

## Teaching Machine Controversy Calls For Study But Not Rush

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The teaching machine is one of the latest topics for controversy. Some are saying that the machine is the answer to all our educational shortcomings while others regard it as a potential robot producer.

What is this teaching machine? What is meant by programmed learning?

The teaching machine is not an elaborate electronic device. It is rather simple in construction and can be bought for as little as \$50. The tremendous cost in the use of the machine comes from the cost of the program that is fed into the machine.

This program of learning must be so perfect that the child may proceed at his own rate from one step to the next harder one in the learning of a skill, WITHOUT ERROR. It has been estimated that a single program for "one semester of elementary arithmetic" would amount to about \$50,000. To avoid such tremendous costs, some school systems are having their own teachers develop programs for the machine. In Manhasset, L. I., programmed materials in Grammar are reported to have students in a class complete a year's work in but twelve and a half hours.

People who laud the program claim that the teaching machine has all the advantages of the private tutor. They say that students are able to cover three times the material in this manner. The teacher is freed of having to drill or repeat lessons. The child is actively engaged in doing this on his own. He knows immediately if he has done well and feels the encouragement of continuous success. Thus the science of teaching is taken over by the machine but the art of teaching resides in the teacher.

People who criticize the program say that the student will just become a fact finder rather than an explorer of fact. The fixed response demanded by the machine would tend to rule out the imaginative and the will of the individual to come up with originality of response. The critics grant that perhaps the machine will ultimately do better than teachers at transmitting factual

knowledge, but they are useless for the larger task of educating the whole child.

We all should take an interest in the development of the teaching machine. Let us not, however, jump on a bandwagon provided by enthusiastic salesmen and thump for teaching machines per se. It may well be that the machine can be developed into a tremendous teaching tool. We shall have to await the studied reports of educators and researchers rather than the impassioned panaceas painted by machine salesmen.

## Use Care With Left-Over Seed

Mixing left-over grain seed with grain moving into other channels can be a costly mistake, says Extension Grain Marketing Specialist Everett Nichols.

Most grain intended for planting has been treated with mercury or a mercuric compound, which are poisonous, Nichols explained.

"Therefore," he added, "it is unlawful to market grain containing treated seed at any outlet where grain will eventually be used for food or feed purposes."

"In addition," Nichols continued, "if such grain is fed on the farm it could cause death or injury to poultry or livestock."

Specialists from the grading section of the N. C. Department of Agriculture report an increasing number of cases where treated seed have been found mixed with soybeans, wheat, corn, and other grains sold.

One treated seed in a carload is sufficient for the entire car to be rejected. When this occurs, the grain has to be sold as seed or destroyed.

Nichols suggests that farmers who have left-over seed store them until next year or destroy them. "Do not," he emphasized, "let the left-over seed get mixed with other grain."

Nichols says that grain dealers should examine all grain received to see if any of it has been treated with a poisonous compound. "Grain dealers should also advise farmers to



FFA SWEETHEARTS — The four young ladies above were finalists in the annual FFA Sweetheart Contest of the Loris Chapters of the Future Farmers of America Tuesday night of last week, the winners at the center and the runners up at the outside. Left to right above are Martha Floyd, Faye King, Beverly Roberts and Laurel Williamson. No sweetheart nor beauty queen but a prince of a fella is Ken Lovell, shown between Miss Roberts and Miss Williamson, who served as master of ceremonies. All four of the young ladies qualified as entrants in the sweetheart contest of the Horry County heart contest of the Horry County FFA Federation.

## Public Is Invited To Performance Of Handel's 'The Messiah' Dec. 10

The public has been invited to attend the combined performance of the Florence Symphony Orchestra and a local mixed chorus in the Christmas presentation of Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah," to be held at 8:30 on Sunday afternoon, December 10th, in the gymnasium of McLenaghan High School.

This performance is being made possible by the Aiken Foundation, J. Boone Aiken, Sr., President.

Soloists for the performance will be M. S. Aiken, Jr., soprano; Florence, N. C. soprano; Betty Long (alto); Davison; Tom Owen (tenor); Head of the Voice Department of Erskine College; and William Schrader (bass); Charleston. The chorus will consist of members of church choirs and other interested persons from Florence, Timmonsville, Darlington, Marion and Manning. Chorus to be performed by the group include the following: And the Glory of the Lord; In that Day; Tell of His Good Things to Zion; For Unto Us a Child is Born; Give to God; Let Us Praise Him; O Ye Gates; and the Hallelujah Chorus.

This musical presentation, a highlight of the Christmas season for this area, is a way of extending to the public the warmest seasonal greeting from Mr. J. B. Aiken, Sr. and the members of the Aiken Foundation.

Heading the training session will be Floyd Tuttle, Florence, Organization and Extension; Lewis Webb, Hartsville, Camping and Activities; William Quinn, Florence, Leadership Training; Colonel Gerald Dix, Shaw Air Force Base, Advancement; Dr. Harry Allen, Florence, Health and Safety; and Dil E. Ellis, Dillon, Commissioners.

Council President Aiken will preside.

Bookmobile Schedule

The bookmobile will make the following stops in the order listed.

December 7  
Jamestown — Jamestown Elementary School

December 8  
Mill Swamp — Midland Elementary School  
Pisgah — Home of Mr. D. W. Owens  
Maple — Home of Mrs. L. L. Branton, Home of Mrs. Mildred Hardee

December 11  
Aynor — Aynor Elementary School

December 12  
Aynor — Aynor High School  
Rehobeth — Rehobeth Elementary School  
Red Hill — Home of Mrs. Ima Floyd  
Zion — Home of Mrs. P. D. Altman  
Aynor — Aynor Public Library.

DEEDS REPORT

Report of the Register of Deeds for the month of November, 1961:

545 Chattels at 50c	\$272.50
54 Liens at 50c	27.00
151 Deeds	364.50
280 Mortgages	772.50
376 Irreg. Instrum'ts	460.20
89 Misc. Instrum'ts	200.85
11 Marriage License	44.00

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## Miss South Carolina Electric Co-Op To Be Chosen Thursday

HARTSVILLE, S. C. — Miss Betty Morrell, current "Miss South Carolina Electric Cooperative," will wind up a year's reign at Columbia Thursday night, December 7th. Betty, lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McCuen Morrell of Route 1, Hartsville, is a Coker College student and the holder of a number of popularity as well as beauty titles. Miss Morrell is slated to crown a new state-wide rural electric beauty from among 13 regional contenders to climax the first day of a two-day annual meeting of the state's 24 independent electric cooperatives at Columbia's Hotel Wade Hampton.

Over one-fourth of the state's total population, all served by electric cooperative power lines, will be represented during the two-day affair. Co-Op officials will participate in a series of organizational conferences and hear a bevy of speakers, including addresses by Frank D. Pollard, Rural Area Development official from Washington; David H. McCord, president of the Municipal Association of South Carolina; and State Newspaper Editor Henry Cauthen. The statewide association's program for 1962 will be outlined during this session.

In addition to Thursday night's beauty eliminations, a talent contest featuring winners from 11 regional contests throughout the state will be presented. The statewide beauty contest to be held at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Beauty contestants to compete include:

Bonnie Lee Jones, 16, Rt. 2, Hartsville, representing York County Electric Cooperative, York.

Carolyn Andrews, 19, Rt. 1, Greenville, N. C., representing Broad River Electric Cooperative, Calhoun.

Joyce Brown, 18, Winthrop College, Rock Hill, representing Berry Electric Cooperative, Conway.

Linda Wynn, 17, Rt. 1, Watkinson, representing Laurens Electric Cooperative, Laurens.

Patricia Kay Sullivan, 17, Rt. 1, Jefferson, representing Lynchess River Electric Cooperative, Fitzgerald.

Gayle Jones, 16, Graham, representing Marion Electric Cooperative, Marion.

John Clark, 19, Rt. 4, Bonnettsville, representing Marlboro Electric Cooperative, Bonnettsville.

Jay Ann Baird, 16, Rt. 2, Bethune, representing Marlboro Electric Cooperative, Lexington.

Brenda Sue Peoples, 16, Early Branch, representing Piedmont Electric Cooperative, Kershaw.

Christa Edrill, 19, Rt. 2, Timmonsville, representing Pee Dee Electric Cooperative, Darlington.

Wanda Song, 18, Rt. 2, Spartanburg, representing Santee Electric Cooperative, Kershaw.

Tommie Zeigler, 18, St. Matthews, representing Tri-County Electric Cooperative, St. Matthews.

Mary Ellen Bungarner, 16, Rt. 3, York, representing York County Electric Cooperative, York.

**Garden Clubs Have Christmas Program**

The Tabor City Garden Club and the Hoe 'N Hope Garden Club met in the home of Mrs. R. C. Soles last Monday night. Mrs. C. M. Fowler assisted as co-hostess.

The program for the evening was an interpretation of the life of Jesus from the Annunciation through the Ascension illustrated by individual floral arrangements made by the members of the clubs. As Mrs. Eugene Grainger and Mrs. Bill Stevens narrated the life of Christ, a spotlight centered on the arrangements in chronological order.

At the close of the program, Mrs. Charles Corbett and Mrs. Roger Earp led the members in singing Christmas carols.

Guests for the evening were Mrs. Howard Harrelson, president of the Dart Dobbers Garden Club.

The hostesses served a dessert course at the end of the meeting.

## Mrs. Fowler Is Bridge Hostess

Mrs. Dock Fowler, Jr., entertained the Cross - Tabor Bridge Club in her home Thursday night. Mrs. L. W. Currie won the high score, 1000.

Others playing were Mrs. H. B. Buttan, Jr., Mrs. Bill Page, Mrs. C. H. Pinner, Mrs. Audrey Edge, Mrs. Kormit Hines and Mrs. Hubert Canada.

The hostess served pie and Russian tea after the bridge session.

## HEME DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULE

Dec. 8, 7:30 P. M., North Tabor Club at Mrs. C. D. Brant home.

Dec. 8, 7:00 P. M., Chadbourne Club at Cafeteria.

Dec. 9, 10:15 A. M., WENE Radio Program.

Dec. 11, 3:30 P. M., Agricultural Workers Council.

Dec. 12, 7:00 P. M., Bethune Club at Community Center.

Dec. 12, 7:30 P. M., Home-makers Club at Clubhouse.

Dec. 12, 7:30 P. M., Lebanon Club at Mrs. Elizabeth Royal home.

Dec. 13, Union Valley Club at Mrs. A. L. Fisher.

Dec. 14, 3:00 P. M., South Whiteville Club at Mrs. Raymond Thompson home.

Dec. 14, 7:00 P. M., Bethune Club at Mrs. Tom Odum home.

Dec. 14, 7:30 P. M., Shyrna Club at Clubhouse.

Dec. 14, 7:30 P. M., Prosper Community Development at the Church.

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