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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

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COOPERATIVE SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS

69 Bank Street

New York 14, N. Y.

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Please read this blank carefully before filling out.

Answer each question accurately and completely.

Please type or write legibly in ink.

Feel free to state your own honest personal opinions  
and reactions.

The contents of this blank will be kept confidential.

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Registration fee of \$10.00 should accompany this application.  
The fee is not returnable.



Attach recent photograph.

Date May 3 1946.

NAME Gross Lynn Rittenberg  
Last First Middle

AGE 30 PLACE OF BIRTH New York City

PRESENT ADDRESS 101 Raymond House, Vassar College,  
Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Telephone PK 1727

PERMANENT ADDRESS 38 East 85th St. N.Y.C.

PARENTS (or Guardian) Father Mother

Name in full Mr. Philip G. Gross Beatrice Rittenberg Gross

Address 38 East 85th St. N.Y.C. 38 East 85th Street

Place of birth N.Y.C. Springfield, Mass.

Living or Deceased living living

Occupation lawyer

Age and Sex of other children in the family 2 sisters - 24, & 20 (latter is my twin)

Unmarried  Married  Widowed  Divorced

Husband's Occupation —

Age and sex of your children, if any. —

In which Cooperating School do you wish to work this year? Little Red Schoolhouse

For what age children do you wish training? I'd like to start with 8 or 9 yr. olds, and maybe with older children.

Do you have some particular type of work in mind (or prospective position) in which you hope to engage on completion of your training? I should like to teach for a few years and then go into guidance work of some sort. At present I would prefer working through a school as school psychologist or guidance worker, although I'm interested in straight social work also.



ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

NAMES OF SCHOOLS YOU HAVE ATTENDED

CITY & STATE

DATES

DEGREE OR DIPLOMA

Greenacres School  
Junior High School or Elem. School

Scarsdale, NY

1931 to 1937

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Scarsdale High School  
Sr. High School or Preparatory School

Scarsdale, NY

1937 to 1943

Recent's diploma

Vassar College  
Jr. College, College or University

Poughkeepsie, NY

1943 to 1946

A.B.

Special Courses (Extension, Summer School, Art, Music, Social Work, Business, etc.)

Nurses' Aide, First Aide.

PLEASE SEND US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A TRANSCRIPT OF YOUR COLLEGE RECORD

MAJOR COLLEGE SUBJECTS

MINOR COLLEGE SUBJECTS

Child Study

Psychology

Economics (Sociology)

SPECIAL INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL OR COLLEGE:

college - Staff reporter, Miscellany News, Political Association - forums & study groups.  
high school - editor of the literary magazine, Forum, and gym leader.

Have you won any honors in school work; if so, name them:

If you attended another school, college or university, why did you leave?

In what ways, if any, has your education been unsatisfactory? I would hate to think that my education at present was complete. There are many fields, I would like to be more familiar within the future - art and history especially. For three years we have (over, please)

What school experience did you enjoy most and find most valuable?

A. Courses.

Child Study laboratories have been invaluable in developing a better (over, please)



## Unsatisfactory elements in my education

discussed theories and ideals; we have talked about what <sup>would make</sup> a better world ~~would be~~. We have almost ignored the methods of putting our ideals into practise.

## Valuable school experiences

+ understanding of children, and in demonstrating the methods in accord with theory. Anthropology was one of the most exciting & broadening courses I have taken. A rather large dose of the natural sciences, while not always enjoyed, was invaluable training in ~~a~~ more precise ~~exact~~ observations and detailed work.

B. Friends - variety - stimulating & fun.

C. The outside lectures have been a constant source of information & stimulation.

+ D. The Cooperative System - Living & working with others in the dormitory has been an interesting experience in democratic living. As head supervisor for the house, I learned a great deal about the organization of such a plan and its implementation.



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PERSONAL INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

What hobbies such as dancing, dramatics, painting, music, writing, arts and crafts, athletics, etc. are you most interested in?

Which do you enjoy as an appreciator, which as a participant? In which are you most proficient?

photography - participant - enjoy particularly "table tops", and also like developing & printing modern dance. Although I haven't had much experience in this field, I have enjoyed watching it very much and the one course given in the Physical Ed. dept. music - appreciation; I've always loved music & have an ever increasing collection of classical records.

For which interests have you had special training? (Indicate type of training)

photography - one course in college  
music - play the violin, one course in college in Music, as a literature.  
athletics - have learned these at camp & taught tennis, archery, & boating there on an unofficial basis. (I was not yet a junior counsellor)

What activities indicate the direction of your interests in current, social and political affairs? (Include reading, discussion groups, work with organizations, etc.)

reading: PM, (see next question) ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
discussion groups: as member in Political Association I have been in forums on minority problems, and others.

What books outside of school requirements have you found most stimulating in the last year? Why? I was particularly interested in minority problems this year, and therefore my reading list is mostly in this field including:

Howard Fast, Freedom Road; Richard Wright, Native Son; Gwendolyn Graham, Earth & High Heaven; Walter Stegner, One Nation. Of these Freedom Road and Earth and High Heaven were most stimulating, the former because <sup>of its information</sup> it's opened up the latter for the problems it presented, even though I feel ~~it was~~ <sup>the</sup> solution was over simplified.



What magazines and newspapers do you read regularly? Why?

PM - I sympathize with this point of view & like Max Lerner's approach. I so, occasionally  
read The Times & The New Yorker - relaxation - stories & Reporter-at-large included.

Have you travelled? If so, where?

1937 England - 10 days - Sweden - 2 weeks, France 6 weeks.

New England.

Have you ever lived away from home?

Yes - 5 summers at camp, 1 working at a camp. 2 weeks in a Swedish camp with sister  
while parents went to Russia & Finland.

Which is easier for you to do, write or talk? Why?

This choice depends very much on the subject matter and purpose for which it is  
presented. When trying to make a point or discuss a problem with which (over please)

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

Why did you decide to become a teacher? 1. I like working with children, find it always  
refreshing and usually satisfying. 2. Teaching seems to me to be a vital experience.  
I have always enjoyed helping other people learn, I don't see how it could  
ever be dull or routine. The place of the teacher in a democracy is a (over please)

What work other than teaching have you seriously considered entering? Name any other careers which interest you now.

1. Pediatrics

\* 2. Social Work - child guidance

\* 3. School Psychologist - Experimental Child Study

What led you to select the Cooperative School? For a long while I planned on  
getting a job immediately after college, however as graduation approaches (over)

From what source did you first learn of the Cooperative School? a school vocational

from a trip directed by the dean of Scarsdale High School to nursery schools  
in New York City. for vocational guidance.

\* Still interested in these.



## Talking vs. writing

I am familiar, I prefer to talk about it, as this method seems most direct and convincing. Public speaking with a purpose has never bothered me, although I always disliked dramatics.

I think, however, that it is easier for me to write about more general topics, and certainly I prefer writing for creative efforts, as the  
In other words in situations where human relationships are concerned talking seems easier for me, while for more individual & impersonal effort, writing is more appropriate.

## Why I want to be a teacher

Challenging one and one to which I should like to contribute.

## Choosing Cooperative School:

I feel that I am not adequately prepared to teach. When Dr. Biber spoke to us about Bank Street, it seemed to me to be the best solution, since it offered both the practical <sup>experience</sup> and the theory. I have had little experience with the creative materials in particular & think that one has to have the feel of these if she is to understand the use children make of them. I still  
more experience before teaching on my own.



EXPERIENCE WITH CHILDREN

A. GROUP TEACHING: (Note whether paid or volunteer)

<u>Where</u>	<u>How Long</u>	<u>Age of Children</u>	<u>Salary</u>
<u>Vassar Nursery School</u>	<u>180 hrs.</u>	<u>2 1/2 - 3</u>	<u>college course</u>
<u>Peapackeerie Day School</u>	<u>about 120 hrs</u>	<u>4-5 yr. olds, + 8 &amp; 9 yr. olds</u>	<u>college courses</u>
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B. OTHER WORK WITH CHILDREN: Camp Counsellor, Tutor, Social Worker, etc. (Note whether paid or volunteer)

<u>Some Tutoring 7th-grade math</u>	<u>1/2 yr. twice a week</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>nominal</u>
<u>1. Playground assistant. P.S. 33, NYC</u>	<u>1 summer 3 days/week</u>	<u>5-6</u>	<u>Volunteer</u>
<u>2. Camp Counsellor, Felicia, Mountainville, N.Y.</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>6 - 10 (?)</u>	<u>room + board</u>
<u>3. Unit Director, V.W.C.A Day Camp</u>	<u>summer</u>	<u>5-8 (regily 4-9)</u>	<u>paid</u>
<u>White Plains, N.Y.</u>			

In those various responsibilities what were the specific satisfactions and difficulties you encountered? Describe the children's responses to you. What aspect of these different jobs did you like or dislike?

All three of these positions were recreational, that the goal was to have child enjoy himself and relax. Seeing & helping them adjust to this situation was especially satisfying to me. In the last two jobs, many of the children had never been in a child-centered environment; they hardly seemed able to lower plane.

OTHER KIND OF WORK: (Note whether paid or volunteer)

<u>Where</u>	<u>Nature of Work</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<u>White Plains Hospital</u>	<u>Nurses' Assistant - paid - (This</u>	<u>summer 1944-</u>
<u>White Plains, NY</u>	<u>work was identical with Nurses' aide work, but was regular and paid)</u>	
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What did you particularly like or dislike about these jobs?

I met many interesting people and learned much more about "human nature." Although the job was hard and in itself unstimulating, it was most valuable an experience in unskilled work. From the human relations angle, it has been unequalled.



EXPERIENCES WITH CHILDREN

to make use of it at first. The most gratifying part for me was to help them find themselves. In all of these cases, I have been more

interested in the individual child & his adjustment to the group, rather than the group as a whole. However in the 3rd position, as leader of a large group I found that the ~~two~~ individual & the group were not necessarily in conflict. The reconciliation of the two was an exciting process.

I particularly enjoyed (3) as here I had charge of the group and planned the activities.

It is difficult to describe the response of children to me. At this stage. I have found that I am more successful with middle age children than the younger ones. Perhaps this is because I am not the "cuddly" type. In any case I have found the more equal relationship with older children more satisfying. My heart goes out to those having trouble. In general they regard me as a friendly teacher who is there when needed, but doesn't interfere too much.

OTHER KIND OF WORK: (Note whether paid or volunteer)

Date

Nature of Work

Hours

What did you particularly like or dislike about these jobs?



HEALTH: What is your physical condition at the present time? Very Good

Describe in detail any severe illnesses or accidents you have had at any time, indicating dates, length of recuperation, after effects, etc.

a few childhood diseases

no serious illnesses or accidents

What are your physical handicaps or weaknesses at the present time? (Acute or chronic conditions, sensory or motor limitations, tendencies to colds, infections, periodic headaches, insomnia, excessive fatigue, etc.)

none

Approximate date of most recent physical examination December, 1945

Name and address of physician from whom we may secure your medical report

Dr. <sup>Moses</sup> Buchman, Fox Meadow Road, Scarsdale, NY

FINANCIAL STATUS

How will you finance your tuition and living expenses during your year at the Cooperative School? (Please answer in detail indicating both the source and amount of your resources for the year.)

I will be living at home. Tuition will be financed jointly from my savings and by my parents. My uncle usually sends me \$20 a month. This may not continue. In any case, my financial status is adequate.

What plan for payment of tuition do you prefer?

Full payment October 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Half payment October, half February   
Special arrangement according to following plan: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you need to make application for student loan assistance? No Indicate Amt. \_\_\_\_\_

(If loan assistance is essential please request special blank)

How much cash for living expenses (not including tuition) will you have at the beginning of the year? - Parents will take care of living expenses. I will have about \$200 for other expenses in the bank after tuition is paid.