

SCHOOL AND YOUR CHILD

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How Is Junior Doing In School?

Long before the first six weeks end, an alert parent can tell how Junior is doing in school. But it may take a bit of sleuthing.

Sometimes you can tell by the tests and written work he doesn't bring home. Or he'll say to a friend, "I don't see why that nasty old teacher has to be so mad just because I lost my spelling list." Often you can even tell by talking with Junior.

If you're eager to help, and you should be, ask for a conference with the teacher. That's the advice of Dr. Stanley Elam, editor of Phi Delta Kappan, a nationally leading education magazine.

Too often the damage has already been done if the parent waits to be stunned by some "F's" at term end. A face-to-face talk should give you a realistic picture of what's going on and how you can help, says Dr. Elam.

A talk with the teacher also insures that you understand the school's reporting system. In the last decade or so many schools have tried new ways of reporting progress. Some of them are a far cry from the 70-is-passing days of older parents. Usually they mean a lot more than the traditional number or letter systems, particularly if they involve teacher-parent conferences, Elam points out.

The education editor singles out Appleton, Wisconsin, as a community which not only overhauled its reporting system but actually did away with grade 1 schools from first through sixth grades.

This city of 50,000 supports a "Continuous Progress Plan" to relieve the "pass or fail" pressures of September to June. And standardized achievement tests show that most Appleton children actually outdo their predecessors, who moved up grade by grade.

Appleton elementary school assign each child a four-page "skill card" on which his program is charted. Skills in arithmetic, spelling and reading for example are listed but no target date set for their accom-

plishment. The teacher makes entries when the skill is introduced and when mastered. Every pupil thus advances at his own rate. At each term's beginning, the new teacher simply picks up where her predecessor left off.

Reporting is in the form of "profile". The parents can see how their youngster stands in relation to national averages and also to his own group. The profile shows standings in reading vocabulary, reading comprehension, arithmetic fundamentals and mechanics of English and spelling. Mom and Dad can see whether Junior is working arithmetic problems, for example, at a level higher or lower than the average child of his age and just how much higher or lower. Thus the advantages of competition are not lost.

Parents also receive information which tells whether Junior has the ability to work faster than he is. This is important for motivation and guidance.

When intermediate school ends, Appleton parents, teachers and students hold final conferences. The youngsters get a realistic look at their assets and liabilities as they prepare to enter junior high school.

Surveys show that Appleton parents don't want to return to the traditional graded school and fixed-standard report cards.

Old style report cards assume that all children are alike and are striving for the same goals. But do you, as an adult, compare the work of an assembly line operation in a factory with, say, the work of a doctor? asks Dr. Elam. It's sometimes as absurd to compare the work of two youngsters who will play different parts in life, Elam states.

Parents can learn more about the Appleton plan and other significant experiments from a popularly-written book, Schools of Tomorrow—Today, Arthur D. Morse, Doubleday, \$1.50.

(Editor's note: Readers having questions concerning education are invited to send inquiries to School And Your Child, Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N. C.)

One-Woman Broiler House Now Profit-Making Business

Forty thousand broilers a year with the automatic waterer already in the house. Can one man take care of that many?

One woman is, and she's making good money at it, in the little Duplin County community of Charity.

For three years, Mrs. Alex Brown has been producing 8,000 birds every ten weeks. Her net profit ranges from \$500 to \$600.

If you wanted to see Mrs. Brown those first two years, you went to the 40 by 200-foot chicken house instead of her comfortable brick home. Likely, you'd find her struggling with a wheelbarrow full of feed.

"I used to 'live' in the chicken house," she recalled. "But it got so I just couldn't handle 1,600 pounds of feed a day with a wheelbarrow."

Last winter husband Alex decided Sarah needed some help. He couldn't do much, since he was working full-time, so he got her an automatic feeder to go

Something keeps her birds mighty healthy. Her loss rate has been about one quarter of one per cent.

Another indication of the efficiency that's making money for the Browns is her feed conversion rate: 2.331 pounds of feed for each pound of gain on her most recent batch of 8,000. That's mighty close to the lowest rate.

Of course, Mrs. Brown has some trouble with disease—a little coccidiosis (swollen joints), some bronchitis (colds); but "it's

Graduates



Marine Pfc. Franklin A. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Johnson of Shady Oaks Trail Park, Burton, S. C., graduated from the Second Marine Division's Non-Commissioned Officers Leadership School at Camp Lejeune, N. C., October 28.

During the four-week course, he learned to respond to combat emergencies and how to lead a squad, platoon, or company.

Before entering the service in May, 1959, he graduated from John A. Holmes High School in Edenton.

not enough to grumble about." And they've had little trouble with cannibalism.

"The thing that makes us mad is when we get a batch with about half of them three-legged or with bills turned the wrong way," said Brown.

The Browns have about \$6,000 invested in their chicken house. They feel that it's money well spent.

"Look at their handsome sons and their big new car. They prove that this family is doing well, with a poultry operation that would be considered sideline," said James Harris, assistant Negro agent in the county.

Play not for gain, but sport. Who plays for more than he can lose with pleasure stakes his heart.

—George Herbert.

WISDOM of the Ages



Damon B. McCollum, a graduate from the Second Marine Division's Non-Commissioned Officers Leadership School.

"Friendship is more than a word. It is more than a condition of mind. Friendships becomes real when it becomes an act."

Service, too, is more than a word or a promise. It is a helpful action rendered in the spirit of sympathetic understanding.

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