

TOT TALK

We never cease to marvel at the way a small child takes things literally. Recently a new pupil came into a New Bern Sunday school class, and the teacher asked him, "Will you be here all the time."

"No Ma'am," he replied quite seriously. "Just on Sundays."

And one of our favorite stories concerns the fourth grader who was sent from the room at public school, because he was disrupting the class. Since the moppet was always frank and honest, he told his mother about the incident when he arrived home that afternoon.

"The teacher called me a scurvy elephant," he confessed. His mother was puzzled, and pondered over the words for hours. Finally it dawned on her that what the teacher really said was her little darling was "a disturbing element."

The story has remained with us because those are the exact words that the superintendent of the New Bern City Schools used when he happened to meet us in the hall the week we were graduating many years ago, and commented on our departure from the institution after a career of mischievous behavior.

Not only did we start off on the wrong foot in the very first grade, but also on the wrong hand. It seems unbelievable in today's more enlightened era, but in those days a strenuous effort was made to change left handers into right handers. Even as a southpaw, we had great difficulty writing legibly,

and all attempts at writing with our right hand were hopeless. Thank goodness, the teacher finally gave up in disgust.

No one knows better than an honest to goodness left hander that you're born left, right or ambidextrous. One child in twenty two is a southpaw. That may make him an oddity, as far as the law of averages is concerned, but it doesn't necessarily make him an incompetent screwball.

Admittedly, some southpaws are strange characters — including us — but don't forget that this mixed-up world is dominated by right handers.

MIRROR MORSELS

Harsh counsels have no effect: they are like hammers which are always repulsed by the anvil—Hervetus

You are never so near to victory as when defeated in a good cause.—Henry Ward Beecher

I shall not let a sorrow die until I find the heart of it, nor let a wordless joy go by until it talks to me a bit.—Sara Teasdale

Conventionality is not morality.—Charlotte Bronte

A gentle word, a kind look, a good-natured smile can work wonders and accomplish miracles.—William Hazlitt

Peace begins just where ambition ends.—Edward Young

Our duty is to be useful, not according to our desires but according to our powers.—Frederic Amiel

Insecticide Use Is Causing Some Hurt

By **BOBBY R. EASON**
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In order to receive the desired results from any insecticide, it must be applied properly at the recommended concentration. Some farmers have experienced cotton leaf damage due to improper application. This will result from either using too much insecticide or from uneven application due to faulty equipment.

- Be sure that:
1. Your equipment is in proper working order.
 2. You calibrate equipment to deliver approximately six gallons of water per acre of 15 pounds of dust per acre.
 3. You use only the recommended concentration of insecticide.
 4. Apply at the recommended intervals.
 5. Respect the insecticide you are using. It can be dangerous if not used in accordance with instructions.

ETIQUETTE

By **ROBERTA LEE**

Q. Is a man obligated to give up his seat in a bus to some woman he knows?

A. While men no longer give up their seats in public conveyances indiscriminately to women, it still is considered the polite and well-bred thing for them to extend this courtesy to women they know well.

Q. What is really the correct position in which a person should hold his head at the table?

A. The head should be held in an erect position, without appearing stiff. The body can lean forward slightly, but the head should never be bent at a right angle.

Q. If a widow is to be remarried, and she has always worn her first wedding ring, would it be proper for her to wear both wedding rings?

A. Certainly not.

Q. When are bread and rolls served at dinner?

A. As soon as the soup is served, the rolls or bread are passed. Most popular container nowadays is a shallow wicker basket that has a fringed napkin laid in it, and several sorts of bread displayed.

Q. When a woman has been introduced to you as "Alice Young," how do you know whether to address her as "Mrs. Young" or as "Miss Young"?

A. The only thing to do in this case is to ask her, unless there is someone else nearby whom you can ask.

Q. When a girl's widowed mother has remarried, in whose name should the girl's engagement be announced?

A. Her stepfather and mother's name should be used. "Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Gibson announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Dorothy Elizabeth Marshall, etc."

Q. When there is a guest of honor at a house party, isn't it the duty of the hostess to see that

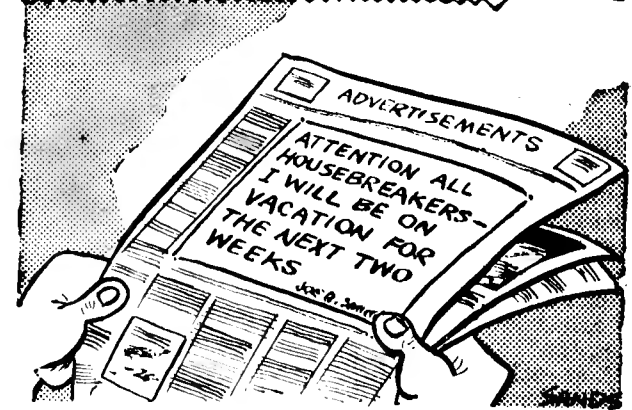
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all her guests are formally introduced to this person?

A. She would certainly be a very negligent hostess if she failed to do this.

Q. Is it ever permissible to write a social letter with a lead pencil?

A. This should be avoided.

Q. are there any kinds of food that one may convey to the mouth with the knife when eating?

A. Most certainly not! The knife is used only for cutting anything that the fork will not cut.

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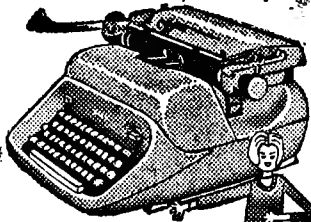
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