

SCHOOL AND YOUR CHILD

Dr. Spencer Says World Needs Music

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Many parents once poor but now well-off shower children with opportunities to learn music that they didn't have themselves while growing up in less prosperous times.

One father who can't whistle "Yankee Doodle Dandy" has his son taking piano, ballet, choir, and trumpet lessons. The boy enjoys all these activities but has made little progress. He evidently possesses little ability in music. Is he wasting his time and his father's money?

Whether Junior or Jane has great or little music talent makes little difference, said Aristotle before 300 B.C. "It is necessary that we teach it to our children . . . since music has so much to do with the molding of character."

It's not a question of having or not having music ability. Dr. William G. Spencer, chairman of the Appalachian State Teachers College music department, tells me. Everyone has some. As in all skills and talents, some have more, some less.

The veteran music educator went on to say: "Parents owe their children help in developing their talents. The best way is to expose them to training. Find out what they can do. Give them trial lessons. Observe their progress."

When should Junior start music lessons? It depends on his readiness, says Appalachian's Dr. Spencer. Actually, the boy's music training begins in infancy, when mother rocks and sings him to sleep. During his early years, much can be learned about his potential music ability through observing his reactions.

Does he try to sing with mother? Does he clap his hands, sway, dance, and move to the rhythm of music? It's good for parents to make music with Junior as he grows older.

And why not provide toy musical instruments such as a tin flute or banjo? Also, a record player with a

variety of records should be handy for both family listening and for the youngster's individual use.

Many small children possess a wonderful sense of rhythm and a natural feel for musical form and style which can be observed when they "dance" to music, Dr. Spencer says. He laments that the wonderful, uninhibited movements stop when the child becomes aware of how he appears to others.

If Junior has enjoyed, during his early years, a background of experimentation with musical instruments, dancing, and singing, he'll likely ask at some time near his first school year to "take lessons."

This usually indicates that he is ready to begin formal music training.

Of course, an important readiness factor to consider is physical and mental maturation. The child must be large enough to handle an instrument. His hands must have developed enough strength to manipulate piano keys or press violin strings.

Equally important is good coordination, especially manual dexterity with the fingers. If a child shows an interest and a talent for music, by all means encourage him. The world needs more music. It is a pity to let potential talent die for lack of encouragement.

HIDES 17 YEARS
Lille, France—Jacques Vasseur, 42, has been hiding in the attic of his mother's modest home since the end of World War II to evade trial on charges of collaboration with the German Nazis. He had been condemned to death in absentia.

Every time the doorbell rang he would run and hide in the attic, but one day he was too slow and he was seen and arrested.

HUMMINGBIRDS
—Brazilians call hummingbirds "flower kissers." Some 80 known species of the tiny birds live in Brazil.



DEDICATION.—Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Harris, Sr. Mr. Hayes is president of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association. Mrs. Hayes is very interested in Grandfather Home and has been instrumental in helping

Cottage Dedicated At Grandfather Home

The new Harris Cottage, Grandfather Home for Children, was dedicated Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p. m. as Robert G. Hayes, President of Edgar Tufts Memorial Association presided over the dedication. An overflow crowd in the recreation room of the cottage watched as Allen Harris, Jr. opened the ceremony by presenting a large gold key to Mr. Hayes. Dr. Ferguson Wood, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn. and acting Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association gave the dedicatory address.

Following Dr. Wood's address, Mr. Hayes presented Miss Anne Bryan, Vice-President and Superintendent of Grandfather Home. After Miss Bryan's address, musical selections were presented by Miss Linda James, student at Lees-McRae College, who sang "Bless This House" and several of the small children of the home who sang "Jesus Loves Me."

The Rev. Elmer M. Boykin, Rector, St. John's Episcopal Church of Johnson City, Tenn., administered the blessing of the Lester Potter Harris, II Cottage. The benediction was given by the Rev. Harrison Taylor, Professor of Bible at Lees-McRae College.

Following the dedication, refreshments were served and piano music was provided by Miss Georgette Gettle, instructor of music at Lees-McRae College.

her husband in promoting the welfare and progress of this mountain orphanage. The Harris cottage was made possible through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Harris, Sr., in memory of their son, Lester Potter Harris, II, whose portrait is in the background of this photograph.

styled and beautifully furnished structure, was given to Grandfather Home by Mr. and Mrs. Allen Harris, Sr. in memory of their son Lester Potter Harris, II. It will accommodate twelve children and house parents.

The cottage, a modernly

FHA Authorized To Make Loans To Aid Owners Of Timber Land

Realizing that the majority of the timberland in this country is owned by farmers in small tracts and that this timber land is returning a very small percent of the farmers' income, the Secretary of Agriculture has authorized Farmers Home Administration to include loans for forestry purposes in their regular lending programs. Applicants for these loans must meet the eligibility requirements for the particular type of loan to be made.

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Loans under this program may be made for clearing and preparing land for forestry planting, buying and planting seedlings, insect, disease and pest control, fire protection, purchasing land for forestry purposes, refinancing debts against the forest land, and the purchase of needed equipment. The production of Christmas trees is considered forestry production.

These loans are made only to persons depending on the farm for a substantial portion of their income.

Interest rates on loans for forestry purposes are 3 percent

and payments may be deferred for periods up to 15 years if necessary.

Loans will be scheduled for payment within the shortest period consistent with the ability of the borrower to pay from any source of income. Loans secured by real estate cannot be scheduled for repayment in excess of 40 years and loans secured by chattels cannot be secured for payment in excess of the life of the security property.

The Agricultural Conservation program provides cost sharing assistance in planting of forestry seedlings and in making certain improvements to existing stands of timber. Each applicant is encouraged to take full advantage of the cost sharing assistance available to him through the ASC.

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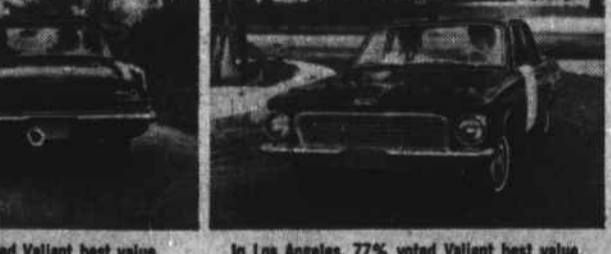
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Exterior styling	24	76	48	52	39	61	41	59	38	62
Quality of workmanship	38	62	40	60	36	64	44	56	40	60
Acceleration	17	83	48	52	21	79	25	75	28	72
Passing power	17	83	45	55	21	79	24	76	27	73
Roominess	35	65	56	44	30	70	44	56	41	59
Steering	26	74	31	69	37	63	29	71	31	69
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