

Stirs Controversy

Catholic Grads Said Far Better

Atlantic City — (NC) — A businessman who stirred a controversy at a public school superintendents' meeting by praising parochial school graduates has stuck to his thesis.

Baynard L. England, chairman of the board of the Atlantic City Electric Company, told New Jersey public school officials that parochial school graduates exceed their public school counterparts in use of English, proper manners, poise in meeting people and ability in handling unusual situations.

HIS REMARKS caused a wide range of reaction. One educator told newsmen they represented a challenge, another saw them as "unfortunate" and a third as "dangerous." Mr. England's views dominated conversation after the session.

The address by Mr. England, who directs a company that has 2,000 employees on its payroll, was the major speech at the meeting.

After stating in his prepared remarks that today's high school graduates are not learning to speak and write English well, he set aside his text and said: "In my company, the graduates from parochial schools are far better based in English and in the basic structure of the English language than the graduates of public schools. As secretaries and office workers, they are better trained and educated. I don't know why this is so, but it is."

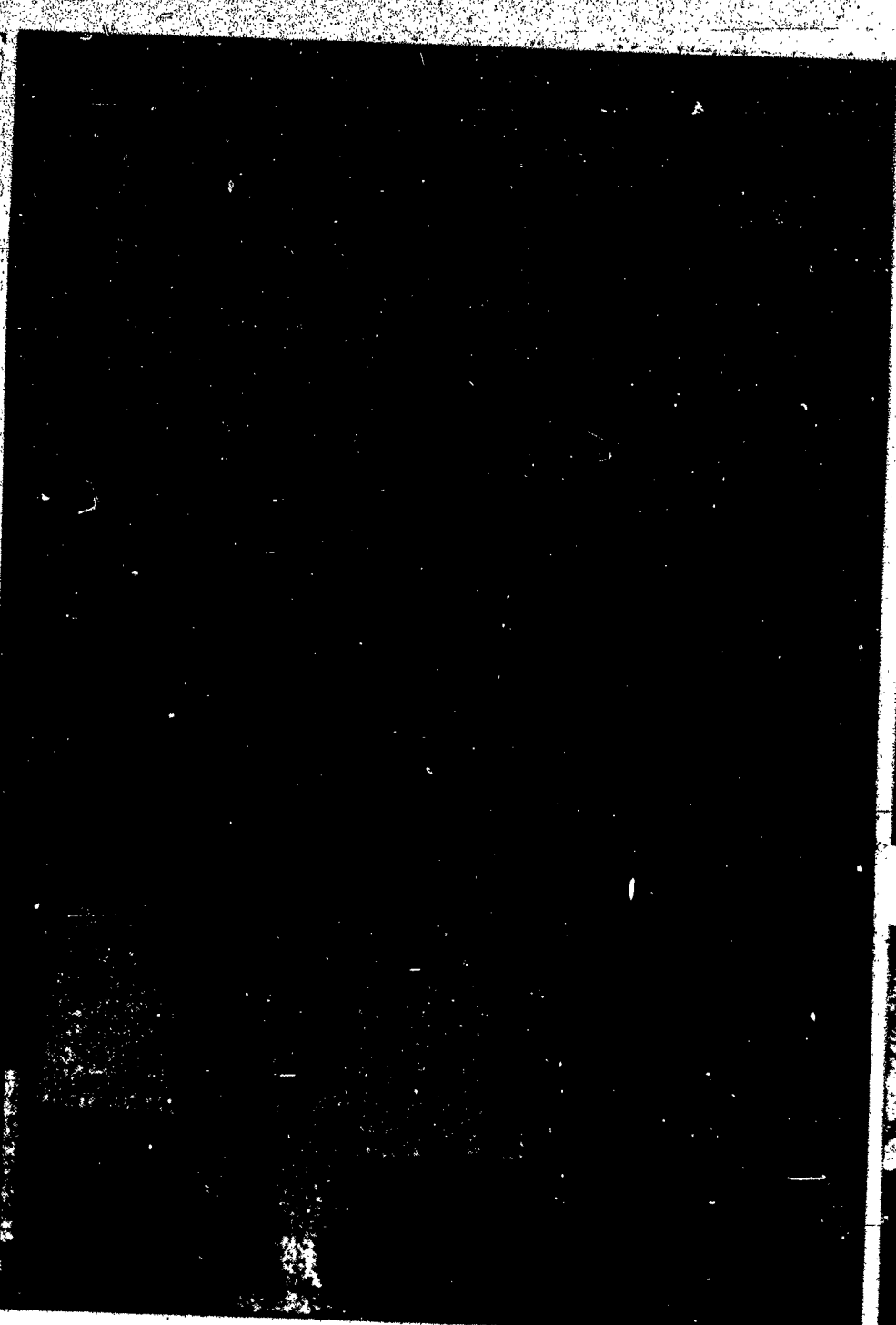
He reminded his audience he is not a Catholic and is himself a graduate of public schools.

In an interview later, Mr. England repeated his views, and stated further: "There is something being done in parochial schools that is not being done in public schools and I think it should be copied."

One factor, he speculated, might be the better discipline in Catholic schools.

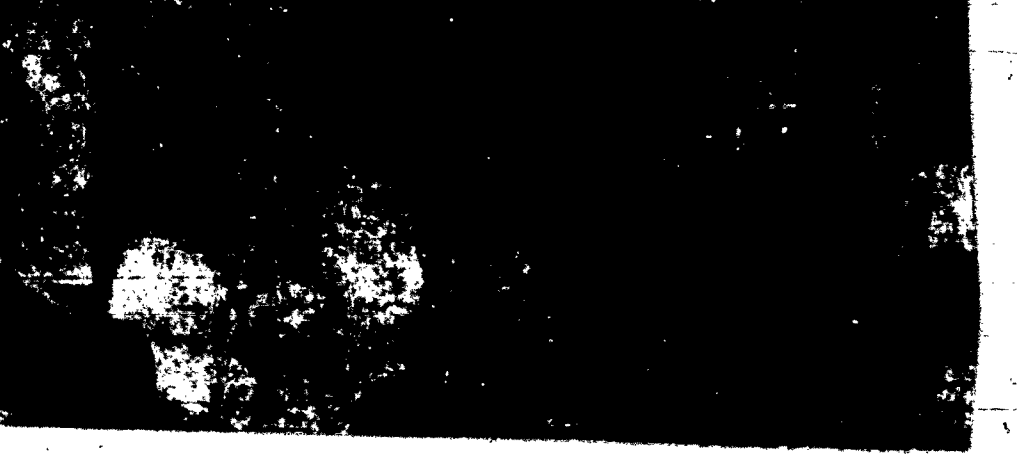
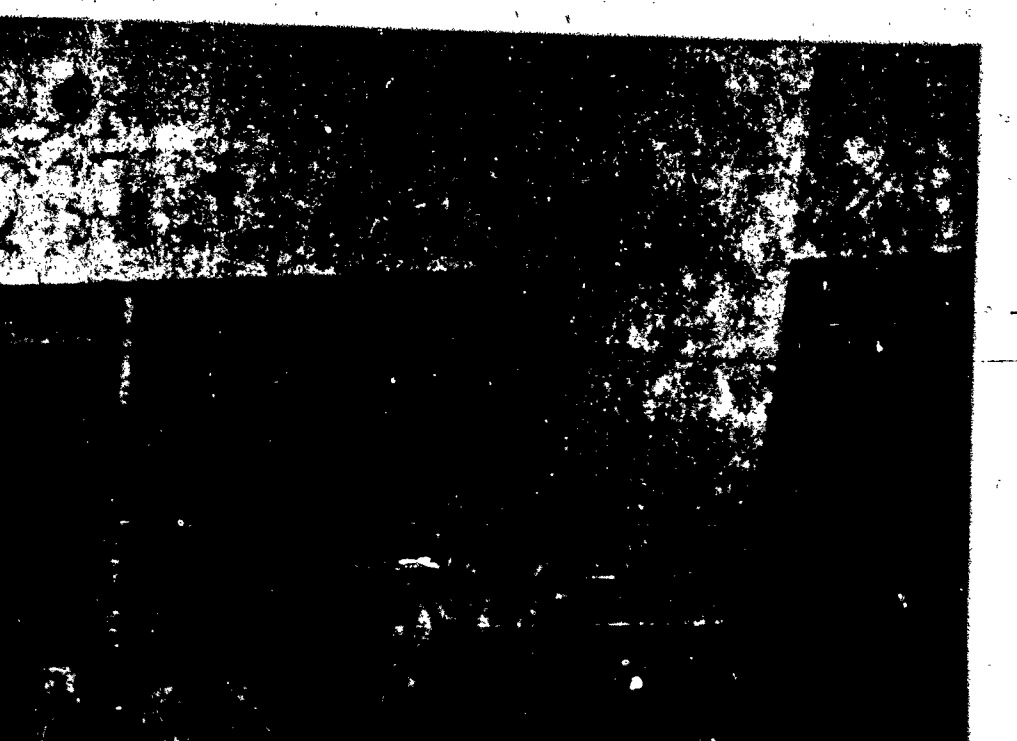
Asked how he knows what schools his employees attend, Mr. England explained that he makes it a habit to question all his employees.

He said that when he sees one of them handling a situation with a customer in a dignified and courteous manner, he makes it a point to compliment the employee and ask about his educational background.



New St. Ambrose

Bishop Kearney dedicated the striking new St. Ambrose Church, Culver Road and Empire Blvd., Sunday evening. The Church has altar surrounded on three sides by congregation. The Bishop said it is designed "for the participation of the people in the Mass." Scenes of the dedication rite are shown in these Courier-Journal photos.



Nerves On Edge?

Monastery No Cure

Boston — (NC) — A Trappist monastery may be a haven of peace, but according to a new study its inhabitants are as prone to heart disease and hypertension as anyone else.

This was the conclusion reached by a study reported in the New England Journal of Medicine by Drs. E. Perry McCullagh and Lena A. Lewis of the Cleveland, Ohio, Clinic Foundation.

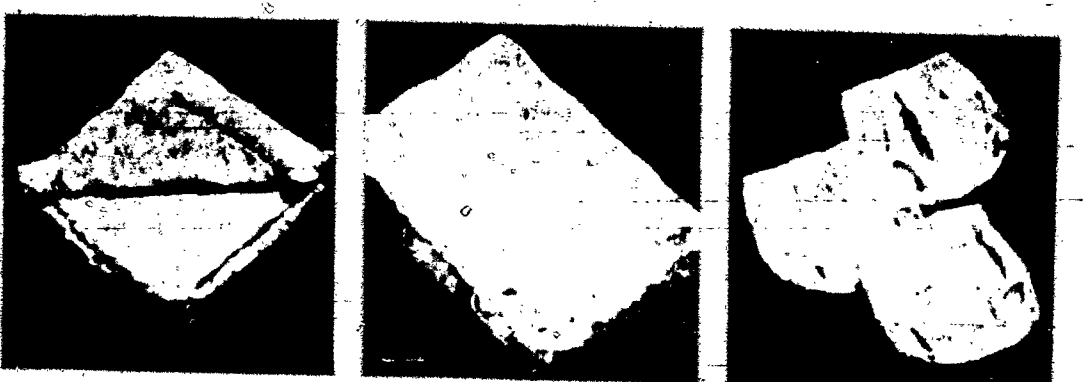
Dr. McCullagh and Lewis studied Trappist monks at Our Lady of Gethsemane Monastery near Louisville, Ky., and St. Joseph's Abbey, Spencer, Mass., and compared them with a group of Cleveland men of the same ages.

THE DOCTORS selected the monks for study because they "eat a relatively low-fat diet consistently from their entry into the monastery until their death, live a peaceful life, and have daily physical exercise."

"It was hoped," they add, "that a study of them in comparison with men in the general American population might shed some light on the pathogenesis of certain disorders that commonly are believed to result from overeating (especially of fats) and from 'stress' or nervous tension."

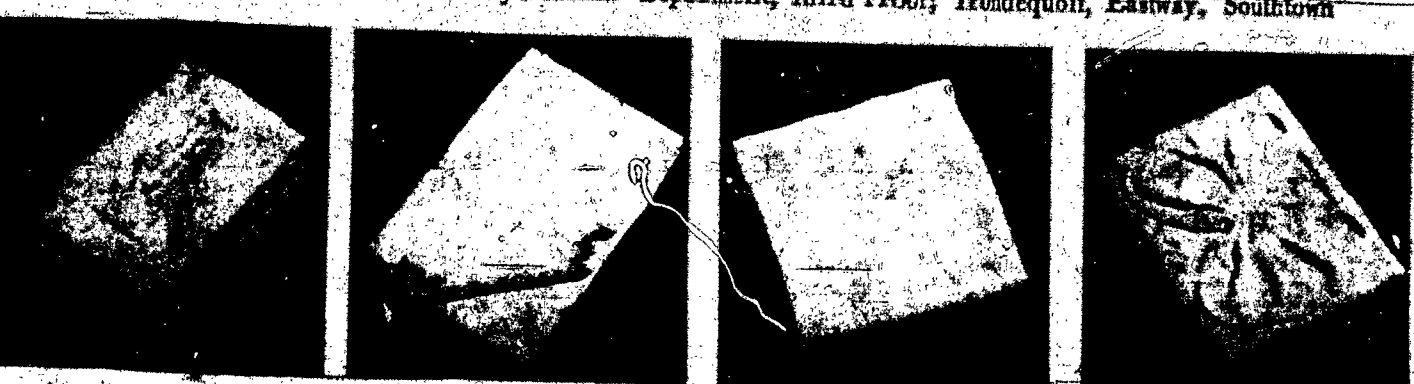
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