

1 me tell you that I have formed my opinions on education
2 after twenty-five years of grass roots digging for im-
3 provement in the schools of our State.

4 I have served as the State President of the
5 Homemakers, and then as State President of the Maryland
6 PTA. In these voluntary jobs, I have made my first trips
7 to Annapolis, urging the legislature to support school
8 appropriations; and we were able to get Governor Tawes
9 as a staunch ally. When a vacancy occurred on the State
10 Board of Education, he asked me to serve.

11 During the same time I have been the Program
12 Service Chairman of the National Congress of Parents and
13 Teachers, the largest volunteer organization in the world,
14 and a Director at large of the National Association of
15 State Boards of Education. I tell you this only because
16 I have been out digging to try to find those new explosive
17 ideas, and I visited schools all over the United States
18 and in several countries in Europe and had a wonderful
19 opportunity to compare Maryland's education system with
20 that of other States.

21 But I would be the last one in the world to