

SUCCESSFUL PARENTHOOD

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A small child's religious education is a day by day absorption of his parents' reverence for the good and the beautiful in life. Prayers and going to Sunday school and listening to Bible stories are, of course, a part of this. But the deepest influence in these years before your child can grasp the idea of God, is your own belief in a loving creator. This is reflected in your everyday hopefulness and kindness, in your spirit of fellowship with all the people your child encounters, in your protective attitude toward animals and all growing things. Given this sense of reverence, which is a combination of wonder and gratitude, your child will be ready to believe when he is older. What he believes isn't the beginning step—first he must acquire a capacity for belief. The next step—guiding a child's faith into what you yourself believe, which is your privilege and your duty, even later he chooses a different form of worship—is best accomplished in the beginning through story.

art and music. Bowing the head, or making a cross, or covering the head can be taught as manners are taught—but they have less meaning for a child than that Mary loved her baby dearly, or that David, with God's help, could face up to a giant. The blaring of Christmas carols from street corners has almost destroyed this special form of family worship. But try to hold on to it, at least for the youngest children whom you can to a degree protect from street music and too much radio. And reading from the psalms, or the story of the Nativity as Luke so beautifully recorded it, brings joy even to the three-year-old. We don't have to know why these words gladden childish hearts—just let them work their spell of mystery and miracle. For that is what the Christmas observance is designed to pre-serve; that is the meaning of the catch in the throat which even the most blasé moderns experience—that the mystery of our existence may, after all, despite threats of atomic warfare, be a vast, scarcely tapped reservoir of love, of which the Christ and other great religious prophets gave man a glimpse. As a Christmas message, I should like to quote from an editorial written by the Reverend Howard Thurman, minister of the San Francisco church for the fellowship of All Peoples. It is called, "I Will Light Three Candles"—the candles of joy, of fellowship and of hope. We quote from the first, for little children respond to joy by their very nature: "Joy may not result from a single fact or a particular series of events but, rather, it is often a climate within which the experiences of life find their setting. There is much in the lives of those around us, there is much in our own lives, and there is much in the terrible facts of our world which threatens the joyful mood, the singing spirit. This I do not deny. But I still believe that wherever there is life, there is the raw material of joy. So even as I look unhappy details squarely in the face, I shall light the candle of joy in my heart this Christmas, a candle that must burn all the year long."

APPALACHIAN HI SCHOOL NEWS

Draftsman's Club The Draftsman's Club has taken as their project for the beautification of Mr. Tripp's homeroom. Various figures and geometric designs will be painted on the open spaces of the walls and ceiling. These figures will be used for the teaching of mathematics. A special Christmas design has been painted around the mirror representing a large Christmas candle. The design was so constructed that it can be connected to a valentine picture and a scroll design to represent a diploma for use later in the year. The members of the club, led by Roy Wood, Lambert Wood, and Gordon Hartzog are enjoying their experiences in the club and the club ideas and plans are being carried forward very well by the entire membership.

Mock Convention December 13, Mr. Hollis's first period social studies class held a mock Republican National Convention for 1952. Corinna Shull was temporary chairman of the meeting. The keynote speakers were as follows: Barbara Farthing for Harold Stassen, Joan Brookshire for Douglas MacArthur, Betty Jean Edmisten for Robert Taft, Helen Hardin for Earl Warren, Sarah Pitts for Earl Warren, and Earline Jackson for Arthur H. Vandenburg. The roll call by states kept everyone in suspense. Harold Stassen won on the second ballot.

Assembly Assembly program for Wednesday morning, Dec. 21, begins at 11:00 a. m. The program will consist of a one act play, "A Song Is Born". This is the story of "Silent Night" in three scenes. It concerns the story of Rev. Mohr and Franz Gruber who wrote the song "Silent Night."

Basketball Boys basketball team won its third game in row by beating Mountain City High 40-36. Halstead's boys led all the way and managed to survive Mountain City's last quarter rally. Bill

Blackburn led the Boone boys with 11 points. Appalachian High took their 4th victory in a row last Friday night by defeating Wilkesboro by a score of 33-29.

FIREWORKS KILL SERGEANT

Turnell, Ark. — Maurice E. Mims, of Clanton, Ala., a 26 year-old army sergeant, trapped in a small service station, was killed when stacks of Christmas fireworks ignited and filled the room with flaming explosions. Two other men escaped injury by plunging through a glass door. The fireworks were set off when a penny package of lighted firecrackers was tossed on the floor. They started exploding and hit a big stack of fireworks. Mims was trapped behind the exploding fireworks and could not escape.

Protestant conference holds struggle with Reds is basic.

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WHEAT PLANTINGS Many farmers are cooperating with the Government in cutting down their wheat plantings for fear the bottom may drop out of the market next summer, according to the Agriculture Department. In an effort to avoid a wheat surplus, the Government has ordered farmers to reduce 1950 plantings 10 per cent or do without price supports next year. Those who overplant their allotments will have to sell their wheat on the market for whatever price it will bring.

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