

Looking Glass-

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Miss Lizzie Hancock, in the second grade, preferred a keen switch, while Miss Ruth Berry was partial to the ruler.

On one occasion, when classroom fisticuffs cropped up, Miss Lizzie sent the two of us out to select switches for each other. The switch selected by our adversary was of reasonable size, but burning with vengeance the writer managed to locate a much bigger one with knots on it.

Surveying the two switches, when we returned to the room, Miss Lizzie taught the future editor of The Mirror a painful lesson in poetic justice. Instead of using the knotty, over-size switch on the intended victim, she proceeded to tan us with it.

Miss Ruth--who deserved to be as beloved as she is--got results with a minimum of effort. She would bend your hand back, when you had misbehaved badly, and smack it with a ruler. You got the message in a hurry.

What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love, and good deeds.--Mary Baker Eddy



SET DESIGNER . . . An art department assistant holds a cut-out portrait of Mario Chiari before some of the paintings of sets he has designed and built for the film production, "The Bible," which is based on the Book of Genesis.

many beautiful girls but in the past three years only seven had entered the contest.

The contest will be held as scheduled but dogs of both sexes will be judged and they will receive the same sort of cup the queens received.

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**TOT
TALK**

So far as we know this actually happened. As we heard it, a little girl knocked on a neighborhood door on Halloween. When the door was opened, she stood there in a fetching costume, but wearing no mask.

As the tot opened her bag to put the usual treat in it, the neighbor noticed that her "face" lay at the bottom of the sack. "Why don't you wear your mask?" she was asked.

A tiny voice whispered, "I'm scared of it."

Here's another cute one borrowed from the Mount Olive Tribune. "I don't want to scare you," the third grader told his teacher, "But my daddy says if I don't get better grades somebody is gonna get spanked."

And, from the same source, we pass along the story of the college senior, dressed in cap and gown, who handed his diploma to his father with this remark:

"Well, I finished law school to please you and mom. Now I'm going to become a motorcycle cop like I've been saying since I was six."

There's food for serious thought in this yarn. New Bern parents can be forgiven if they have a strong urge to select the profession that their offspring will follow, but pressuring a young man or woman into an undesired calling is less than wise.

Admittedly, the advice you offer may be sound, and your youngster might live to regret not following it. On the other hand, if he does follow it, and ends up a square plug in a round hole, you'll be blamed for the resulting frustration henceforth and forever more.

It's a sad fact that many of us spend hours of vain regret, wishing that we had gone into another line of endeavor. Perhaps it would have been a mistake, but in our heart we'll always believe otherwise.

Your son or daughter is like that too. A hands off attitude may be distasteful to you, but it's probably the best policy.

BEAUTY QUEENS AND DOGS
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