

# SCHOOL AND YOUR CHILD

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## Children Are Taught To Spell Words That They'll Use

Research reveals that 500 words with their repetitions comprise nearly 84 per cent of the total used in ordinary correspondence.

This finding explains why modern schools teach fewer words than were taught years ago but teach them more thoroughly, reports Dr. Ernest Horn of the State University of Iowa, a national expert on teaching spelling.

No longer do teachers throw the entire dictionary at pupils, says Dr. Horn. He thumbed through Webster's 1803 THE AMERICAN BOOK and found lessons calling for primary kiddies to spell such words as chub, lappet, asp. Later lesson required punctilio, ichthyology, amaranth, armerigos. Even adults seldom use such words, much less youngsters.

Today, children are taught word of current and future usefulness. Chosen on the basis of scientific evidence, the words are those written most often both in and out of school.

Dr. Horn offers some typical ones for each grade:

Grade 2: letter, school, good, why, dinner, big.

Grade 3: third, name, winter, rain, visit, friend.

Grade 4: radio, north, sorry, received, surprise, minute.

Grade 5: picnic, truck, paid, telephone, busy.

Grade 6: success, terrible, important, excitement, necessary.

Students learn to spell many words outside the spelling class, Dr. Horn points out, through their reading and through written composition. One should not depend, however, on such incidental learning. Special periods should be devoted to learning to spell. A test given before study in these periods shows each child which words he has not learned through his reading and writing.

Beyond grade eight spelling isn't usually taught as a separate subject. But good teachers continually emphasize frequently misspelled words, even through college. Examples are believe, definitely, government, its, lose, their, judgment, disappointed.

In fact, Dr. Cratis Williams, graduate studies dean and veteran spelling teacher at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N. C., reveals that one-third of college freshmen frequently misspell these simple words, losing, writing, dropped.

Two hundred of each 600 fresh put two o's in losing, two t's in writing, but delete one p from dropped.

Children who are taught phonics spell somewhat better than those who are not, states Dr. Horn. Phonics in relation to spelling may be defined simply as the teaching of the principal ways in which sounds are spelled.

Pronouncing a word may help a student to spell it correctly, but it may also lead to misspelling. In fact, the most frequent errors in common words are caused by spelling the sounds in ways that correctly spell the same sounds in other words. For example, busy may be spelled bizzzy.

While an aid, phonics is not enough, says the Iowa professor. Certain sounds are spelled in a great variety of ways. For example, one can spell the long e sound in 14 ways. The sound of sh as in shop can be spelled

17 ways—more often with ti than with sh.

Since the English language is far from being strictly phonetic, the pupil must, unfortunately, learn by more complex methods, states ASTC's Dr. Williams. He must pay attention to how the word "listens," "looks," "speaks," and "feels." And especially how it looks, emphasizes Dr. Williams.

(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.)

## French Students At Chowan To Present Program For PTA

La Societe du Cygne Bleu (The Society of the Blue Swan) is a very active organization on the Chowan High School campus. It is composed of second-year French students, and the main objective of the club is to afford opportunity for French conversation and the study of French culture. The recent study of the fourteenth century chantefable Aucassin et Nicolette prompted Karl Harrell, the club sponsor, to adapt the main episodes of the story for a one-act opera which would utilize the musical talent of club members.

This free adaptation will be performed for the April PTA meeting Monday, April 10, at the Chowan High School auditorium. The entire opera will be sung in French and will feature Miss Becki Harrell as Nicolette, James Copeland as Aucassin, Miss Sandra Baker as the nurse, Miss Nancy Spivey as main troubadour, Bobby Chappell as towncrier, and Bernard Davis as Nicolette's father. Besides original recitatives, the audience will hear arias by Offenbach, Jules Massenet, Rimsky-Korsakov, Camille Saint-Saens, and d'Hardelot. Jackie Boyce will be pianist with Lewis Evans and Hubert Bryum as guitarists.

Aucassin et Nicolette belongs to the 14th century troubadour music and poetry of France. It is a charming tale of knightly romance. Mr. Harrell has reversed the slave motif; Aucassin in the opera is an Indian



IT'S COLD—Unemployed sandblaster R. C. Johnson warms himself over an outdoor fire. Unable to pay his rent in Nashville, Tenn., he moved his wife and four children into a friend's home. He and his 16-year-old son slept outdoors.

slave in the household of Nicolette's father. Nicolette, a medieval princess, has fallen hopelessly in love with the handsome lad. Of course, the noble father objects and has Aucassin sent on a crusade with the hope of his death. Nicolette laments the fact, for she believes that Aucassin is dead and she has no hope. The opera opens at this point and unfolds in the garden of a medieval French villa. For contrast to the sad events a band of troubadours, a group of gypsies and a chorus of sailors and dancers come to cheer the heart of Nicolette. They do not succeed; Nicolette languishes, and even the old nurse cannot alleviate her madness. However, the opera ends happily in that the Towncrier announces three ships in harbor. Aucassin, who turns out to be a prince of India, is aboard one of them. In typical fashion, the father of Nicolette comes on stage to sing his pardon aria, and Nicolette and Aucassin are free to journey together to India. The opera ends with a chorus singing one of the main melodies of the story, a sort of love motif.

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# Make Church - Going a Habit

## Sunday School Lesson

CHRIST, OUR LIVING LORD  
International Sunday School Lesson for April 2, 1961.

Memory Selection: "Jesus said 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.'" (John 20:21).

Lesson Text: John 20 and 21.

In today's lesson we will endeavor to answer the question: How does the Resurrection provide the message and the power for witnessing today?

On this beautiful Easter Sunday, as we gather together in a place of worship to give thanks to God for being alive, for his many bounties, it is only fitting that we should study the story of the Resurrection, and all that it means to us as Christians. Mary, grieving over the death of her beloved Master, visited his tomb "while it was still dark" and, finding his body gone, implored of one whom she thought was a gardener, to show her where his earthly remains lay. This stranger had but to speak her name, and she knew, then, she was facing her Lord. And, at Jesus' behest, she ran

to tell the Disciples their Lord was risen, and urge them to witness in His name. And what a transformation took place among His followers! From a dejected, beaten group of men they became electrified, and witnessed with such power and faith their listeners were amazed. It is well for us, now, to examine the parallel placed before us, in relation to our present-day existence. Like Mary, are we not in darkness? Like the Disciples, do we not sometimes question what happened to Jesus, his ignominious end on the cross—then a symbol of shame? But, like the Disciples, we can be transformed when we realize the fundamental truth, and accept it as they accepted it. They experienced the Living Christ, not the crucified one. This was the heart of their message, the source of their power! Their faith in the Resurrection made the Christian church what it is today.

Like Mary, we will have a mighty message and a power for witnessing in word and life if only we will confront a living rather than a dead Lord. She came seeking the body of her Lord. She came seeking the body of her Lord. She came seeking the body of her Lord. **Continued on Page 7—Section 2**

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Day	Book	Chapter	Verse
Sunday	John	20	1-10
Monday	John	20	11-18
Tuesday	John	4	9-15
Wednesday	1 Corinthians	12	23-28
Thursday	1 Corinthians	25	13-14
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