

Best Selling Teacher-Author Hopes Book Will Teach About Education

Four sex, teenagers, their parents and members of a small town school board into a pot and something will boil over.

"This," says New York City teacher and novelist Charles Calitri, "is what I wanted to happen when I wrote 'Strike Heaven on the Face.'"

He feels brewing a strong position is a way to stir people enough to face up to the problems their teenagers have and to help them. Calitri says this is the purpose of his new novel.

Thousands of persons have been stirred enough to buy the book, perhaps because the catalyst Calitri uses in his novel is the discovery of a high school sex club in a small American town.

Calitri denies he used the sex club situation merely to insure book sales.

"I've been accused of cashing in on a hot subjects," he said,

principal and a sister is married to a principal.

And to round out the aura of pedagogy in his home, his wife Elaine also teaches.

"I'm not alive unless I'm in front of a class full of pupils," was his retort to the question would his success mean leaving the profession.

But, he does take sharp whacks at educational problems. And in the novel he stresses the smothering effect a security-minded society can have on a teacher.

What, he asks, should be the relationship of the teacher, pupil and community? How much, in the final analysis, does a teacher owe to his young charges?

When it comes to helping pupils, Calitri would like to see more parents listen to teachers rather than fighting them at PTA meetings.

A stickler for a form of discipline based on respect, Calitri allows his pupils in the Puerto Rican-Italian sector of East Harlem to call him "Charlie."

But when one of them steps out of line, he says, "You better call me 'Mr.' until you learn some respect."

Hand in hand with this is his

GARDEN TIME

It is always interesting to try something new. Here are some of the new vegetables you should know about for 1959:

Nemagreen Lime Bean—This new variety is resistant to nematodes. In type, it resembles Clark's Bush or Early Thorogreen.

Thaxter—a downy-mildew resistant baby lima variety.

Long Imperator II Carrot—a selection from Imperator with long, smooth, well-colored roots.

Deep Gold Sweet Corn—developed primarily for commercial processing, but good for home use and roadside stand sales.

Nappa 61 Cucumber—a mosaic-resistant national pickling type, but is not scab resistant. Nappa 63 is also a national type which was developed for scab resistance.

Edisto Cantaloupe—This variety is best adapted for local use and trucker's market. It has good flesh texture and flavor and is tolerant to both downy and powdery mildew.

Dixie Market Spinach—a savory leafed-type resistant to mosaic and downy mildew. It is reported to be more productive than the standard Bloomsdale types.

Cozella Squash—this variety produces a heavy early yield of attractive fruits. The fruits have

better color and are straighter than Long Cocorelle which it resembles; packs well for both shipping and display on grocery shelves.

Hope Diamond Watermelon—a fusarium wilt- and anthracnose-resistant variety of the Black Diamond and Florid Giant type. The fruits average slightly smaller than Black Diamond but have brighter red flesh and are sweeter; reported to be free from white and hollow heart.

And here are some few roses:

Kordes Perfecta—an ivory and cerise hybrid tea.

Allgold—a golden floribunda.

Pink Peace—similar to Peace except for color.

Tapestry—another hybrid tea with variegated petals.

Torch Song—a smoky-flame color.

White Queen—a good white which last well.

Oregon Centennial—a fragrant velvety crimson variety.

New Floribundas—**Pink Chiffon**—Heat Wave—a Chinese red.

Ruby Lips—a deep red long flowering variety.

Green Fire—a brilliant yellow.

Bellini—a peach pink.

Red Wings—a clear red.

Ivory Fashion—soft ivory flowers produced on long stems.

Briefing Session Planned By Small Business Assoc.

A briefing session for the Eastern regional financial and business community on profit possibilities through the establishment of small business investment companies will be held January 30 in the Federal Reserve Auditorium, 925 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

At the Philadelphia regional meeting announced recently.

One of three major regional meetings to be held in January to explain the ramifications of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, the Philadelphia meeting will be held under the auspices of the Philadelphia chapter of The Federal Bar Association.

Others will be held in Los Angeles, January 16 and Kansas City on January 19.

At Philadelphia regional meeting, Wendell B. Barnes, Administrator of the Small Business Administration, will head a group of SBA financial and legal specialists who will give detailed talks on the establishment of small business investment companies under the new Act; how they can be organized; their functions and methods of financing them; tax benefits available under new tax laws; and development company loans permitted under the Act.

Representatives of the Securities and Exchange Commission will outline SEC regulations and exemptions applicable to the investment companies formed under the Act.

William H. Harman, director of the Small Business Administration's Philadelphia regional office, will introduce the SBA officials, including Duncan H. Read, deputy administrator for the new Small Business Investment Division of the SBA. Mr. Read, recently appointed to the post, is a former partner of Dillon, Read & Co., New York investment banking firm.

The Philadelphia meeting and those in Los Angeles and Kansas City were organized to offer detailed information about the Small Business Investment Act to representatives of the business and financial communities in the three areas.

The Philadelphia chapter of the Federal Bar Association is pre-

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theory on disciplining youths.

"Anything that works goes," is his advice. But then, he softens this by saying that beating fear into a youngster may control him, but it doesn't help him.

As for the present reaction of parents to their teenagers, he says, "we are scaring hell out of our ourselves. We are afraid to play it by ear anymore. Often, we feel if we correct a youth we will make his psychotic."

But, and he returns to his aim in the novel, he would like to see this fear wiped out.

"Parents," he continues, "must allow their personalities to come through when dealing with their children. Otherwise, the youths draw a blank from them.

"Also, a teacher must be himself and must show honesty, in and out of the classroom."

And even more important, he would like to see someone, somewhere "give teenagers a code of morality they can live by... not just taboos."



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