then other sciences have appeared in the secondary school curricula. These sciences in the main tended towards such high specialization that about half a century later there began to be felt a mead for a kind of science teaching which did not have as its goal specialization in science, but which did fill an immediate and perhaps even a local need.

Such a "reform" course was offered in 1869 by Thomas H. Huxley who gave a series of illustrated lectures to London children at the Royal Institution and later published the course in a book entitled "Physiography". In this course Huxley dealt with the immediate vicinity of London and the Thames. His subject matter embodied the physiography and geology of the Thames' Basin and the activities of the London people. The course was informational and scarcely suited for the pupils of Edinburgh or Boston, but it filled a desired end.

The Macmillan Co. N.Y. 1921.pp. 411-435.

Powers, S. R. "A history of the teaching of Chemistry in the secondary schools of the United States previous to 1850".
 Research Publications of the University of Minnesota. No.13, p. 16.
 Twiss, G. R. "A textbook in the principles of science teaching".

It is interesting to note that Huxley gave as his aims of the introductory science course much the same objectives as are outlined today for General Science. To quote,-

1. "To furnish in the first year of the high school the information and the training in thinking that are fundamental to the special sciences and are necessary to the successful pursuit of

these sciences later on in high school or college.

2. To impart information from the scientific standpoint about the useful and interesting things that are all about us, especially for the benefit of those who will not go on to college and may not go farther in high school, and who therefore would otherwise remain ignorant of scientific facts and of the scientific way of dealing with the materials and forces that are everywhere available for our use.

3. .....One writer regrets the failure of the schools to produce the crop of amateur scientists which is essential for keeping alive the popular interest in science so necessary to scientific progress in the nation. It would seem to be a worthy aimof a general science course to stimulate and foster such amateur interest in science.

manage.

5. It is thought by some that a general science course may serve to show something of the relations of the sciences to one another, of the order and unity that exist in nature, and of the essential unity of the scientific method, and thus that it may appeal to imagination, contribute to a state of mental poise or balance, and perhaps develop some power of interpretation that could nott so well be gained by separate courses in the special sciences." (pp.415-417)

From 1869 to the present, especially since 1900, an elaboration of Huxley's "Physiography" has been widely taught under the name of General Science. Few of these courses according to Twiss, surpass that of Huxley in organization and general local merit, because there are few "Huxleys" to teach them. From about 1912 to date, however, there have been many serious attempts to outline

<sup>1.</sup> Twiss, G. R. Ibid.

objectives for General Science which would satisfy the long felt need of a science course in high school which did not aim at developing Edisons, but rather at teaching youthful citizens how to make use of Edison's work. Typical of writers in this vein are Barber, Eikenberry, Hessler, and Downing.

#### Objectives of General Science В.

Because there have been few "Huxleys" to teach and to organize the courses. General Science has undergone numerous experimental changes, most of which have been for the better. At the present time courses of study and textbooks vary widely. In a recent study Webb found that on classifying the subject matter of eighteen of the most commonly used textbooks of General Science that it could be divided among eight basic secondary school sciences as follows.

Subject No. of Topics	
Physics 56	Chemistry 33
Physiography 22	Domestic Science 13
Botany 22	Astronomy 10
Zoology 17	Mscl 9
Physiology 24	Total: 306

- 1. Barber, F. D. "Fundamental considerations in the reorganization
- of High School science". School Review 24:724-734. 1916.

  2. Eikenberry, W. L. "Facts about the General Science situation". School Review 23: 181-191. 1915.
- 3. Hessler, J.C. "General Science in the first year". School Science and Mathematics. Vol. XVI. pp. 407-411, 1916.
  4. Downing, E. R. "What standard tests in science should do".
- School Science and Mathematics. Vol. XIX. pp. 651-654, 1919
- 5. Webb, H. A. "General Science instruction in the grades". George Peabody College for Teachers Contributions to Education, #4, McQuiddy Printing Co. Nashville, Tenn. 1921.
- 6. Webb, H. A. "Quantitative analysis of General Science". School Science and Mathematics. Vol. XVII. pp. 534-45. 1917

Because of the wide range of subject matter which might be included in a course of General Science, there has been a growing feeling among science teachers that fairly concrete and definite objectives ought to be formulated, which could be used as guides for limiting or extending the work in General Science. Therefore, at the instigation of the Science Section of the North Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers, Miss Philipine Crecelius prepared a report on the objectives of General Science. Miss Crecelius sent out a questionnaire formulated by S. R. Powers and from the returns was able to evaluate opinions of about 100 science teachers regarding the relative importance of 14 objectives of General Science. These objectives are given below in the order of the values assigned.

- 1. To provide opportunity for acquaintance with such elementary laws of nature as are necessary for the health of the individual and the community.
- 2. To give children information about those appliances which science has developed and which are useful in making for greater comfort and convenience in the home and community.
- 3. To provide opportunity for acquaintance with the simpler applications of science in public utilities in order that the individual may more adequately fulfill the duties of citizenship.
- 4. To provide opportunity for acquaintance with the elementary laws of nature which aid in understanding those citizenship problems which arise in connection with such topics as conservation of our natural resources, smoke elimination etc.
- 1. Crecelius, Philipine "A report on objectives of General Science teaching". School Science and Mathematics. Vol 23: 313-319.1923.

- 5. To contribute such specific ideals, habits, and concepts as those of accuracy, persistance, open-mindedness, honesty, cause and effect which are essential to the study of science.
- 6. To give to pupils a broad and genuine appreciation of what the development of science means in modern social, industrial, and national life.
- 7. To provide opportunity for the student to explore the fields of science for the purpose of educational and vocational guidance.
- 8. To satisfy the natural interests in the things and forces of nature with which men are surrounded and with which they must deal; to give information interesting purely for its own sake.
- 9. To develop system, order, neatness, and possiblyother attributes to the end that they will function in the ordinary affairs of life.
- 10. To afford in some measure an opportunity to show the importance of scientific research and to stimulate the spirit of investigation and invention on part of student.
- 11. To make pupils able to read more intelligently and with greater interest, articles on science in magazines and scientific books of a popular character and to read with greater understanding literature containing scientific allusions.
- 12. To correct common superstitions and ignorant practices.
- 13. To give children a full opportunity to indulge in the playful manipulation of toys, tools, machines etc., in order that they may explore the world of reality as deeply and widely as possible.
- 14. To give such training as will result in increasing respect for the work of recognized experts."

It may be worth while to note that while these objectives were not available when this study was begun, the writer used a somewhat similar set of objectives in the construction of the original test and final Scale Forms for the measurement of achievement in General Science. The writer tried to make each item satisfy one or more of the Cardinal Principles of Education, namely,

- 1. Health
- 2. Worthy use of leisure
- 3. Vocation
- 4. Citizenship
- 5. Worthy home membership
- 6. Command of the fundamental processes
- 7. Ethical character.

Recognition of the value of properly selected frinciples and facts of science for immediate, everyday use, has led to the development of courses in "Nature Study" for the elementary grades.

Some of these courses in "Nature Study" are adapted for pupils as far down as the first and second grades. With the motto "Study Nature First: then Books about Her", Miss Conover of the Detroit city schools has organized a "Nature Study" course for pupils in the first and second grades. This course of study is well worth the attention of General Science teachers as well as of first and second grade teachers. It is an excellent illustration of what can be accomplished in the construction of a course of study around specific objectives.

<sup>1.</sup> Cardinal Principles of Secondary Education. U. S. Bureau of Education Bulletin, 1918, No.35.

<sup>2.</sup> Conover, Lenora "Course in Nature Study". Board of Education. Detroit Public Schools, 1922.

## C. Achievement tests in General Science

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In the interval between the work of Rice and the present time, a time which has been characterized in Education by the development of tentative standards of achievement in school subjects and of tentative measuring devices for measuring the achievement of these standards, men in the field of secondary school science have contributed or attempted to contribute to the current test movement. To be sure the preliminary attempts were handicapped by the same conditions which characterized the preliminary attempts at measurement in the other subjects, that is, lack of consideration of the many factors involved in the development of a statistically accurate measuring instrument. They were also handicapped by the fact that teachers of science in colleges and secondary schools were trained more or less only in the field of the specialized science which they taught. A Physics teacher was trained in Physics and a Chemistry teacher was trained in Chemistry. Usually neither of them had any training in Educational practices and technique. This has frequently resulted, as stated under "History of General Science" in this Chapter, in a desire on the part of the teacher to emphasize the teaching of a specialized subject, Chemistry or Physics, as a preparatory course for pupils all of whom were assumed to be beginning a prolonged and specialized course of training in that science. In contradiction to this assumption is the common knowledge that a very limited percent of pupils taking ascience course in the high school continue their work in science even to the extent of taking an additional course in college, much less

becoming specialists in that particular field. Because of this condition some of the attempts made to measure science achievement have not endured the effects of analytical educational criticism.

For instance, in a recent article by Doctor Foley of the University of Indiana is a severe criticism of the achievement of high school pupils in Physics. Doctor Foley bases his criticsm on a ten item test which he gave to about 700 students entering the University and who presented high school credit in Physics. Doctor Foley's work is open to criticism itself because he says nothing about the difficulty of the ten items and their bearing on a high school course is not evaluated. Doctor Foley does not state whether or not students who have taken his University course in Physics would, one or two years later, do any better on his test than did the high school pupils.

In the field of Physics at least four other tests besides Doctor Foley's may be mentioned. Daniel Starch prepared a test of Physics consisting of 75 questions, problems and incomplete statements differentiated among mechanics, heat, light, sound, magnetism and electricity. On the basis of a comparatively small number of pupils he then prepared standard scores in each of the differentiated aspects of Physics. This test of achievement in Physics is open to two main criticisms, namely (a) all the items are given equal value and (b) the standard scores were secured

2. Starch, Daniel "Educational Measurements". Macmillan Co. N.Y. 1916.

<sup>1&</sup>quot;. Foley, Arthur L. "The College student's knowledge of high school Physics". School Science and Mathematics. Vol 12, No. 7 pp. 601-613.

on too few cases.

J. Crosby Chapman prepared a test of Physics in electricity, magnetism, sound, and light which consisted of 30 questions which were answerable by one word which the pupil was to write in. Criticism of this is that thirty words, the answers to the thirty questions, in the four fields of Physics mentioned, are a very small number of samples by which a pupil's achievement should be judged. The test was standardized by giving it to 158 high school pupils just finishing the study of Physics. As the author states, "This is meagre evidence as to the suitability of this type of test but from a large amount of evidence obtained when engaged in army work, the author is convinced that tests of this kind are well worth while (words underlined by writer) when employed for the limited purpose for which they are designed."

The Randall, Chapman and Sutton "High School Physics Test" consists of 14 problems with spaces for the pupils to put the answers.

Franklin T. Jones worked out a preliminary set of tests in Physics ("Union Science tests for practice and comparison"). These consist of twenty-eight individual tests of five to ten problems or questions each under different headings, such as "thermometers", "heat", "work", "light A", "light B", Each of these 28

School Review 26: 341-48. May 1918

<sup>1.</sup> Chapman, J. C. "The measurement of Physics information". School

Review 27: 748-49. Dec. 1919.

2. Randall, Chapman, and Sutton. "The place of the numerical problem in high school Physics". School Review 26: 39-43. Jan. 1918 3. Jones, F. T. "Practice exercises in Physics and Chemistry".

tests could be better characterized as Chapter Test, to be given at the completion of each of the subjects mentioned. These tests if properly evaluated would be of much help to teachers.

Harold L. Camp of the University of Iowa produced in 1921 some "scales for measuring results of Physics teaching". This work, a Doctor's thesis, is very well worked out with one exception, - that in many items as few as sixty cases, in no case more than one-hundred forty-nine cases, were used to secure standards.

L. L. Thurstone also has prepared a test in Physics for college freshmen and high school seniors which consists of 25 short problems.

In Chemistry there are at least five tests for measuring students' achievement. J. Carleton Bell has prepared a Chemistry test of 24 brief questions and 1 problem. Jones has a Chemistry test (Union Science Series) which is of similar nature to his Physics test mentioned above.

Hanor A. Webb's test in Chemistry consists of a series of names of Elements, Mixtures, and Compounds. The pupil's problem is to label these names "E", "M", or "C" as he judges them to be Elements, Mixtures or Compounds. Tentative norms have been worked out.

<sup>1.</sup> Camp, H. L. "Scales for measuring results of Physics teaching".
Univ. of Iowa studies in Education. Vol. II #2. Pp. 50

Univ. of Iowa studies in Education. Vol. II #2. Pp.50
2. Thurstone, L. L. "Test V. Physics". Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh.

<sup>3.</sup> Bell, J. C. "Study of the attainments of high school pupils in first-year Chemistry". School Science & Mathematics.18: 425-432, May 1918

<sup>4.</sup> Jones, F. T. Ibid

<sup>5.</sup> Webb, H. A. "A preliminary test in Chemistry". Jr. of Ed. Psy. 10: 36-43. January 1919

B. J. Rivett's Chemistry test consists of (a) 31 elements. the problem being to label them with the proper symbols, (b) a list of the 20 elements, the problem being to give their valence and 20 of their compounds with their formulae, and (c) 20 formulae, the problem being to give the names of the compounds for which they stand and state whether the compound is an acid, base or salt.

The General Chemistry test by Henry L. Gerry follows a somewhat more scientific procedure, but this test is still in its trial form and no results are available.

S. R. Powers' Chemistry test, now completed, is one of the most elaborate and most scientific of all the science tests now being presented. It was constructed with consideration of the objectives of General Science, the items are evaluated, and the Scale is standardized with preliminary norms, now available, based on 1200 pupils.

A test in Biology by Leo M. Cossman consists of a list of words which the pupil is asked to define and of spaces where the pupil is asked to make drawing of a typical "insect", a typical "flower" etc. There is no way of scoring the test objectively.

N. M. Grier has prepared an achievement test in Physiology,

<sup>1.</sup> Rivett, B. J. "Testing results in Chemistry". School Science & Mathematics. 19:742-745. Nov. 1919

<sup>2.</sup> Gerry, H. L. "Trial test in general Chemistry". Graduate School

of Education, Harvard University.
3. Powers, S. R. "Chemistry Test" (World Book Co.) University of Minnesota.

<sup>4.</sup> Cossman, L. M. "Biology". University of Oregon.

<sup>5.</sup> Grier, N. M. "Range of information test in Biology". Jr. of Ed. Psy. 9:210-16, 388-93. April-September, 1918.

Botany and Zoology, each of which consists of 100 words of technical nature pertinent to those subjects. Pupils' instructions are

" 1. Place a D before the terms you can define as exactly as words are ordinarily defined in the dictionary.

2. Place an E before the terms you can explain to one not familiar

with their meaning

3. Place an F before the terms with which you are roughly familiar

4. Place an N before the terms which are new to you

5. At the bottom write out the definitions of the first five

words you marked D, and the first five you marked E 6. Count the number of D's, E's, F's, and N's and record the result at the top of the page in the one inch space".

F. T. Ullrich has a similar test in Agriculture. The main objections to the tests by Grier and Ullrich are the difficulty of properly scoring them and the fact that the person evaluating a paper cannot know, by a study of five samples of dictionary definitions, whether a "D" means that the pupil putting down a "D" really knows the dictionary definition or not. Furthermore, there is a question whether dictionary definitions are really what one is trying to teach in a science subject.

Glenn and Powers\* were experimenting with a General Science test which will be discussed in the chapter on "Method".

2,3,4 G. M. Ruch, after experimenting with a similar test in General Science, finally evolved a very commendable multiple answer test consisting of 50 statement of General Science facts and 20

Platteville, Wisconsin.
2. Ruch, G. M. "A range of information test in General Science".

4. Ruch, G. M. "A new test in General Science". General Science

Quarterly 7:188-197. March, 1923.

<sup>1.</sup> Ullrich, F. T. "Tests in agriculture". State Normal Schools

General Science Quarterly 4:257-62. Nov. 1919 3. Ruch, G. M. "Range of information test in General Science; preliminary data on standards". Gen.Sci. Quarterly 5:15-19. Nov. 1920

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lettered diagrams. Concerning these diagrams are a number of completion statements which the pupil is asked to complete with the proper diagram letter.

There are also the Caldwell Science Tests, Downing's Information Test in science, and Herring's test in Scientific Thinking.

With the exception of the tests by Powers, Ruch and Camp, the tests for secondary school science measurement mentioned in the preceding paragraphs, have not developed beyond the preliminary steps of test construction. They are not, however, without value. They represent attempts in the scientific measurement of classroom products by men in the field of secondary school science. The writer has surveyed all this literature carefully and is. indebted to the authors for valuable suggestions regarding procedure and for a few of the items actually used in his General Science test. To Ruch he is especially indebted.

<sup>1.</sup> Caldwell, O. W. "The Gary public schools: science teaching".

The General Education Board, N.Y. 1919
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#### CHAPTER IV

#### METHOD

One of the first essentials in this study was to build up a preliminary measuring instrument of subject matter in Ganeral Science. Since economy of time, accuracy, and objectivity were considered valuable characteristics of this measuring device, the following criteria were considered in the construction of the preliminary test.

- (a) The material selected should cover the field.
- (b) The material should range from easy to difficult.
- (c) The arrangement of the test should be such as to facilitate readability on the part of the pupils.
- (d) The arrangement should be such as to facilitate accuracy in scoring.
- (e) The items of the test should be definite and clear.
- (f) There should be only one acceptable response to each item.
- (g) The test should be given to as wide a range of pupils as possible in order to test its selective power.

For the purpose of developing such a measuring instrument the writer produced two unfinished studies begun simultaneously, the one by Earl R. Glenn, Lincoln School, New York, and the other by Samuel R. Powers, University of Minnesota. These studies represented a partial compilation of General Science material in the form of objective multiple answer statements, problems, and science vocabulary. To these the writer added material in the same subject matter which was pertinent but which was not included in the above compilations. This additional material was gleaned from various kinds of preliminary at-

tempts in General Science measurement and from a survey of General Science textbooks. The resultant total number of individual items amounted to about six hundred. Out of this total were selected three hundred items which seemed to be most definitely related to the subject, most objective in mature, and most justifiable in terms of the cardinal principles of education.

These three hundred items were then reduced to the multiple answer type of statements. The list of three hundred statements when completed was reviewed by two science teachers at
the University Highschool, University of Minnesota, who agreed
that the choice of the three hundred items was inclusive and
well differentiated among the different kinds of subject matter
which go to make up General Science. In as much as the list
of three hundred items was to be revised and worked over later
on the basis of pupil achievement, it was deemed satisfactory
when it passed the combined judgments of three University Highschool science teachers.

The three hundred items were arranged in as random an order as possible. No one knew the order of difficulty of the different items. For each item the number of multiple answers was five. As will be shown later, this number of possible answers reduced successful guessing to a negligible amount.

The General Science test\* of three hundred items and a list of instructions for the person giving the test\*\* were sent out to principals or superintendents of twenty-two school systems with whom arrangements for the giving of the tests had previously

<sup>\*</sup> See Appendix I \*\*\* See Chapter III

<sup>\*\*</sup>See Appendix II

1. Cardinal Principles of Secondary Education. U. S. Bureau of Education Bulletin, 1918, No. 35.

been made by personal letter. The list of instructions was mimeographed but the test was printed in order to facilitate accuracy and speed on the part of the pupils and accuracy and speed in scoring. The schools selected to give the test represented large, medium and small school systems of Minnesota. All pupils in the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades of the twenty-two school systems, with the exception of the three largest school systems, were given the test provided they happened to be present at the particular hour on the day when the test was presented. The total number of pupils who took the test approximated eleven thousand. In each of the three largest school systems the 8th grades of two most representative grade schools and all the pupils in one highschool were given the test. All tests were taken by the pupils between the first and tenth of June, 1922. Table I shows number of returns of the test in terms of schools and grades.

In order to carry out comparative studies, control groups consisting of several schools where no General Science is taught were selected. One of these was the Johnson Highschool in St. Paul with about 800 pupils.

The test was also given to 339 University of Minnesota students in Physics and Chemistry classes and to 33 Normal School students attending the summer session, 1922, at Moorhead Teachers College.

In September, 1922, 140 pupils in the University Highschool were retested with the same test. Results of the retest and of the original test were compared for purposes of securing some idea as to the stability or reliability of the measuring device

TABLE I

### TOTAL NUMBER OF RETURNS OF GENERAL SCIENCE TEST FROM 22 SCHOOLS

SCHOOL SYSTEM	8th	9th	GRADES 10th	llth	12th	TOTAL
Annandale	25	33.	18	26	9	111
Alexandria	41	97	78	64	75	355
Crookston	80	87	74	50	46	337
Duluth	96	220	400	313	237	1266
Excelsior	29	44	25	14	17	129
Ely	109	105	63	62	57	396
Fertile	25	38	22	23	9	117
Glencoe	35	25	34	30	23	137
Hibbing	151	149	131	83	78	592
Hopkins	62	68	24	26	24	204
Mankato	115	131	168	126	128	668
Minneapolis	65	730	588	414	380	2177
Moorhead	92	99	81	67	48	387
New Ulm	30	73	<b>5</b> 6	42	50	251
Red Wing	93	138	89	79	61	460
St. James	34	73	50	40	32	229
St. Paul	66	317	187	132	92	794
Slayton	23	27	30	30	27	137
Swanville	12	24	12	6	7	61
University Highschool	61*	57	59	37	48	262
Virginia	197	238	135	148	85	803
Worthington	48	64	37	38	35	222
Normal school students						33
University students	,					347
TOTALS					1568	10475

<sup>\*</sup>Pupils who were examined in June as prospective University High-school pupils.

in General Science with respect to a given group of individuals.

### Procedure in handling the data.

- (1) Fortunately a graduate student and science teacher, reliable and systematic, was enlisted as a paid assistant to sort and to score the entire set of approximately 11,000 tests. First all test papers were sorted for the purpose of eliminating those in which vital data, such as name, age, classification of pupil, and answers to questions about courses previously taken by the pupil, were omitted. Then the assistant scored each test by means of celluloid stencils, the use of stencils facilitating the scoring and increasing the accuracy, and entered the total score made by each pupil on the upper right hand corner of the first page of each test.
- (2) After the tests were scored they were sorted according to (a) name of school, (b) the five grades within each school -8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th, (c) sex of pupils in each of the classes, and (d) whether each pupil in each grade had or had not taken General Science. This meant that each grade might be divided into four groups e.g. boys and girls who had taken General Science and boys and girls who had not taken General Science. This made it possible to have each school divided into twenty groups in order to facilitate the handling of data in the different group studies.

Since experimental work with the test results of these groups occupies a large portion of this study, considerable time would be saved by the use of a few descriptive terms for naming each of the twenty groups. Therefore, since this

study has to do with General Science achievement, it was decided to use the symbol "+" to characterize any group of pupils who had taken General Science, while any group of pupils who had not taken General Science was characterized by the symbol "-". Then, by adding to the "+" or "-" the sex initial e.g. "G" or "B" for Girls or Boys respectively, and the grade number, e.g. 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, a complete, descriptive term for any one of the twenty groups was established. To illustrate, "-8B" is interpreted in this study to mean 8th grade boys who had not taken General Science and "+11G" is interpreted to mean 11th grade girls who had taken General Science. This system of nomenclature is used thruout the study in text, tables, and figures.

- (3) Test score, age, length of time in school, time taken in doing the test, science courses taken, whether or not the pupil liked science, and mental test score (when available) were then tabulated for the different schools in terms of the twenty different groups already described.
- (4) The frequency of correct responses for each of the 300 items of the test was secured by actual count of errors for each item in 1760 cases. The percentage of correct responses and the relative order of difficulty were secured for a group of 500 8th grade girls and for a group of 400 8th grade boys who had not taken General Science. Similar data were secured for groups of 430 9th grade girls and for 430 9th grade boys who had taken General Science. These data were then used as a basis for making three scales out of the original General Science test of 300 items. The number of cases taken for this

part of the study was sufficient to give as accurate results as would be given by an infinite number of cases. In the study each group was divided in two parts and the percent of correct responses for the first part was compared with the whole. Rank order correlations between the two distributions were over .99.

- (5) The distribution of scores and the median score in the General Science test were secured for each of the twenty groups of each of the twenty-two school systems. From a combination of the median scores and the distributions of scores for the different schools, tentative grade norms for the General Science test were secured.
- (6) Statistical evaluations.

The following are some of the correlations worked out for the purpose of establishing the reliability of the 300 item test as a measuring instrument in General Science

- (a) The correlation between intelligence test results and the results of the General Science test.
- (b) The correlation between chronological age and the General Science test.
- (c) The correlation between time in taking the General Science test and success in the test.
- (d) The correlation between general scholastic success and the General Science test, University Highschool.
- (e) The correlation between marks in General Science and the General Science test, University Highschool.

- (7) One hundred and sixteen pupils for whom both test and retest results were available were studied for stability in response.
- (8) The median scores and distributions for +groups of pupils, pupils who had taken General Science, were secured. The same data were also secured for the -groups of pupils, pupils who had not taken General Science.
- (9) Grade medians for 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade pupils who had taken General Science were compared with medians in the same grades for pupils who had not taken General Science in order to isolate success in the General Science test due to having pursued a course in General Science groups under approximately similar conditions.
- (10) Norms for pupils who had taken General Science in the 8th grade were compared with norms for those who had taken General Science in the 9th grade. The greater or less success of these pupils would tend to justify the placing of General Science up or down in the school curriculum, the latter being the tendency in jumior high schools.
- (11) A measure of the persistence of General Science material and of its acquisition in later science courses was secured from a study of the achievement of University and Normal school students, about 350 in number.
- (12) Because not all of the pupils had been allowed sufficient time to complete the General Science test and because it was found that equally accurate comparisons could be made on the basis of the first three pages (the first 221 items of the test)

of the test, all the usable papers - about 9,000 in number - were rescored and retabulated on the basis of the 221 items and comparisons similar to those made with the 300 items were obtained.

- (13) When the Scales had been made, for the purpose of comparing Scale and test scores for the same pupils and groups, a hundred of the original papers were selected at random from each grade for the + Boys and were rescored on the basis of only the items in the Scale.
- graphed and given to General Science pupils in three schools—

  (a) Central Highschool, Minneapolis -250 pupils, (b) Stillwater

  Highschool -140 pupils, and (c) University Highschool -58 pupils.

  Two Scale Forms of equal difficulty were given to check up the reliability of the Scales themselves and to compare Scale achievement with marks in General Science, intelligence test scores.

#### RELIABILITY OF THE GENERAL SCIENCE TEST

It is needless to say that if the General Science test were unreliable, any comparisons or developments of that test would carry with them the same unreliability. Therefore, before proceeding further with the exposition of this study, statement will be made concerning the reliability of the original 300 item General Science test given to approximately 11,000 pupils.

Study of results has shown that the original test with its inherent faults of extreme length and of a few valueless items was highly reliable. Evidence of this reliability of the test is presented in terms of the following criteria.

- (1) Retesting
- (2) Permanency or stability of the pupils' correct and incorrect responses
- (3) High positive correlation with other criteria of known value
- (4) Correlation between a part and the whole of the test.

## (1) Retesting

In September, 1922, 116 pupils of the University High-school were retested with the same test. The majority of these pupils were beginning sophomores who had finished General Science the preceding June, a small number were freshmen who had been tested on June tenth as 8th grade pupils, and the remainder were juniors and seniors in science classes.

For the purpose of ascertaining the stability of the achievement as shown by one testing, the results of the second

test were compared with those of the first test given the preceding June. Since the first test had been given at the very
end of the school year and the second test had been given at
the beginning of the following school year, with only three
months of vacation intervening, it would seem that rather ideal
conditions were secured for establishing the reliability of the
measuring instrument used. The three months of vacation were
sufficient to allow the pupil to foregt enough of the details
of the test taken in June to make the scores secured in September fair measures of the pupil's achievement at that particular
time. At the same time the three intervening vacation months
added little to the pupil's fund of General Science information
other than that which he had gained by simply living three
consecutive—months outside of the schoolroom.

When the first and second test papers were examined it was found that while all the retest papers were completed, among the June tests there were only 75 papers in which all 300 items had been marked and 41 papers in which only the first three pages, or 221 items, or a little more were marked. Therefore it was deemed advisable first to compare the 75 completed papers with their 75 completed retests and then to rescore the whole 116 papers on the basis of the first 221 items and to compare those 116 scores with the retests for reliability.

Both in the complete test and in the 221 item test correlations with retests were very high, as can be noted on the following page.

	Number pupils	Sigma 1*	Sigma 2**	r	P.E.
Complete test	75	42.7	36.0	.877	.02
221 item test.	116	35.6	28.0	.82	.02
Mean				.85(.	847)

These coefficients of correlation would indicate that the ability of the original General Science test to differentiate among pupils was fairly constant, that is, a pupil who scored high on the first test would also score high on the second test and a pupil who scored low on the first test would consistently score low on the second test. On account of the narrow range of the group tested, however, the correlations of .82 and .88 (.877) - mean .85 - are relatively high.

# (2) Permanency or stability of the pupils' correct and incorrect responses

The papers of the 116 University Highschool pupils who had been retested were subjected to another examination for the purpose of determining whether a pupil's responses to particular items in June and in September showed variation. In other words, how permanent were the responses made in June to the various items?

It is conceivable, while not probable, that a pupil taking a 300 item test in June and making a score of 150, a score of 50% right, on taking the same test in September might again make a score of 150 or 50% right. It is further conceivable that an examination of the actual items failed the first time and items failed the second time might show a variation from

<sup>\*</sup>Standard deviation on first test.
\*\*Standard deviation on retest.

a condition where the same 150 items were right in each trial to a condition where no item of the 150 originally correct was correct the second time. In either case a correlation between first and second scores would be 1.00, whereas the reliability of the items would be zero. As a measure of the relative amount of achievement such a condition might be satisfactory, for it gave the same total score each time, but as an indicator of the kind of material on which the pupil failed such a condition would be highly unsatisfactory. - It is to be understood that the above assumptions are only theoretical possibilities and not what was even probable.

In the present study it was ascertained what percent of each of the 116 pupils' responses were identical in the two tests and what percent varied. This was done by taking note of all the individual errors made on the second test and all the individual errors made on the first test and then comparing the two sets to find out which errors were made both times and which errors were made only once. The method used in locating the errors was as follows.

The scored original test was spread over the scored retest paper, the two were clipped together securely and with a pencil point were punched thru on the item numbers where errors were marked on the original test. That is, on a retest paper, where an error persisted, the retest paper would have both a marked error and a hole punched thru from the original. Where the original paper had an error which had not persisted only a hole would be found. Where the retest paper had an error which did

not appear in the original, only a marked error would be found.

Results of actual count on the retest papers of holes alone and of marked errors alone showed that with the exception of a small percent the responses were uniform in both trials. In other words, an item correctly marked in June would be correctly marked in September and an item incorrectly marked in June would be incorrectly marked in September. The actual percents of pupils' responses in two trials which were not identical ranged from 3.9% to 16.5% - median 8.7% (Standard Deviation of 1.5). Since a deviation from identical response on one item would cause two counts of it to be taken, that is, if a pupil changed a wrong response up or down one place from the place of that wrong response in the original paper, there would be a hole punched thru from the original where no error was found and a marked error on the retest where no hole had been punched thru from the original. Both were counted as variations. Apparently from 1.9% to 8.2% - median 4.35% - of the responses varied from June to September. In as much as the scores made on the two tests varied from 57 to 256 or the number of "wrongs" varied from 243 to 46, it would seem that this 4.35% represents the median number of variations due to guessing. Underlining of the correct response twice at intervals of three months, when there are five possible responses, could not be attributed to pure guess. In short, the stability of the items, or their tendency to secure from the pupil the same response whether it be right or wrong, was such that uniform responses amounted to over nine-ty-five percent of the 300 items of the General Science test.

The P.E. of estimate, based on retest correlation, using formula P.E. of estimate equals the P.E. times square root of 1-r square, was 9 points. In other words, the true scores made by pupils if an infinite number of trials were given would not differ by more than 9 points from the score obtained at the first trial.

#### (3) High positive correlation with other criteria

It was first ascertained by retesting pupils with the 300 item General Science test that the test had a tendency to give individual pupils relatively the same ranking on its second test as it did on its first. In other words, the measurements of the original 300 item test resembled measurements of a steel ruler a much as is indicated by a positive correlation of .85 between two measurements. It was further ascertained that this positive correlation of .85 was made by identical responses to over 95% of the items. Just as the retest results showed that the test as a whole possessed a fair amount of reliability, the counting of actual errors made on each item showed the individual items to be very reliable. A test, however, might be reliable as a whole and also reliable in its parts and still be no measure of achievement in General Science. That is, a test might always give the same measurements but the measurements might have no relationship to the achievement in the subject it was supposed to measure.

To make certain that the original test was a measure of achievement in General Science, it was further correlated with other criteria which are known to have some validity as measures of General Science achievement. For instance, General Science achievement is in part dependent on intelligence. Studies of the relationship between marks in school subjects and scores in standard intelligence tests show positive correlations ranging from about .30 to .70. That these correlations are not higher is usually explained by the fact that all pupils do not achieve in proportion to their native ability because of the influence of other factors such as industry, interest, and so forth. Further, if pupils did achieve in proportion to their native ability, there would still be many variations, since studies of school marks have shown certain inherent weaknesses in marks given by teachers. When, however, scores in standardized achievement tests of school subjects are correlated with scores in intelligence tests, the result, while a little better, is still far from a perfect correlation. A positive correlation between achievement test and mental test scores of .50 is quite usual.

When achievement in the 300 item General Science test was correlated with mental test scores for the University High School pupils, results given on the following page were secured. Examination of the figures shows that when the achievement on the whole 300 item test was correlated with intelligence the relationship was relatively high. Further, when the achievement on the first three pages of the test (221 items) was used the relationship was also uniformly high, and even slightly more valid because of the larger number of cases involved. Scores made by these pupils in the Miller Mental Ability Test, Form A, and in a large number of cases for both Form A and Form B (in which case the average of the two Forms was taken) were available as well as

mental ages and intelligence quotients. For the juniors (tenth grade) an average of five mental tests given in the freshman year was secured.

Correlation between	Grade	Pearson r	P.E.	No.Cases
1. Miller Mental Test scores & 300 item General Science test scores	8 9 10 11 12	70 .43 .585 .73	.055 .116 .07 .067 .08	39 20 31 26 38
2. Miller Mental Test scores & 221 item General Science Test scores	8 9 10 11 12	.61 .47 .41 .483 .45	.06 .09 .075 .085	52 34 56 36 45
3. Mental Ages in months & 300 item General Science Test scores	8	.67	.06	38
4. Mental Ages in months & 221 item General Science Test scores	8	.642	.054	52
5. Intelligence Quotients & 300 item General Science Test scores	8 9 11 13	.573 .43 .64 .54	.072 .106 .098 .075	39 27 15 38
6. Intelligence Quotients & 221 item General Science Test scores	8 9 11 12	.576 .43 .62 .494	.062 .075 .09 .075	52 54 20 45
7. Ave. Five Mental Tests & 300 item General Science Test scores	10	.61	.09	18
8. Ave. Five Mental Tests & 221 item General Science Test scores	10	.48	.08	40

Examination of the pupils' achievement in General Science as indicated (a) by marks in General Science and (b) by an average of marks in all subjects and (c) in the case of seniors also of honor points\*, the latter two being taken as criteria of general scholarship, also showed a decided degree of positive relationship. In the case of the 8th grade pupils, who had taken the General Science test on June tenth as a part of their preliminary examination before entering the University HighSchool, the scores on the General Science test and only the first two quarters' marks were considered. Therefore, the correlation for these pupils indicates the degree with which the original test gave an accurate prognosis of what marks teachers gave those pupils after they had taken the course in General Science. In the case of the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade pupils, all of whom had taken General Science in the 8th grade, the correlation is between the average marks earned in their freshman year in General Science and the achievement in the General Science test taken June first, 1922. In the case of 12th grade pupils, their contact with General Science as a subject was three years removed.

	Correlation between	Grade	Pearson r	P.E.	No.Cases
1.	General Science marks & 300 item General Science test scores	8 9 10 11	.61 .835 .76 .47	.065 .039 .05	39 28 30 22
2.	General Science marks & 221 item General Science Test scores	8 9 10 11	.62 .60 .64 .44	.057 .059 .055	52 54 54 29

<sup>\*</sup>Numerical basis for awarding scholarship honors.

(	Correlation between	Grade	Pearson r	P.E.	No.Cases
3.	Percentile Rank, lst yr.'s Marks & 300 item General Science Test scores	10	.59	.10	19
4.	Percentile Rank, lst yr.'s Marks & 221 item General Science Test scores	10	.43	.085	40
5.	Honor Points & 300 item General Science Test scores	12	.40	.09	38
6.	Honor Points & 221 item General Science Test scores	13	.46	.08	45

## (4) Correlation between a part and the whole of the test

Were available for 164 pupils whose papers were evaluated both on the basis of their achievement on 300 items of the General Science test and on the basis of their achievement on the first 221 items of the General Science test. In a later part of this study it was necessary to make comparisons on the basis of the first three pages of the test only. Justification for doing so is to be found in results of this study of University Highschool pupils on the 300 and 221 item bases. For instance, when the results of the 300 and 221 item General Science test of a group consisting of from 26 to 40 pupils were correlated by the rank order method, the correlation was practically perfect. When the achievement on a part and on the whole of the General Science test was correlated by the product-moments method, the results while not perfect were very close to 1.00, as can be noted in

the following figures.

Correlation between	Grade	Pearson r	P.E.	No.Cases
300 item General Science Test scores & 221 item General Science Test scores	8 9 10 11 12	.97 .90 .99 .996	.003 .025 .002 .001	40 28 31 26 39

From these figures it is evident that for purposes of group comparison, the first three pages of the General Science test gave practically as accurate relative results as did the whole test. This of course was due to the fact that the items as arranged in the original test were placed in absolutely random order.

In resume it might be said that the original General Science test as a measure of achievement and information in General Science ence was a fairly reliable measure. Its self-correlation by a retest of 116 pupils was .85. By the use of Brown's formula, a desired r equals  $\frac{Nr}{1+(N-1)r}$  when N equals the number of repetitions  $\frac{1}{1+(N-1)r}$  necessary to get a desired coefficient of correlation. If a self-correlation of .95 were desired, then .95 equals  $\frac{N(85)}{1+(N-1).85}$  Solving, N equals 3.4. In other words, another repetition of the same test would have given a correlation of almost .95. Or, were two more repetitions given, then r would have equalled  $\frac{4(.85)}{1+(4-1).85}$  solving, r would equal .96. When to this are  $\frac{1}{1+(4-1).85}$  added the facts that identical responses after three months equalled 95 percent of all responses made by a pupil on two trials,

the high correlations secured with known criteria, and also high correlations between a part and the whole of the test, the preliminary and original 300 item General Science Test was considered satisfactorily reliable.

#### CHAPTER VI

#### DEVELOPMENT OF THE GENERAL SCIENCE SCALE

In the preceding chapter it was made evident that the original 300 item General Science Test was fairly reliable. In fact the test proved more reliable when compared with certain known criteria than are some achievement tests for various school subjects which have been standardized and placed on the market today.

It might have been possible, on the basis of the large number of pupils for whom data were available, to establish norms and to use the test in its crude form. This original test, however, had certain inherent faults - faults which are bound to occur in every test of its kind. In the first place, in order to be inclusive, the test had 300 items. That is too many. The median time for doing this test computed on 600 cases was fifty-nine minutes with a range of thirty-five to one hundred ten minutes, and a quartile deviation of eleven minutes. Besides, the fact that the test took longer than the average pupil is able to maintain interested effort, the work of scoring and recording of results was decidedly laborious. Efficiency in giving requires a shorter test and one which is also easier to score. Further, some of the items in the original test turned out to be decidedly valueless.

In the original test it was possible to find class, grade, and school medians, but for purposes of comparison it was im-

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possible to tell whether a difference of twelve items between two medians was a real difference or due to chance, unless one entered into statistical procedure to ascertain the fact. This fact when ascertained was, however, still open to the question of quantity - How much of a difference is a difference of twelve items on the original test? A study of data presented later will show that this difference of twelve items might mean a difference due to chance and therefore negligible when occuring in one part of the scale, and a difference which might easily represent the difference between the median and the seventy-fifth percentile when occuring in another part of the scale. A study of the value of individual items, which appears later, also shows that succeeding in twelve items in one part of the scale might be due to chance whereas succeeding in twelve items in another part of the scale would represent ability of practically genius type.

It was also found that the original General Science test contained enough material which, if properly evaluated and arranged, would make a General Science Scale composed of three Forms of known difficulty, which could be used interchangeably with long or short periods intervening for purposes of checking up progress of teaching and accuracy of testing. To be sure, if a test with a smaller number of items were to be used, in order to secure as accurate results as those secured by the three hundred items, the lesser number of items would necessarily have to be selected and evaluated accurately. Moreover,

as stated before, in the 300 item test it was possible, owing to the large number of items of more or less equal difficulty, for two boys to achieve equal scores up to 150 items each and still leave no single item which had been done correctly by both of them or failed by both of them. From the standpoint of diagnostic quality this was a decided weakness, the remedy for which was the development of three or more standardized forms of the General Science test, each Form of known difficulty.

Furthermore, were the original General Science test used, because of varying difficulties of the different items the various items represented various amounts of achievement. That is, the 300 item test represented a measuring tape with 300 units, very few of which were of equal length (difficulty). Succeeding in five items in one part of the scale was not equal to succeeding in five items in another part of the scale. These facts besides being annoying in the interpretation of results would be unknown to the person using the test, hence the necessity for developing scale Forms of known difficulty from the items at hand.

There are at least three methods possible for developing a scale from a set of unselected items containing possible material for the construction of a scale. The first of these methods is well characterized by the English Composition Scale developed by Doctor Van Wagenen. In the construction of this Scale Doctor Van Wagenen had English compositions on the same subject,-

<sup>1.</sup> Van Wagenen, M.J. English Composition Scale. World Book Co.

"How I earned some money", rated by numbers of competent judges on Structure, Mechanics, and Thought Content. The compositions were rated by judges simply by placing them in order of merit on the basis of each of these three criteria. The rating of one composition was then secured by comparing the number of judges who decided that that composition was better, without any regard as to how much better, than the one of slightly poorer quality. Since the judges did not agree as to which of two compositions was better, the amount by which the better one was assumed to be superior to the poorer one was determined on the relative unanimity of the decisions. That is, if fifty percent of the judges decided that composition A was better than composition B and vice versa, the two compositions were assumed to be of equal merit. If 372 percent of the judges decided that composition A was better than composition B and 622 percent decided that composition B was better than composition A, there was then a difference of 25 percent of the judges in favor of composition B which, according to the table of frequencies on a normal surface of distribution, represents a difference of 1 quartile or 1 P.E. and composition B was given a rating of 1 P.E. superiority over composition A. It is evident, however, that starting with original compositions, the ultimate values while obtained by a thoroly reliable method would show various unequal intervals between individual compositions in the scale. This scale represents a steel tape in which all lengths are known and marked, but, instead of always starting at the end of one unit and at the beginning of the other - like 1,2,3 inches etc .- , it was divided

thus  $-1,3\frac{1}{2},3\frac{3}{4},7$  etc inches at the distances so indicated. In using this Scale the composition to be graded is first compared with the different compositions in the scale whose values are known. Decision is then made that the composition in question is like composition B in structure, rating 77 on Structure, like composition F in mechanics, rating 85 on Mechanics, and like composition H in thot content, rating 95 on Thot Content. While a scale of this form has certain merits it did not seem feasible for a General Science scale.

Another method of scale development is that used by Woody in the development of the Woody Arithmetic Scale. This method has also been used by Trabue in the Language Completion Scale and by Posey and Van Wagenen in the development of their Geography Scale. In this method the unit is the difference of difficulty of an item which will cause the correct responses to that item to vary one-tenth of a P.E. (.1 P.E.) in a normal surface of frequency from the item one unit easier or more difficult.

Since this method was adopted for use in the development of the General Science scale, its description will be left to be given in detail for the various steps in the construction of the scale.

- Woody, Clifford "Measurements of some achievements in arithmetic". Teachers College. Columbia University. Contributions to Education, No. 80. 1916. Pp. 1-63
- Trabue, Marion R "Completion-Test Language scales". Teachers College. Columbia University. Contributions to Education #77 1916
- 3. Posey-Van Wagenen "Geography Scales". Public School Publishing Company, Bloomington, Illinois.

There is, however, another method for scale construction which consists in taking a number of questions not necessarily related to fundamental elements of a subject (in this case the subject would be General Science), giving them to a considerable number of pupils who have just completed the subject (in this case General Science), and ascertaining for each question the number of pupils who succeeded in that question and who were rated "A" (in this case rated "A" in General Science), the number who succeeded in that question and were rated "B", the number who succeeded in that question and were rated "C", and so forth. In this method the ability of the question to differentiate among pupils of varying abilities - its diagnostic ability - is ascertained. A scale is then made up of a number of such questions which combined are able to differentiate among those pupils who receive grades of "A", "B", "C" etc. Such a diagnostic test method was used in some of the army trade tests during the war. For instance, where questions were selected to differentiate between an expert carpenter and a journeyman carpenter or an ordinary laborer who desired to be a carpenter, oftentimes questions which had little to do with the actual work of the carpenter but which could only be answered by the expert were used to differentiate different levels of trade ability.

A method of scale construction similar to this, if used for a General Science scale, would be dependent for its accuracy on the accuracy of the marks given in General Science. In view of recent studies of the unreliability of school marks this method would be far less accurate than the method which has been employed.

For some purposes it seems that while both the first and third methods described, being the only methods available for certain subjects, are more satisfactory than no method at all, they carry the weakness which is inherent in dealing with an unknown from the standpoint of another unknown. In the method adopted for the General Science scale there are at least two things certain, namely, that (a) the questions or items selected are from the subject to be measured and can be rated right or wrong, and (b) it is possible to ascertain what percent of any particular group or classification of pupils can do each item correctly.

#### Derivation of the Scale

When the 300 item test for each pupil had been scored and the score clearly indicated on it, the test papers were divided according to the classification described in previous chapter, namely, according to grade, sex, and whether or not the pupil had taken General Science. This made in all twenty classifications. In Table II (DISTRIBUTION OF SCORES OF 5980 CASES ON THE 300 ITEMS OF THE GENERAL SCIENCE TEST) are the distributions of the scores made by 5,980 8th grade and highschool pupils in the 22 school systems that had co-operated in this study. From this Table it is evident that one 8th grade girl and one 9th grade girl, neither of whom had studied General Science, made scores between 25 and 29 inclusive. It is also evident that the best scores secured by -8G were two between 180 and 184. A glance at the Table shows the gradual slope of the bulk of the frequencies towards the lower right hand corner, indicating a gradual increase of the median.

TABLE II

DISTRIBUTION OF SCORES OF 5980 CASES ON THE 300 ITEMS OF THE GENERAL SCIENCE TEST.

				<b>.</b>	44.44.44																
Score	-8G	-8B	+8G	+8B	-90	-9I	3 +90	3 +9E	3-100	3-10E	3+100	+10E	3-110	+110	-11	B+11	B-120	G+120	-12B	+12B	
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30- 34										•						,					
35- 39					•		•			*		•								1	
40- 44								•				•	1								
45- 49	1						٠,						-			;					
50- 54	3	3	1				Τ.				•	•				_			•		
55- 59	2	1				Ţ					*	•		,							
60- 64	4	5			1	1			2				*	1							
65- 69	5	5			4				1			3	:		1						
70- 74	7	7				1			3				1								
75- 79	6	9			2	3		2	1				1	1							
80- 84	23	7			7	3	2	5	3	1		1	2				1				
85- 89	24	10	1		9	3	2	3	3	2			2		1					*	
90- 94	27	9	1		16	2	5	2	8	2			1								
95- 99	26	16	1	3	13	6	4	9	8	1		1	3				3	1			
100-104	33	21	- 1		29	9	4	3	13	5	2	*	6				3	1	1	1	
105-109	46	21	1	2	33	9	10	10	21	4	3	1	11	2	3		3	2	1		
110-114	48	19	2	ī	24	19	13	4	27	6	3	3	13	5	3	1	4				
115-119	49	25	4		38	16	18	13	46	14	2	4	16	8	3		7	5			
120-124	39	25	2	4	49	17	18	16	29	17	13	6	15	3	5	1	8	2	1		
125-129	44	33	5	1	50	28	20	16	41	20	8	6	19	8	2	1	8	4	3		
130-134	25	39	5	1	41	28	28	11	46	11	12	10	28	7	10	1	12	3		1	
135-139	14	26	3	4	34	18	24	19	46	18	23	13	36	8	8	2	17	6	6	3	
140-144	23	23	1	3	26	16	33	27	42	19	14	10	29	8	14	ĩ	17	8	3		
	24	32	3	3	26	19	33	20	38	24	16	14	35	16	8	5	23	11	2	3	
145-149	7	19	1	2	29	19	34	22	33	18	19	10	30	17	10	6	25	4	7	0	
150-154		11	4	5	12	15	31	29	21	21	29	14	29	17	14	6	30	7	8	5	
155-159	4			7	12	13	32	24	19	20	22	14	34	17	21	2	24	6	9	6	
160-164	3	16	5	1	7	9							24	12	17	9	26	8	13	7	
165-169	4	8	2	4			31	26	18	20	26	18						19	15	5	
170-174	4	4		3	6	9	22	21	10	10	12	15	30	9	21	8	19		13	10	
175-179	2	3	1	4	7	6	15	23	11	14	12	12	22	11	19	1000		22		15	
180-184	2	3		5	1	13	15	29	8	8	10	18	12	13	16	15	17	14	9		
185-189				1	3	3	13	17	4	4	9	8	15	5	17	8	13	16	9	12	
190-194				1	1	3	6	18	2	7	8	16	4	8	15	13	12	11	17	14	
195-199				1		5	6	22	2	6	9	13	10	5	11	8	11	10	24	- 8	
200-204					1	1	7	6	4	2	2	5	5	5	9	8	11	9	13	8	
205-209						3	3	8	1	3	2	4	3	2	9	7	15	6	9	8	
210-214						1	3	10		5	2	6	1	3	8	7	5	7	16	11	
215-219							3	6		3	1	4	2	3	6	7		3	9	4	
220-224								4	2		1	5		. 3	6	7	2	1	4	3	
225-229								3		3	1	3		1	3	3	2		9	8	
230-234						1				1		4		1	2	3			2	3	
235-239						1	1										2	4	1	1	
240-244								2								3			2	4	
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260-264																			-		
Total					100	300	437	430	513	289	261	242	440	197	263	143	347	700	210	141	
Number	500	400	44	49	482	200	401	400	OTO	200	201	240	440	101	200	7.40	041	192	STO	TAT	

In as much as General Science is almost universally a 9th grade or freshman subject in four year highschools and an 8th grade subject in Junior highschools, it was deemed satisfactory to take for the purpose of standardizing the items for the different Scale Forms (a) the 500 -8G and the 400 -8B and (b) 430 +9G and the 430 +9B. (Actually there were 437 +9G who had turned in completed papers). All of these pupils had turned in papers in which all of the 300 items had been marked.

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At this point it might be explained that the use of 900
8th grade pupils who had not had General Science for the purpose of standardizing a General Science Scale, while not at first self-explanatory will become clear when it is considered that
(a) the Scale was intended as a diagnostic test, (b) even with -8th grade pupils a considerable percentage exceeded the median achievement for +9th grade pupils, and (c)a pupil's success in General Science is to a certain extent quite as much dependent on what he knows before entering the course as it is on what he learns in the course.

The unit of measurement in this Scale was to be that difference of difficulty of items which would cause the correct responses to any item to differ one-tenth of a P.E. (.1 P.E.) on a normal surface of frequency from the items one unit more easy or more difficult. The next problem, therefore, was to reduce the difficulty of all items to P.E. values, all of which were known to have normal surfaces of frequency.

Having selected the four groups which were to form the basis for the valuation of items, responses for the total of

1760 papers were tabulated so as to secure the number in each group that made correct responses to item 1, the number that made correct responses to item 2, and so on. The result of this tabulation is given in TABLE III (FREQUENCIES WITH WHICH EACH OF THE 300 ITEMS WAS DONE CORRECTLY BY 500 EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS etc.). In this Table the items are not arranged in numerical order because it was found desirable to arrange them in order of increasing frequency for at least one group, hence the items are arranged in the order of difficulty for the -8G.

enough to insure the stability of the item placement. This was done by dividing each of the four groups into two parts when counting the number of correct responses, treating the first part as one distance one distance and the whole group, the second part, as another distance. The rank order of each item of the 300 was then determined, first on the basis of the first part and then again on the basis of the whole group. The rank order correlation between a part and the whole group in each case was over .98.

(a)	350	-8G	and	500	-8G	gave	coefficient	of	.9964
(b)	300	-8B	. 11	400	-8B	"	11	11	.9968
(o)	215	+9G	11	430	+9G	п	п	11	.981
(d)	215	+9B	п	430	+9B	п	Ħ	Ħ	.984

The significance of these figures is clear, namely, that for most purposes, had the selection of data stopped with the 350 -8G,

FREQUENCIES WITH WHICH EACH OF THE 300 ITEMS WAS DONE CORRECTLY BY 500 EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS AND 400 EIGHTH GRADE BOYS WHO HAD NOT HAD GENERAL SCIENCE, AND BY 430 NINTH GRADE GIRLS AND 430 NINTH GRADE BOYS WHO HAD HAD GENERAL SCIENCE.

<u>Item</u>	-8G -8	B -9G	-9B	Item	-8G	-8B	-9G	-9B	cont'd
78 27 35 123 173 187 228 357 1367 183 144 164 184 248 35 36 66 44 45 180 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20	-8G -8  14 460 19 21 29 33 67 16 39 33 67 16 39 33 67 16 39 33 67 16 39 33 67 16 39 33 67 17 39 45 18 49 49 47 48 49 49 49 49 49 49 49 49 49 49 49 49 49	75 235 87 92 41 33 62 53 62 63 63 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 64	-9B 128 788 129 180 658 708 714 198 199 407 169 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 18	Item  251 149 89 86 191 244 11 283 467 194 300 243 255 163 214 255 210 69 298 127 207 61 47 1241 55 91 205 307 61 47 1241 55 91 205 307 61 47 171 241 55 91 205 306 208 218 228 36	-8G 73 744 756 788 818 82 83 84 84 88 88 89 90 95 96 66 98 81 103 3 103 103 103 103 103 103 113 115	-8B 71 558 417 648 62 134 68 95 0 96 7 29 7 39 90 44 75 143 84 114 85 68 110 88 68 7 26 7 127 105 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 26 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 87 7 127 118 118 118 118 118 118 118 118 118 11	-9G 135 1616 103 155 1616 103 155 1616 1616 1616 1616 1616 1616 1616	-9B 138 160 162 163 163 163 163 163 163 163 163	cont'd

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233     144     145     125     120     25     204     164     202     217       193     145     201     142     259     199     205     158     201     191       49     146     99     250     276     172     207     239     262     304       46     147     100     80     113     277     207     271     330     370       233     147     150     196     248     242     208     142     218     196       289     147     154     135     172     271     208     173     233     300       160     148     179     212     274     94     311     238     282     298       31     149     141     248     368     95     214     146     214     167       106     149     109     111     107     211     214     184     319     293       178     150     141     185     239     119     217     186     256     278       178     150     142     234     235     218     234     275     324       136     15

Item	-8G	-8B	-9G	-9B Cont'd	Item	-8G	-8B	-9G	-9B Cont'd
147214555415749960073338672504487136492008179609022136539867216448713664920811244291114298873886721664491111429887388672166449111142988738867216644911114298873886721664491111429887388672166449111142136687386738867216644911114213668738673886721664491111421366873867388672166449111142136687386738867386786878687868786878688788878	2222233501447801783355900378047891246667899145899558000148 222222222222222222222222222222222222	25178866827449058823198236044823198823319993243231823843112823399932432318235538568666517993243	2183232658460776298388483836790202988722323232323232323232323333333333333	277 2348 25361 2538635486356356356356356356356356356356356356356	295 234 159 2348 1329 107 1830 1830 1830 1830 1830 1830 1830 1830	33489354744677955688968995117783384456925151 3348935674467795568896899511778338445684444444444444444444444444444444	304 397 389 346 356 366 366 366 366 366 366 36	383 369 370 372 397 351 407 323 356 423	317 337 319 312 361 377 374 359 334 406 301 356 371 368 397 360 409 393 389 403 372 352 376 367 403 410 392

the 300 -8B, the 215 +9G, or the 215 +9B, the order of difficulty would not have changed enough to have made any appreciable difference as the P.E. of P with such high coefficients and large numbers of cases is negligible.

It is in order at this time also to show that the combining of these four groups of data into a composite source of data for the Scale is not as lacking of homogeneity as would be indicated by the fact that pupils who have not had and pupils who have had General Science were used to standardize a General Science Scale. In Table XII (PERCENTILE SCORES ON 300 ITEMS MADE BY 6053 CASES) the medians for these four groups are 114, 127, 150, and 162 respectively. An examination of the medians would indicate considerable dispersion of results. Examination of the following data, however, shows that while the +9B whose median was 162 did as a group 48 items more than the -8G whose median was 114, the order of difficulty of items for all four groups was relatively similar. This is indicated by the fact that the rank order correlation of items for

- (a) 500 -8G and for 430 +9G was .87 with a P.E. of .007
- (b) 400 -8B and for 430 +9B was .916 with a P.E. of .005
- (c) 500 -8G and for 400 +8B was .95 with a P.E. of .003

Reduction of frequencies of correct responses to percentages

Having in Table III the number of times each item was done correctly by each of the four groups selected, the next step was to convert each of the frequencies into percent of the total group and into the P.E. value for that group. Reference to

Table IV (COMPUTATION OF ITEM VALUE OR DIFFICULTY WORKED FROM TABLE III - See Appendix IV) will show that whereas the first item, number 78 in Table III, was done by 14 -8G, 46 -8B, 75 +9G, and 122 +9B, in Column 2 of Table IV the 14, the number of correct responses in the -8G group, has been converted into percent by dividing 14 by 500, which gives 2.8%. In Column 5, the 46, the number of correct responses in the -8B group, has been converted into percent by dividing the 46 by 400, which gives 11.5%. In Column 10, the 75, the number of correct responses in the +9G group, has been converted into percent by dividing the 75 by 430, which gives 17.4%. In Column 15, the 122, the number of correct responses in the +9B group, has been converted into percent by dividing the 122 by 430, which gives 28.4%, and so on for each item. In Columns 2, 5, 10, and 15 the first number is the percent of correct responses made by each of the four groups on Item 78. Similarly, for each item the frequency of correct responses indicated in Table III divided by the number of pupils in that group, namely, 500, 400, 430 and 430 respectively, for the -8G, -8B, +9G, and +9B respectively, is given in the columns of percents, - columns 2, 5, 10, and 15.

# Reduction of percents of correct responses to percent of deviation from median

In as much as the unit of measure adopted was the P.E. from the median, the next task was to convert the percents of correct responses into P.E. values from the median. For this purpose it was found convenient to use the Table of P.E. Values given by Woody - See Table V(P.E. VALUES CORRESPONDING TO GIVEN PERCENTS OF THE NORMAL SURFACE OF FREQUENCY, PERCENTS BEING TAKEN FROM THE MEDIAN). In this Table are given the P.E. values corresponding to given percents of the normal surface of frequency, percents being taken from the median. It was therefore necessary to ascertain for the percent of each item the percent of deviation from the median, or fifty percent, which the percent of correct responses represented. As stated in the preceding paragraph, 14 correct responses for item 78 on the part of the 500 -8G represents 2.8% of correct responses. Two and eight-tenths percent, however, is 47.2% below the median (50%-2.8%). Forty-six correct responses on the part of the 400 -8B represented 11.5% of correct responses which was in turn 38.5% below the median (50%-11.5%). The 75 correct responses on the part of the 430 +9G represented 17.4% correct responses which was 32.6% below the median, while the 122 correct responses on the part of the 430 +9B represented 28.4% correct responses which was 21.6% below the median. Therefore in columns 3, 6, 11, and 16 are given the deviations from the median of each of the percents in columns 2, 5, 10, and 15.

Reduction of percents of deviation from median to P.E. from median

To convert the deviations from the median was a matter of looking up in Table III each of the deviations from the median. Thus, 47.2% below the median, indicated by -47.2 in column 3, is equivalent to 2.834 P.E. below the median and is indicated in column 4 by -2.834. In column 6 -38.5% is equivalent to -1.780

Woody, C. "Measurements of some achievements in arithmetic". Page 37. Table X - ("taken directly from B. R. Buckingham's Spelling Ability, Table XLVII. It is a modification of the table given in E. L. Thorndike's Mental and Social Measurements (page 200)".)

P.E. Values corresponding to given per cents of the normal surface of frequency, per cents being taken from the median.

%	.0	.1	.2	. 3	. 4	.5	.6	.7	.8	.9	
012345	.000 .037 .074	.004 .041 .078 .115 .153	.007 .044 .082 .119 .156	.011 .048 .085 .123 .160	.015 .052 .089 .127 .164 .201	.019 .056 .093 .130 .168 .205	.022 .059 .097 .134 .172 .209	.026 .063 .100 .138 .175	.030 .067 .104 .141 .179	.033 .071 .108 .14 <b>5</b> .183	
6 7 8 9	.224 .261 .299 .337	.228 .265 .303 .341	.231 .269 .307 .345	.235 .273 .311 .349	.239 .277 .315 .353	.243 .280 .318 .357	.246 .2 <b>9</b> 4 .322 .360	.250 .288 .326 .364	.254 .292 .330 .368	.258 .296 .334 .372	
10 11 12 13 14	.376 .414 .453 .492 .531	.380 .418 .457 .496 .535	.383 .422 .461 .500	.387 .426 .464 .504	.391 .430 .468 .508	.395 .434 .472 .512 .551	.399 .437 .476 .516	.403 .441 .480 .519 .559	.407 .445 .484 .523	.410 .449 .489 .527	
15 16 17 18 19	.571 .612 .652 .693	.575 .616 .656 .698	.579 .620 .660 .702	.583 .624 .665 .706	.588 .628 .669 .710	.592 .632 .673 .714	.596 .636 .677 .719 .761	.600 .640 .681 .723 .765	.603 .644 .685 .727 .769	.608 .648 .689 .731	
20 21 23 23 24	.778 .820 .864 .909	.782 .825 .869 .913	.786 .829 .873 .918	.790 .834 .878 .922 .968	.795 .838 .882 .927 .972	.799 .842 .886 .931 .977	.803 .847 .891 .936 .982	.807 .851 .895 .940	.812 .855 .900 .945 .991	.816 .860 .904 .949	
26 27 28	1.000 1.047 1.096 1.145 1.196	1.052 1.101 1.150	1.009 1.057 1.105 1.155 1.206	1.062 1.110 1.160	1.019 1.067 1.115 1.165 1.217	1.024 1.071 1.120 1.170 1.222	1.028 1.076 1.125 1.176 1.227	1.033 1.081 1.130 1.181 1.232	1.038 1.086 1.135 1.186 1.238	1.042 1.091 1.140 1.191 1.243	
31 32 33	1.248 1.302 1.357 1.415 1.475	1.307 1.363 1.421	1.259 1.313 1.368 1.427 1.487	1.318 1.374 1.432	1.269 1.324 1.380 1.438 1.499	1.275 1.329 1.386 1.444 1.506	1.279 1.335 1.391 1.450 1.512	1.286 1.340 1.397 1.456 1.518	1.291 1.346 1.403 1.462 1.524	1.296 1.351 1.409 1.469 1.531	
36 37 38	1.537 1.602 1.670 1.742 1.819	1.609 1.677 1.749	1.549 1.610 1.685 1.757 1.835	61.622 1.692 1.765	1.563 1.629 1.699 1.772 1.851	1.569 1.636 1.706 1.780 1.859	1.576 1.643 1.713 1.788 1.867	1.582 1.649 1.720 1.795 1.875	1.589 1.656 1.728 1.80 <b>5</b> 1.884	1.595 1.663 1.735 1.811 1.892	
41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48	1.900 1.988 2.083 2.188 2.305 2.439 2.597 2.789 3.044 3.450	1.997 2.093 2.199 2.318 2.453	2.103 2.211 2.331 2.468 2.631 2.834 3.111	2.016 2.114 2.222 2.344 2.483 2.648	1.935 2.026 2.124 2.234 2.357 2.498 2.667 2.881 3.182 3.725	1.944 2.035 2.134 2.245 2.370 2.514 2.686 2.905 3.219 3.820	1.953 2.044 2.145 2.257 2.384 2.530 2.706 2.932 3.258 3.938	1.962 2.054 2.155 2.269 2.397 2.546 2.726 2.958 3.300 4.083	1.971 2.064 2.166 2.281 2.411 2.562 2.746 2.986 3.346 4.275	1.979 2.074 2.177 2.293 2.425 2.579 2.767 3.015 3.395 4.600	

P.E. from the median, indicated in column 7. In column 11, -32.6% is equivalent to -1.391 P.E. from the median, indicated in column 12. In column 16, -21.6% is equivalent to -.847 P.E. from the median, indicated in column 17. Therefore an examination of columns 4, 7, 12, and 17 will show that they represent the P.E. value of each of the percents of deviation from the median of correct responses for each group for each item. The direction from the median is indicated by positive and negative P.E.s. That is, any P.E. value for a deviation from the median of a percent of correct responses which is less than 50 is indicated by a negative number. The P.E. value of deviations from the median for any percent of correct responses which is

Examination of the P.E. values for item 78, the first item in Table IV, shows that for the four groups selected this item had P.E. values of -2.834, -1.780, -1.391, and -.847. It is evident that this item was not of equal difficulty for each of the four groups, since it has been seen that the percent of correct responses for the four groups ranged from 2.8% to 28.4%. A similar condition is to be found for each of the succeeding items. For instance, item 27 has P.E. values of -2.746, -2.439, -2.397, and -2.245 (columns 4, 7, 12, 17) for each of the four groups. Obviously each item has four P.E. values instead of one, and unless some method of equating these P.E. values be found, four separate scales, one for each of the four groups -would be necessary. If eight different groups were to be measured and the same conditions were true, eight scales would be necessary, etc.

#### Computation of average P.E. difference between groups

This apparently confused state of affairs, however, was easily adjusted. It was decided to ascertain the mean P.E. difference on all 300 items between each of the groups, then using this mean P.E. difference to convert each of the groups to the level of the lowest group. Therefore, in column 8 is the difference between the P.E. value of item 78 for -8B (-1.780) and the P.E. value of item 78 for -8G (-2.834), which is 1.054 P.E. Since a greater number of the -8B did item 78 correctly than did the -8G this difference is positive. In the next line, column 8, is the P.E. difference on item 27 for -8B and -8G (-2.439) - (2.746) or .307 P.E. This process is repeated for each of the 300 items. At the bottom of the Table is to be found the algebraic sum of all the P.E. differences occuring in column 8, which is equal to 49.295. This sum divided by 300, the number of P.E. differences in column 8, gives a mean P.E. difference of .164. In other words, on 300 items the P.E. values of the correct responses of the 400 -8B exceeded the P.E. values of the correct responses of the 500 -8G by .164 P.E.

In the same way column 13 is a column of the P.E. differences between the P.E. values of the +9G and the -8B. Thus (4.391)- (-1.780) is equivalent to .389 or the P.E. value of the superiority of the responses to item 78 of the 430 +9G over those of the -8B and (-2.397) - (-2.439) or .042 is the P.E. value of the superiority of the +9G over the -8B on item 27. Repeating the same process for each item one finds at the bottom of the

Table the algebraic sum of all the P.E. differences in column 13, namely, 124.308. This number divided by 300 gives an average P.E. difference of .414 or the amount in P.E. by which the responses of the 430 +9G are superior in accuracy to those of the 400 -8B.

In the same way column 18 is the column of the differences between the P.E. values on each item of the +9G, column 12, and the P.E. values on the same items for the +9B, column 17. Thus, (-.847) - (-1.391) is the equivalent of .544 found in column 18 and (-2.245) - (-2.397) is equivalent to .152 found in column 18. Repeating the same process for each item and totaling the P.E. differences, at the bottom of the Table is found the algebraic sum of all the P.E. differences in column 18, which is 25.821. This sum divided by 300 gives .086, which is the mean P.E. difference between column 17 and column 12 or the amount in P.E. by which the +9B are superior to the +9G on these items.

The computation of the mean P.E. differences between the different groups has shown in P.E. amounts what would be evident from the examination either of the individual number or of the percent of correct responses made by each group on each item.

Namely, that from the standpoint of achievement in the General Science test the -8G - 8th grade girls who have not had General Science - group is the lowest, the -8B group the next higher, the +8G next, and the -9B group stands the highest of all four groups. The advantage, however, of results of columns 8, 13, and 18 is that this difference in achievement among the four groups is given in P.E. amounts. It can be said, therefore, that

the -8B are .164 P.E. superior to the -8G, that the +9G are .414 P.E. superior to the -8B, and that the +9B are .086 P.E. superior to the +9G.

### Reduction of all scores to 8th grade level

In order to have the items all evaluated to an average P.E. value, the next step was to reduce the achievement of each group on each item to a common level. The necessity of this procedure can be easily illustrated by the following hypothetical case. Suppose A, B, C, and D were each given a tape measure in which the units were all of uniform length - inches in the case of the tape measure, P.E. amounts in the case of this test -. But suppose that A's tape measure began with the inches numbered at O, B's tape measure had 164 inches torn off, C's tape measure had 414 inches more torn off than had B's, that is 414 plus 164 inches or 578 inches torn off, while C's tape measure had 86 inches more torn off than had C's, that is 164 plus 414 plus 86 or 664 inches torn off. Suppose that all four measured a certain distance. Let us assume that this distance was 1,000 inches. If each began with his tape as it was numbered and took the reading at the farther end on his tape, it is obvious that A's reading would be 1,000 inches since the divisions on his tape were numbered beginning with zero. It would further be obvious that the reading on B's tape would be 1164 inches, since the numbers on his tape began with 164. Likewise C's and D's reading would be 1578 and 1664 inches respectively, because their tapes began with the numbers 578 and 664. Any mean evaluation which these four individuals might make of the distance measured would first require

that the four readings be reduced to a common basis. This could be accomplished by reducing the readings to the level of any one of the four individuals, that is, reduced to A's readings by subtracting 164, 578, and 664 from B's, C's, and D's readings respectively. Or, readings could be reduced to B's reading by adding 164 to A's reading and subtracting 414 and 500 (414 plus 86) from C's and D's readings respectively. In the same way the readings could be reduced to the level of C or of D. Once the readings were reduced to a common level, an average obtained, and account taken of the zero point, then the four readings on the four tapes, each of which began with a different number, would give a measure as reliable as would measurement with a steel tape in which the units began with zero.

In the case of the General Science Scale it was decided to reduce the P.E. values made by each group to the level of the 8th grade girls without General Science. To do so it was necessary to subtract 164, the mean P.E. difference between -8G and +9B, from each of the P.E. values given for -8B in column 7, .578, the sum of the P.E. difference between -8G and -8B or .164 plus the P.E. difference between -8B and +9G or .414, from the P.E. values given for +9G in column 12, and .664, the sum of the P.E. difference between -8G and -8B or .164 plus the P.E. difference between -8B and +9G or .414 plus the P.E. difference between -8B and +9G or .414 plus the P.E. difference between +9G and +9B or .086 from the P.E. values given for +9B in column 17. In this way columns 9, 14, and 19 were secured. They are labelled "P.E. Value'" for

each of the groups. These columns represent the P.E. values on each item reduced to the level of the -8G. Thus, column 4 is both "P.E. Value" and "P.E. Value", since the -8G were taken as the basis. Column 9 is the result of subtracting .164 from the values given in column 7, column 14 is the result of subtracting .164 plus 414 from the P.E. values given in column 12, and column 19 is the result of subtracting .164 plus .414 plus .086 from the P.E. values given in column 17. Whereas the results in columns 4, 7, 12, and 17 are the P.E. values computed from the four different medians of the four different groups, the results in columns 4, 9, 14, and 19 are the P.E. values made by the four different groups but computed in each case from a common point, namely the median of the 8th grade girls without General Science.

### Weighted average P.E. Value'

Having the values in columns 4, 9, 14, and 19 for each item so that they are in comparable form, that is, all computed from the same basis, the next step was to ascertain the average value of these four measures. Thus, for item 78, the "P.E. Values'" are -2.834 P.E., -1.944 P.E., -1.969 P.E., and -1.511 P.E. made by the four different groups. It is evident that a simple arithmetical mean of these four P.E. values might be used. It was thot advisable, however, to weight these values in the order of their reliability. That is, P.E. values are most accurate in the middle fifty percent of a distribution, one P.E. on each side of the median, less accurate 2 P.E. away, still less

accurate 3 P.E. away, and more so when 4 P.E. away from the median. Therefore, in computing the average P.E. value of each item it was decided to use a multiplication factor of 10 for values between 0 and 1 P.E., of 6 for values between 1 and 2 P.E., of 3 for values between 2 and 3 P.E., and of 1 for values between 3 and 4 P.E. In each case the actual P.E. value of the item, not its recomputed value or P.E. Value', was used to find the multiplication factor. To illustrate, for item 78 the final, weighted average P.E. Value' was computed as follows.

-2.834 x 3 (2.834 is between 2 and 3) equals - 8.502

-1.944 x 6 (1.780 is between 1 and 2) equals -11.664

-1.969 x 6 (1.391 is between 1 and 2) equals -11.814

-1.511 x 10 (0.847 is between 0 and 1) equals -15.110 Total Wts. 25 Total ..... -47.090

-47.090 divided by 25 equals -1.884, or the final weighted average value of item 78 computed from the median of the -8G group. In like manner each of the 300 items were weighted and averaged to secure the final weighted average value from the median of the -8G group found in column 20. Where items near the middle of the scale had both positive and negative values, the total in the above computation was the algebraic sum of the plus and minus values.

Location of the value of each item with reference to the arbitrary zero

Thus far a final average P.E. value has been secured for each item. This value, however, is merely a relative value in

uniform units computed from the median of the 8th grade girls without General Science. It is apparent that even the lowest 8th grade girl, who made a score of between 25 and 29, did not represent zero ability in achievement on this test. Were there a hypothetical case of an 8th grade girl who had made a zero score on this test, it would still be doubtful whether or not her achievement or ability in General Science was zero, for, were there an item easier than the easiest item on the test, it is quite conceivable that she might have marked it successfully.

Zero, or better yet, a score of 1 item or one-fifth of one percent on the table of frequencies of a normal surface of distribution would represent a deviation from the median of -49.8% or a P.E. value of -4.275. This, however, is an unknown distance or value above zero. Since the zero is unknown, it was that advisable arbitrarily to select a zero point sufficiently low to include for all practical purposes every possible achievement or ability in General Science. It was therefore decided to make this arbitrary zero point 8 P.E. below the median achievement of 880 individuals who had taken General Science for one year. Since both boys and girls had taken General Science and the median achievements of the two groups in the 9th grade varied by .086 P.E., this zero point is 8 P.E. below a point which is one-half of .086 P.E. or .043 P.E. above the median achievement of the plus 9 Girls and .043 P.E. below the median achievement of the plus 9 Boys. This zero point is also .043 plus .414 plus .184 or .621 P.E. above the median of the -8th grade girls who were taken as the basis for computing the P.E. value of each item.

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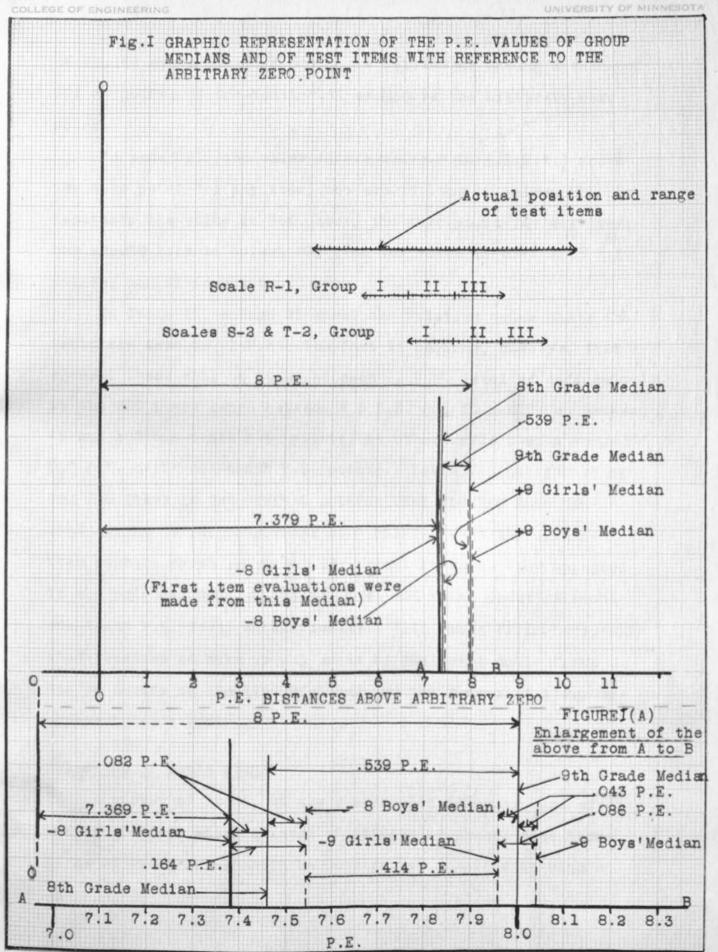
It is obvious then that in order to compute the actual value in P.E. of each item above the arbitrary zero point, it would be necessary to bear in mind that the average P.E. value already computed is computed from the -8 Girls' median, and that this median is .621 below the point which is 8 P.E. above the arbitrary zero point. In other words, the -8 Girls' median is 8.000 - .621 P.E. or 7.379 P.E. above the arbitrary zero point. To secure the actual P.E. value of each item above its zero point it was necessary to recompute the average P.E. value, bearing in mind that the -8 Girls' median is the point of reference for the average value and that this point of reference is 7.379 P.E. above the zero point. On this basis column 21 was computed.

In the computation of the column, an item which is below the median, that is, has a minus P.E. value, as does item 78, is an item which was very hard since it was done successfully by less than 50% of the pupils. An item having a negative P.E. value is then above the median in difficulty. Therefore, while item 78 was done successfully by an average number of pupils equivalent to an average P.E. value of -1.984, the difficulty of item 78 was really 1.884 above the -8 Girls' median and its actual P.E. value was 7.379 plus 1.884, or 9.263 p.E. above the zero point. Like-wise item 27 which had an average P.E. value of -2.808 from the 8th grade girls' median, had an average difficulty which gives it a value of 7.369 plus 2.808 p.E. or 10.187 P.E. above the zero point. Item 148 at the bottom of the Table was so easy that enough pupils - an average of about 96% - did it successfully to give it an average P.E. value of positive 2.570. This item, there-

fore, was extremely easy. Its difficulty was really 2.570 P.E. below the 8th grade girls' median and its final value was 7.369 - 2.570 P.E. or 4.809 P.E. above the zero point. In like manner all 300 items were given a final P.E. value above the zero point in column 21 by adding the P.E. value in column 20, if negative, to 7.369 and subtracting the P.E. value in column 20, if positive, from 7.369.

Figure I (GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION OF THE P.E. VALUES OF GROUP MEMANS AND OF TEST ITEMS WITH REFERENCE TO THE ARBITRARY ZERO POINT) is a graphic representation of the relative positions of the grade medians and of the range of difficulty of items in the test. Reference to the two figures (Figure I and Figure IA) may help to simplify any obscurity in the preceding description. It should be borne in mind that figure IA is a magnification of that part on Figure I which lies between A and B.

The range of the items was from about 4.5 P.E. to about 10.2 P.E. above the arbitrary zero point. Naturally some uniform unit of difficulty should exist between items on the scale, just as uniform inches exist on a footrule even if each end of the footrule has a part cut off from it. The unit which was selected as comparable to the inches on the footrule was one tenth of one P.E. (.1 P.E.). Therefore in column 21 the P.E. values above the zero point have been immediately converted into one-tenth P.E. values. Thus item 78, which has a value of 9.263 P.E., is written as having a value of 92.63 points or one-tenth P.E. each above the zero point. Item 27, which has a P.E. value



of 10.187 above the zero point, is written as having a value of 101.87 points of one-tenth P.E. eachabove the arbitrary zero point.

To ascertain the value in one-tenth P.E. (.1 P.E.) above the zero point for any item, one should look in column 21. To ascertain its value in P.E. above the zero point for any item, one should look in column 21, find the value in one-tenth P.E. points, and divide by ten.

In Table IV, column 21 gives the relative value above the arbitrary zero in .1 P.E. The fact is obvious, however, that several items will be found at each .1 P.E. level of difficulty if the 300 items range between 4.5 P.E. and 10.2 P.E. or between 45 and 102 one-tenth P.E. points, in other words over a range of 5.7 P.E. or 57 one-tenth P.E. points. Table VI (DIFFICULTY OF THE 300 ITEMS IN THE GENERAL SCIENCE TEST FIGURED FROM THE SELECTEDAND DEFINED ARBITRARY ZERO POINT) gives the original item numbers which represent the actual items as they appeared in the original General Science test and which occur at each one-tenth P.E. level of difficulty. With Table VI in hand, all that remained to make up any scale or duplicate scale forms was to decide on the kind of items and the ranges of items to appear in each scale.

## Selection of scale items

A survey of items, of the ranges of difficulty, and of the number of items at each level of difficulty showed that three Forms of known value could be constructed. Having in mind a

Difficulty

DIFFICULTY OF THE 300 ITEMS IN THE GENERAL SCIENCE TEST FIGURED FROM THE SELECTED AND DEFINED ARBITRARY ZERO POINT.

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No.P.E.s
 above Zero*
                                  Item Numbers
 4.6
 4.8
             148
 5.2
             131
             3,122,145
 5.4
 5.7
             123,254
5.8
             62,82,102,133
 5.9
             79,229
6.0
             23,126
6.1
             100,103,190
6.2
             104,246,292
6.3
             185,250
6.4
             68,51,107,188
6.5
             114, 192, 230, 248
6.6
             54,183,198,234
6.7
             118,150,168,221,269,296
6.8
             1,76,98,111,132,225,257,275
6.9
             48,189,202,203,295
7.0
             109,120, 161,222,247,262,277
7.1
             129,142,169,299
7.2
             32,60,156,216,256,297
7.3
             55,65,113,211,240,279
14,59,94,112,172,187,237,255,263,287
7.4
7.5
             20,40,96,99,115,154,196,232,238,285,286
7.6
             80,119,137,141,184,197,200,209,220,245,252,265,274
7.7
             2,5,8,71,84,175,195,291
7.8
             22,30,42,72,75,147,158,176,215,272
            13,19,25,31,36,49,63,101,153,160,174,186,213,236,264,271,281,29
77,82,93,95,97,151,166,193,199,233,242
7.9
8.0
8.1
             21, 29, 41, 45, 117, 152, 162, 218, 280, 282, 178
8.3
             12,33,105,116,181,261,266,268,288
8.3
             15,26,61,139,155,167,182,201,239,260,283,289
            17,37,50,52,53,130,157,226,376
108,136,159,165,177,194,207,223,267,294
8.4
8.5
8.6
            10,11,16,44,81,91,92,106,138,146,170,205,206,231,284
8.7
             28,46,47,56,73,85,89,171,191,210,227,243,249,270,273,298
8.8
            7,64,86,121,127,163,179,180,204,212,251,253
8.9
             4,69,70,164,235,259,300,
9.0
             219,241,290
9.1
            9,38,43,74,88,90,125,149,208,214,258,278
9.2
            18,140,173,224
9.3
            78,128,217,244
9.4
            34,124
9.5
            35,66,67,110,135,143,144
9.6
            6,58,134
9.7
            39
9.8
            57
10.2
            27,87,228
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<sup>\*</sup>Figured to nearest tenth (.1). In Table IV these values are multiplied by 10 (Column 21), which gives the difficulty in number of one-tenth P.E. (.1 P.E.) above zero.

method of computing scale scores, which will be described later, it was decided to construct a Scale having three Forms, each of which was composed of three groups of twenty items each. The range of difficulty of the items in any one group was to be one P.E. or ten points of one-tenth P.E. each. This meant that in each group there would be ten levels of difficulty with two items at each level. It also meant that the total range of any one scale would be three P.E. or thirty points of one-tenth P.E.

It was found that the easiest scale Form could begin with items at 5.7 P.E. or 57 points and should end at 8.6 P.E. or 86 points in difficulty. This scale Form, designated by "Form R-1", was divided into three groups of items, having two items at each tenth P.E. level of difficulty and ranging from 57 to 66, 67 to 76, and 77 to 86 points of difficulty in each of the three groups respectively. The other two Forms, designated by "Form S-2" and "Form T-2", are also made up of sixty items each over a range of thirty points or 3 P.E., having two items at each level of difficulty and beginning in both forms with item difficulty 67 and ending with item difficulty 96 and divided into three groups of items ranging from 67 to 76, from 77 to 86, and from 87 to 96 points of difficulty for each of the three groups respectively. Reference to Table VII (ITEMS SELECTED TO FORM SCALES R-1, S-2, AND T-2 AND THE DIFFICULTY OR VALUE OF EACH ITEM COMPUTED TO THE NEAREST TENTH (.1) P.E. FROM THE ARBITRARY ZERO POINT) shows the original item numbers which have been used to make up the Scale and the difficulty of each item. With the exception of two items, which occurred alone at one level of difficulty and

ITEMS SELECTED TO FORM SCALES R-1, S-2, AND T-2 AND THE DIFFICULTY OR VALUE OF EACH ITEM COMPUTED TO THE NEAREST TENTH (.1) P.E. FROM THE ARBITRARY ZERO POINT.

	SCALE R-1	SCALE S-2	SCALE T-2
	GROUP I (Average value 61.5*)	GROUP I (Average value 71.5*)	GROUP I (Average value 71.5*)
Scale item	Test item Value in numbers P.E.	Test item Value in numbers P.E.	Test item Value in numbers P.E.
1.	123 5.7	118 6.7	168 6.7
2.	254 5.7	269 6.7	221 6.7
3.	62 5.8	1 6.8	111 6.8
4.	102 5.8	275 6.8	257 6.8
5.	79 5.9	48 6.9	189 6.9
6.	229 5.9	295 6.9	203 6.9
7.	23 6.0	109 7.0	262 7.0
8,	126 6.0	222 7.0	277 7.0
9.	100 6.1	169 7.1	129 7.1
10.	103 6.1	299 7.1	142 7.1
11.	104 6.2	156 7.2	216 7.2
12.	292 6.2	297 7.2	256 7.2
13.	68 6.3	65 7.3	55 7.3
14.	185 6.3	279 7.3	211 7.3
15.	107 6.4	187 7.4	59 7.4
16.	188 6.4	2877.4	172 7.4
17.	114 6.5	40 7.5	20 7.5
18.	230 6.5	115 7.5	96 7.5
19.	54 6.6	141 7.6	119 7.6
20.	234 6.6	209 7.6	184 7.6

<sup>\*</sup> The unit used in scoring is .1 P.E. Hence the "average value 61.5" Means an average value of 6.15 P.E. above the arbitrary zero point.

	SCALE R-1	SCALE S-2	SCALE T-2
	GROUP II	GROUP II	GROUP II
	(Average value 71.5*)	(Average value 81.5*)	(Average value 81.5*)
Scale item numbers	Test item Value in numbers P.E.	Test item Value numbers P.E.	in Test item Value in numbers P.E.
21	150 6.7	84 7.7	8 7.7
22	296 6.7	175 7.7	71 7.7
23	98 6.8	22 7.8	30 7.8
24	225 6.8	75 7.8	176 7.8
25	202 6.9	213 7.9	31 7.9
26	247 6.9	293 7.9	160 7.9
27	120 7.0	82 8.0	93 8.0
28	161 7.0	166 8.0	199 8.0
29	129 7.1	45 8.1	21 8.1
30	143 7.1	117 8.1	162 8.1
31	32 7.2	128.2	2668.2
32	60 7.2	33 8.2	268 8.2
33	113 7.3	61 8.3	26 8.3
34	240 7.3	239 8.3	167 8.3
35	94 7.4	52 8.4	37 8.4
36	237 7.4	130 8.4	226 8.4
37	99 7.5	108 8.5	136 8.5
38	238 7.5	159 8.5	165 8.5
39	200 7.6	918.6	1708.6
40	220 7.6	928.6	284 8.6

<sup>\*</sup> The unit used in scoring is .1 P.E. Hence the "average value 71.5" means an average value of 7.15 P.E. above the arbitrary zero point.

	SCALE R -1	SCALE S-2	SCALE T-2
	GROUP III	GROUP III	GROUP III
	(Average value 81.5*)	(Average value 91.5**)	(Average value 91.5*)
Scale item numbers	Test item Value : numbers P.E.	in Test item Value numbers P.E.	in Test item Value in numbers P.E.
41.	2 7.7	28 8.7	89 8.7
42.	195 7.7	191 8.7	298 8.7
43.	101 7.8	64 8.8	86 8.8
44.	147 7.8	180 8.8	212 8.8
45.	19 7.9	164 8.9	69 8.9
46.	153 7.9	235 8.9	70 8.9
47.	77 8.0	219 9.0	38 9.0
48.	97 8.0	290 9.0	241 9.0
49.	41 8.1	43 9.1	88 9.1
50.	282 8.1	208 9.1	125 9.1
51.	181 8.2	173 9.2	18 9.2
52.	288 8.2	214 9.2	224 9.2
53,	15 8.3	78 9.3	217 9.3
54.	283 8.3	128 9.3	244 9.3
55.	50 8.4	34 9.4	66 9.4
56.	53 8.4	124 9.4	110 9.4
57.	194 8.5	35 9.5	135 9.5
58.	207 8.5	1439.5	144 9.5
59.	16 8.6	6 9.6	39 9.6
60.	81 8.6	134 9.6	58 9.6

<sup>\*</sup> The unit used in scoring is .1 P.E. Hence the "average value 81.5" means an average value of 8.15 P.E. above the arbitrary zero point.

consequently were put into two Forms, no items found in one Form are to be found in another Form.

Taking Table VII and substituting for the numbers the actual items, we have the final Forms of the Scale. These Forms with directions for giving and with correct responses underlined follow.

Scoring of the Scale

The method of evaluating the achievement of any pupil on the General Science Scale is an adaptation of the method worked out by Doctor M. J. Van Wagenen in the Posey-Van Wagenen Geography This method is based on a statistical computation of ten points or sub-divisions per P.E. of a normal surface of frequency. Excepting slight revision, due to the fact that in the General Science Scale there are twenty items for each group whereas in the Posey-Van Wagenen Scale there are ten items in each group, the method designed for the General Science Scale is practically the same as that used in the Posey-Van Wagenen Scale. In the use of this method of scoring, each item is assigned a value of 1. Failure on one item is considered  $\frac{1}{2}$  an "error". The total of "errors" for any group is the number of items failed divided by 2. According to this scheme, a paper in which all the items were wrong would be credited with 10 "errors" in each group, which adapts the points to a ten point per P.E. computation on a normal surface of frequency.

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#### GENERAL SCIENCE SCALE - FORM R-1

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#### GROUP I. (AVERAGE VALUE 61.5)

- 1. A bright, blue sky indicates BAD, FAIR, RAINY, GLOOMY, STORMY weather.
- 2. The house fly is harmful because it DESTROYS CROPS, HAS A POISONOUS BITE, CARRIES BACTERIA, DESTROYS FOOD, IS HARD TO STRIKE.
- Balloons float in the air because of their <u>LIGHTNESS</u>, SILVERY COLOR, ENGINES, BASKETS, SIZE.
- 4. The best way to make impure water safe is to LET IT SETTLE, BOIL IT, FREEZE IT, USE CHEMICALS, DO NOTHING.
- 5. Refrigerators should be cleaned by using KEROSENE, GASOLINE, WARM WATER AND SODA, VINEGAR, SALT.
- 6. Which can turn somersaults most safely with his machine: the CHAUFFEUR, FLIER, SAILOR, CONDUCTOR, CANNONEER.
- 7. The source of most healthful light is THE SUN, KEROSENE, GAS, ELECTRICITY, CANDLES.
- 8. The electric wires are covered because the wire WOULD TURN UP, SET FIRE TO INFLAMMABLE MATERIAL, BREAK, GET HOT, GET COLD.
- 9. Dressings on a wound should be removed and fresh ones applied ONCE A WEEK, ONCE A DAY, NEVER, WHEN THE WOUND IS WELL, EVERY HOUR.
- To make milk free from bacteria, milk is <u>PASTEURIZED</u>, FROZEN, INOCULATED, POISONED, SKIMMED.

- 11. Small pox isprevented by MEDICINE, VACCINATION, ANTI-TOXIN, PASTEURIZATION, STERILIZATION.
- 12. A thermometer is used to measure <u>TEMPERATURE</u>, PRESSURE, WEIGHT, HEAT, COLD.
- 13. In the dark the pupil of the cat's eye is LARGER, SMALLER, OF EQUAL SIZE, VERY SMALL, ABSENT.
- 14. The water pipes burst in the winter time because of CONTRACTION OF LEAD, EXPANSION OF WATER, EXPANSION OF LEAD, CHEMICAL ACTION, BRITTLENESS.
- 15. Grasshoppers may be distinguished from other insects by LARGE PAIR OF JUMPING LEGS, LARGE WINGS, BRIGHT GREEN COLOR, PRESENCE NEAR FLOWERS, NUMBERS.
- 16. Windows should be opened at SIDES, TOP AND BOTTOM, TOP AND SIDES, BOTTOM AND SIDES, BOTTOM.
- 17. Mosquitoes can be eliminated by SWATTING THEM, IMPORTING BIRDS, DESTROYING THEIR BRREDING PLACES, SMUDGES, POISON.
- 18. The water best fitted to remove dirt is HOT HARD, HOT SOFT, COLD HARD, COLD SOFT, TEPID HARD.
- 19. Milk is tested for the amount contained of <u>BUTTER FAT</u>, WATER, PROTEINS, BUTTER, BUTTERMILK.
- 20. When air is heated, it CONTRACTS, EXPANDS, FALLS, LIQUIFIES, SOLIDIFIES.

- 21. A kodak is a MOUTH ORGAN, PICTURE TAKING DEVICE, MUSIC BOX, BROWNIE, FILM.
- 22. The hard substance of the tooth is called DENTINE, ENAMEL, NECK, ROOT, BONE.
- 23. To reduce danger of ptomaine poisoning, a can of salmon should be HEATED THOROUGHLY, PROTECTED FROM FLIES, EMPTIED OUT OF CAN PROMPTLY, THOROUGHLY SALTED, EATEN WITH VINEGAR.
- 24. The food which is most important to be kept in the coldest part of the refrigerator is BREAD, COOKED FOODS, VEGETABLES, MILK, BUTTER.
- 25. The colored parts of a flower are SEPALS, PISTIL, PETALS, STAMENS, COROLLA.
- 26. The rainbow is seen DIRECTLY OVERHEAD, IN THE NORTH, IN THE SOUTH, IN THE EAST, IN THE MORNING.
- 27. All cows in certified dairies are tested for TYPHOID, TUBERCULOSIS, MANGE, DIPHTHERIA, YELLOW FEVER.
- 28. Concrete is reinforced with IRON, WOOD, STRAW, CLOTH, ROPE.
- 29. When the child's first permanent teeth appear he is 6 OR 7 YEARS OLD, 12 YEARS OLD, 18 YEARS OLD, 20 YEARS OLD, 30 YEARS OLD.
- 30. The kidneys DIGEST FOOD, CLEAN BLOOD OF WASTES, BUILD UP NEW BLOOD CELLS, SUPPORT THE BACKBONE, ARE USELESS.
- 31. The propelling mechanism of an automobile is termed the CHASSIS, PISTON, DIFFERENTIAL, GOVERNOR, MOTOR.
- 32. The capacity to do work is termed <u>ENERGY</u>, MOMENTUM, EFFICIENCY, MECHANICAL ADVANTAGE, VELOCITY.
- 33. Adhesive tape may be put over open wounds NEXT TO SKIN, WITH GAUZE BETWEEN TAPE AND SKIN, NOT AT ALL IF FRESHLY CUT, IF THERE IS DIRT PRESENT, IF NO DIRT IS PRESENT.
- 34. Tea should never be drawn in vessels of ALUMINUM, TIN, GRANITE, SILVER, CHINA.
- 35. The best lining for refrigerator is TIN, ENAMEL, COPPER, IRON, ZINC.
- 36. Mosquitoes breed IN FILTH, IN STILL WATER, IN RIVERS, ON THE GROUND, IN OCEANS.
- 37. The coldest place for food in a refrigerator which is iced at the bottom is the LOWEST SHELF, TOP SHELF, SIDE, CENTER, BACK.
- 38. Hemorrhages from wounds should be stopped by APPLYING PRESSURE ON SIDE OF BLOOD VESSEL FROM WHICH BLOOD IS COMING, APPLYING ANTI-SEPTICS, KEEPING CLEAN, SHUTTING OUT AIR AND DUST, APPLYING DIRT.
- 39. Insects have the following number of pairs of wings: ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE.
- 40. The average pulse rate for an adult man is 100, 45, 72, 60, 50.

- 41. The process by which animals change their food materials into soluble form is known as ABSORPTION, <u>DIGESTION</u>, PHOTOSYNTHESIS, OSMOSIS, RESPIRATION.
- 42. The souring of milk is caused by <u>BACTERIA</u>, HEAT, FREEZING, AIR, MOISTURE.
- 43. Fleas are parasitic on rats and transmit a disease called BERI-BERI, BUBONIC PLAGUE, MALARIA, YELLOW FEWER, MUMPS.
- 44. The vertebrae are parts of the HEART, MUSCLES, BACKBONE, TEETH, TOES.
- 45. The eyes are injured most by IMPROPER LIGHT, DARK, DUST, STRAIN, WORK
- 46. Domestic toasters, curlers and irons are based on the principle of ELECTRICAL REPULSION, ELECTRICAL ATTRACTION, HEATING EFFECT DUE TO RESISTANCE OF A CONDUCTOR, VOLTAGE, ROTATION OF ARMATURE.
- 47. The best method of sewage disposal is CESS POOL, OPEN SEWER, CLOSED SEWER, SEPTIC TANK, SURFACE DRAIN.
- 48. The magnetic field in Dynamos is produced by TRANSFORMERS, WATURAL MAGNETS, ELECTRO MAGNETS, CONDENSORS, LEYDEN JARS.
- 49. Voltaic cells are studied about in BOTANY, BACTERIOLOGY, ZOOLOGY, ELECTRICITY, PSYCHOLOGY.
- 50. Heating systems are placed in the cellar, because heat causes water and air to EVAPORATE, CONTRACT, EXPAND, RISE, FALL.
- 51. Large buildings are best heated by A PIPELESS FURNACE, HOT AIR, HOT WATER, STEAM, ELECTRIC HEAT.
- 52. An example of a leguminous plant is the <u>CLOVER</u>, TOADSTOOL, PANSY, LILAC, MOSS.
- 53. A dynamo has as one of its parts a RESONATOR, CARBURETOR, ARMATURE, PISTON RINGS, CLUTCH.
- 54. The device in water or steam pipes for stopping the flow at any point is called a DAMPER, FAUCET, VALVE, SWITCH, STOKER.
- 55. The weight of moisture or water vapor contained in a cubic foot of air is called the <u>ABSOLUTE HUMIDITY</u>, DEGREE OF SATURATION, RELATIVE HUMIDITY, DENSITY, CONCENTRATION.
- 56. Escaping illuminating gas mixes with the air of the room by CAPIL- V LARITY, DIFFUSION, COHESION, GRAVITATION, CHEMICAL AFFINITY.
- 57. An organism that reproduces by means of spores is the MAPLE, AMOEBA, BREAD MOLD, SPONGE, EARTHWORM.
- 58. The flowers of the elm trees are pollinated by PEOPLE, WIND, ANIMALS, WATER, INSECTS.
- 59. Current is conducted to and from the commutator by MAGNETIC POLES, BRUSHES, FUSES, INSULATORS, SWITCHES.
- 60. The handle of a skillet becomes not as a result of RESISTANCE, CONDUCTION, FRICTION, RADIATION, LATENT HEAT.

#### GENERAL SCIENCE SCALE - FORM S -2.

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#### GROUP I. (Average value 71.5)

- 1. Tuberculosis is prevented by MEDICINE, HYGIENIC LIVING, MASSAGE, OSTEOPATHY, CHIROPRACTIC.
- 2. Soil deposited at the mouth of a river is called a PENINSULA, <u>DELTA</u>, STRAIT, ISLAND, CAPE.
- 3. The normal temperature of a human being is 100 F., 104 F., 98.6 F., 93 F., 90 F.
- 4. Volcanoes are most likely to be found in DESERTS, COASTAL PLAINS, MOUNTAINS, DELTAS, ISLANDS.
- 5. The telephone was invented in 1876 by JAMES WATT, SAMUEL MORSE, ALEXANDER G. BELL, MARCONI, S.F.B. MORSE.
- 6. An airplane cannot remain in air when AT REST, IN MOTION, UPSIDE DOWN, GLIDING, DESCENDING.
- 7. The age of a tree is told by BRANCHES, RINGS IN CROSS SECTION OF TRUNK, HEIGHT, SIZE OF TRUNK, COLOR.

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- 8. To treat a cut use LIME WATER, <u>IODINE</u>, LINSEED OIL, SALVE, NOTHING.
- 9. The passage of the moon between the sun and the earth is called AN ECLIPSE OF THE SUN, FULL MOON, THIRD QUARTER, AN ECLIPSE OF THE MOON, WINTER SOLSTICE.
- 10. The home gas consumption is measured by a VELOCIPEDE, SPEEDOMETER, METER, GALVANOMETER, AMMETER.

#### GENERAL SCIENCE SCALE

#### GROUP I. FORM S -2 Cont'd.

- 11. The muscles are benefitted most by REST, HARD WORK, SYSTEMATIC DIET, PLAY, SYSTEMATIC EXERCISE.
- 12. The purpose of the mouthpiece on a telephone is TO CONCENTRATE THE SOUND WAVES, TO PROTECT THE TRANSMITTER, FOR SANITARY PURPOSES, TO KEEP MOISTURE FROM THE WIRES, TO PROTECT THE SPEAKER.
- 13. Soft coal is also known as ANTHRACITE, ASPHALT, LIGNITE, BITU-MINOUS, PEAT.
- 14. Oil is used in an automobile engine to COOL IT, CLEAR IT, LUBRICATE IT, BURN, SILENCE IT.
- 15. The first electric incandescent lamp was made by <u>EDISON</u>, BURROUGHS, WATT, PRIESTLY, WESTINGHOUSE.
- 16. The process by which a plant is made to grow om the stem of another plant is PRUNING, SLIPPING, GRAFTING, SPRAYING, PLANTING.
- 17. Alcoholic fermentation is produced by MOLD, YEAST, BACTERIA, GERMS, AIR.
- 18. A stove radiates more heat when it is all <u>BLACK</u>, RUSTED, NICKEL PLATED, ALUMINUM, SILVERED.
- 19. Animals which secure food directly from the bodies of other animals are <u>PARASITES</u>, HYDROPHYTES, MESOPHYTES, SAPHROPHYTES, SULPHITES.
- 20. Trees that have needles are called BIRCH, PINE, OAKS, GUMS, EVER-GREEN.

- 21. Combustion is another name for DRYING, SHRINKING, BOILING, BURNING, MELTING.
- 22. The light from the moon is DIRECT, REFLECTED, INVISIBLE, AB-STRACTED, REFRACTED.
- 23. The covering of electric wires is called CONVENTION, RADIATION, ILLUMINATION, INSULATION, ISOLATION.
- 24. We pay for electricity by the WATT, AMPERE, VOLT, OHM, KILOWATT-HOUR.
- 25. The simplest independent living structure is the NUCLEUS, PROTO-PLASM, CELL, EMBRYO, ATOM.
- 26. The device for protecting lights and motors from an overcharge of electricity is called a MAGNET, FUSE, SWITCH, BAROMETER? RECTIFIER.
- 27. The term induction is used most in connection with LEVERS, PUMPS, FALLING BODIES, SOLUTIONS, ELECTRICAL CURRENTS.
- 28. The act of transfer of pollen from anther to stigma is called <a href="POLLINATION">POLLINATION</a>, REPRODUCTION, FERTILIZATION, TRANSPIRATION, MITOSIS, FILTRATION.
- 29. Limewater is used to test for CARBON DIOXIDE, OXYGEN, ALCOHOL, HYDROGREN, CHLORIDES.
- 30. Tuberculosis is contracted BY CONTACT WITH PATIENT, BY CONTACT WITH CLOTHING, FROM BACILLI OF SPUTUM, BY TAKING COLD, BY BATHING.
- 31. Humidity relates to DRYNESS, HEAT, COLD, FREEZING, TEMPERATURE.
- 32. The boiling point on the Centigrade thermometer is 0, 32, 100, 120, 212.
- 33. The smallest of these things is the MOLECULE, BACTERIUM, PARA-MOECIUM, DUST PARTICLES, ATOM.
- 34. Foods which contain nitrogen as a part of their chemical composition are called <u>PROTEINS</u>, FATS, CARBOHYDRATES, HYDROCARBONS, LIQUIDS.
- 35. The ovum or egg cell is produced in the KIDNEY, EMBRYO, OVARY, GAMETE, SPORAGIUM.
- 36. Electrolysis of water liberates hydrogen and CHLORINE, NITROGEN, CARBON-DIOXIDE, AMMONIA, OXYGEN.
- 37. Poisonsous products secreted by bacteria are called ENZYMES, ANTI-BODIES, TOXINS, VACCINES, LEGUMES.
- 38. The centrifugal force of a cream separator separates milk from cream because the cream is <u>LIGHTER</u>, HEAVIER, THICKER, DENSER, GREASIER.
- 39. Sewer gas is kept from entering a house from the sewer by a VALVE, TRAP, FAUCET, DAMPER, DRAIN.
- 40. A mirage is a kind of BODY OF WATER, OPTICAL ILLUSION, VISION, DESERT, WARFARE.

- 41. Sumlight can be broken up into the spectrum by means of a MIRROR, LENS, PRISM, MICROSCOPE, COLOR-MIXER.
- 42. A general term for any living thing is PLANT, LARVA, ANIMAL, ORGANISM, MAMMAL.
- 43. The temperature at which pure water boils is effected by the HEIGHT OF THE FLAME, AMOUNT OF WATER, AIR PRESSURE, DENSITY OF THE WATER, DEPTH OF THE WATER.
- 44. The process of food manufacture in green plants is called RESPI-RATION, MITOSIS, POLLINATION, PHOTOSYNTHESIS, PASTEURIZATION.
- 45. Fanning the body on a dry day produces a cool sensation because of MOVEMENT OF THE AIR, RAPID EVAPORATION OF MOISTURE INTO THE AIR, AMOUNT OF HEAT TAKEN FROM THE BODY, CREATION OF A DRAUGHT, FRESH AIR.
- 46. A food rich in carbohydrate is BEEFSTEAK, OLIVE OIL, CUCUMBERS, WATERMELON, HONEY.
- 47. An example of a fungus plant is the ORCHID, PONDSCUM, BREADMOLD, MOTHER OF VINEGAR, INDIAN PIPE.
- 48. An anemometer is an instrument used by the weather bureau to measure the AMOUNT OF SUNSHINE, AMOUNT OF RAINFALL, AIR PRESSURE, WIND VELOCITY, ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE.
- 49. Potential energy is energy possessed by an object by virtue of its WEIGHT, COMBUSTIBILITY, MOTION, POSITION, DENSITY.
- 50. The unborn young of an animal is termed the LARVA, EMBRYO, CHRYSALIS, OVUM, SPERM.
- 51. A star is really a COMET, SATELLITE, PLANET, SUN, LIGHT.
- 52. The greatest damage is done to trees by BIRDS, WORMS, LARVA OF MOTHS, GRASSHOPPERS, BEES.
- 53. All space is believed to be filled by AIR, OXYGEN, ETHER, HEAT, MOISTURE.
- 54. The main purpose of respiration is ENERGY-RELEASE, ELIMINATION OF CO2, MANUFACTURE OF FOOD, SECRETION OF WATER, PURIFICATION OF AIR.
- 55. Substances without crystalline structure are termed INERT, DENSE, ELASTIC, OPAQUE, AMORPHOUS.
- 56. Open wounds should be bathed with a dilute solution of HYDROGEN PEROXIDE, ALCOHOL, SULPHURIC ACID, SODA, TOBACCO JUICE.
- 57. Heat is measured in DEGREES, CALORIES, CANDLE POWER, KILOWATTS, GRAMS.
- 58. A ferment is another name for a BACTERIUM, ENZYME, TOXIN, VACCINE, SERUM.
- 59. One of the excretory organs in the body is the HEART, LIVER, SKIN, DUODENUM, SPLEEN.
- 60. Water expands when raised above or cooled below OC., 40 C., 32 C., 4 C., 100 F.

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## BROUP I. (Average value 71.5)

- 1. House flies lay their eggs IN WOOD, ON THE WATER, IN ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE WASTE, IN NESTS, IN THE SAND.
- 2. Distillation is a means of <u>PURIFYING WATER</u>, SECURING AIR PRESSURE, PUMPING WATER, TRANSMITTING WATER, SECURING HEAT.
- The earth rotates on its axis once in 12 HOURS, 24 HOURS, 7 DAYS, 3 MONTHS, 3654 DAYS.
  - 4. Wounds should be allowed to bleed A LITTLE, NOT AT ALL, UNTIL THEY STOP NATURALLY, A GREAT DEAL, QUANTITIES.
  - 5. The yellow dust on a flower is CHLOROPHYLL, OVULES, PROTOPLASM, POLLEN, DIRT.
- All our food comes directly or indirectly from ROCK, ANIMALS, PLANTS, AIR, MINES.
  - 7. A dynamo is a machine for generating HEAT, LIGHT, ELECTRIC CURRENT, SOUND, MUSIC.
  - 8. Ice cracks rock because IT IS COLD, <u>WATER EXPANDS WHEN IT FREEZES</u>, IT MELTS WHEN IT GETS WARM, IT IS HEAVY, IT IS BRITTLE.
- 9. When the child's first permanent teeth appear he is 6 OR 7 YEARS OLD, 12 YEARS OLD, 18 YEARS OLD, 20 YEARS OLD, 30 YEARS OLD.
- 10. The kidneys DIGEST FOOD, CLEAN BLOOD OF WASTES, BUILD UP NEW BLOOD CELLS, SUPPORT THE BACKBONE, ARE USELESS.

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## GROUP I. FORM T -2 Cont'd.

- 11. The path of a heavenly body is called its ORBIT, RADIUS, EQUATOR, LATITUDE, DECLINATION.
- 12. MOSQUITOES lay eggs ON SALT WATER, ON STAGNANT WATER, ON FRESH WATER, ON THE GROUND, IN GARBAGE.
- 13. The following gas is found in impure air: CALCIUM, GOLD, CARBON-DIOXIDE, CARBON, SODIUM.
- 14. The purpose of flowers on a plant is to develop ROOTS, SEEDS, LEAVES, PERFUME, BRANCHES.
- 15. An eclipse of the sum is due to the position of the STARS, PLANETS, MOON, CONSTELLATIONS, MILKY WAY.
- 16. Black smoke from muffler indicates TOO MUCH AIR, TOO MUCH GAS, TOO LITTLE GAS, ENGINE TOO HOT, BROKEN CLUTCH.
- 17. Images are formed by the passage of light through a PRISM, HELIX? LENS, DIAPHRAGM, SPECTRUM.
- 18. The teeth should be examined by the dentist every HALF YEAR, YEAR, TWO MEARS, MONTH, TEN YEARS.
- 19. The purpose of the roots of plants is to TAKE IN OXYGEN, MANUFACTURE STARCH, GIVE OFF CO, TAKE IN SOIL WATER, GIVE OFF WASTE MATTER.
- 20. The best temperature for a living room is 60 F., 68 F., 75 F., 78 F., 80 F.

### T - 2. GROUP II (Average value 81.5)

- 21. On a curve, the tracks are HIGHER IN THE INSIDE THAN OUTSIDE, HIGHER OUTSIDE THAN IN, SAME HEIGHT, WIDER, NARROWER.
- 22. Water freezes at 0 F., 32 F., 42 F., 100 F., 98.6 F.
- 23. "Shooting stars" are properly called SUNS, ASTEROIDS, MOONS, COMETS, METEORS.
- 24. An illustration of capillarity is found in the KNK BLOTTER, THERMOMETER, BAROMETER, FORCE PUMP, EXCRETION OF UREA.
- 25. When a liquid contains all the dissolved substance possible, the condition is termed OSMOSIS, PERMEABILITY, FUSION, REDUCATION, SATURATION.
- 26. The separation of liquids and solids by evaporation and condensation is called SOLUTION, <u>DISTILLATION</u>, DIFFUSION, FUSION, TRANSPIRATION
- 27. An example of oxidation is the RUSTING OF IRON, ELECTROLYSIS OF WATER, MELTING OF ICE, ACTION OF ACID ON ZINC, HEATING POTASSIUM CHLORATE.
- 28. The corolla is made up of the <u>PETALS</u>, <u>PISTILS</u>, <u>SEPALS</u>, <u>STAMENS</u>, OVARIES.
- 29. The ampere is a measure of AIR PRESSURE, HUMIDITY, RESISTANCE, CURRENT, POTENTIAL
- 30. Ventilation is best secured with STOVES, HOT AIR FURNACES, STEAM HEATING, HOT WATER HEATING, ELECTRIC HEAT.
- 31. Rain is water vapor DISTILLED, EVAPORATED, CONDENSED, FILTERED? CONCENTRATED.
- 32. Isobars are used in TEMPERATURE, AIR PRESSURE, HUMIDITY, WINDS, GRAVITATION.
- 33. Water cannot be siphoned out of a boat because OF UNEQUAL AIR PRESSURE, OF UNEQUAL AMOUNTS OF WATER, OF ATTRACTION OF WATER PARTICLES FOR EACH OTHER, OF SUCTION, WATER IN BOAT IS TOO LOW.
- 34. The object to be photographed must be in the sum to ABSORB THE LIGHT, REFLECT THE LIGHT, BE SEEN, CAST A SHADOW, TRANSMIT THE LIGHT.
- 35. The hottest flame is BLUE, GREEN, WHITE, YELLOW, RED.
- 36. Cheese is rich in FATS, PROTEINS, OILS, CARBOHYDRATES, WATER.
- 37. A collection of similar cells is called an ORGANISM, TISSUE, GLAND, MUSCLE, FUNCTION.
- 38. Heat is carried horizontally through air by CONDUCTION, CONVECTION, RADIATION, EROSION, TRANSMIGRATION.
- 39. A lifting crane gains power in doing work, by the use of THE WHEEL AND AXLE, THE LEVER, THE PULLEY, THE INCLINED PLANE, AN ENGINE.
- 40. The largest of the planets is VENUS, SATURN, MARS, JUPITER, EARTH.

- 41. A chimney on a lamp is FOR ORNAMENTATION, TO MAKE THE LIGHT MORE INTENSE, TO CREATE A DRAFT, TO MAKE THE FLAME BURN, TO SAVE OIL.
- 42. An example of a lever of the first class is found in the NUT CRACKER, SCISSORS, WHEEL BARROW, INCLINED PLANE, BICEPS MUSCLE.
- 43. The density of a solid is usually compared with that of AIR, HYDROGEN, WATER, LEAD, WOOD.
- 44. Pollen is produced in the OVARY, CALYX, STAMEN, STIGMA, PISTIL.
- 45. The ratio of the number of units of force applied to a machine to the number of units of force delivered by a machine is called EFFICIENCY, OUT-PUT, AVAILABLE ENERGY, MECHANICAL ADVANTAGE, WASTE.
- 46. An example of a chemical element is WATER, CARBON-DIOXIDE, MERCURY, AMMONIA, NITRIC ACID.
- 47. The cheapest food on the basis of calorific value is WHEAT FLOUR, BUTTER, MEAT, MILK, CELERY.
- 48. The foot-pound is a unit of ENERGY, WORK, DISTANCE, WEIGHT, CAPACITY.
- \$9. The resistance a body offers to being set in motion is called MOMENTUM, FRICTION, COHESION, EROSION, INERTIA.
- 50. The best illumination or light for working or reading is DIRECT, REFLECTED, INDIRECT, WHITE, BLUE.
- 51. Refraction is studied in connection with SOUND, GRAVITY, FALLING BODIES, LIGHT, ELECTRICITY.
- 52. Gases enter and leave the leaves of plants through organs called STIPULES, ROOT-HAIRS, STOMATA, MICROPYLES, CHLOROPLASTS.
- 53. The nucleus isbelieved to play a prominent part in DIGESTION, RESPIRATION, HEREDITY, STORAGE OF FOOD, NERVE-CONDUCTION.
- 54. The general direction of the wind in front of a low pressure area is EAST, WEST, NORTH, SOUTH, NORTHEAST.
- 55. Petroleum is A CHEMICAL COMPOUND, A CHEMICAL ELEMENT, A MIXTURE, A PURE SUBSTANCE, AN IMPURE SUBSTANCE.
- 56. The vaccine used to prevent typhoid fever consists of BACTERIAL CELLS, HORSE BLOOD SERUM, ANTI-TOXIN, A CHEMICAL PREPARATION, ACIDS.
- 57. The part of the eye that regulates the entrance of light is the PUPIL, IRIS, RETINA, EYE-LID, LENS.
- 58. The distinguishing features of the mammals is the possession of BACKBONES, HAIR, TWO PAIRS OF LEGS, MILK GLANDS, NERVOUS SYSTEMS.
- 59. The attraction between molecules of a body is called CAPILLARITY, ADHESION, MAGNETISM, COHESION, CONVECTION.
- 60. Water rises in a suction pump because it is PULLED UP, PUSHED UP, ATTRACTED, REPELLED, SUCKED UP.

The method in brief consists in taking the number of errors which the pupil makes in the third or hardest group of any Form, dividing this number by 2 to get "errors", and looking up in Key A (inserted at the end of this Chapter) to ascertain the score which corresponds to that number of "errors". This score worked out on the basis of a normal surface of frequency is the P.E. position of the pupil's achievement on this test if he made no "errors" in Group I and Group II and if he had attempted an infinite number of Groups all harder or more difficult than Group III.

.20

.00

0 .60

Since the pupil usually makes "errors" in Groups I and II the next step consists in subtracting from the first score, called the "Uncorrected Score", the total of "errors" in Groups I and II. The third step consists in subtracting from the second score just ascertained and called "The first corrected score", the equivalent found in Key B (inserted at the end of this Chapter) of the number of "errors" found in Group I. This last amount subtracted is the amount which, determined on the basis of the normal surface of frequency, equals the number of "errors" the pupil would probably have made had he attempted to do an infinite number of Groups easier or less difficult than Group I.

This process of evaluating papers is not laborious. A point which must be borne in mind is that failing to do one item correctly is counted as  $\frac{1}{2}$  "error". The explanation for this may be had in a survey of Table VII which shows that in any group there are ten levels of difficulty one-tenth of one P.E. apart and that there are two items at each level. The General Science Forms

could be made up with thirty items each having ten items in a group, in which case failing one item would be counted as one "error" instead of one-half "error". As stated before, all computations were done on the basis of ten points per P.E. on a normal surface of frequency. Failing one item may be considered as failing one-half of one step equivalent to one-tenth of one P.E. It was that advisable to have sixty items per Form rather than thirty because of the greater breadth of material and the greater reliability which would be possible if two items were used at each level of difficulty.

The following excerpt indicates the meaning of the pupil's score when evaluated by this method.-

"The scores yielded by these tests have no relation to percents. A score of 73 means that the pupil who makes it can answer questions or do problems of difficulty 73 and get one-half of them correct, or its equivalent. It also indicates that the pupil can answer questions or do problems of difficulty 63 and get three-quarters of them right. At the same time, if the pupil were given questions or problems of value 83, he would be most likely to get one-quarter of them correct. Throughout the scale the difference between any two points is equal to a similar distance between any other two points. For instance, the pupil who gets 83 is doing just as much better than the pupil who gets 73 as the pupil who gets 73 is doing better than the pupil who gets 63".

## Directions for finding pupil's score.

In Appendix III are to be found the correct responses to each item of the three Scale Forms. From these sheets may be made a cardboard correcting stencil by cutting pieces of cardboard three inches wide and as longas the different pages of the Scale and by writing the correct responses in such position

1. Posey-Van Wagenen Geography Class Record Sheet. Ibid.

that each will be opposite the item for which it is the correct response, when held at either the right or the left of the sheet. The usual transparent stencil will also save much time in the marking of errors.

## A. Combining the errors in groups\*

On each pupil's test paper and at the left of each incorrect statement enter "2". Combining the errors in groups for each (items 1-20) pupil add the number of "errors" in Group I, bearing in mind that each incorrect item is counted as 2 "error". You have already noted these "errors" at the left of each item on the test paper. Enter this sum on the Class Record Sheet under "No. of Errors, Group I". Similarly, add the number of errors made on items 21-40 (Group II) and enter this sum under "Group II". Likewise, add the number of errors made on items 41-60 (Group III) and enter this sum on the Class Record Sheet under "Group III". For example, a pupil failed on 9 items in Group I, 12 items in Group II and 17 items in Group III. This was counted as 42 "errors" on the items constituting Group I, 6 "errors" in Group II, and 82 "errors" in Group III, which are entered on the Class Record Sheet. In like manner enter on the Class Record Sheet the record of the errors of each pupil for each of the three groups.

# B. Uncorrected Score\*

For each pupil note the number of errors entered under Group III on the Class Record Sheet. Using Key A, find the

<sup>\*</sup>Adapted from the Posey-Van Wagenen Geography Scale Scoring and Instruction Sheet.

corresponding score. Enter it under "Score, Uncorrected". In the sample the number of errors is  $8\frac{1}{2}$  and in Key A the corresponding score is  $88\frac{1}{2}$ . We may call these the "Uncorrected Scores". They are the scores the pupils would receive if they made no errors on the two easier groups.

## First Corrected Score\*

But most pupils will make errors in Groups I and II. We therefore subtract them from the Uncorrected Score, thus obtaining the "First Corrected Score". Enter this under "Score, 1st Corrected". In the example 4½ errors were made in Group I and 6 in Group II, or a total of 10½ errors. These are subtracted from 88½, giving 78.

#### D. Final Score\*

Note the number of errors each pupil made in Group I. Find this number on the first line of Key B. Under this number note the entry in line 2 of Key B. Subtract it from the First Corrected Score; the result is the Final Score. Enter it on the Class Record Sheet under "Score, Final". In the example the pupil made 4½ errors in Group I. The number under "4½"in Key B is 3. Subtracting 3 from 78 gives 75 as the final score. In making this correction account is taken of the fact that a pupil who makes several errors in Group I would probably make additional errors if he had still easier paragraphs to read. Key B gives the most probable number of errors that would be made on all easier paragraphs when the number of errors made in Group I is known.

<sup>\*</sup> Adapted from the Posey-Van Wagenen Geography Scale Scoring and Instruction Sheet

## Key A (For use in obtaining the Uncorrected Score)\*

When errors in Group III are	1/2	1	12	2	21/2	3	31/2	4	41/2	5
Pupil's Uncor- rected Score is	116	111	107호	1042	1031	101	992	98	962	95
(Key A Contin	nued)		-							
$\longrightarrow$	52	6	62	7	71/2	8	82	9	91/2	10
	94	93	92	91	90	89	882	871	86호	86

## Key B (For use in obtaining the Final Score)\*

When errors in Group I are	1/2	1	12	2	21/2	3	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	42	5
Take from First Corrected Score	0	0	1/2	1	1	12	2	2 <del>1</del> /2	3	3½

 51	6	62	7	71/2	8	82	9	92
4	5	6	7	81/2	10	122	-	

SAMPLE CLASS RECORD SHEET\* SCORE Final Uncorrect-|1st Corr. Group Score III Score I ed Score II No. Name 75 882 78 45 85 1 John Doe 6

<sup>\*</sup>Adapted from the Pesey-Van Wagenen Geography Scale Scoring and Instruction Sheet.

#### CHAPTER VII

#### RELIABILITY OF THE GENERAL SCIENCE SCALE

## A. Composition of the General Science Scale

As has been stated before, the three final Forms of the General Science Scale contain sixty items each. These three Forms of sixty items each were selected from the 300 items which composed the original General Science test. The question might arise why the particular items which compose the three Forms were selected in preference to the items which were discarded. Of the total number of 300 items, 180 items were retained and 120 items were discarded. The 120 items were eliminated and were not even used for the composition of additional Forms of the General Science test for three reasons.

steps or levels of difficulty one-tenth of a P.E. apart. Reference to Table VI shows that there was a large number of items near the middle of the range of difficulty, at about 8.0 P.E., with a dearth of items at either extreme of the range. In order to have Scale Forms each with a range of 3 P.E., it was necessary to start one Form with items at 5.7 P.E. and two Forms with items at 6.7 P.E. This process took six items at each level of difficulty between 6.7 and 8.6 P.E., and as a result all the items at some levels had been exhausted. While 120 items still remained, they were not of such difficulty or value as to form even one sequence of sixty items over a range of 3 P.E. As had

been anticipated during the construction of the original General Science test, all of this original material could not be used.

This was not a calamity but was really quite fortunate.

(2) The elimination of certain items permitted a scientific selection of items. As has been stated in a previous Chapter, certain objectives of General Science were to be kept in mind in the construction of the Scale. No item was to be retained in the final Scale, the achievement of which by pupils did not contribute to the objectives of General Science as previously outlined. It would have been deemed advisable to use material from but one specific science if that material contributed most towards the objectives of General Science. In the writer's opinion, the science material which contributes most towards the objectives of General Science is a mass of elementary, fundamental material which several decades ago might well have come under the heading "Natural Philosophy" or which today is classified by a number of research men in various fields of science as material which "commonsense" should make apparent. The frequency with which many of the items in the General Science test were done unsuccessfully by high school pupils indicates the fallacy of the latter characterization, unless one were to assume a paucity of "commonsense".

An analysis of the 180 items selected for the Scale Forms results in a grouping of the following numbers of items under eight specialized sciences.

## 1. Chapter III

TABLE VIII

DISTRIBUTIONS OF ITEMS OF THREE SCALE FORMS UNDER EIGHT SPECIALIZED SCIENCES.

Number	of	Item	8
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	SciencesForms	R-1	8-2	T-2
ı.	Botany	4	6	7
2.	Chemistry	4	8	6
з.	Domestic science	3	2	2
4.	Geography*	3	7	8
5.	Hygiene	15	5	5
6.	Physics	20	21	23
7.	Physiology	6	3	4
8.	Zoology	5 60	8 60	<u>5</u>

<sup>\*</sup>Geography is considered in its widest sense -- including even Astronomy, Geology and Physiography.

While another person classifying these same items might make a slightly different classification than the one which is given above, the above classification is an indication of the fairly uniform distribution of the items among the basic sciences. An item like "Flies lay their eggs IN WOOD, ON THE WATER, IN ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE WASTE, IN NESTS, IN THE SAND." might be classed either as Zoology or as Hygiene. Irrespective of the science to which it belongs, knowing it, contributes to "Health" and makes it a good General Science item. In connection with the classification of General Science items, Webb's data\* which have been previously cited are a propos.

<sup>\*</sup>See Chapter III, page 8.

(3) It was found that some of the items inserted in the original General Science test were ambiguous or weak or not sufficiently
objective. These items, therefore, were discarded because of their
structural inefficiency.

Examination of many of the items in the General Science Scale shows that ordinarily some of them would be taught in as many as three or four specialized sciences. "Capillarity", for instance, is legitimate subject matter for Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Agriculture, Physiology and Zoology. Likewise the effect of air pressure (Boyle's Law) is usually legitimate subject matter for Physics, Chemistry, Domestic Science and perhaps Biology. In other words, certain subject matter is fundamental to several, specialized sciences. Usually teachers of these more advanced and specialized sciences can not take for granted the possession of these fundamentals by their students, therefore each teacher duplicates the instruction. This fundamental material in General Science, besides being a prerequisite for more advanced sciences, fulfills the objectives of General Science.

The subject matter of the original General Science test was considered by General Science teachers to be so inclusive that twelve or more of them (in Minnesota) have asked for permission to include the General Science test material in their course of study, subdividing it and using its various items as a skeleton for various parts of the course. Therefore, while it is understood that other material might have been included in the Scale, it is believed that the material actually included, if it satisfies

other requirements, is sufficiently varied and sufficiently inclusive.

## B. Correlation with original General Science test.

Im a previous chapter evidence has been presented which showed that the original 300 item test had considerable reliability, evidenced by its correlation with certain criteria. The original test would therefore serve as one criterion for ascertaining the reliability of the final Scale. With that purpose in mind a number of the original 300 item papers, selected at random by taking the first 100 in each grade for the five grades of - Boys (8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades), were rescored on the basis of Form S-2. That is, the original 300 item papers contained the 60 items which now comprise the Form S-2. By counting up the errors on those 60 particular items, taking recognition of the group in which they belong (Group I, II, or III), the paper was given an S-2 Scale score, which indicated the pupil's achievement on the 60 items. The 300 item test scores were correlated with the S-2 Scale scores by the product-moment method. The coefficients of correlation ranged from .81 to .93 for the five grade groups.

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49 -8th grade boys! test and Scale scores r equals .87 -P.E.
                                                                      .02
For
                                                            .93
                                                                      .01
    100 -9th
                                                            .90
                                                                       .01
    100 -10th
                                                            .905
                                                                       .01
    100 -11th
                                                            .81
    100 -12th
                                                            .882
                                          Mean
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<sup>\*</sup> P.E. of r when r equals .882, not a mean.

From these coefficients of correlation it is evident that if the original test had fair reliability, the abbreviated Form of the original test (Form S-2), having exceptionally high agreement with the original test, must, therefore, approximate the original test in its reliability. Evidence will be presented later that the Scale Form S-2 actually was more reliable than the original test. That these coefficients are not higher, is largely due to the errors of the test.

#### C. Correlation and agreement of test and Scale medians

Additional data obtained in the study of correlation between test and Scale are also significant. In Chapter VI it was indicated that when the rank order of difficulty for any item had been secured from as many as 215 papers, adding 215 papers did not materially change its relative position, as evidenced by a rank order correlation ceefficient of .98 between a rank order on 315 and a rank order on 430 papers. In this part of the study it was found that by taking 100 papers in each grade group, the medians for the five groups of 100 papers each did not differ from the medians on as many as 500 papers by as much as an average of one-sixth P.E. of the distribution. The P.E.s of the medians of distributions having 500 cases with a P.E. of distribution of 32 were one point. The P.E.s of medians of the distributions having 100 cases with P.E.s of distribution of 22 were two plus.

On the following page is a tabulation of test and Scale medians.

SCALE S-2

#### MEDIANS

300 ITEM TEST

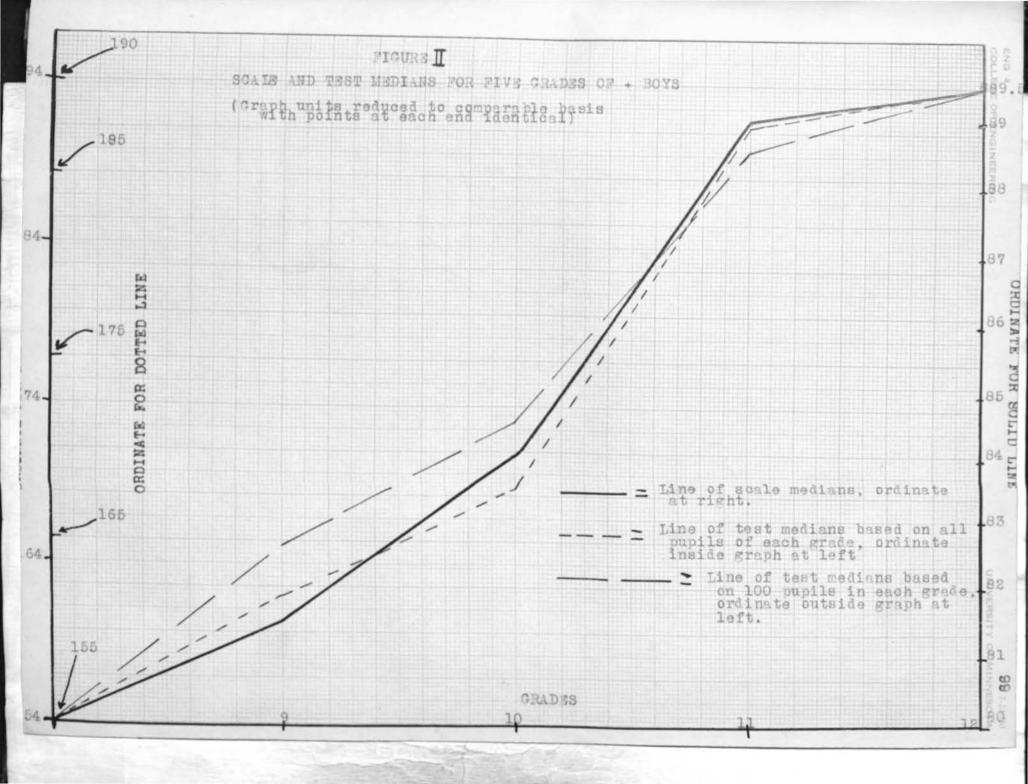
	On original a	group Sigm	On a	100 cases	On	100 cases
+8 Boys	158	31.5		154 26.7		80 5.5
+9 Ħ	162	3 33		165 34		81.5. 7.1
+10 "	168	3 33		173 34		84 6.5
+11 "	188	28.5	,	190 28		89 6.1
+12 "	190	22.5		194 25.4		89.5. 5.5

The coefficients of correlation between the medians of columns A and C and of columns B and C are .993 and .986 respectively. Further evidence of the marked agreement between the test and Scale scores is given in Figure II. It is clear from this figure that it would be possible to make up a table of scale values and their corresponding test values which would enable one immediately to translate a scale score into a test score and vice versa. In Figure II three systems of varying lengths of ordinates have been arranged in such manner that the extremes of all curves coincide. Lack of agreement among the three sets of medians must therefore appear in divergence of the central parts of the curves.

Reference to these data will again be made in Chapter VIII.

## D. Self Correlation

Since Scale S-2 and Scale T-2 were constructed to be of identical difficulty, both these Forms were given to a number of pupils to ascertain the agreement between them. School A (Stillwater, Minnesota) gave the two Scale Forms to 140 pupils who were taking General Science and had completed thirty weeks of the course. Results



follow.

#### SCHOOL A

r70	P.E. of r	.03
P.E. of median**	.6	.4
P.E. of estimate*	2.8	1.9
Sigma	6.1	4.1
Median	92	86
Number cases	140	140
	8-2	T-2

Had four Forms of the Scale been given, or four repetitions of the same Form, r would have equalled .903\*\*\*

The same Scale Forms were given to School B (University High School) pupils all of whom had been taking General Science for the first time for thirty weeks. Their results were:-

#### SCHOOL B

Group I	8-2	T-2
Number cases	24	24
Median	87	87
Sigma	5.8	4.7
P.E. of estimate .	2.4	2
P.E. of median	1.4	1.2
r77	P.E. of r	.05
Had four Forms of t	he Scale been give	n, or four repeti-
tions of the same F	orm, r would have	equalled .93

- \* P.E. of estimate equals .6745 Sigma VI-rS
- \*\*\* Brown's formula.  $r_1$  equals  $\frac{Nr}{1+(N-1)r}$  where N equals number of repetitions, and  $r_1$  equals desired coefficient of reliability.

#### SCHOOL B

Group II	8-2	T-2
Number cases	34	34
Median	84	82
Sigma	5.8	4.0
P.E.of estimate	2.6	1.9
P.E. of median	1.2	.8
r	P.E. of ${\tt r}$	05
Had four repetitions	been given r would	d have equalled .915

These data show that as a device for measuring the pupils' achievement in General Science, the Scale Forms have fair reliability, as is shown by an average self correlation coefficient of .73 and an average P.E. of estimate of 2.2. As a device for measuring class achievement in General Science, the Scale Forms are really very reliable, as is indicated by an average P.E. of medians of .9 and with close agreement of medians. Explanation of the difference of the medians on S-2 and T-2 is found in the case of School A to be due to the fact that this school offers an exceptionally fine course in Biology which is elected by most pupils and therefore omits from its General Science course as much biological material as possible. Because the items on Biology are not equally distributed in the Groups I, II, and III, failure on the Biology items in Group III where they are of most value had a tendency to lower the scores in Scale Form T-2 for this group of pupils.

## E. Correlation with intelligence test scores

Correlation of General Science achievement scores on Scale

Forms S-2 and T-2 with the intelligence test scores was computed for two groups of pupils. In both groups the correlation coefficient between intelligence test scores and General Science Scale scores was high. For 90 cases from Central High School, all of whom had taken General Science one year previous, the correlation between General Science Scale scores and mental age in months from mental test scores (Haggerty Delta 2\*) was .741, P.E. of .03. For 81 cases a similar coefficient was .727, P.E. of .035. For the University High School group of 50 cases the coefficient of correlation between mental test scores (Miller Mental Ability Test\*\*

Form A) and the scores on the General Science Scale Form S-2 was .603, P.E. of .06. For the same mental test scores and the General Science Scale Form T-2, r was .745, P.E. of .05. For the same mental test scores and the average of the General Science Scale scores for Forms S-2 and T-2, r was .633, P.E. of .057.

# F. Correlation between General Science marks and Scale scores

To compute the relationship between General Science Scale scores and the marks that the pupils received in General Science, data were used from three schools. For School A, the Central High School in Minneapolis, data were available giving marks received in General Science a year ago by 90 pupils and also Scale scores in Form S-2 made April 6th, 1923\*\*\*. These data gave a correlation of .50 (.496), P.E. of .05. Computed for 79 cases these data gave a coefficient of correlation of .47, P.E. of .06. School B, Stillwater High School, gave the Scales S-2 and T-2 April 18th, 1923 to pupils who had taken General Science for about 30 weeks. By using an average of the monthly marks given

<sup>\*</sup> M. E. Haggerty, University of Minnesota. World Book Company.

\*\* W. S. Miller, University of Minnesota. World Book Company.

\*\*\* Data furnished by J. E. Bohan (Unpublished thesis).

by teachers for achievement in General Science, the following results were obtained.

	S-2	T-2	Average S-2 & T-2	Marks*
Number cases	140	140	140	140
Median	92	86	88	85
Sigma	6.1	4.1	4.5	5.7
r equals .72	P.E03, bet	" T-2 "	Marks of S-2 and T-2	and Marks.

School C, the University High School, had 58 pupils in two groups, all of whom had taken General Science from September until April 20th. Final marks were available for two complete quarters and were evaluated on the basis "A" equals 6, "B" equals 5, "C-" equals 4, "C" equals 3, "C-" equals 2, "D" equals 1, and "F" equals 0. Results follow.

Group I	8-3	T-2	Average	Marks
Number cases	. 24	24	S-2 & T-2 24	24
Median	87	87	87	8
Sigma	5.8	4.7	5.0	2.7
r equals .73		S-2 and Marks T-2 " " Average of S-2	and T-2 and	Mo wk a
Group II	8-2	T-2	Average S-2 & T-2	Marks
Number cases	34	34	34	34
Median	84	82	82.5	6.0
Sigma	5.8	4.0	4.6	2.8
r equals .71 " .67 " .82		-2 and Marks -2 " " verage of S-2 a	nd T-2 and N	arks.

<sup>\*</sup> These marks were in percents, not letters.

In view of the above data it is believed that the General Science Scale Forms R-1, S-3, and T-3 are even more reliable than was the original 300 item General Science test. Besides being more reliable, a Form of the Scale can be done by pupils of average capacity in 13 minutes, whereas the original test took one hour. The time required for scoring has been reduced to a minimum. The probable error of a measurement or estimation has been reduced from 10 points on the original test to 3 points on the 60 item Scale Forms by the elimination of unreliable items from the Scale. Finally, each unit of a Scale Form is exactly the equal of every other unit of the same Scale Form or of the other two Scale Forms.

Scale Forms S-2 and T-3 are of equal difficulty and are so constructed that a score of 80 is the median achievement for 9th grade pupils who have taken General Science one year. This was established on the basis of the achievements of 1780 pupils. Scale Form R-1 is one P.E. or 10 points easier than S-2 or T-2. Therefore the median achievement for 9th grade pupils who have taken General Science one year is 90. Because of the known difficulty of each Form, the three may be used interchangeably to check up class progress in General Science from term to term, or they may be combined to secure still more accurate measurements of class or pupil achievements in General Science.

<sup>\*</sup>Computed by either the formula of (1) P.E. of estimate equals .6745Sigma x square root of  $(1-r^2)$ , or (2) P.E. of estimate equals equare root of  $\frac{1}{2}$  times the median deviation.

#### CHAPTER VIII

#### COMPARATIVE STUDY OF ACHIEVEMENT IN GENERAL SCIENCE

In Chapter VII, under "B", data were presented which showed that based on approximately 500 papers in five groups of 100 each, in which the original 300 item tests were rescored on the basis of one of the Scale Forms, the coefficient of correlation between distributions of test and Scale scores ranged from .81 to .93 with a mean of .882. This would indicate that where distributions were used, distributions of either test or Scale scores would give approximately the same results, and that any statement made on the basis of test comparisons would have approximately the same justification on the basis of Scale comparison, as indicated by the coefficient of correlation of .882. In "C", however, when grade medians on test and grade medians on Scale Form S-2 were correlated, they gave a correlation coefficient of over .99. These correlations mean that any comparison made on the basis of the test would, with reference to an individual case, receive only as much justification by the Scale, or vice versa, as is indicated by a mean positive coefficient of correlation of .882. Any group comparison, however, made on the basis of a median of test scores, would receive practically identical justification on the basis of a median of Scale scores, or vice versa, as is indicated by a coefficient of correlation of .99 plus. In as much as rescoring approximately 9,000 300 item tests on the basis of the Scale would be a laborious, time consuming process, and in as much as comparisons between the General Science test and other criteria were only

slightly inferior to those of the Scale and the same criteria, it was decided to base the study of achievement on the scores which had been made available for the 300 item test. In other words, the development of the Scale Forms was necessary in order to prove that the original test was sufficiently accurate for measuring group achievement. The Scale Forms are a good check on the test medians. Since, however, for group comparisons the test medians give the same results and since, having been necessary for the Scale development, the test results were at hand, the Scale results need not for economy's sake be used for this part of the study.

The following paragraphs are discussions of some of the comparative studies which have been made of the achievement in General Science as indicated by the 300 item test.

# A. Comparison of group achievement in individual schools

To facilitate the treat ment and to increase the accuracy of data, results on each group were kept separately for each school. That is, all the data for the -8G were not only kept separately but were also subdivided according to schools from which they came. Thus it was possible to locate the results for -8G for school A, B, or K at will. Furthermore, since each of the administrators of the twenty-two schools co-operating in this study desired to have data on the achievement for his school compared with the rest, it was a matter of compilation of individual group results to formulate TABLE IX (RESULTS BY SCHOOLS ON THE FIRST 221 ITEMS OF THE GENERAL SCIENCE TEST).

These data were on the first 221 items which enabled the inclusion of practically 9,000 cases. To have compared achievement

	TABLE IX			RES	SULTS	BY S	CHOOLS	S ON S	THE F	IRST :	221 I	TEMS (	OF	TH	E GEI	NERAL	SCIE	NCE T	EST					
	SCHOOLS	A	В	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	0	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	NORM*
- DIGIE	No.Cases Min.Score lst Q. " Median " 3rd Q. " Max.Score	72 79 90	15 70 76 84 89 99	39 65 80 86 95	52 60 78 88 94 124	12 65 77 84 100 114	57 20 65 73 81 109	18 65 79 90 99 134	17 45 77 87 93 114	38 50 80 87 95 119	33 50 68 75 84 99	26 60 85 94 104 129	42 65 77 85 100 134	50 76 85 93	92 96 100		15 65 ** 92 98 106 119	41 45 61 75 83 104	83 87 92	77	35 ** 76 87 107	65 40 74 81 88 114	70 85 89	608 20 74 84 94 134
SAUB E-	Median "	33 65 86 95 108 129	10 65 77 84 91 109	38 55 87 96 106 129	42 40 88 98 108 124	11 65 84 100 104 109	50 35 62 75 86 114	6 95 102 114	18 60 86 93 102 114	40 40 85 98 115 139	29 45 71 85 95 109	8 75 86 92 100 104	21 60 84 97 110 124	78 89 99	75 92	8 60 65 82 87 109	18 55 75 92 107 134	23 50 79 92 100 134	14 60 71 82 93 114	6 45 87		41 50 80 93 102 129		520 35 79 92 1 <b>0</b> 4 179
48 01913	Median "		**	87 87 87	87 87 87		37 37 37				1 87  87 	43 60 87 100 113 134				::			87 87 87	::	::	::	87 94	49 35 86 95 111 134
+8 30YS	Median "	::	::		95 110  124		62 62 62	1 112 113 113	::	::		38 70 98 110 122 144			::	1 87 87 87	::						8 100 114 125 132 154	51 60 98 111 125 154
-9 GIRIS	lst Q. " Median "	8 75 85 92 100 119	11 65 79 87 97 119	50 65 87 95 109 134	115 55 82 92 100 129		63 55 79 94 105 154	95 102 109	2 55 70 	42 50 77 90 99 134	10 45 59 77 97 114	46 75 93 104 117 139	196 55 79 88 99 144	11 75 87 90 105 129	18 60 84 89 97 119	3 60 75 89	1 77 77 77	173 45 77 88 94 124	8 75 90 109 117 129	11 60 69 89 105 129	::	37 35 82 92 104 124	6 85 92 109	815 35 80 90 100 154
SX08 6-		6 55 107		23 60 92 108 118 139	96 70 93 104 122 174		39 45 71 85 106 154			3 80  102 	::	21 65 87 109 116 144	83 65 84 98 108 149	5 85  97 	60 77 119	1 47 47 47	1 103 103 103	122 55 83 93 103 144	110 115 119	5 55  92 	::	14 75 88 100 111 134	8 70 89 113 120 154	433 45 85 98 111 174
+ 9 CIRIS	Median "	56 65 100 112 125 154	9 110 120 129 132 159	6 95 115 134	80 115 119	19 60 94 99 130 144	7 85 117 124	25 90 108 116 120 139	15 65 99 115 120 159	22 65 94 105 116 139	26 80 92 99 112 149	30 70 94 101 110 124	114	45 80 105 114 122 154		7 55  99 	41 70 100 120 129 164	::	6 80 110 119	100 107 114			25 95 110 123 132 144	532 55 97 111 122 169

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<sup>\*</sup>In each case "Norm" is the composite of all pupils from all schools coming under a single heading, as "-8 Girls".

\*\*Where number of cases, indicated by "No.Cases", is less than 8, 1st Q. and 3rd Q. are omitted as inaccurate.

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		ABLE	IX	RES	SULTS	BY SO	CHOOL	ON '	THE F	IRST	331 1	TEMS (	OF	THE	E GENI	ERAL	SCIEN	CE TE	ST C	ONT'D					
	SCHOOLS	Α	В	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	М	N	0	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	No	ORM
	No.Cases Min.Score List Q. " Median" Gard Q." Max.Score	117 136 143	13 110 121 127 146 164	14 70 103 121 127 174	9 55 80 92 109 139	13 80 115 127 140 194		9 100 115 125 129 179	7 70 132 149	47 65 94 110 124 159	33 45 89 110 122 164	41 70 93 107 120 154		90		3 85 127	34 65 105 125 137 164		101 115 133	::	27 65 130 141 155 169	62 75 102 115 135 159	25 90 109 116 130 144	1 1 1	568 45 101 116 .32 .94
	No.Cases Min.Score I lst Q. " Median " 3rd Q. " Max.Score	44 45 90 98 108 144	9 65 99 105 115 124	38 70 93 103 115 129	227 45 82 92 104 149	87 87 87	26 65 87 102 110 139	7 85 100 134	12 80 100 107 115 124	35 50 74 90 98 124	4 65 95	38 65 93 105 115 129	157 55 85 94 104 129	98 108 115	9 40 60 67 75 94	75 90 104	110 130 149	103 40 85 96 108 159	5 90 105	5 50  92 	::	8 90 110 115 120 129	1 132 132 132	1	63 40 85 96 08 79
	No.Cases Min.Score lst Q. " Median " 3rd Q. " Max.Score	26 70 90 102 110 134	100 115 129	18 90 113 130 127 144	120 60 93 110 122 159	142 142 143	18 75 90 100 115 149		107 107 107	11 70 80 95 100 114	3 80 100 119	33 90 105 117 132 169	70 65 89 100 114 149	55 95 107	3 55 77	3 75 97	122	70 60 93 105 117 164	80 97	103	::	3 105 110 139	77 77 77	10	16 55 93 06 19
	No.Cases Min.Score lst Q. " Median " o 3rd Q. " Max.Score	95 120 144	3 105 127 149	11 85 102 110 112 119	21 70 104 110 128 159	13 100 122 135 140 154	14 80 107 115 120 134	11 100 115 122 130 144	11 95 99 111 115 149	9 65 92 97 102 114	12 75 90 97 115 124	60 70 101 110 120 149		8 100 110 122 142 154		3 80 102 119	29 95 112 118 130 169	80 90 109	13 80 113 125 130 139	5 105  120 	27 90 111 122 128 149	64 75 100 112 122 144	20 100 110 122 129 149	10	35 35 01 12 23
	No.Cases Min.Score lst Q. " Median " 3rd Q. " Max.Score	2 115 140 164	125 152 184	9 75 91 117 122 159	59 60 102 119 133 169	7 115 151 	8 85 107 122 129 134	4 110 140 164	10 95 106 130 136 174	36 70 102 113 131 179	8 50 87 100 117 129	44 60 100 111 130 174	135 65 104 119 135 174	11 95 117 130 137 154		2 85 112  139	19 110 127 137 147 169	110 137 164	9 85 122 127 132 159	97 97 97	160	30 80 113 120 133 174	13 110 125 140 145 169		32
	3rd Q."	44 65 97 107 122 159	14 100 110 115 123 134	25 75 97 104 117 169	175 50 92 107 124 159	3 95 110 119	17 70 110 122 134 164	12 95 107 117 135 159	7 65  94  144	22 40 77 90 100 134	11 75 105 107 113 124	39 45 101 112 123 169			7 65  87  154	1 122 122 123	3 105 117 129	59 70 92 102 115 154	7 90 117 144	4 85 112 139	**	9 75 94 112 117 129	5 105 105 114	10	00 40 93 05 20
	Median "	18 55 107 121 138 169	6 110 120 139	16 120 130 145 160 174	89 45 115 125 141 174	4 85  122  149	10 90 115 127 132 159	6 100 132  154	6 95  142  159	12 90 94 109 115 134	9 105 112 117 125 169	26 95 119 130 138 159	56 80 105 122 139 169		3 70  92 	::	100 120 139	61 65 104 115 127 154	115 130 144	1 132  132 	::	13 75 132 137 146 159		1 1 1	66 45 09 24 38
-	No.Cases Min.Score lst Q. " Median " 3rd Q. " Max.Score	125	6 120 130 134	9 85 105 112 114 134	15 80 100 118 125 169	2 125  135 	24 90 105 113 124 179	1 82  82  82	5 85 107	10 70 92 102 115 129	105 110 144	30 85 107 122 134 164	121	1113		4 65 117 	19 90 107 120 132 149	7 85  99 	16 90 112 127 140 154	1 147 147 147	23 75 103 113 133 169	57 35 104 115 130 154	130		351 35 102 114 128 179

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	TA	ABLE I	X	RES	SULTS	BY SC	HOOLS	S ON 7	THE F	IRST /	221 I	TEMS (	F	THE	GENERA	AL SC	IENCF	TEST	COM	NT'D				
	SCHOOLS	A	В	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	М	N	0	P	Q	R	8	T	U	V	NORM
+11 BOYS	lst Q. " Median " 3rd Q. "	137 142 165	::	120	45 118	127	110 122 142 162		135	85 109 124 152	90	60 115 140 150	80 114 135 146	137		140	125 139 147 155	82	135		115	95 127 138	95 114 142 155	309 45 119 135 150 204
-12 GIRLS	Median "	9 70 110 121 137	125	95 110 120 135	65 101 116 129	5 90 132 	95	7 110 139 159	, <del>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </del>	50 71 78 89	90 102 112 125	90 112 120 131	75 98 108 119	85 100 112 145	70 85		3 110 115 	40 97 110		120	::	35 80 99 107 116 149	120	479 40 100 114 129 184
-12 30Y8	3rd Q. "	117 132 145	135	11 95 145 152 167 184	69 70 122 136 149 184	9 100 122 134 155 179	13 115 130 145 157 179	155 162 169	130 145 159	100	65 109 125 140	90 130 143	115 125 144	105 122 145 155	95	::		132	155 170 184	::		11 95 132 147 155 159		300 65 119 137 150 184
+12 GIRLS	Min.Score lst Q. " Median " 3rd Q. "	120 124 130	103	137	40 75 100 119 135 184		150	1 152 152 152	80 103 179	120	::	40 65 110 132 144 154	75 102 111 127	100		::	18 110 122 128 137 164	113	12 105 117 132 140 149	135 140 144	28 60 117 130 142 174	115 125 154	20 90 125 137 148 184	323 60 107 124 137 184
+18 8078	No.Cases Min.Score lst Q. " Median " 3rd Q. " Max.Score	145	147		27 100 129 140 155 179		9 90 100 127 145 154		5 115 137 184	19 110 127 134 163 184	122	18 105 129 137 160 179	128	125	::	135	11 120 129 143 160 184	137	167	137	180	137 152 165	14 115 127 132 140 164	226 90 130 142 158 189

No.Cases 347
IS Min.Score 105
1st Q. " 153
Median " 165
3rd Q. " 176
Max.Score 304

on 300 items would have allowed the use of about two-thirds of the data or about 6,000 cases. Data in Chapter V show that 300 item results on the General Science test and 221 item results on the same test agree to the extent of giving for a large number of the cases a product-moment correlation of .98. Therefore the comparative results by schools are as accurate for the 221 item test as they would have been had 300 items been used. They are in fact more accurate in the case of these data because of the additional 3,000 cases, the use of which was made possible by including the first 321 items of the test only.

These 9,000 cases included about 90% of all papers submitted. The 10% which had been eliminated were not used because (a) the pupils did not do as much as three pages in the original test, presumably because insufficient time was allowed for the test, (b) pupils had omitted necessary information such as their name, grade in school, and sciences taken, and (c) pupils (a small number) had misunderstood directions and had written out correct responses instead of underling them, or had in some way failed to follow directions. These last mentioned papers could have been used but the scoring of them would have required individual reading of each paper rather than the use of the correcting stencil.

With reference to the first reason given for elimination, in an examination of time taken for the test and the score obtained, the writer found that there was no relationship between time and success in the test. Four hundred forty cases, over as wide a range of test scores as possible, were studied. The wide range of scores selected gave excellent conditions for securing a high coefficient of correlation. These data, however, gave a productmoment coefficient of correlation of .09 with P.E. of .03 between
time in minutes and score achieved. This result is easily explained
by the fact that the directions for giving the test (See Appendix II)
stated that no time limit was to be used. Directions of this kind
would naturally cause pupils to work at comfortable rates rather
than at maximum speed.

In Table IX each of the 22 schools, represented by a letter, has its results on the test in a column of its own. The last column labelled "Norm" is the composite of the 22 columns preceding, this composite being in the form of a single distribution rather than a median or mean of the results in the 22 columns. At the left are indicated the grades and subdivisions of the grades using nomen-clature which has been used thrucut this study, namely, sex, grade, and whether or not the pupil had taken General Science indicated by "-8 Girls" for 8th grade girls who had not taken General Science and "+9 Boys" for 9th grade boys who had taken General Science.

Number of cases, minimum and maximum score, and first and third quartile and median score for each group are self explanatory.

Examination of the Table shows that schools differ quite markedly in their achievements on this General Science test. Also the fact that a course in General Science was taken gives the obvious results in all cases, namely, a higher score for pupilsof any grade who have taken General Science than for pupils of the same grade in the same school who have not taken General Science. With regard to the latter result, some data will be presented later regarding the selective influence of General Science where the

subject is elective. With regard to school achievements, the difference is in part at least due to differences in native ability and in part to the kinds of courses which are offered in the different schools. In the latter statement is really true, one of the valuable results of this study is to make available a device for measuring achievement in General Science, the use of which would be one of the first requisites in a study of the achievements in various courses in General Science.

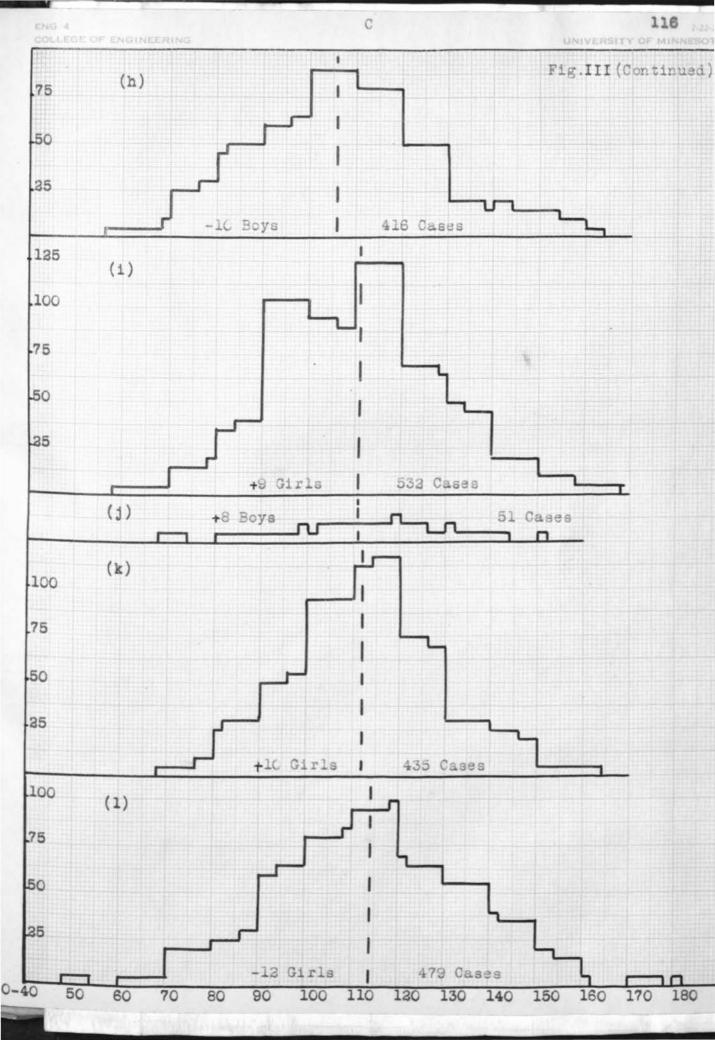
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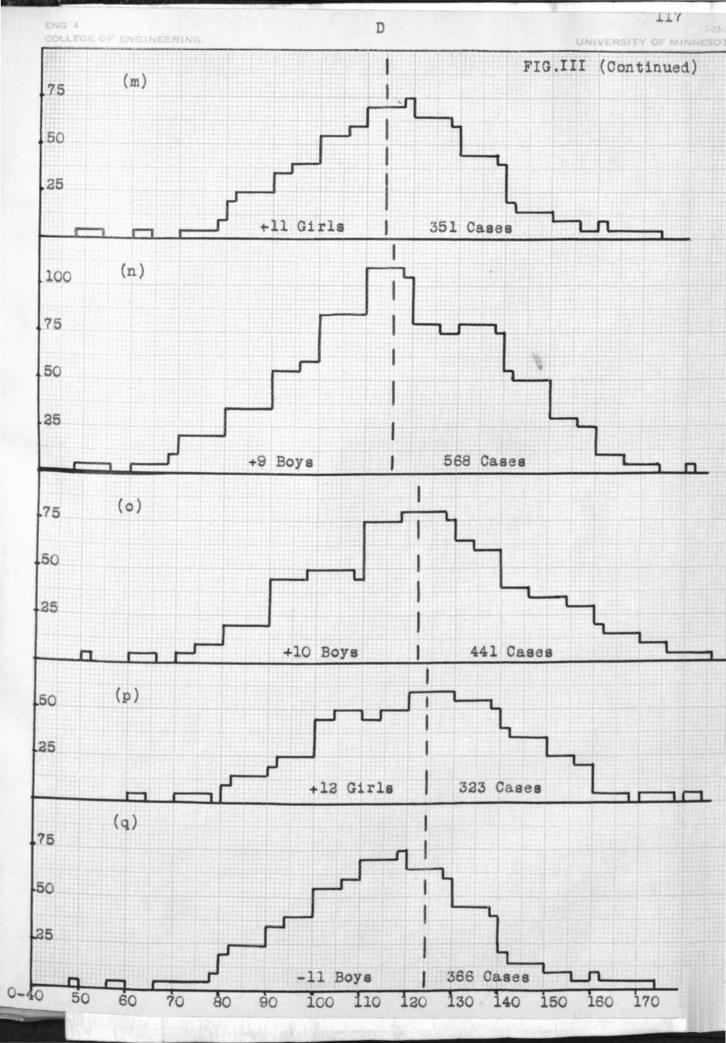
In securing the "norms" presented in the previous paragraphs, distributions of scores on the 221 item General Science test were made. These distributions are presented in TABLE X (DISTRIBUTION OF SCORES OF 8970 CASES ON FIRST 221 ITEMS OF THE GENERAL SCIENCE TEST) and are plotted in FIGURE III (A-E) -DISTRIBUTIONS OF GENERAL SCIENCE SCORES (FOR 221 ITEMS) FOR VARIOUS GRADE GROUPS TOTALING 8970 CASES. Survey of TABLE X shows a gradual shifting of the distributions toward the higher scores from the 8th to the 12th grade. The medians and percentiles for these same 8970 cases are given in TABLE XI (PERCENTILE SCORES ON FIRST 221 ITEMS MADE BY 8970 CASES). It is obvious that there is not only a gradual shifting of distributions and medians toward higher scores in the upper grades giving great differences, but that there are also sex differences and differences due to having had or not having had the subject. In like manner Table II (See page 47 ), FIGURE IV (A-C) -DISTRIBUTION OF GENERAL SCIENCE SCORES (FOR 300 ITEMS) FOR VARIOUS GRADE GROUPS TOTALING 6053 CASES -, which gives the data

TABLE X

DISTRIBUTION OF SCORES OF 8970 CASES ON FIRST 221 ITEMS OF THE GENERAL SCIENCE TEST.

Score	-8G	-8B	+8G	+8B	-9G	-9B	+9G	+9B	-10G	-10B	+10G	+10B	-11G	-llB	+11G	+11E	-120	-12B	+120	+12B	I	INIVERS		J.C	. T.C	
20- 24	1																									
25- 29	-																									
30- 34	1					4																				
35- 39	2	2	1		1		*								1								*			
40- 44	ĩ	4			-			4.0	2				1				1									
45- 49	6	5			2	2		1	2				1	1		1										
50- 54	8	5		200	2			-	3			1	2				2									
55- 59	13	11			12	7	1	3	8	2			6	1	2											
60- 64	24	17	1	1	13	4	ī	1	6	3		2	2			1	3		1							
65- 69	44	28	ī		36	10	4	5	17	3	1	1	8	1	2		2	1	1							
70- 74	52	25	1	1	43	13	6	10	34	11	2	3	14	2	5		10	1								
75- 79	73	35	1	1	85	28	10	10	46	16	5	5	20	2	1		10	1	4					i		
80- 84	84	40	5	3	87	38	20	17	66	25	13	8	26	10	9	4	13		8			2				
85- 89	85	58	9	2	117	42	18	18	78	24	16	12	32	9	15	2	15	2	6	2					2	
90- 94	74	56	6	1	100	44	44	35	94	36	20	16	58	13	17	3	29	4	11	2						
95- 99	44	63	2	5	99	37	61	27	93	26	32	30	57	14	21	5	34	8	13	3					3	
100-104	40	42	5	7	57	50	35	49	78	45	53	22	62	17	21	8	40	10	27	3		1 .			2	
105-109	25	46	3	2	60	42	58	36	72	45	42	27	59	25	46	12	41	10	26	5					4	
110-114	14	23	6	7	33	32	59	57	57	37	62	36	48	37	37	21	43	17	22	8	1	2 .		2	4	
115-119	8	28	5	4	28	22	66	52	32	43	56	40	48	23	34	23	53	25	25	9	1	3 1		1	4	
120-124	5	14	2	4	16	18	45	35	36	29	36	39	44	36	39	22	36	23	35	20		5 .				
125-129	2	7		4	13	15	24	43	20	21	37	40	38	24	25	19	33	18	31	25	1	2 1			7	
130-134	2	2	1	3	5	11	34	37	10	7	20	32	24	35	26	27	31	24	23	24	2	9 2		1		
135-139		3		3	4	5	13	42	5	12	10	30	23	34	18	24	24 16	31	19	26	4	15 2				
140-144	(*)		*	2	1	6	13	35	1	9	15	20	9	23	10	31	20	30	17	18	1	11 1	1	1	2	
145-149		2				2	7	16	2	8	8	18	6	19	6	27	12	25	17	11	2	23 3	2		2.	
150-154		1		1	1	3	7	17		7	3	19	4	16	7	20	5	26	6	17	1	22 4			2	
155-159	: * :	2	*	*			2	11	1	5	2	13	4	11	1	15	2	7	4	19	3	32 10	4			
160-164	II ( € 2;			*			3	7		1	1	11	1	8	2	15		9		15	4	34 4	. 1			
165-169	54.54					1	1	1		1	1	5	3	4	2	2	2	3	2	6	4	23 6	3			
170-174	*					1		1				6		2	7	8	2	5	2	5	5	29 7	4			
175-179		1						1	1			2			-	3	1	4	2	6	3	17 2	2			
180-184			*						*			2				2			*	2	1	12 3	1			
185-189		,	*			*														1.		6 .	3		*	
190-194		*					٠	T				T								130	*	1 .	T			
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Total		500		-	015	100	570	500	DOZ	416	175	447	600	366	351	309	479	300	323	226	32	248 46	31	0	0.0	
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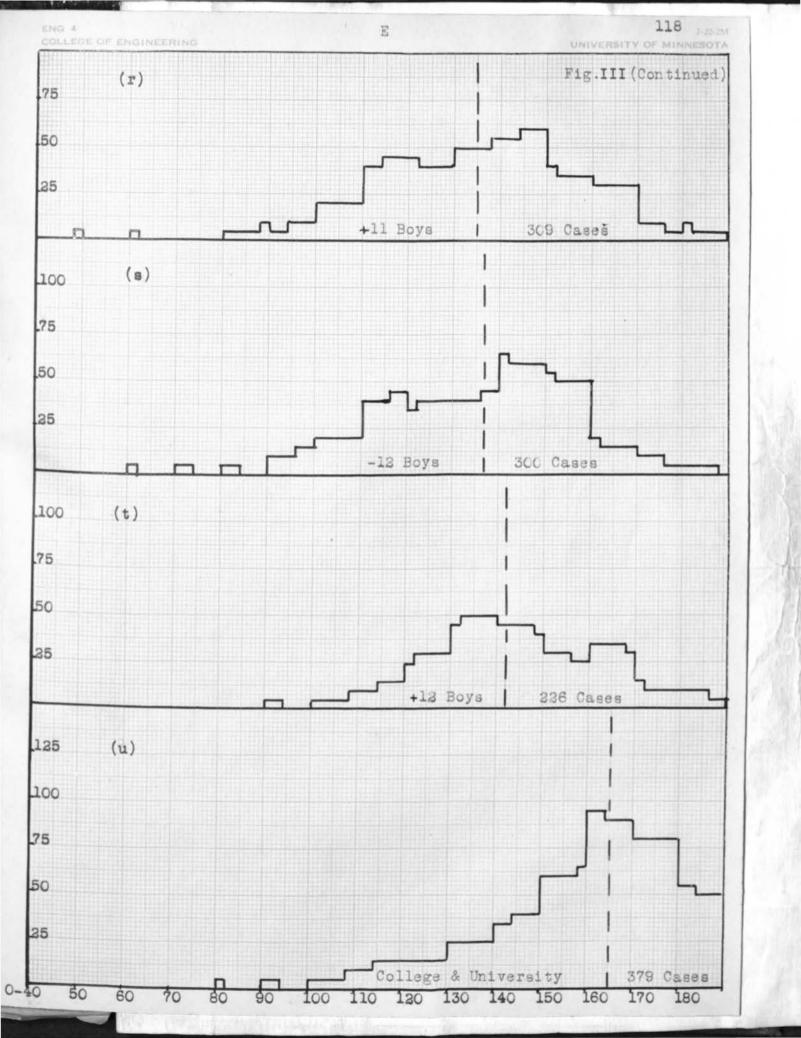
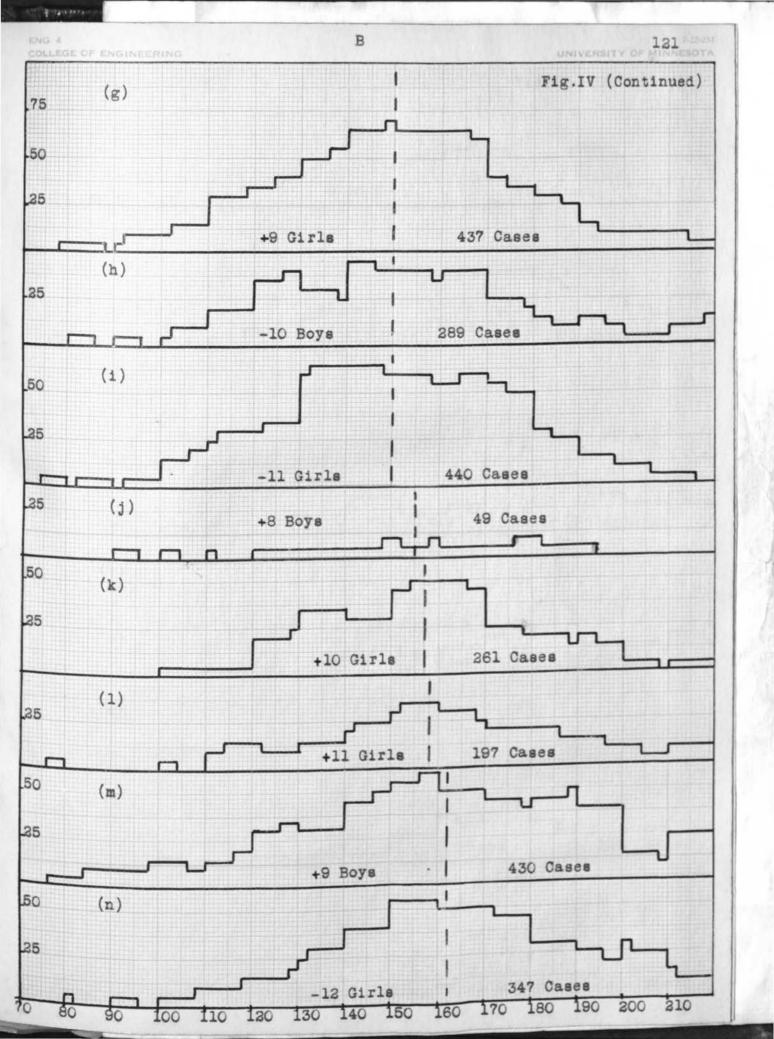
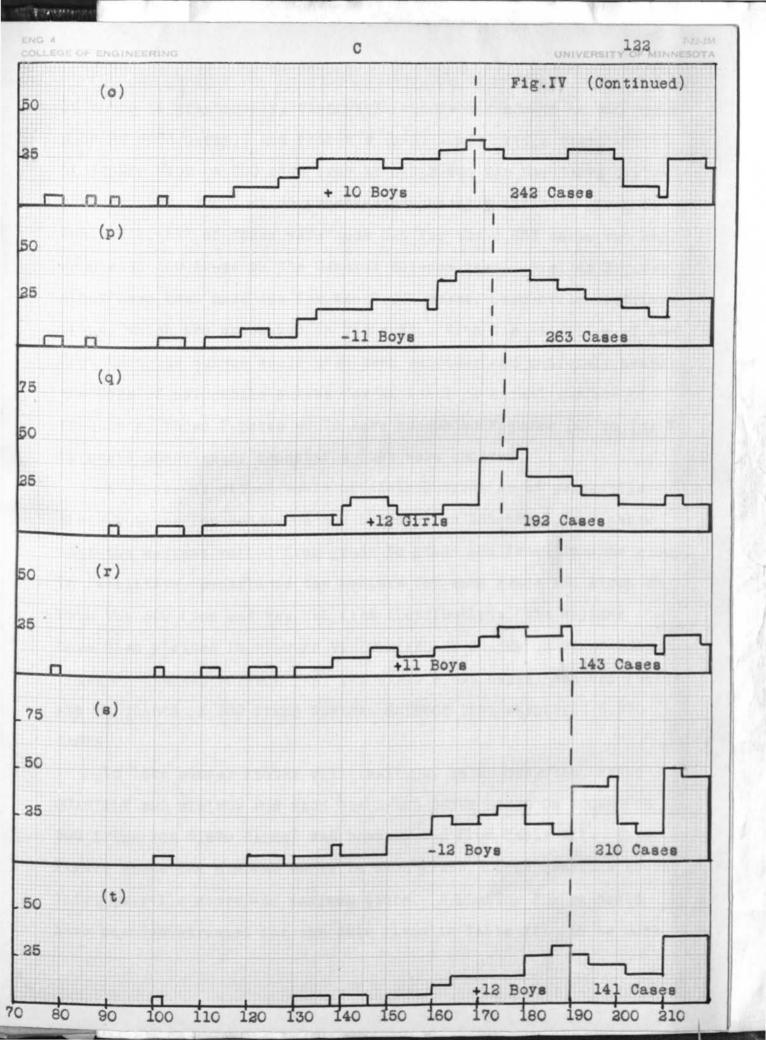


TABLE XI
PERCENTILE SCORES ON FIRST 221 ITEMS MADE BY 8970 CASES

						SC	ORES									
PERCENTILE		0	1	10	20	25	30	40	50	60	70	75	80	90	99	100
GROUP N	UMBE:	R														
-8 Girls -9 " -10 " -11 " -12 "	608 815 763 600 479	35 40 40 40	47 56 55 56 63	65 72 75 81 87	71 77 82 90 96	74 80 85 93 100	77 83 87 95 103	81 86 92 101 109	84 90 96 105 114	88 94 100 111 119	92 98 105 117 125	94 100 108 130 139	97 104 111 124 133	104 112 119 152 143	123 132 137 157 165	134 154 179 169 184
+8 Girls +9 " +10 " +11 " +12 "	49 532 435 351 323	35 55 65 35 60	69 76 67 77	79 88 91 90 95	84 95 99 99 104	86 97 101 102 107	87 99 103 106 110	91 106 108 110 117	95 111 112 114 124	102 115 116 119 129	107 119 120 124 134	111 122 123 128 137	113 124 126 130 141	118 133 134 138 150	155 154 165 175	134 169 169 179 184
-8 Boys -9 " -10 " -11 " -12 "	520 433 416 366 300	35 45 55 45 65	43 56 64 72 84	66 76 81 94 106	75 82 89 105 116	79 85 93 109 119	82 88 95 112 122	88 93 102 118 130	92 98 106 124 137	96 103 111 130 143	101 108 117 135 148	104 111 119 138 150	107 114 122 141 153	116 125 135 151 159	145 150 157 167 181	179 174 169 174 184
+8 Boys +9 " +10 " +11 " +12 "	51 568 441 309 226	60 45 50 45 90	65 70 82 97	82 87 92 107 119	96 97 102 116 128	98 101 107 119 130	100 104 110 123 134	104 111 116 130 137	111 116 122 135 142	116 121 127 140, 147	122 128 134 147 155	125 132 137 150 158	128 135 141 154 161	136 144 153 163 168	168 175 183 184	154 194 194 204 189
Jr.College	6	80				115			119			139		1		149
Univ. 1 " 2 " 3 " 4	32 248 46 21	115 105 120 145	119	135 140 142 154	142 150 154 162	143 153 157 163	147 155 159 164	157 161 162 171	163 164 164 175	168 169 169 177	172 173 173 180	174 175 175 182	176 177 176 185	179 183 180 191	194	184 204 189 199
Teachers College	32	90		103	108	110	113	117	120	130	132	133	134	150		159
Total W- 7	0000															

Total No. 8970





of Table II graphically, TABLE XII (PERCENTILE SCORES ON 300 ITEMS MADE BY 6053 CASES), and FIGURE V (A-H) - PERCENTILE DISTRIBUTION OF SCORES MADE ON 300 ITEM TEST BY GIRLS WHO HAD NOT TAKEN GENERAL SCIENCE, ETC, ETC - which presents graphically the data given in Table XII, all of these were made out for the 6,053 cases who had completed 300 items on the General Science test. Similar Figures might have been made out for the 9,000 cases, percentile distributions, which are presented in Table XI. With the exception of the fact that the curves would have been smoother and uniformly nearer the form of percentile curves for an ideal or normal surface of frequency, those Figures would have resembled Figures (a) to (h) V. To avoid unnecessary repetition they were omitted.

A glance at either table of distributions or of percentile distributions for scores on 300 items or on 221 items, will show that the medians varied from grade to grade and from group to group. To facilitate comparisons the medians for each grade and group on both the 300 item and the 221 item distributions, the medians have been plotted in FIGURES VI (MEDIANS BY GRADES ON FIRST 221 ITEMS OF GENERAL SCIENCE TEST INVOLVING 8,591 CASES) and VII (MEDI\*ANS BY GRADES ON 300 ITEMS GENERAL SCIENCE TEST INVOLVING 5,970 CASES).

In like manner FIGURE VIII (MAXIMUM, THIRD QUARTILE, FIRST QUARTILE AND MINIMUM FOR EACH GRADE AND GROUP BASED ON SCORES ON 300 ITEMS FOR 5,970 CASES) was constructed from Table XII. This Figure shows the minimum score in each grade, first quartile score, third quartile score and maximum score. A similar figure could have been constructed for the data given in Table XI. In as much

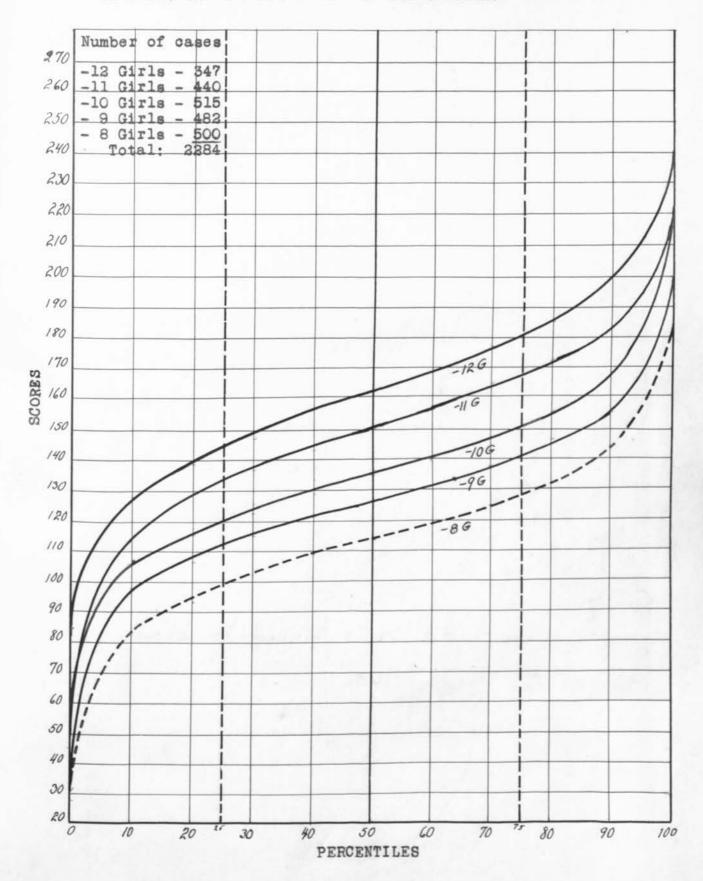
TABLE XII

PERCENTILE SCORES ON 300 ITEMS MADE BY 6053 CASES.

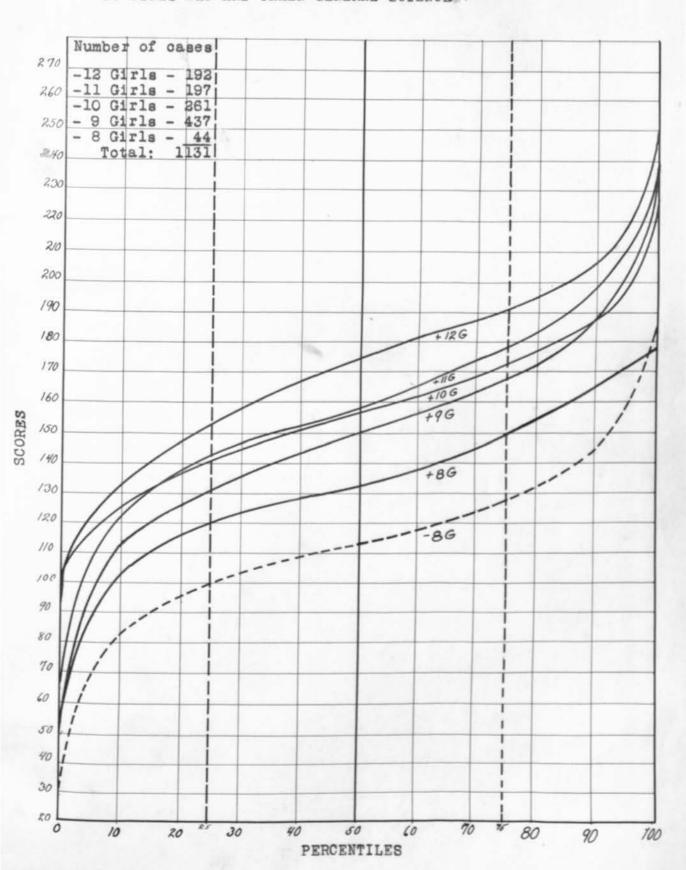
					1	CORES										
PERCENTII	Æ	0	1	10	20	25	30	40	50	60	70	75	80	90	99-	100
GROUP	NUMBER	2														
-8 Girls -9 " -10 " -11 " -12 "	500 482 513 440 347	29 23 60 45 84	54 67 72 84 99	84 98 107 115 129	94 107 116 129 139	99 110 119 133 145	103 115 122 136 148	109 121 129 143 156	114 126 135 150 162	119 131 140 157 169	125 137 148 164 177	128 142 150 168 181	132 146 155 172 186	144 155 187 183 200	174 184 203 207 224	184 202 222 217 239
+8 Girls +9 " +10 " +11 " +12 "	44 437 261 197 192	54 50 102 63 99	69 89 106 104 104	104 113 127 123 134	117 128 138 138 147	119 132 139 143 152	122 137 144 147 159	128 144 151 151 171	131 150 157 158 175	139 157 163 165 183	148 163 168 174 189	157 166 172 178 192	159 171 178 183 197	163 184 189 197 206	175 214 219 224 239	179 236 228 231 249
-8 Boys -9 " -10 " -11 " -12 "	400 300 289 263 210	50 58 84 69 104	59 74 89 104 120	87 105 116 134 152	101 116 126 147 165	107 121 130 154 168	111 124 136 158 173	120 130 143 165 181	127 135 150 172 190	133 144 157 178 196	139 152 165 187 203	145 156 167 191 207	147 161 173 197 212	157 180 190 210 220	178 209 219 237 246	184 235 233 230 262
+8 Boys +9 " +10 " +11 " +12 "	49 430 242 143 141	95 75 67 54 103	95 78 89 110 130	108 117 128 151 160	124 131 140 166 171	133 138 146 170 179	138 142 150 172 180	147 152 159 183 184	155 162 168 188 190	162 169 176 194 196	170 179 184 203 204	174 183 190 207 209	176 187 194 213 213	183 199 213 224 228	195 225 234 247 244	195 244 257 251 255
Jr.Colleg	e 6	133				184			172			186				207
Universit	. 134	190 125 189 206	175	190 198 205	199 210 214	201 214 215 212	208 217 216	219 224 219	328 328 329 336	235 232 238	236 239 241	237 241 242 259	238 244 244	242 249 247	264	246 274 262 264

### FIGURE V (a)

PERCENTILE DISTRIBUTION OF SCORES MADE ON 300 ITEM TEST BY GIRLS WHO HAD NOT TAKEN GENERAL SCIENCE.



PERCENTILE DISTRIBUTION OF SCORES MADE ON 300 ITEMS BY GIRLS WHO HAD TAKEN GENERAL SCIENCE.



PERCENTILE DISTRIBUTION OF SCORES MADE BY BOYS WHO HAD NOT STUDIED GENERAL SCIENCE, ON 300 ITEM TEST.

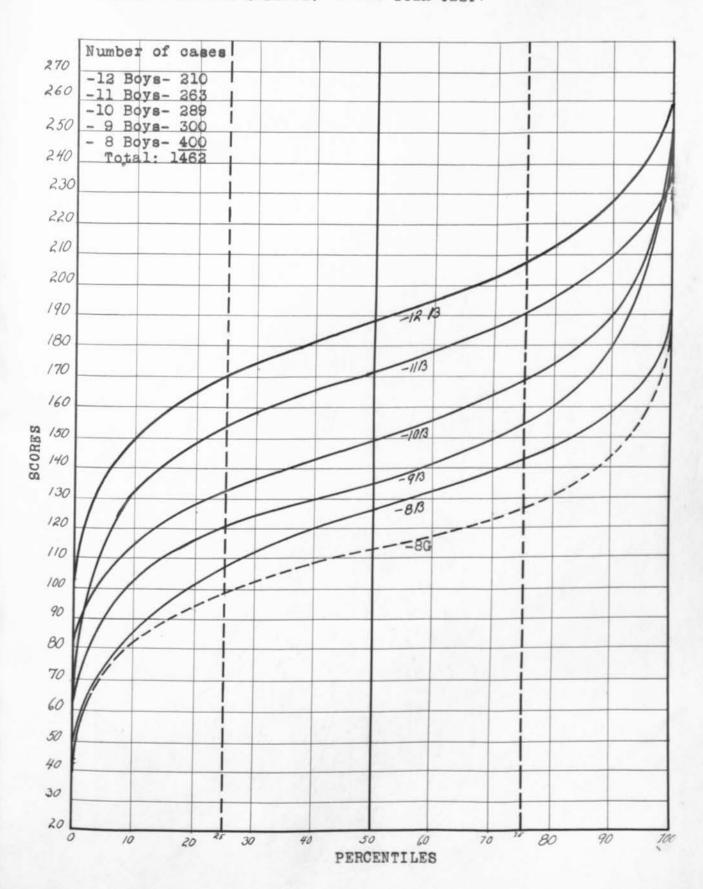


FIGURE V (d)

PERCENTILE DISTRIBUTION OF SCORES MADE ON 300 ITEMS BY BOYS WHO HAD TAKEN GENERAL SCIENCE.

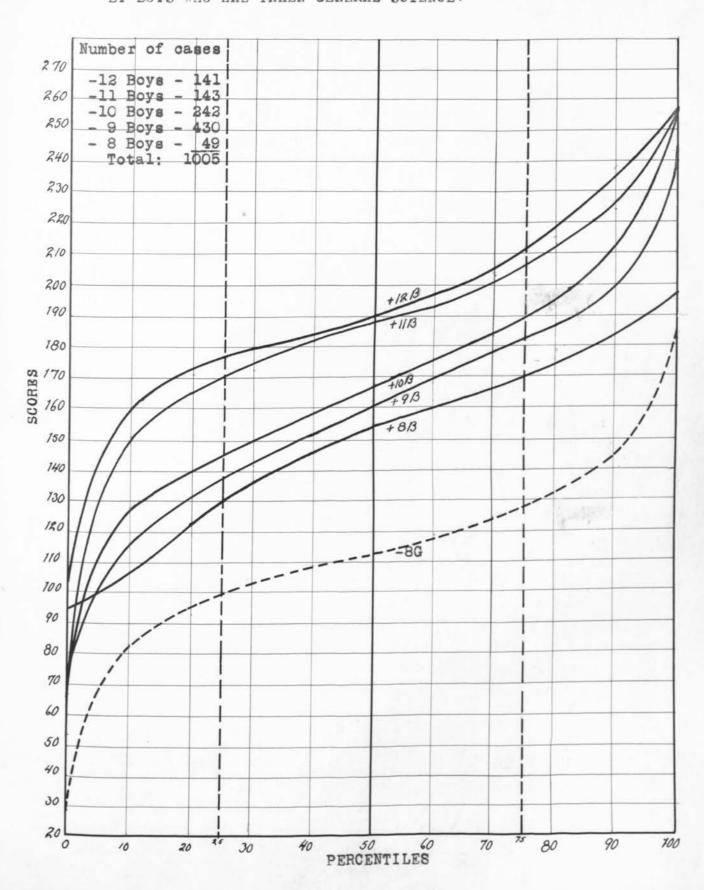


FIGURE V (e)

DISTRIBUTION OF SCORES MADE ON 300 ITEM TEST BY EIGHTH AND TWELFTH GRADE PUPILS.

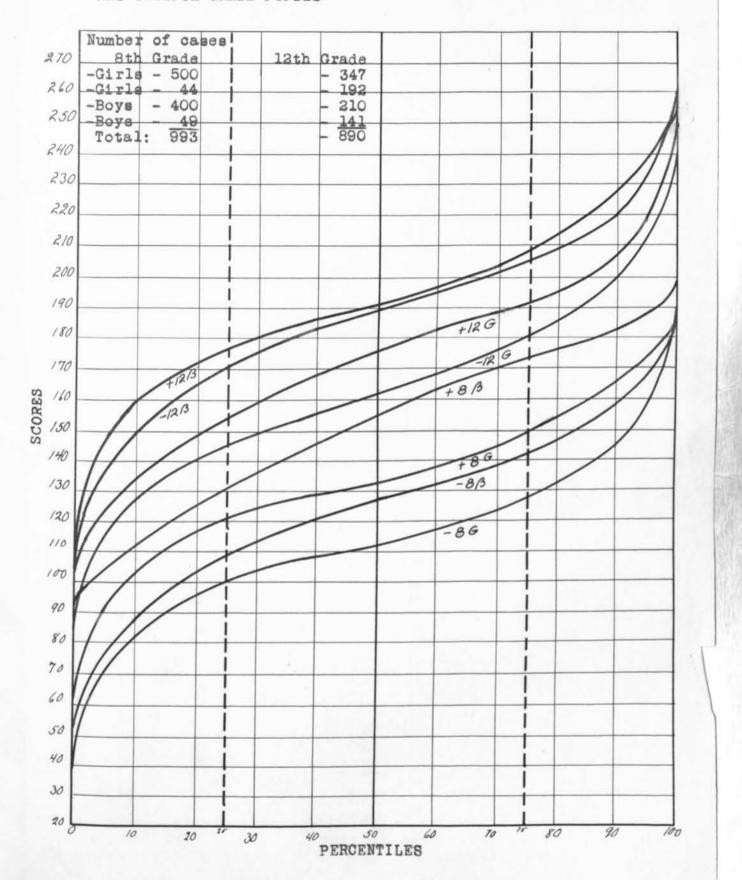
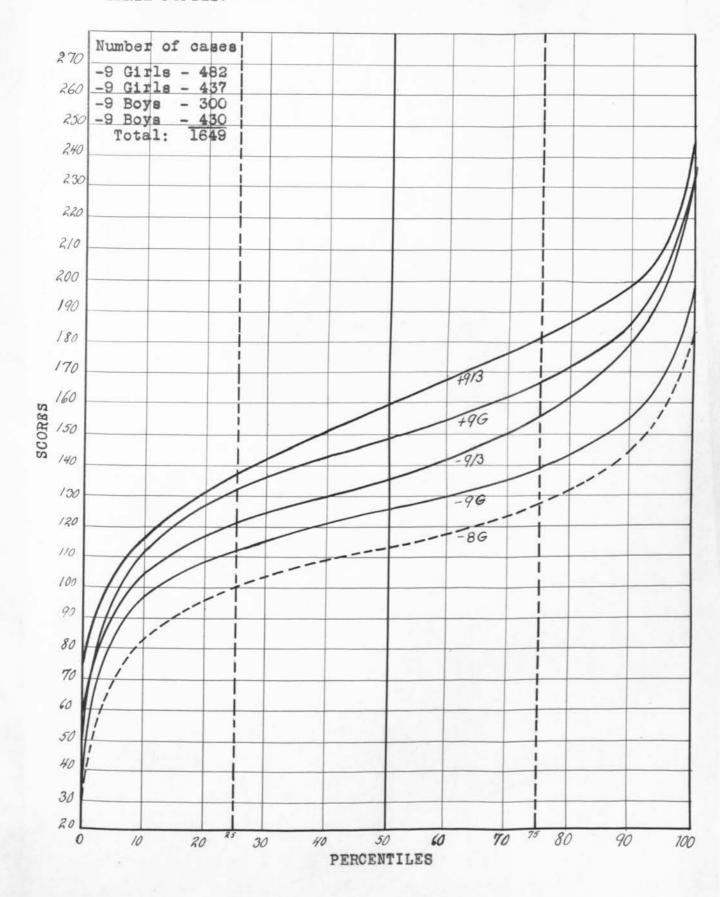
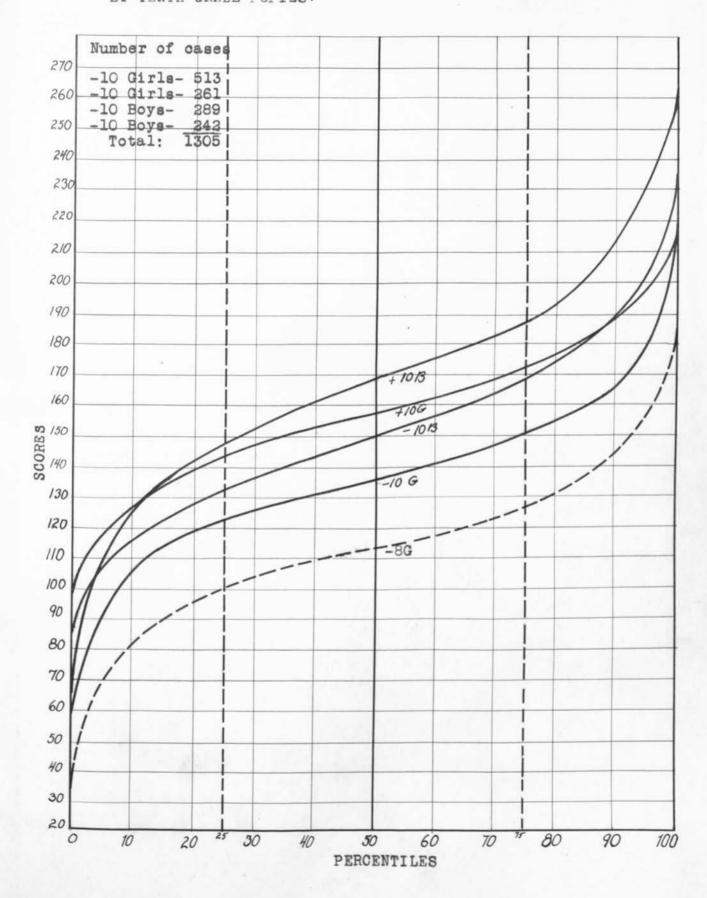


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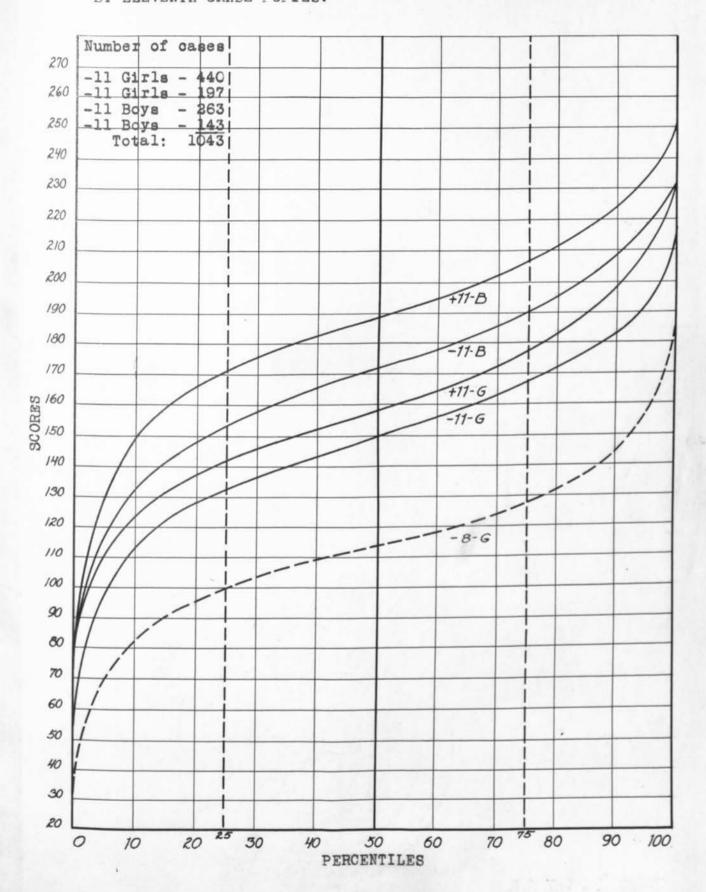
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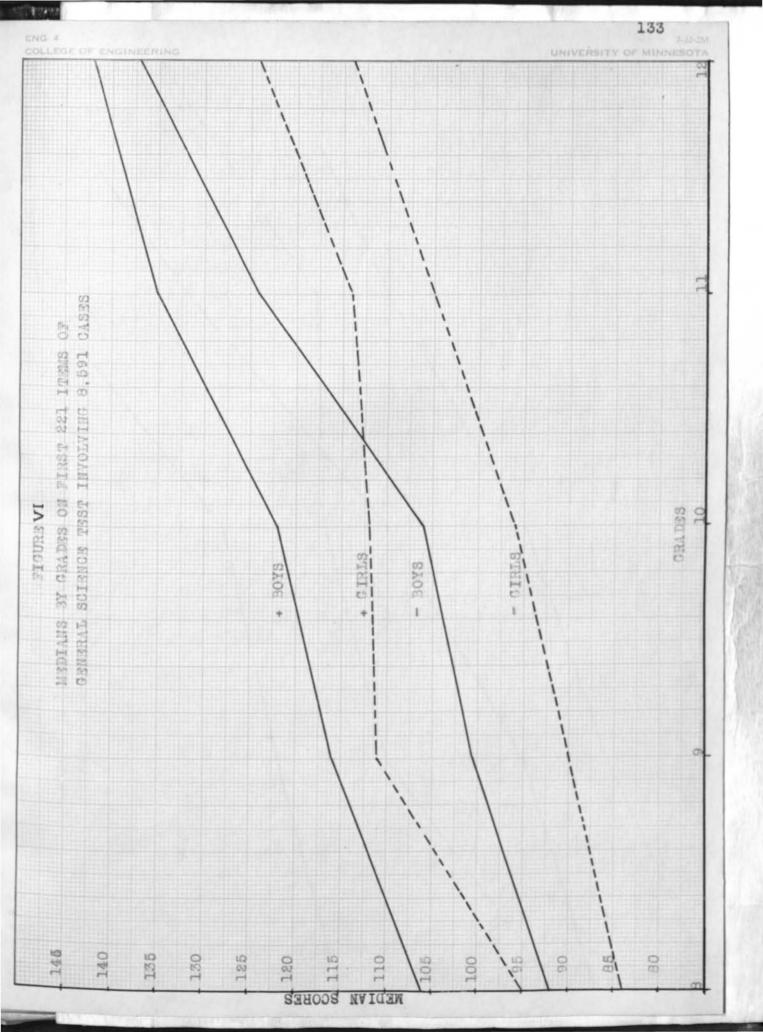


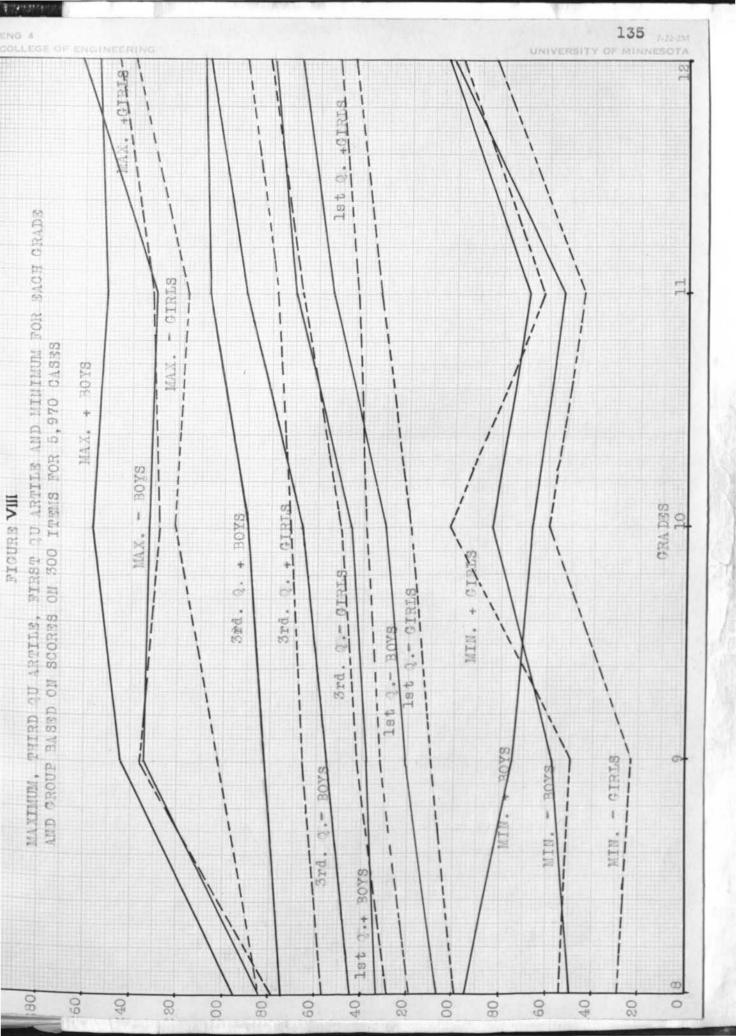
PERCENTILE DISTRIBUTION OF SCORES MADE ON 300 ITEM TEST BY TENTH GRADE PUPILS.



PERCENTILE DISTRIBUTION OF SCORES MADE ON 300 ITEM TEST BY ELEVENTH GRADE PUPILS.







as this would have resembled Figure VIII, except in score locations, it was omitted.

Naturally at least three questions might be asked relative to the data and figures presented, namely,-

- 1. How reliable are the medians presented?
- 2. Are the groups of equal variability?
- 3. Are the differences noted between the medians of the different groups real differences?

The computations of the answers to these questions are too extended to be presented in detail, therefore a summary of each will be presented. To find any particular detail will entail small effort on the part of the reader.

1. The medians for both the 321 and the 300 item distributions are reliable. For the 300 item distribution the P.E.s of the medians range from .8 to 1.8 points\*. For the 231 item distribution the P.E.s of the medians range from .4 to 1.0. In other words, were these distributions extended infinitely, the chances are even that even in the least reliable group the median would not vary by more than 1.8 points from that given in Table XII and 1.0 points from that given in Table XII. The quartile deviations for the twenty groups are likewise very constant, varying from  $14\frac{1}{2}$  to  $22\frac{1}{2}$  in Table XII and from 10 to  $15\frac{1}{2}$  in Table XI.

\* P.E. of median equals 11 P.E. of Distribution V N

- Seniors are less variable in their achievement on the General
  Science test, especially if they have taken General Science, than
  are 8th grade pupils who have not taken General Science. A course
  in General Science tends to cut down the variability in the test.
  Using the formula Variability of coefficient equals 100 Quartile Dev.
  Median
  the coefficient of Variability varies in the 300 item distributions
  from 12.7 for -8G, the most variable, to 8.0 for +12B, the least
  variable. In the 221 item distributions, the variability coefficient
  varies from 12.0 for the -8G to 10.0 for the +12B.
- 3. The differences between median achievements of the grades of any one group, as -Girls or +Boys, are all significant and real differences. Likewise the sex differences are real differences. In most cases the differences are from two to four times as large as they had to be in order to be significant and real differences.

  McCall gives some formulae for finding the reliability of a Difference.

  Namely,

Sigma of Difference equals VSigma 12 & Sigma 22

and Experimental Coefficient " Difference

2.78 x Sigma of Difference.

When, by the use of these formulae, the experimental coefficient equals 1, McCall states that the difference is real, that is, it cannot be the result of chance.

Since the computation and presentation of all the differences would be lengthy, the writer proposes to use these formulae to

McCall, W. A. "How to measure in Education". The Macmillan Co. New York. 1922. Pp. 398-407.

compute a difference that will just give an experimental coefficient of 1. Then all differences which exceed the amount necessary just to produce an experimental coefficient of 1, are large enough to be beyond doubt real differences and not the products of chance distributions.

In the answer to question (1) is found data which indicate that for the medians on 300 item distributions, the P.E.s of the medians ranged from .8 to 1.8 and for the medians of the 221 distributions the P.E.s ranged from .4 to 1. By taking the extreme cases in each of the distributions, we find that the sigma differences for the 300 item distributions range from 1.8 to 3.8 and for the 221 item distributions range from .8 to 2.2. Using McCall's second formula so as to have the experimental coefficient equal 1 - for the minimum sigma difference of the 300 item distribution this I equals Difference , then Difference equals 5.2. That is, for the distribution having the lowest P.E. of the median, namely .8 and a sigma difference of 1.8, a Difference of 5.2 gives an experimental coefficient of 1. This coefficient indicates with practical certainty that the difference is not a result of chance distributions in two series. Repeating the above process for Sigma Differences 3.8, .8, and 2.2, it is found that to secure an experimental coefficient of 1 for all the 300 item distribution differences of medians, the difference must range from 5.2 to 10.5. For the 221 item distribution differences of medians, the difference must range between 2.2 and 6.1.

Examination of the actual differences of medians shows, as stated before, that the differences are real differences and not

due to chance even in the case of the four groups in the same grade. When the differences found between medians of the same group, two or more grades removed, are considered, the experimental coefficient becomes as much as 6 times as large as it need be to eliminate all chance errors of accidental distributions.

From the above examination it is evident that tho the differences between grades are not due to chance they are small, and that in each grade there is a certain appreciable percent of pupils who fall below the median of the grade just below, and also an appreciable percent of pupils who fall above the median of the grade next higher. Perhaps the most striking illustration of overlapping is to be found in Figure V (2) -8th and 12th grade pupils. This Figure shows that from 4% to 40% of the 8th grade pupils' scores were above the median for the -12 Girls, 2 to 20% of the 8th grade pupils' scores were above the median for the +12 Girls, while 3% of the +8 Boys were above the median for the -12 Boys. In fact it was impossible to find any grade group which does not overlap considerably with each of the other grade groups. This illustration is of the extreme case, for it involved the 8th and 12th grades, the widest range of grades. For two adjacent grades the overlapping is even greater.

## C. Numbers of sciences

Since there are significant differences among the achievements of the different grade groups, all of which are in favor of the higher grades and also in favor of the pupils who had studied General Science, the question arose as to the probable causes of greater achievement, other than the fact that the pupil had taken General Science. This was an important question in as much as the Figures and data show a constant growth of achievement whether pupils take General Science or not, the only difference being in the relative amounts of the growth.

It is important to note that the median of the +12 Girls is only 13 points or a little less than 1 P.E. of the distribution above the median of the -12 Girls. (See Table II, XII, and Figures V(a-h), VII, VIII) Likewise note may be made that the median of the + 12 Boys was identical with the median of the -12 Boys. The latter, however, was due largely to shance, as it was not in the 221 distributions and was the only case of its kind. In the Tables and Figures of the 221 item distribution, the median of the #2 Girls is 10 points or slightly less than 1 P.E. of distribution above the median of the -12 Girls, and the median of the +12 Boys is only 5 points or 2 P.E. of distribution above the median of the -12 Boys. Further, the amount of increase of achievement as noted by medians is 30 points between -8 Girls and -12 Girls, and 40 points between -8 Girls and +12 Girls, For the boys the difference between median of -8 Boys and -12 Boys is 45 points, and between -8 Boys and +12 Boys 50 points, when based on the distribution Table XI. Similar data for 300 item distribution Table XII show that the difference between the medians of -8 Girls and -12 Girls is 48 points, between -8 Girls and +12 Girls is 61 points, between -8 Boys and -12 Boys is 63 points, and between -8 Boys and +12 Boys is 63 points.

The decided differences of achievement, on the part of pupils who had not taken General Science and have reached the 12th grade, over the respective medians of their 8th grades has at least two explanations.

- (1) Sciences other than General Science taken by the pupil have accounted for this growth.
- (2) Elimination of the less capable pupils might account for an apparent growth. The latter explanation, however, is subject to two criticisms (a) The correlation between scores and time of doing the test, which usually has a positive correlation with intelligence test scores, was practically zero, and likewise the correlation between chronological age and scores was near zero. Both these correlations show that the less capable pupils were in the group taking the test, at least in some numbers.

In order to ascertain to what extent other sciences contributed towards the achievement of pupils who had not had General Science, the number of sciences which the pupils had taken were counted for 5,970 cases. Table XIII (NUMBER OF SCIENCES PER STUDENT FOR 5742 CASES) gives the distribution of the pupils in the twenty grade groups and the number of the sciences, which these pupils had listed on the first page of the original test in General Science, completed by each pupil. At the right of the Table in the column headed "TOTAL" is the actual number of sciences, each taken for one year, or "science years", which were taken by the group listed at the left. Thus 582 is the sum of 49 times zero plus 206 times 1 plus 176 times 2 plus 8 times 3, or the total number of times any sciences were taken by all of the 439

### TABLE XIII

### NUMBER OF SCIENCES PER STUDENT FOR 5742 CASES

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Student	No.				724							
Groups St	udents	.0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	2. 10. 21. 21. 22.
-8Girls	470		ber o		udents	having		above	numb		I S	ciences
-8Boys	439	49	206	176	8		•					582 233
+8Girls	372	163	186	22	1							107
	44		8	10	25	1						93
+8Boys TOTAL	49	07.0	9	36	38	-i-				•	•	1015
TOTAL	904	212	410	243	38							1010
-9Girls	482	89	220	138	22	6	6	1				622
-9Boys	300	188	71	32	3	5	1					169
+9Girls	351		57	131	145	10	3	5				839
+9Boys	294	•	150	127	16	1						456
TOTAL	1429	277	498	428	186	22	10	6		•		2086
-lOGirls	513	116	181	147	42	13	12	2				725
-10Boys	289	100	105	58	14	7	5					316
+10Girls	261		23	103	93	23	9	6	4	*		709
+10Boys	242		80	86	54	13	5	8				509
TOTAL	1305	216	389	394	203	56	31	16	4	:	•	2259
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-llGirls	440	32	91	127	114	50	16	9	1			1028
-11Boys	263	38	69	88	46	15	6	1				479
+llGirls	197		23	33	61	44	23	11	2			643
+11Bovs	143		16	47	49	18	5	5	3			405
TOTAL	1043	70	199	295	270	127	50	26	6			2555
-12Girls	347	17	46	76	104	53	25	14 1	.1	1		1016
-12Boys	210	5	25	61	68	30	13	5	2	1		588
+12Girls	192		3	21	44	59	33		4	2	3	797
+12Boys	141		3	16	43	45	17	9	6	2		541
TOTAL	890	22	77	174	259	187	88		13	6	3	2942
Jr.Coll.	6				4	2						20
Univ.I	9		i	i	4	2		i				39
" II	134		-	17	43	38	23	9	3	1		513
" III	18			2	7	1	4	2	1	1		76
" IV	6					ī	5					29
TOTAL	173	·	i	20	58	44	32	13	4	2		667
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girls. Likewise, 233 is the sum of 163 times 0 plus 186 times 1 plus 22 times 2 plus 1 times 3, or the total number of times any sciences were taken by all of the 372 -8 Boys. On the basis of Table XIII, Table XIV was constructed. It gives the mean number of sciences per pupil in each of the different grade groups.

TABLE XIV

GROUP			GRADES			
- Girls	8th 1.32	9th 1.29	10th	11th 2.34	12th 2.92	
+ Girls	2.43	2.38	2.72	3.27	4.16	
- Boys	.63	.56	1.10	1.82	2.8	
+ Boys	1.90	1.55	2.10	2.83	3.84	
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TABLE XIV - MEAN NUMBER SCIENCES PER PUPIL IN THE VARIOUS GRADES AND PER UNIVERSITY STUDENT IN FOUR GROUPS.

Thus 582 divided by 439 equals 1.32 or the mean number of sciences per pupil in the -8 Girls' group. Likewise, 233 divided by 372 gives .63 or the mean number of sciences per pupil in the -8 Boys' group.

BASED ON 5,970 CASES) is a graphic representation of Table XIV.

It is worth while to notice that girls uniformly are credited with a higher mean number of sciences than are the boys of similar classification. That is, girls without General Science have a higher mean number of sciences per pupil than boys without General Science in the same grade, and girls with General Science have a higher mean number of sciences per pupil than boys without General Science in the same grade, and girls with General Science have

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Science in the same grade. This would seem to indicate a fallacy in the commonly accepted theory that girls take fewer sciences than do boys. It would also give a clue as to the reason for the growth in General Science achievement as indicated by the median scores on the test for each grade. That is, -12 Girls are only 12 points lower than the +12 Girls because the -12 Girls have taken practically three sciences (2.92) by the end of their twelfth year. The duplication and overlapping of the courses themselves have practically made up the handicap of not having had General Science in the 8th or 9th grade.

It is also worth while to notice that when either the - and + Girls or the - and + Boys are considered, the mean number of sciences in each grade for the plus group is simply greater by one than is the mean number of sciences of the minus group. In other Words, the number of sciences for -8 Girls is 1.32 while for the +8 Girls it is 2.43, 1.11 greater. The number of sciences for the -9, -10, -11, and -12 Boys is .56, 1.10, 1.82, 2.8 respectively, while for the plus boys of the same grades the mean number of sciences is one greater, or 1.55, 2.10, 2.83, and 3.84. This shows that one reason for the larger scores in each grade group with General Science is the fact that those pupils have had General Science, for the difference in the mean numbers of sciences is 1 -- namely General Science. It also shows that the pupils taking General Science are not stimulated to any greater extent in the election of science courses than are the pupils who have not had General Science. As a means of interesting pupils in science, therefore, General Science does not necessarily succeed.

The numbers of pupils taking 0 and 1 science in each grade is an indication of the current apathy for science courses on the part of a high school population.

It might, however, be worth while to notice a possible fallacy in the above statement may lie in the matter of "required" sciences and in the ourrent science offerings in the 22 schools studied. That is, many schools require one or more sciences unless the pupil satisfies some other conditions which relieve him from taking science courses. If one or two sciences were required, of which one might be General Science, then the mean number of sciences per pupil, being larger for pupils having taken General Science, would indicate that General Science did have some drawing power for further science courses, in as much as the pupil need not have taken extra science courses after having satisfied the science requirements - but which many proceed to do as indicated by the means. Furthermore, few schools offer more than three science courses; many only offer two. Glancing at Table IIII, it is evident that with the exception of the 8th and 9th grades, where pupils have not had time to take more than three sciences, the columns of 2 and 3 sciences maintain the largest percentage of pupils.

A brief study of the achievement of 150 seniors, all of whom had had five or more sciences, showed that in achievement on the General Science test they ranked as follows (given on next page)

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SCORES			1	N	0	.CASES
150-159						4
160-169						14
170-179						22
180-189		,				24
190-199						
200-209						22
210-219						17
220-229						16
230-239						7
240-249						pre-
250-						4
200						150

It is to be remembered that score 175 is in the 50 percentile for the achievement of +12 Girls. One hundred twenty-one or 80% of these seniors with five sciences were in the upper half of the distribution of +12 Girls.

Reference to the relatively larger number of sciences per pupil on the part of the girls and their relatively lower achievement on the test as compared with boys, prompted an analysis of the actual sciences taken by different groups of pupils. TABLE XV (FREQUENCIES WITH WHICH DIFFERENT SCIENCES WERE TAKEN BY 5742 STUDENTS) which shows the frequencies with which different sciences were taken by 5,742 pupils in the five grades, leads one to conclude that the higher mean number of sciences per pupil, for instance of the +9 Girls over the +9 Boys, is due to the fact that relatively larger numbers of girls take Physiology than do boys, and that a high percentage of girls take Domestic Science, which is seldom taken by boys. In as much as the difference in the mean number of sciences per pupil at any grade is comparatively small (about 2 a science per pupil in favor of the girls), when either -Girls and -Boys or +Girls and +Boys are considered, this latter explanation seems quite feasible. There

TABLE XV

FREQUENCIES WITH WHICH DIFFERENT SCIENCES WERE TAKEN BY 5742 STUDENTS.

Student	No.	Gen.C	hem-P	hy- P	hysi-	Bot-Z	001-I	Physio	Bio-	Astro-	Dom. To	tal requ'oy
Groups	Cases	801.1	stry	8108	ology	enty	ORA	grapmy	TORY	пошус	2001 12 1	oda ot
-8Girls	439				251	1		3	8	1	319	582
-8Воуа	372				211			2			30	233
+8Girls		44			35	1					27	107
+8Boys	49	49			36			1	4	1	3	93_
TOTAL	904	93			533	3		5	12	2	369	1015
-9Girls	482				192	13	12	11	69	3	322	622
-9Воув	300				84	13	8	17	43	1	3	169
+9Girls		351			193	12	6	4	13	. 4	257	839
+9Boys	294	294			124		3	5	13	3	15	456
TOTAL	1427	and the second s			593	38	29	37	137	10	597	2086
-10Girls	513			2	239	40	25	30	109	3	277	725
-10Boys	289		2	1	146	25	15	40	71	1	15	316
+10Girls		261	2		120	18	16	35	59	1	197	709
+10Boys	242		6	1	96	19	13	51	56		25	509
TOTAL	1305		10	4	601	103	69	156	295	5	514	2259
-llGirls	440		88	70	260	86	53	64	130	2	275	1028
-11Boys	263		65	93	127	39	19	44	82	3	8	479
+llGirls			31	36	83	42	23	34	56	4	137	643
+11Boys	143		22	66	65	25	18	26	35		5	405 2555
TOTAL	1043		206	265	535	192	113	168	303	8	425	2000
-12Girls	347		135	134	207-	80	49	70	96	2	243	1016
-12Boys	210		121	160	130	28	19	59	62	1	8	588
+12Girls			75	88	114	55	30	47	57	+	148	541
+12Bcys	141		71	93	89	35	19	220	248	5	414	2942
TOTAL	890		402	475	540	198	101	000	240	0	414	
Jr.Coll.	6	3		4	5	1		2 2			5	20
Univ.I	9	5	6	8	3	2	3	29	zi	77		513
" II	134		131	133	101	31	9	3	6	11	*	76
" III	18		18	18	13	4	3	2	1	0	;	29
" IA	6		6	6	128	42	35	38	38	13	10	667
TOTAL	173	43	161	169	120	40	00	-		20	7.0	

is a relatively small number of items in the test which would be answered by Domestic Science training.

## D. Differences in Achievement due to initial possession

In ordinary practice the teacher of General Science, like the teacher of many other secondary school subjects, frequently meets his or her class for the first time on the opening day of school. The teacher's assignment is to take that class in the following nine months, and to teach it as much General Science as he or she is capable of teaching the class or as the class is capable of being taught. At the end of every month and at the end of each quarter, semester, or year, this teacher has to assign ratings to each pupil which are to indicate the amount of accumulated information and knowledge which the pupil has achieved in General Science, in the teacher's opinion. Frequently the teacher knows nothing of the abilities of the various members of the class. The class may be composed of individuals with various levels of so-called "native ability" or "intelligence", which is known to have an important function in the speed and amount of learning of which the pupil is capable. Irrespective of this, at the end of the year or at the end of each quarter or semester, the rating assigned by the teacher on General Science is supposed to be indicative of the amount the pupil has profited by instruction, regardle as of his ability to learn.

In a more modernly organized school the class to which the teacher is assigned may have been selected on the basis of mental tests and may therefore have comparative homogeneity of ability.

Modern technique has triumphed and the teacher sets forth to do

the best he can with the class. Results have shown that a homogeneous class selected on the basis of intelligence tests is capable of more efficient progress on the part of all its members than a heterogeneous class. Few administrators have gone beyond this new step in modern educational administration. A few of the more daring investigators have attempted to secure ratings on the achievement tests for pupils before they have begun their study of the subject. Similar ratings at the close of a year's study of the subject have shown that not all of the pupils' usual rating in a subject at the end of a quarter, semester or year is due to his study of the subject. In other words, it has been suggested that the pupil's final achievement in a subject may be conditioned by his starting point. Pupils entering on their study of General Science enter the class, not only with differences in mental abilities but also with various amounts of the subject matter of General Science already in their possession. What teacher of General Science has not been amazed at the apparent ease with which many 8th and 9th grade boys are, during the present radio oraze, talking of "tuning coils", "condensers", "'B' batteries", "wave lengths", "peanut tubes", "variometers" and so forth, -subject matter and vocabulary which ten years ago was common only to the advanced student of Physics. It is easy to imagine the disdain with which these boys would listen to a dissertation by a not overly expert teacher on a simple subject such as "a fuse" or "a magnetic coil" or a "knife switch" -- subject matter and Vocabulary which to certain other members of the class seem most complex because of their lack of previous information.

A study of the 8th grade scores made on the General Science test by boys and girls who had not had General Science and of the scores of 11th and 12th grade pupils many of whom had had several specialized sciences, shows considerable overlapping. Reference to Figure V(e) shows that 25% of the -8 Boys do as well as 3 to 50% of the 12th grade boys who have had a mean number of 3.84 sciences per pupil, including General Science. Twenty-five percent of the -8 Girls do as well as 8 to 50% of the 12th grade girls who have had a mean of 4.16 sciences per pupil, including General Science. The fact is also apparent that only 50% of the 12th grade pupils in either group exceed the scores made by the best 8th grade pupils who have not had General Science. Likewise only about 25% of the 8th grade pupils who have not had General Science do poorer work on the General Science test than the poorest 12th grade pupil. It is easy to understand some of the class problems if in that class are to be found several boys or girls who belong to the upper level of the 8th grade group just described. It is also possible to realize how little some of the better pupils are really able to achieve in a class of this kind when the subject matter of that course is already largely in their possession.

In accordance with the findings of this study, it is the writer's purpose to suggest that pupils be divided for the purpose of class instruction on the basis of the amount of the subject matter of General Science already in their possession rather than on sheer mental ability. Of course the ideal condition — the most commendable class room situation in a school

large enough to permit it -- would be that pupils for the sake of homogeneity in teaching be divided on the basis of initial amount of subject matter already in their possession and also on their ability further to acquire subject matter. This suggestion is further strengthened by reference to Figure V (b), which shows that 50% of the -8 Girls exceed 17% of the +8 Girls and 9% of the +9 Girls in achievement. Likewise 10% of the -8 Girls exceed 67% of the +8 Girls and 40% of the +9 Girls in achievement. It must be borne in mind that whatever the amount of percent of -8 Girls that exceed or even equal achievements of +8 or +9 Girls, this amount or percent tends to represent the amount of effort wasted in their teaching.

It may also be added that the General Science test given before pupils have begun the study of a subject, gave a correlation of .62 between test scores and school marks for the first two quarters. This would seem to indicate that the amount that pupils know of a subject before studying it is an important factor in conditioning the school mark which they will receive in that subject when they study it.

Reference to Figure VII shows that whereas the median for -8 Boys was 127 and the median for -8 Girls was 114 or 13 points less, the median for +9 Boys was 162 and for the +9 Girls was 150 or 12 points less. That is, initially the boys exceeded the girls by 13 points and one year later (basis of the 9th grade scores) the boys still exceeded the girls by 12 points or practically the same amount by which they had exceeded the girls before instruction. In the 10th year the medians were 157 for the plus

girls and 168 for the plus boys, or 11 points better. In the 11th year the median score for plus girls was 158 and for plus boys 188, or 30 points better. Reference to the mean number of sciences per pupil shows that between the 10th and the 11th year the increase in the mean number of sciences per pupil is greater by about one-fifth science for the boys. Reference to Table XV shows that 88 of the plus 11 boys or 61% had taken Physics or Chemistry, while only 67 or 34% of the girls had added these so-called "harder" sciences to their possession. In the 12th year, when each group had added practically a whole science to its mean, the median for the +12 Girls was 175 while for the +12 Boys the median was 190, a difference of 15 points. Thruout this comparison it is evident that differences in grade medians, after the subject was studied, are dependent to a large extent on differences of grade medians before the study of the subject was begun.

## E. Comparison of 8th and 9th grade achievement

It is possible to compare the achievement on the 221 item and on the 300 item test for 100 pupils (50 boys and 50 girls) who took General Science in the 8th grade of the Junior High School. These data may be significant.

	DOT T	tem test		
Median Scores of -	-8 Group	+8 Group	+9 Group	-9 Group
Girls	84	95	111	90
Boys	92	111	116	98

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### 300 item test

Median Scores of	-8 Group +8	Group +9	Group -9	Group
Girls	114	131	150	126
Boys	127	155	162	135

It is significant to note that +8 Girls do better in the test than either the -8 Girls or -9 Girls but not so well as the +9 Girls, and that the +8 Boys do better than the -8 Boys and the -9 Boys but not so well as the +9 Boys. When, however, the difference between the -8 and the -9 grade groups (the amount due to growth without General Science) is added to the +8 grade medians for the boys the total is almost identical with the +9 Boys' median, while for the girls it is slightly less than the -9 Girls' median. In as much as +9 pupils owe their score to the sum of their progress without study of General Science plus their progress with study of General Science, it would seem that the 8th grade pupils profited equally as much by instruction in General Science as did the 9th grade pupils. Knowledge of this is especially of value in the construction of a course of study for a Junior High School.

### F. Sex differences

In the tabular and graphic data presented so far it has been evident that a more or less uniform difference exists between the achievement in General Science of boys and girls for the plus and minus groups. This difference in test medians between boys and girls was in favor of the boys, as indicated in the following tabular statement.

THE AMOUNTS BY WHICH BOYS' MEDIANS EXCEED GIRLS' MEDIANS ON 300 ITEM DISTRIBUTIONS.

#### GRADE

	8th	9th	loth	llth	12th
Plus Group	24	12	11	30	15
Minus Group	13	11	15	22	28

It has previously been demonstrated that the maximum difference of medians on the 300 item distributions, which is
necessary just to eliminate all chance errors of its not being
a difference, is 10.5 It is evident that the above differences
all exceed 10.5 and are therefore actual differences. Similarly
examination of Table XI will show that medians for the boys'
groups exceed medians for the girls' group by an amount greater
than 6.1 which is just necessary to eliminate all chance errors
of its not being a difference.

## G. Annual growth in achievement

The optimistic teacher will probably be astounded by the statement that the amount of achievement, as measured by a Scale, due to a year's work or study in a subject results in relatively smaller gains than even the more conservative teacher would estimate. When the amount of annual growth is computed on the basis of median scores on the General Science test, we find that the differences between -8 Girls and +9 Girls and between -8 Boys and +9 Boys (the only two places in this study where a comparison of this kind would be safe) are 36 points and 28 points respectively when quartile deviations are 14.5 and 17 for the 8th and 9th grade girls and 19 and  $22\frac{1}{2}$  for the 8th and 9th grade boys.

When the difference between - 8th grade pupils and + 9th grade pupils is computed on the basis of Scale points or P.E. values based on item difficulty, the difference due to instruction is considerably less. Reference to Figure I shows that the 8th grade median, which is the average of the medians for the -8 Girls and the -8 Boys, is 7.451 P.E. above the arbitrary zero. The 9th grade median, based on the average of the medians of the +9 Girls and the +9 Boys, was 8 P.E. above the arbitrary zero. The difference due to one year's growth and teaching was found to be .539 P.E. or about 5.4 Scale points. This difference corresponds fairly closely with differences found by Doctor Van Wagenen in his studies of History, Geography and English Composition\* He reports that about .6 P.E. or 6 Scale points is the median amount of growth to be expected from one year's teaching.

This may be at least partly explained by assuming that there are hierarchies of ideas or conceptions developed in the learning of any subject material other than mere routine memory work.

That is, it is impossible to teach or to understand a complex, difficult idea or conception apart from the basic facts, ideas or conceptions which underlie it. Thus it is impossible really to understand the working principles of a suction pump without first understanding the principle of air pressure. Nor is it possible to teach or to understand respiration without first teaching or understanding oxidation. The understanding of heredity requires some understanding of reproduction and of cell structure. It is apparent that if one measured the progress made in any course by the number of really complex ideas or conceptions acquired,

<sup>\*</sup> Unpublished data.

the progress would necessarily be smaller than if one measured it by the number of illustrations or of the sub-ideas of these complex conceptions. If a scale of complex ideas or conceptions is constructed in such a way that the unit of measurement is an idea or conception which is possessed by 50% of pupils who have studied the subject for one year, the amount of growth will necessarily be small.

It must be borne in mind when comparing Scale and test scores and Scale and test medians that, as is seen in Table VI, if pupils are able to do tasks of the difficulty of those found 8 P.E. above the arbitrary zero because of the large number of items in the Scale which are in the range of approximately 1 P.E. above and 1 P.E. below this median of 8 P.E., the pupils' scores have a tendency to show erratically large amounts of growth, as is indicated by the medians in the former paragraph. That is, because as many as 18 items were found to be of the same difficulty, namely 7.9 P.E., it is logical to assume that if a pupil who could do only items of the difficulty of 7.8 P.E. were in some way to acquire ability to do items one-tenth of 1 P.E. more difficult, namely 7.9 P.E., this achievement would be indicated on the original test by an increase of not 1 point but 18 points, whereas on the Scale this added achievement would be indicated by an increase of 1 point. Therefore an increase of .539 P.E. or of 5.4 tasks on the Scale really means the acquisition of a rather large number of conceptions subordinate to these 5.4 tasks.

A word of warning should, however, be given with regard to the comparison of the test medians to measure the amount of growth

which is due to instruction in the upper grades. In the study of overlapping data were cited which showed that certain numbers of even 8th grade pupils without General Science exceeded the achievement of various percents of 9th grade pupils who had studied General Science. It does not require much statistical comprehension to imagine what would happen to a median if one had a thousand 8th grade pupils with a median of 100 with a range of 50 to 150 and then were to eliminate the lower 50%. The median would immediately rise to the position previously occupied by the 75th percentile. Whereas such an elimination did not take place from the 8th to the 9th grade, for the whole school systems were given the General Science test and no such decrease of pupils was found from the 8th to the 9th grade, nor did the correlations between scores and time used in doing the test, nor the correlations between scores and chronological age verify the assumption of any such elimination, some elimination however does take place.

## H. Relative difficulty of the different items for boys and girls

In Chapter VI under the introduction to the "Derivation of the Scale" were presented data which answer the question, "Do boys and girls differ in the kind of material each is capable of learning and does learn?" The rank orders of the 300 items were made on the basis of the number of correct responses made by 500 -8 Girls and by 430 +9 Girls. The rank order correlation of these rankings gave a coefficient of .87 with a P.E. of .007.

The same was done for 400 -8 Boys and 430 +9 Boys, which gave a coefficient of correlation of .916 with a P.E. of .005. The

mean of these two coefficients is .893. When the same was done for -8 Girls and -8 Boys, the coefficient was .95 with a P.E. of .003, while for +9 Girls and +9 Boys it was .91 with a P.E. of .005. The mean of the two coefficients is .93

In other words, the rank orders of the items for the untaught girls and untaught boys were more alike than were the rank orders of the items for girls before and after taking General Science. Likewise the rank orders of the items were more alike for taught 9th grade girls and boys than were the rank orders of the items for the boys before and after taking General Science. The medians of the boys' groups were of course higher than were the medians of the girls' groups, but except for a few items highly specialized for each group, the relative order of difficulty of the items remain practically the same. This would mean that not parts of General Science were more difficult for girls than for boys but that relatively all of General Science was as much more difficult for girls than for the boys as is indicated by the difference in the medians. The study of annual growths showed that girls actually make as large gains by instruction as do boys. The difference in the achievements on the General Science test began for the two sexes back in the elementary school and in the elementary training outside of the school, for the difference in medians which is found between girls and boys in the 8th grade is the difference which continues thruout the grades of the secondary school when measured by the General Science test.

#### CHAPTER IX

#### SUMMARY

A summary of the conclusions reached in this study of subject matter and achievement in General Science is given in the following brief statements.

- General Science originated out of a desire for a course of science which would serve, not necessarily as intensive training for a specialized field, but for immediate use in everyday life.
- 3. The development of General Science has been paralleled by the formulation of General Science objectives in harmony with the Cardinal Principles of Education.
- 3. Achievement in General Science can be measured objectively, as is shown by the development of a reliable scale in General Science.
- 4. A Scale Form of 60 properly evaluated and selected items gives as accurate results in the measurement of General Science achievement as does a 300 item test.
- 5. Before taking a General Science course, many pupils are already familiar with much of the material of the course. This fact makes it desirable if not imperative to classify pupils for instruction in General Science on the basis of their prepious knowledge of the subject. Furthermore, it emphasizes the need for General Science texts adapted to pupils of different mental levels.

- 6. The annual increase in achievement in General Science due to teaching, as measured by the General Science Scale, is small, namely, .539 P.E. or 5.39 Scale points.
- 7. Real sex differences in amount of General Science information exist even prior to instruction in General Science. These sex differences, in favor of the boys, persist thrucut the high school course.
- 8. The relative order of difficulty for the items of the General Science test are practically similar for the two sexes.
- 9. There is a wide variation of achievement in General Science among different schools.
- 10. The difference in test points between the median scores of 8th grade pupils who have and who have not had General Science, is equal to the difference between the median scores of 9th grade pupils who have and who have not had General Science. This indicates that 8th grade pupils profit approximately as much by instruction in General Science as do 9th grade pupils.
- 11. Pupils who have not had a course in General Science, acquire considerable General Science information in courses in specialized sciences. Differences in central tendencies continue, however, in favor of those pupils who have had General Science.
- 2. Achievement on the General Science test shows uniformly higher scores for pupils who have had a course in General Science.
- 13. Performance on the General Science Scale shows for each sex a definite, direct relationship to the number of science courses the pupil has taken.

14. Any two of the five grades studied show considerable overlapping of achievement, even in the case of 8th and 12th grade pupils. APPENDIX

GENERAL SCIENCE INFORMATION Arranged by August Dvorak, University of Minnesota. PART I. Name ...(2) City ......(3) Age: Yrs.......Mos..... Underline year in school: 8th grade; Freshman, Sophomore; Junior; Senior. How many years have you been in school in all?... Have you taken General Science? (5) (6)How long? How many years ago? (7) (8) (9) Have you taken Chemistry?.... How long? How many years ago?. Have you taken Physics? How long? How many years ago?. Have you taken Physiology—Hygiene?... Have you taken Botany?... How long? How many years ago?.. (10)How long? How many years ago?.. Have you taken Zoology? How long? How many years ago?... Have you taken Physiography?..... How long?..... How many years ago?. (13)Have you taken Biology? How long?..... How many years ago?. Have you taken Astronomy?. How long?.... How many years ago?. (15)Have you taken Domestic Science?.... How long?... How many years ago? (16)Do you like the study of sciences?..... PART II. Below are statements of scientific facts which are stated thus: "A fly is an Animal, a Fish, an Insect, a Reptile, a Building." Of course a fly can not be all the things which are printed in extra-black type. A fly is an insect, a negative, a building show that you know which is correct. In the statement "The heart pumps Blood, Water, Oil, Air, Sand," "Blood" should be underlined. Underline the correct word in the statements below so that each statement is true. If you don't know, guess. The normal temperature of a human being is 100 F., 104 F., 98.6 F., 93 F., 90 F.

The souring of milk is caused by Bacteria, Heat, Freezing, 35. Heat is measured in Degrees, Calories, Candle Power, Kilowatts, Grams Concrete walks have joints filled with sand or tar-paper to Prevent Wearing, to Allow the Circulation of Air, to Air, Moisture. Ventilation is for the purpose of securing Sunlight, Warmth, Pure Air, Comfort, Germs. Provide for Expansion, to Keep the Blocks Apart, to Allow for Drainage The length of a meter in inches is about 12, 19, 27, 39, 144 The hottest flame is Blue, Green, White, Yellow, Red. Water boils at 100 F., 18 F., 212 F., 222 F., 98.6 F. Water expands when raised above or cooled below 0 C., 40 38. The foot-pound is a unit of Energy, Work, Distance, Weight, Capacity C., 32 C., 4 C., 100 F. Water pressure in city mains is ordinarily about 25, 60, 100, 150, 200 pounds per square inch.
Water freezes at 0 F., 32 F., 42 F., 100 F., 98.6 F.
The mercurial barometer reads at sea level about 10 In., Water rises in a suction pump because it is Pulled Up, Pushed Up, Attracted, Repelled, Sucked Up... A stove radiates more heat when it is all Black, all Rusted, all Nickel Plated, all Aluminum, all Silvered ... 18 In., 30 Cm., 30 In., 100 In. Heating systems are placed in the cellar, because heat A calorie is the amount of heat necessary to raise the temperature of one gram of water 1 C., 2.4 C., 32 F., 100 C., causes water and air to Evaporate, Contract, Expand, Rise, Fall The unit of weight in the metric system is the Litre, The greatest vertical height to which water can be siphoned is about 30 In., 10 Ft., 30 Ft., 40 Ft., 100 Yds.

The boiling point on the Centigrade thermometer is 0, 32, 100, 120, 212

An oboe is a Wood Wind Instrument, a String Instrument, a Drum, a Brass Horn, a Percussion Instrument A trombons is a Wood Wind Instrument, a Percussion Instrument. Ounce, Pound, Ton, Gram... Potential energy is energy possessed by an object by virtue of its Weight, Combustibility, Motion, Position, Den-When ice thaws, the partly thawed ice and water are at Different Temperatures, Equal Temperatures, at 40 F., at 31 F., at 37 F.

Limewater is used to test for Carbon Dioxide, Oxygen, 45. strument, a Stringed Instrument, a Brass Instrument, a Alcohol, Hydrogen, Chlorides. 46. Heat can pass through a vacuum only by means of Con-A dynamo has as one of its parts a Resonator, Carburevection, Conduction, Radiation, Gravitation, Combustion. 46 Hydrogen may be prepared for laboratory use from the tor, Armature, Piston Rings, Clutch. 47. Current is conducted to and from the commutator by action of zinc on Alkalies, Salts, Chemicals, Acids, Water. 47 An airplane cannot remain in air when at Rest, in Motion, Magnetic Poles, Brushes, Fuses, Insulators, Switches.
The unit for measuring gas flow is the Gallon, Watt, Cubic Centimeter, Cubic Foot, Cubic Yard
Refraction is studied in connection with Sound, Gravity, Upside Down, Gliding, Descending
Gas, in order to burn well, should be mixed with Nitrogen,
Air, Carbon Dioxide, Ammonia, Oil Falling Bodies, Light, Electricity The weight of moisture or water vapor contained in a Domestic toasters, curlers and irons are based on the cubic foot of air is called the Absolute Humidity, Degree principle of Electrical Repulsion, Electrical Attraction, of Saturation, Relative Humidity, Density, Concentration. 50 Heating Effect Due to Resistance of a Conductor, Voltage, You can recognize an invisible airplane by its Shape, Sound, Color, Wings, Smoke Electrolysis of water liberates hydrogen and Chlorine, Rotation of Armature. Images are formed by the passage of light through a Prism, Helix, Lens, Diaphragm, Spectrum. The ampere is a measure of Air Pressure, Humidity, Re-20 Nitrogen, Carbon-Dioxide, Ammonia, Oxygen
Escaping illuminating gas mixes with the air of the room sistance, Current, Potential. Capillarity, Diffusion, Cohesion, Gravitation, Chemical The covering of electric wires is called Convention, Radiation, Illumination, Insulation, Isolation

The electric wires are covered because the Wire Would
Turn Up, Set Fire to Inflammable Material, Break, Get 54. Solidifies
The following gas is found in impure air: Calcium, Gold, Carbon-Dioxide, Sodium, Carbon
Oxygen may be prepared for laboratory study from Salt, Turn Up, Set Hot, Get Cold The automobile engine is in Front, Right, Back, Left, Center of Car Magnesium, Carbonate, Calcium Oxalate, Potassium Efficiency of electric iron is primarily due to its Stability, Durability, Increased Cleanliness, Constant Temperature, The attraction between molecules of a body is called High Temperature Capillarity, Adhesion, Magnetism, Cohesion, Convection 57 The object to be photographed must be in the sun to Absorb the Light, to Reflect the Light, to be Seen, to Cast a Shadow, to Transmit the Light.

Ammonia is made from Wood, Salt, Coal, Ozone, Vege-A loud report from the engine is due to Too Little Air, Too Little Gas, Too Much Gas, Too Much Spark, Poor Spark 27. Plugs Black smoke from muffler indicates Too Much Air, Too Much Gas, Too Little Gas, Engine Too Hot, Broken Clutch 59 The capacity to do work is termed Energy, Momentum, table Matter Sunlight can be broken up into the spectrum by means of a Mirror, Lens, Prism, Microscope, Color-Mixer Formaldehyde is often used as a Dye, Vaccine, Disinfec-28. Efficiency, Mechanical Advantage, Velocity
The smallest of these things is the Molecule, Bacterium, 61. tant, Fertilizer, Stimulant Paramoecium, Dust Particles, Atom.
Ralloons float in the air because of their Lightness, Silvery An illustration of capillarity is found in the Ink Blotter. 36. Thermometer, Barometer, Force Pump, Excretion of Urea 30 When a liquid contains all the dissolved substance possible, the condition is termed Osmosis, Permeability, Fu-Color, Engines, Baskets, Size 31. A boat floats in water because it is More or Less Hollow, of its Shape, it is Lighter than Water, the Water Exerts an Upward Pressure on the Boat, Water Cannot Fill the sion, Reduction, Saturation The propelling mechanism of an automobile is termed the Chaesis, Piston, Differential, Governor, Motor Boat The temperature at which pure water boils is effected by the Height of the Flame, the Amount of Water, the Air Pressure, the Density of the Water, the Depth of the Humidity relates to Dryness, Heat, Cold, Freezing, Tem-33.

perature

ubstances without crystalline structure are termed Inert,

Dense, Elastic, Opaque, Amorphous

	THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY OF T			CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE
65.	Soft coal is also known as Anthracite, Asphalt, Lignite,		102.	The best way to make impure water safe is to Let it Set-
66.	Petroleum is a Chemical Compound, a Chemical Element,			tle, Boil it, Freeze it, Use Chemicals, do Nothing
57.	a Mixture, a Pure Substance, an Impure Substance	66		Frozen, Inoculated, Poisoned, Skimmed 103 Small pox is prevented by Medicine, Vaccination, Anti-
	Device, by Tension on a Strap, by Turning a Handle, by Holding a Lever	67	105.	Toxin, Pasteurization, Sterilization 104 Usually the most serious danger from wounds is infec-
38.	The water pipes burst in the winter time because of Con- traction of Lead, Expansion of Water, Expansion of Lead,			tion which may be prevented by Covering the Wound at Once, Keeping Wound Open and Clean, Stopping Bleeding,
39.	Chemical Action, Brittleness	68	106.	Putting Adhesive Over it, Putting in Salve 105 The death rate from tuberculosis is highest among Stone
	machine to the number of units of force delivered by a machine is called Efficiency, Out-Put, Available Energy,			Cutters, House Servants, Farmers, Bookkeepers, Students 106
70.	Mechanical Advantage, Waste	69		Windows should be opened, at Sides, Top and Bottom, Top and Sides, Bottom and Sides, Bottom 107
71.		70	108.	Poisonous products secreted by bacteria are called Enzymes, Anti-Bodies, Toxins, Vaccines, Legumes
	side, Higher Outside than In, Same Height, Wider, Narrower.	71	109.	To treat a cut use Lime Water, Iodine, Linseed Oil, Salve, Nothing109
72.	Early settlers located on bodies of water in order to Get Pure Drinking Water, to Get Water for Personal Needs,		110.	The vaccine used to prevent typhoid fever consists of Bacterial Cells, Horse Blood Serum, Anti-Toxin, a Chemical
73.	for Pleasure and Beauty, for Navigation, to get Good Land Sound is produced by Vibration of the Definite Part of the	72	111.	Preparation, Acids110 Wounds should be allowed to bleed a Little, Not at All, Un-
	Instrument by the Movement of Air, by the Effect on the Ear of Air Waves, by Electric Waves, by Ether Waves,		112.	til They Stop Naturally, a Great Deal, Quantities
4.	by Magnetic Waves The voice is carried along the wires by Sound Vibrations,	73		When Bleeding Stops, Never Be Applied, Removed When the Doctor Calls, Tightened
5.	Electric Pulses, Magnetism, Energy, Electron	74	113.	Adhesive tape may be put over open wounds Next to Skin, with Gauze Between Tape and Skin, Not at All if Freshly
16.	We pay for electricity by the Watt, Ampere, Volt, Ohm, Kilowatt-Hour  An octave consists of Eight Notes, of Seven and One-half	75	114.	Cut, if There is Dirt Present, if no Dirt is Present
77.	Notes, of Three Major Chords, of High Notes, of a Note The magnetic field in Dynamos is produced by Trans-	76		porting Birds, by Destroying Their Breeding Places, by Smudges, by Poison
	formers, Natural Magnets, Electro Magnets, Condensors, Leyden Jars	77	115.	Alcoholic fermentation is produced by Mold, Yeast, Bacteria, Germs, Air
78.	All space is believed to be filled by Air, Oxygen, Ether, Heat, Moisture		116.	Arterial wounds are dangerous and may be recognized be- cause blood Oozes Out, Jets Out, Flows Evenly, Flows
79.	Which can turn somersaults most safely with his ma- chine: The Chauffeur, Flier, Sailor, Conductor, the Can-	NE	117.	Slowly, Flows Rapidly116 Tuberculosis is contracted by Contact with Patient, Con-
30.	noneer The modern electric light bulb is filled with Air, Hydro-	79	7791	tact with Clothing, from Bacilli of Sputum, by Taking Cold, Bathing
31.	gen, Helium, Oxygen, or is a Vacuum  The handle of a skillet becomes hot as a result of Resis-	80	118.	Tuberculosis is prevented by Medicine, by Hygienic Liv- ing, by Massage, Osteopathy, Chiropractic
	tance, Conduction, Friction, Radiation, Latent Heat The term induction is used most in connection with	81	119.	The best temperature for a living room is 60 F., 68 F., 75 F., 78 F., 80 F.
4.	Levers, Pumps, Falling Bodies, Solutions, Electrical Cur-	82	120.	All cows in certified dairies are tested for Typhoid, Tu- berculosis, Mange, Diphtheria, Yellow Fever
3.	Large ships are usually made of Steel, Copper, Wood, Lead, Brass	83	121.	Milk produced under sanitary conditions and from tuber- cular tested cows is Pasteurized, Sterilized, Certified,
34.	Combustion is another name for Drying, Shrinking, Boiling, Burning, Melting	84	122.	Why are we quarantined for the Measles? To Protect the
85.	An example of an alkali is Aluminum, Sodium Hydroxide, Table Salt, Mercury, Potassium Chlorate	85		Patient, to Prevent the Spread of the Disease, to Satisfy Public Opinion, to Make Money, to Keep the Patient at
86. 87.	The density of a solid is usually compared with that of Air, Hydrogen, Water, Lead, Wood.	86	123.	The house fly is harmful because it Destroys Crops, has a
88.	A metal which can be drawn into fine thread is said to be Elastic, Ductile, Flexible, Malleable, Magnetic		124.	Poisonous Bite, Carries Bacteria, Destroys Food, it is Hard to Strike
89.	called Momentum, Friction, Cohesion, Erosion, Inertia An example of a lever of the first class is found in the Nut		144.	Hydrogen Peroxide, Alcohol, Sulphuric Acid, Soda, To- bacco Juice
0.7.	Cracker, Scissors, Wheel Barrow, Inclined Plane, Biceps Muscle	89	125.	The best illumination or light for working or reading is Direct, Reflected, Indirect, White, Blue 125
90.	The sensitive film material is made of Silver Chloride, Silver Bromide, Potassium Nitrate, Iron Oxalate, Potas-	0.0	126.	The source of most healthful light is the Sun, Kerosene, Gas, Electricity, Candles 126
91.	sium Chloride  A mirage is a kind of Body of Water, Optical Illusion,	90	127.	Gas and kerosene are least desirable as light sources because of Poor Light, Oxidation Products, Excessive
92.	Vision, Desert, Warfare Sewer gas is kept from entering a house from the sewer		128.	Care, Expense, Smoke 127 The main purpose of respiration is Energy-Release, Elimi-
93.	by a Valve, Trap, Faucet, Damper, Drain	92	140.	nation of CO., Manufacture of Food, Secretion of Water, Purification of Air
00.	ysis of Water, Melting of Ice, Action of Acid on Zinc, Heating Potassium Chlorate		129.	When the child's first permanent teeth appear he is 6 or 7 Years Old, 12 Years Old, 18 Years Old, 20 Years
94.	Mosquitoes breed in Filth, Still Water, Rivers, on the Ground, in Oceans		130.	Old, 30 Years Old 129
95.	Treating a child for whooping cough you would keep him in a Close Room, Out of Doors, in Bed, Without Food, in a		131.	Ovary, Gamete, Sporagium 130 Air is breathed into Stomach, Heart, Lungs, Eyes, Liver. 131
96.	Turkish Bath  The teeth should be examined by the dentist every Half		132. 133.	Adenoids are disposed of by Medicine, Massage, Opera-
ou.	Year, Every Year, Every Two Years, Every Month, Every Ten Years	96	134.	tion, Chiropractors, Osteopaths 133 One of the excretory organs in the body is the Heart,
97.			135.	Liver, Skin, Duodenum, Spleen 134 The distinguishing features of the mammals is the posses-
98.	To reduce danger of ptomaine poisoning, a can of salmon should be Heated Thoroughly, Protected from Flies,	: - fri	100.	sion of Backbones, Hair, Two Pairs of Legs, Milk Glands, Nervous Systems 135
	Emptied out of Can Promptly, Thoroughly Salted, Eaten with Vinegar	98	136.	
99.	Hemorrhages from wounds should be stopped by Applying Pressure on Side of Blood Vessel from Which Blood is		137. 138.	The adult has 18, 30, 25, 32, 20 Teeth 137
	Coming, Applying Antiseptics, Keeping Clean, Shutting Out Air and Dust, Applying Dirt			Lungs, Erain 138 Air in the ear is equalized by the Auditory Meatus, the
00.			200.	Cochlea, the Eustachian Tube, Incus, Semi-circular Canals
01	is Well, Every Hour.  Fleas are parasitic on rats and transmit a disease called	100	140.	
Be	ri-Beri, Bubonic Plague, Malaria, Yellow Fever, Mumps	101		tated140

	The average pulse rate for an adult man is 100, 45, 72,	181	An example of a leguminous plant is the Clover, Toadstool,
	60, 50		Pansy, Lilac, Moss
1000	Up New Blood Cells, Support the Backbone, are Useless142	111	Eight, Ten. Two
43.	A ferment is another name for a Bacterium, Enzyme, Foxin, Vaccine, Serum	183.	Out in Case of Danger, to Protect Them, So They Will
44.	The part of the eye that regulates the entrance of light is	104	Have Something to Wear, to Make Pillows
45.	Tonsils are located in the Gullet, Throat, Nose, Ears,	184.	facture Starch, to Give Off CO, to Take in Soil Water, 10
46.	Lungs	185.	Give Off Waste Matter
17.	The vertebrae are parts of the Heart, Muscles, Backbone,		of Equal Size, very Small, Absent
	Feeth, Toes147 The teeth should be cleaned with a brush Every Week,	186.	Butterflies may be distinguished from moths for They Fly by Day, Are Larger Than Moths, Are More Brightly
1000	Three Times a Day, Every Month, Every Year, Never148	187.	Colored, They Eat Leaves, They Do Not Live Long
Otta	25 Teeth, 32 Teeth, 14 Teeth 149		of another plant is Pruning, Slipping, Grafting, Spraying,
mon.	The hard substance of the tooth is called Dentine, Enamel, Neck, Root, Bone	188.	Grasshoppers may be distinguished from other insects by
	Venous wounds may be recognized because blood flows Slowly and Evenly, Jets Out, Oozes Out, Not at All,	2.2.9	Large Pair of Jumping Legs, Large Wings, Bright Green Color, Presence Near Flowers, Numbers
52.	Rapidly	189.	All our food comes directly or indirectly from Rock, Animals, Plants, Air, Mines
	Tendons, Ligaments	190.	An insect is a Bug. Animal, Bird, Fish, Vertebrate
	The eyes are injured most by Improper Light, Dark, Dust, Strain, Work	191.	A general term for any living thing is Plant, Larva, Animal, Organism, Mammal 191
54.	Medicinal nose sprays should not be used because they Kill Germs, Clean the Nose, Destroy Valuable Mucous	192.	We should attract birds to our city because They East
	Secretions, Prevent Colds, Have an Odor at All Times. 154 The ears are injured most by Loud Music, Noises, Strain,	400	The new Plant of the section of the
	"Boxing," Quiet	193.	The cypress trees grow on the lines, in Swamp, on 193
56.	The muscles are benefitted most by Rest, Hard Work, Systematic Diet, Play, Systematic Exercise	194.	Mayle Amasha Broad Mold Sponge, Earthworm 194
57.	A good health motto is "Keep the head cool and the feet Cooler," Warm, Well Clothed, Hot, Dry	195.	The process by which plants and animals charged into soluble form is known as Absorption,
158.	The apparatus necessary to carry messages consists of two wires, batteries, receiver and a Mouthpiece, a Box, a		Digoction Dhotocynthesis, Usinusis, Itespitation
159.	Transmitter, an Electromagnet, a Bell	196.	A great bird student in our country was Roosevelt, Burroughs, Darwin, Edison, Longfellow
	from cream because the cream is Lighter, Heavier, Thicker, Denser, Greasier 159	197.	Mosquito, Lady Bug, San Jose Scale Insect, Hessian Fly197
160.	The separation of liquids and solids by evaporation and condensation is called Solution, Distillation, Diffusion, Fu-	198.	Plants take in their food through their Leaves, Bloom, Roots, Stomata, Vertebrae
1.01	sion, Transpiration with Iron, Wood, Straw, Cloth,	199.	mens, Ovaries199
	Rope 161 Ventilation is best secured with Stoves, Hot Air Fur-	200.	Trees that have needles are called Birch, Pine, Oaks, Gums, Evergreen
162.	Ctoom Hosting Hot Water Healing, Electric Licuity	201.	Birds suffer most from Lack of Food and Water, the Cold, the Heat, Other Bird Enemies, Animals201
163.	Fusion means the same as Evaporation, Boiling, Freezing, Dissolving, Distilling	202.	The colored parts of a flower are Sepals, Pistil, Petals, Stamens, Corolla
164.	Fanning the body on a dry day produces a Evaporation of	203.	The yellow dust on a flower is Chlorophyll, Ovules, Protoplasm, Pollen, Dirt. 203
	Moisture into the Air, Amount of Heat Land 164	204.	The calyx is made up of the Petals, Stamens, Petioles, Pis-
165.	Heat is carried horizontary through Transmigration 165	205.	tils, Sepals 204 Fruit trees are generally propagated by Seeds, by Cut-
166.	The act of transfer of ponen from all transpiration and transpiration of transpiration and transpiration of transpiration and transpiration are transpiration and transpiration and transpiration and transpiration are transpiration and transpiration and transpiration are transpiration and transpiratio	206.	tings, by Grafting, by Settings, by Seedlings 205 Perspiration contains: Sugar, Salt, Fat, CO <sub>2</sub> , Food 206
	tion, Mitosis, Filtration	207.	The flowers of the elm trees are pollinated by People, Wind, Animals, Water, Insects 207
167.		208.	The unborn young of an animal is termed the Larva, Embryo, Chrysalis, Ovum, Sperm
	tion of Water Particles for Each Other, Suction, Water in Boat Is too Low	209.	Animals which secure food directly from the bodies of other animals are Parasites, Hydrophytes, Mesophytes,
168.	Distillation is a means of Furnying Water, Securing Pressure Pumping Water, Transmitting Water, Securing	910	Saphrophytes, Sulphites
169.	The passage of the moon between the sun and the earth is	210.	Stamen 210
100.	called an Eclipse of the Sun, Fun Moon, Third Quarter,	211.	Seeds, Leaves, Perfume, Branches
170.		212.	Pistil
171.		213.	
	Orbit, Newton's Law	214.	
172.	the Planets, the Moon, the Constellations, the Milky Way. 172	215.	Birds go south in winter because It Is Cold Farther North,
173.	Light		They Don't Like Snow, They Can Find Little Food, They Find Little Material for Their Nests, They Like the Flow-
174.	The sun and the planets form the Constellations, the	216.	ers215 Mosquitoes lay eggs on Salt Water, Stagnant Water, Fresh
175.	at the design to the post of Inviorable	217.	Water, on the Ground, in Garbage 216  The nucleus is believed to play a prominent part in Diges-
176.	"Chooting stars" are properly called Suns, Asteroids,		tion, Respiration, Heredity, Storage of Food, Nerve-
177.	Moons, Comets, Meteors 176 The earth was formed of dust, by the cooling of Nebulous	218	Conduction217  Birds sing to Make Us Happy, to Make Their Little Ones Happy, to Attract Their Mates, to Warn Other Birds That
	Gases, in Seven Days, Out of Ice, Out of Rock		Danger Is Near, Because They Like Music
	Elack, Like a Star, Like a Moon, Like suprect, vacant moon, like suprect, v		An example of a fungus plant is the Orchid, Pondscum, Breadmold, Mother of Vinegar, Indian Pipe
	Evergreen, Hardwood, Fruits, Sittus	220	One, Two, Three, Four, Five
180	re distance Pollinglion, I hotosynthesis, I do-	221	At the last the second of the
	teurization		

222.	The age of a tree is told by Branches, Rings in Cross Sec-	261.	121
223.	George fly in a V-shaped formation because They Think It	262	It Frances It Welts When It Gets Warm, It Is heavy, It
	Looks Pretty, They Fly in a Flock, They Will Be Protected, They Can Fly Easier Together, They Like Geo-	263	It Brittle
224.	Gases enter and leave the leaves of plants through organs called Stimules Root-Hairs, Stomata, Micropyles, Chloro-	264	River, Flood, Sound, Basin, System Glaciers cause erosion because they Are Made of Snow, Are Cold
225.	plasts The food which is most important to be kept in the coldest part of the refrigerator is Bread, Cooked Foods, Vege-	1	mate all the year around Hot, Cold, Almost Even, Wet,
226.	tables, Milk, Butter		Rain is water vapor Distilled, Evaporated, Condensed, 266
227.	Oleanayeavine is a Milk Product, an Animal Fat, a Vege-	267	New York City gets its water supply from the Champlain, Catskill Moun-
228.	table Oil, an Adulteration, Better Than Butter	268	Lains Region, Long Island Sound
229.	Refrigerators should be cleaned by using herosene, Gaso-	269	Soil denogited at the mouth of a river is called a remin
230.	line, Warm Water and Soda, Vinegar, Salt. 229 The water best fitted to remove dirt is Hot Hard, Hot Soft, Cold Hard, Cold Soft, Tepid Hard. 230  Cold Hard, Cold Soft, Tepid Hard. 230	270	sula, Delta, Strait, Island, a Cape.  The air in Minnesota homes in winter is commonly un- healthful because of Insufficiency of Oxygen, Excess of
231.	Roiling Tenid or Freezing water	271	Carbon Dioxide, Bad Odors, Improper Humany, Columnators
232.	Refrigerators should be made of Material Which Is a Poor Conductor of Heat, Iron, Material Which Is a Good Conductor of Heat, Rough Material, Smooth Material	272	Tornado, Monsoon, Norther, Bhzzard
233.		977.4	Phosphates, Lichens, Potash, Humus  1. Distance east and west around the earth is called Longitude Altitude Declination Revolution, Latitude 274
234.	Milk is tested for the amount contained of Butter Fat,	275	
235.	Water, Proteins, Butter, Buttermilk 234 A food rich in carbohydrate is Beefsteak, Olive Oil, Cu- cumbers, Watermelon, Honey 235	270	6. One of the three most important elements of the son re-
236.	Food should be kept in a refrigerator because it is more	27	Sodium, Carbon, Hydrogen  A dynamo is a machine for generating Heat, Light, Elec-
	Low Temperature Retards Growth of Moids, Teasts and	6 97	tric Current, Sound, Music.
237.	The best lining for retrigerator is 11h, Ellamer, Copper,	7	Pressure, Density, Length
238.	Iron, Zinc		to Lubricate It, to Burn, to Shence It.
920	the Center, the Back	8	Air, Carbon Dioxide, Leverage, Momentum
239.	composition are called Proteins, Pats, Carbonyurates,	39	and taken away from a house is called ventilation, iteat
240.	Hydrocarbons, Liquids	0 21	ing, Plumbing, Refrigeration, Drainage  1082. Voltaic cells are studied about in Botany, Bacteriology,  200 Zoology, Electricity, Psychology  2013. The device in water or steam pipes for stopping the flow at
241.	Flour, Butter, Meat, Milk, Celery	1 28	33. The device in water or steam pipes for stopping the flow at any point is called a Damper, a Faucet, Valve, Switch, Stoker 283
242.	wrapped, to Wrap Ice in Burlap, to Look at It Often 242 Glucose is found in large quantities in Eggs, Olive Oil,		4. A lifting crane gains power in doing work, by the use of the Wheel and Axle, the Lever, the Pulley, the Inclined Plane, an Engine
244.	Beefsteak, Onions, Sugar Beets 243 The general direction of the wind in front of a low pressure area is East, West, North, South, Northeast 244		i. A cream separator is made by Conklin, McCormick, De Laval, Darwin, Steinway 285
245.	The best soil for general purposes is Clay, Loam, Sand,	286.	Paddles, Rudders, Wings, Motors 286
246.	Subsoil, Gravel 245 The following is classed as a garden crop: Oats, Rice, Sweet Peas, Lettuce, Barley 246	287.	Burroughs, Watt, Priestly, Westinghouse 287
248.	The rambow is seen Directly Overhead, in the North, in the South, in the East, or in the West 247	288.	Hot Air, Hot Water, Steam, Electric Heat 288
249.	Ridging, Fertilizer, Pasteurization 248  The processes which tend to level down the earth's sur-	290.	a Hardened Mass, Blocks 289
250.	face are collectively termed Vulcanism, Sedimentation, Erosion, Metamorphism, Stratification 249		Rainfall, Air Pressure, Wind Velocity, Atmospheric Pres-
251.	The wheat region of North America is Alaska, Mexico.	201	290
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INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS for persons giving the "GENERAL SCIENCE INFORMATION" test.

This test is for the purpose of ascertaining the degree with which certain fundamental "science" facts are acquired by pupils in different schance courses and for ascertaining the degree with which these facts a are acquired by pupils NOT taking science courses. This information, if carefully and accurately secured, will make it possible to revise "General Science" and other science courses in the High School, or else it will tend to show that these courses are satisfactory as they are. Certainly it will indicate whether these courses are functioning in bringing about the acquisition of the information contained in the test. In no case is it designed to criticize the science teaching in any particular school.

To be valid the results must be secured from all the pupils in the 8th grade and in the four years of High School. Results for your school will be available to you if you want them. Please follow the INSTRUCTIONS as carefully as you can. When thru fill out the blanks below and tie this sheet in with the tests when you turn them in. The purpose of the information asked for below is to ascertain whether anything exceptional is to be considered in figuring up the results and in case the results should be exceptional in any way to make it possible to address a personal letter to you asking for further information.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

See that all pupils are seated and have a pencil or pen.

Announce that they are about to take a test to ascertain how many

scientific statements they can complete correctly.

Tell the pupils to do the very best they can; where they do not know, to guess. All pupils are to complete the test. Allow all the time they require to complete the test.

Put the following samples on the board and explain carefully what is to be done. See that each pupil understands the method. (a) A fly is AN ANIMAL, A FISH, AN INSECT, A REPTILE, A BUILDING.

(b) The heart pumps BLOOD, WATER, OIL, AIR, SAND.

"AN INSECT" and "BLOOD" are to be underlined after the pupils have been asked which they would underline so as to make correct state-

Tell pupils to leave pamphlets face downward until told to turn

them.

6. Distribute pamphlet face downward.

At a signal tell pupils to turn pamphlets, fill out questions at the head of the first page under Part I and then proceed to underline carefully the correct endings in all statements, in each case underlining the one item which makes the best sense.

The examiner may answer questions pertaining to Part I. No questions pertaining to Part II are to be allowed.

When all pupils are thru collect pamphlets, tie into a bundle and turn in at office.

10. Return unused pamphlets.

A.	Were all instructions followed to the best of your knowledge?
В.	
	on the back of this page.
C.	Did anything occur which might invalidate results? If so, ex-
	plain on the back of this page.
D.	Your name Address
E.	Do you wish a statement of results?

## APPENDIX III

## CORRECT RESPONSES FOR GENERAL SCIENCE SCALE, FORM R-1.

	GROUP I		GROUP II		GROUP III
1.	Fair	21.	Picture taking device	41.	Digestion
2.	Carries bacteria	22.	Enamel	42.	Bacteria
3.	Lightness	23.	Emptied out of can	43.	Bubonic Plague
4.	Boil it		promptly	44.	Backbone
5.	Warm water and soda		Milk	45.	Strain
6.	Flier		Petals In the east	46.	Heating effect due to resistance
7.	The sun	27.	Tuberculosis		of a conductor
8.	Set fire to inflam- mable material	28.	Iron		Closed sewer
9.	Once a day	29.	6 or 7 years old		Electricity
10.	Pasteurized	30.	Clean blood of wastes		Rise
11.	Vaccination	31.	Motor		Steam
12.	Temperature	32.	Energy		Clover
13.	Larger	33.	With gauze between tape and skin		Armature
14.	Expansion of water	34.	Tin	54.	Valve
15.	Large pair of jump- ing legs		Enamel	55.	Absolute humidity
16.	Top and bottom	36.	In still water	56.	Diffusion
	Destroying their	37.	Lowest shelf	57.	Bread mold
	breeding places	38.	Applying pressure on		Wind
18.	Hot soft		side of blood vessel from which blood is	59.	Brushes
19.	Butter fat		coming.	60.	Conduction.
20.	Expands	39.	Two		
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## APPRNDIX III (Cont'd)

# CORRECT RESPONSES FOR GENERAL SCIENCE SCALE, FORM S-2

	GROUP I		GROUP II		GROUP III
ı.	Hygienic living	21.	Burning	41.	Prism
2.	Delta	22.	Reflected	42.	Organism
3.	98.6 F	23.	Insulation	43.	Air pressure
4.	Mountains	24.	Kilowatt-hour	44.	Photosynthesis
5.	Alexander G.Bell	25.	Cell	45.	Rapid evaporation of moisture into the
6.	At rest	26.	Fuse		air
7.	Rings in cross sec-	27.	Electrical currents	46.	Honey
	tion of trunk				Bread mold
8.	Iodine	29.	Carbon-dioxide	48.	Wind velocity
9.	Eclipse of the sun	30.		49.	Position
10.	Meter		sputum	50.	Embryo
11.	Systematic exercise	31.	Dryness	51.	Sun
12.	To concentrate the	32.	100	52.	Larva of moths
		33.	Atom	53.	Ether
		34.	Proteins	54.	Elimination of CO2
		35.	Ovary		Amorphous
15.	Edison	36.	Oxygen		Alcohol
16.	Grafting	37.	Toxins		Calories
17.	Yeast	38.	Lighter		Enzyme
18.	Black	39.	Trap		Skin
19.	Parasites	40.	Optical illusion		4 C.
20.	Evergreen			60.	4 0.
	2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18.	1. Hygienic living 2. Delta 3. 98.6 F 4. Mountains 5. Alexander G.Bell 6. At rest 7. Rings in cross section of trunk 8. Iodine 9. Eclipse of the sum 10. Meter 11. Systematic exercise	1. Hygienic living 21. 2. Delta 22. 3. 98.6 F 23. 4. Mountains 24. 5. Alexander G.Bell 25. 6. At rest 26. 7. Rings in cross sec-27. tion of trunk 28. 8. Iodine 29. 9. Eclipse of the sun 30. 10. Meter 11. Systematic exercise 31. 12. To concentrate the 32. sound waves 33. 13. Bituminous 34. 14. Lubricate it 35. 15. Edison 36. 16. Grafting 37. 17. Yeast 38. 18. Black 39. 19. Parasites 40.	1. Hygienic living 21. Burning 2. Delta 22. Reflected 3. 98.6 F 23. Insulation 4. Mountains 24. Kilowatt-hour 5. Alexander G.Bell 25. Cell 6. At rest 26. Fuse 7. Rings in cross sec-27. Electrical currents tion of trunk 28. Pollination 8. Iodine 29. Carbon-dioxide 9. Eclipse of the sum 30. From bacilli of sputum 10. Meter 32. 100 11. Systematic exercise 31. Dryness 12. To concentrate the 32. 100 33. Atom 13. Bituminous 34. Proteins 14. Lubricate it 35. Ovary 15. Edison 36. Oxygen 16. Grafting 37. Toxins 17. Yeast 38. Lighter 18. Black 39. Trap 19. Parasites 40. Optical illusion	1. Hygienic living 21. Burning 41.  2. Delta 22. Reflected 42.  3. 98.6 F 23. Insulation 43.  4. Mountains 24. Kilowatt-hour 44.  5. Alexander G.Bell 25. Cell 45.  6. At rest 26. Fuse  7. Rings in cross sec- 27. Electrical currents 46. tion of trunk 28. Pollination 47.  8. Iodine 29. Carbon-dioxide 48.  9. Eclipse of the sum 30. From bacilli of sputum 50.  10. Meter 32. 100 52.  11. Systematic exercise 31. Dryness 51.  12. To concentrate the 32. 100 52.  13. Bituminous 34. Proteins 54.  14. Lubricate it 35. Ovary 55.  15. Edison 36. Oxygen 56.  17. Yeast 38. Lighter 58.  19. Parasites 40. Optical illusion 60.

## APPENDIX III (Cont'd)

# CORRECT RESPONSES FOR GENERAL SCIENCE SCALE, FORM T-2.

	GROUP I		GROUP II		GROUP III
1.	In animal and vege- table waste	21.	Higher outside than in		
2.		22.	32 F.		Scissors
3.	24 hours	23.	Meteors		Stamen
4.	A little	24.	Ink blotter		Efficiency
5.	Pollen		Saturation	46.	Mercury
	Plants		Distillation	47.	Wheatflour
	Electric current			48.	Work
8.	Water expands when it freezes		Current	49.	Inertia
9.	6 or 7 years old		Hot air furnaces	-	Indirect
10.	Clean blood of wastes	100	Condensed		Light
11.	Orbit		Air pressure		Stomata
12.	On stagnant water	33.	Water in boat is		Heredity
13.	Carbon-dioxide		too low		
14.	Seeds	34.	Reflect the light		A mixture
15.	Moon	35.	Blue		Bacterial cells
16.	Too much gas	36.	Proteins		Iris
17.	Lens	37.	Tissue		Milk glands
18.	Half year	38.	Radiation		Cohesion
19.	Take in soil water		The pulley	80.	Pushed up
20.	68 F.	40.	Jupiter		

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1 2 3	4 5 6 7 8 9	10 11 15	2 13 14 15	16 17 18	10 20 21
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	45.6 -4.4	164	58.8	8.8	.330	.494	.166	84.4	34.4	1.499	1.169	.921	84.4	34.4	1.506	.059	579	-0.421	78.00
	45.8 -4.2		10 0		030	.126	194	58.6	8.6	.322	.352	256	56.5	6.5	.243	.007	.842	0.331	70.48
	45.8 -4.2		49.2	8	030	.126	194	61.2	11.2	.422	.452	156	62.6	12.6	.476	079	421	-0.257	76.36
	46.4 -3.6	134	49.8	2	007	.127	171	72.5	22.5	.886	.893	.308	78.8	28.8	1.186	.054	188	-0.173	75.52
	46.4 -3.6	134	46.0	- 4.0	149	015	313	66.5	16.5	.632	.781	.054	60.4	10.4	.391	.300	.522	0.088	72.91
	46.6 -3.4	127	53.8	3.8	.141	.268	023	59.2	9.2	.345	.204	233	84.5	14.5	.551	241	273	-0.166	75.45
	47.0 -3.0		58.0	8.0	.299	.411	.135	53.0	3.0	.112	187	466	54.2	4.2	.156	.206	113	-0.124	75.03
	48.0 -2.0		52.2	2.2	.082	.156	083	54.4	4.4	.164	.082	414	57.7	7.7	. 288	.134	508	-0.238	76.17
	48.2 -1.8	067	63.2	13.2	.500	.567	.336	61.8	11.8	.445	055	133	78.6	28.6	1.178	.731	.512	-0.236	76.15
	48.8 -1.2	044	52.8	2.8	.104	.148	060	62.8	12.8	.484	.380	094	60.4	10.4	.391	093	273	-0.118	72.56
	49.46	022	56.8	6.8	.254	.276	.090	73.7	23.7	.940	.686	.362	79.3	29.3	1.311	.371	.547	0.310	74.97
	49.64	015	59.5	9.5	.357	.372	.193	50.3	.3	.011	346	567	58.8	8.8	.330	.319	334	-0.181	71.69
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	51.4 1.4	.052	44.0	- 6.0	224	276	388	50.7	.7	.026	.250	552	38.6	-11.4	430	456	-1.094	-0.495	78.74
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	52.6 2.6	.097	57.2	7.2	.269	.172	.105	61.4	11.4	.430	.161	148	60.7	10.7	-403	027	261	-0.052	74.31
65 5	3.0 3.0	.112	62.5	12.5	.472	.360	.308	60.0	10.0	.376	096	202	69.8	19.8	.769	.393	.105	0.080	72.99
	3.8 3.8	.141	70.8	20.8	.812	.671	.648	65.8	15.8	.603	209	.025	54.7	4.7	.175	428	489	0.081	72.98
	4.0 4.0	.149	92.0	42.0	2.083	1.934	1.919	85.6	35.6	1.576	507	.998	84.7	34.7	1.518	058	.854	0.734	66.45
68 5	54.0 4.0	.149	95.8	45.8	2.562	2.413	2.398	89.1	39.1	1.827	735	1.349	90.2	40.2	1.918	.091	1.254	0 .948	64.31
287 5	54.6 4.6	.172	54.0	4.0	.149	023	015	50.3	.3	.011	138	567	71.2	28.6	1.176	.818	.165	-0.061	74.40
1 5	5.4 5.4	.201	82.2	32.2	1.368	1.167	1.204	76.4	26.4	1.087	301	098	61.4	11.4	.430	.109	.512	0.544	68.35
113 5	5.6 5.6	.209	66.0	16.0	.612	.403	.448	62.7	12.7	.480	132	075	56.3	6.3	.235	050	234	-0.140	72.98
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	7.4 7.4	.277	60.8	10.8	.407	.130	.243	72.9	22.9	.904	851	429	90.7	40.7	1.962	1.813	1.298	0.355	70.24
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	8.2 8.2	.307	54.0	4.0	.149	158	015	55.6	5.6	1.432	.840	.854	89.3	39.3	1.843	.411	1.179	0.635	67.44
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	8.8	.330	73.5	23.5	395	740	559	65.4	15.4	.588	.983	.010	68.4	18.4	-710	.123	.046	-0.039	74.18
	9.2 9.2	.345	39.5	-10.5 12.8	.484	.139	.320	67.9	17.9	.689	.205	.111	72.3	22.3	.878	.189	.214	0.247	71.32
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	9.4 9.4	.353	64.5	14.5	.551	.191	.387	81.2	31.2	1.313	.762	.735	74.2	24.2	.963	- ,350	.399	0.413	69.66
	9.6 9.6	.368	66.2	16.2	.620	.252	.456	62.8	12.8	.484 -	136	094	73.7	23.7	.940	.456	.276	0.251	71.28
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257 66	6.0 16.0	.612	76.0	26.0	1 .047	.435	.883	79.1	29.1	1.201	.794	.623	77.9	27.9	1.140	061	.476	0.476	69.03
	6.2 16.2	.620	60.8	10.8	.407	213	.605	72.3	22.3	.878	.109	.300	75.3	25.3	1.014	-136	.350	0.488	68.91
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295	67.8	17.8	.685	76.0	26.0	1.047	.362	.883	76.5	26.5	1.071		193 81.3 552 84.4			.242	.649	0.500	68.79
234 150	68.4	18.4	.710	74.2	24.2	.963	.253	.799	77.7	27.7	1.130	.478 .7			1.499	103	.835	0.731	66.48
129	69.8	19.8	.769	61.5	11.5	.434	335	.270	71.9	21.9	.860	.426 .28	83 63.7	12.7	.480	380	184	0.384	66.65 70.95
192	70.4	20.4	.795	73.8	23.8	.945	.150	.781	90.0	40.0	1.900	.955 1.33			1.563	337	.899	0.909	64.70
202	72.8	22.8	.900	64.0	14.0	.531	369	.367	75.6	25.6	1.028	.497 .48			1.346	312	.152	0.469	69.10
248	73.4	23.4	.927	76.2	26.2	1.057	359	.893	83.7	32.3	1.374	.742 .79	96 73.7	23.7	.940	434	.682	0.856	65.23
183	74.8	34.8	.991	66.0	16.0	.612	379	.448	89.1	39.1	1.837	1.315 1.34			1.160	667	.496	0.777	66.03
225	75.2	25.2	1.009	63.2	13.2	.500	509	.336	85.8	35.8	1.589	1.089 1.01		24.1	.958	631	.294	0.575	68.04
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198	77.6	27.6	1.125	82.2	32.2	1.368	.309	1.204	75.1 82.8	33.8	1,403	041 .83		39.3	1.813	.440	1.149	1.097	62.82
250 103	77.8	27.8	1.135	76.0	26.0	1.047	159	.883	98.4	48.4	3.182	2.135 2.60 .683 .75		30.0	2.357	825	1.693	0.591	67.88
76	79.6	29.6	1.227	67.0	17.0	.652	575	.488	81.6	31.6	1.335	1.206 .96		32.8	1.403	140	.114	0.692	66.87
296	79.8	29.8	1.238	59.0	9.0	.337	901	1.022	85.1	40.2	1.918	.732 1.34	40 86.3	36.3	1.632	296	.958	1.155	62.24
292	81.0	31.0	1.302	78.8 85.8	28.8	1.186	116	1.425	89.1	39.1	1.827	.238 1.24	49 85.6 19 92.3	35.6	2.114	251	.912	1.238	61.41
102	83.4	33.4	1.438	88.8	38.8	1.803	.365	1.639	94.7	44.7	2.397	.838 1.46			1.462	283	1.450	1.570	58.00 62.33
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123	83.6	33.6	1.450	85.2	35.2	2.035	.099	1.385	97.7	33.9	1.469	566 .89	81 81.4	40.4	2.036	.557	1.363	1.339	60.40
126	84.6	34.6	1.512	91.5	34.5	1.506	006	1.342	92.1	42.1	2.093	.587 1.51		43.7	2.269	158	1.805	1.395	59.84
79	84.8	34.8	1.524	87.2	37.2	1.685	.161	1.521	90.0	40.0	1.900	.909 1.46	66 86.6	36.6	1.843	401	.979	1.220	61.59
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185	86.0	36.0	1.602	74.2	32.0	1.357	286	1.193	97.7	47.7	2.958	1.601 2.38		35.3	1.556	271	1.042	1.448	59.31 60.76
190	87.6	37.6	1.713	84.8	34.8	1.524	189	1.360	89.1	39.1	1.827	440 1.08	85 93.7	43.7	2.269	. 606	1.605	1.557	58.22
83	89.0	39.0	1.819	92.3	42.2	2.103	.284	1.939	86.9 96.5	46.5	2.686	.405 2.10	08 85.4	45.4	2.498	188	1.834	1.945	54.34
3	89.2	39.2	1.835	93.8	43.8	2.281	161	2.117	93.5	43.5	2.245	1.050 3.10	67 91.2 08 88.6		2.007	898	1.343	1.638	57.41 57.93
254	89.6	39.6	1.900			1.636	364	1.473	96.5	46.5	2.686	1.328 2.25	56 90.7	40.7	1.962	872		1.600	57.79
133	91.8	41.8	2.064	84.5	34.5	1.506	558	1.342	97.2	47.2	2.834	1.450 3.24	42 96.0	46.0	2.597	-k.223	1.933	2.203	51.76
131	92.4	42.4	2.124	94.5	44.5	2.370	270	2.206	99.5	45.8	2.562	.644 1.98	84 96.5 80 94.9	46.5	2.686	.124	2.022	1.940	53.82
122	93.0	43.0	2.188	90.2	40.2	1.918	413	1.754	97.7	47.7	2.958	1.040 2.38	80 98.1	48.1	3.077	533	2.413	2.791	45.88
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