

Your Child And The School

By Miss Lucille Hunt

There have been many changes in methods of instruction. For instance the alphabet method was the first approach used in this country to teach boys and girls to read. In fact, historians indicate that this method was predominant in America until the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Samuel Worcester in 1828, appears to have been the first American author to suggest the adoption of the word "Method." But it was not until about 1850 that this approach was popularized through the widespread use of a series of readers by Bumstead and Webb.

Despite the general acceptance of the word "Method," protests were numerous. Parents became disturbed when they discovered that children did not know the names of the letters in words they could pronounce. Then came the phonetic system which also had its limitations and needed supplementing. During the last quarter of the nineteenth century and the first two decades of the twentieth century, the word "Method" was gradually replaced in many schools by phrase, sentence, and story approaches to reading.

The trend at present is to treat reading as one aspect of a language arts program and to utilize methods of teaching that are consonant with this objective. Above all else, meaningful reading is accorded primary importance. The pupil's reaction to facts or ideas presented is viewed as the most significant feature of his reading. Thus, the meaningful reading stresses not only the pupil's understanding and clear comprehension of different types of presentations, but also his ability to select, interpret, and apply facts or ideas according to his purpose

for reading.
1. How do children ever learn to read without learning their letters or phonetics first?

Learning to read today is planned as an interesting, stimulating and satisfying experience. We try to make reading full of meaning for the children right from the start. The children's interest is stimulated because there is always something to think about. Amusing stories about children like themselves whet their desire to push on and find out what happens next. We think that this method of reading for meaning is much superior to the old way of putting all the emphasis, in the first days, on the mechanics of reading.

When children have begun to get the feeling of what it means to read . . . as one child put it, that reading is first "talk written down", we direct their attention to letters in words with which they have become familiar. We call the letters by name and build up an awareness of their sounds. Later we make sure that each child knows the alphabet in order. But we do not weigh him down with these things before he even gets into the swing of reading.

2. If the children do not sound out the words at first, how do they know what they are?

The teacher introduces the children to each new word in a meaningful way. For instance, when she is introducing the word jump and what the kitten is doing, the teacher will show them a word card on which the word jump is printed. Or she will print it on the board and have the children read it. They will find the same word in their books . . . and will see it many times in later stories, games and exercises, until the form of the word jump becomes thoroughly familiar to them. But it isn't just a combination of letters. It is a symbol that really means something to them.

In each reading lesson the teacher will present other words—a few at a time—the way she presented jump. The children will meet these words again and again in stories, blackboard drills and workbook exercises.

In his first year of reading a child will learn to recognize around 300 words at sight. By the end of the third grade, his stock of sight words will have grown to around 2000. These sight words will be his working capital in learning to get new words for himself.

Sylva Lions Club Hears Displaced M. D. Speak

On last Wednesday evening the Sylva Lions Club, meeting for dinner at Jarrett Springs Hotel, had a special guest Dr. Zolton Agardy, of Hungary, who was guest speaker.

Dr. Agardy, a displaced person who is in this country under the sponsorship of Dr. Grover Wilkes, with at whom he is at present associated, entered this country only two weeks ago. He spoke briefly and most interestingly on the political situation in his native Hungary, a buffer country about the size of our state of Indiana, located, disastrously as it turned out, directly between German and Russian objectives.

Asked about his reaction to American food, Dr. Agardy laughed and stated that he enjoyed it immensely, but was cautious of eating many dishes, with which he was unfamiliar, for the first time. He said that potatoes were the staple diet of his country and in Germany, where he spent the last four years. Often they ate potatoes with potatoes, he stated.

Although somewhat hesitant at

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



News Making Headlines In Jackson County In '49

Looking back thru the year's collection of Herald's the following events were the outstanding news stories of the year:

WINTER— Joe Wallin elected pres. of Sylva Merchants Assn. . . . Roscoe Pooteet named to head Chamber of Commerce for the year.

Extine, Gunther and Burch die after drinking wood alcohol for whiskey.

Final rites held for Mrs. S. W. Enloe of Dillsboro.

Local Bank reports increased profits for '48—\$280,883.46 in all.

Infantile paralysis fund lagging; drive to be intensified.

Frank Brown re-elected President of the Farm Bureau.

Sylva Boy Scouts observing National Anniversary.

42 Jackson farm men and boys made the 100 bushel corn per acre class.

Power company will build dam at Tuckaseegee.

Town Board proposes \$150,000 water bond issue.

Nantahala announces \$20,000,000 dam building project.

Bradley packing plant is new industry for county—Radio communication for sheriff and police provided.

Bill Fisher will head Rotary for the year.

Sylva High School Band gives first concert of the year.

SPRING— Sylva High to graduate 55.

Sylva Laundry closes down.

Jackson votes 10-1 for Road Bond issue.

City Board discusses garbage and sanitation problems.

Heavy rains damage crops and farms.

Children miraculously escape injury when school bus turns over.

C. J. Harris Hospital to be made blood center for area.

W.C.T.C. gets \$3,348,200 for new buildings.

Republicans swept into power in city elections. Monteith elected mayor.

SUMMER— Hospital to formally open new wing.

County to have 3 farm agents after July 1st.

Chamber of Commerce begins membership drive.

Hatching eggs discussed by county officials.

Miss Lucille Hunt comes to Jackson county schools as supervisor.

Stovall and Lawhead open new

first with the English language the doctor showed an amazing vocabulary for a man who has only been in this country two weeks.

Incidentally, gals, the doc is young, not bad looking and a bachelor.

industry.
Drive-in-theatre to open at airport.

Cancer center to be opened at hospital.

FALL— N. Y. Clothing firm seeks location in this area.

938 enroll at Sylva High and elementary schools.

Volunteer naval unit organized. Miss Sara C. Jarrett dies.

First Turkish Tobacco sold in county.

Hatching Egg industry well under way in county. Hens expected to start laying soon.

Warren to head CROP collections.

Auto Safety course launched at High School.

Thrash promises rock on all

PERSONALS

May Head AEC

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Clark of Gay are spending some time in various points in Florida.

Billie Burl Pannell has returned to Warren Wilson college, Swannanoa, where he is enrolled in the High School department, after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Pannell, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. DeWeese, Mrs. George White, and Mrs. Robbie Phillips, all of Canton were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Buckner. Mrs. DeWeese, and Mrs. Phillips are sisters of Mr. Buckner.

Mrs. Evelyn Coward has returned to home at Cullowhee after spending the Christmas holidays at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Gray, Jr., in Knoxville. Her other daughter, Miss Rachel Coward of Nashville, joined them and was married Christmas Eve at the Gray home to Ernest Wilson of Nashville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Curtis and daughter, Barby, of Knoxville, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Buckner.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cope and son, Larry, have returned from Lakeland, Fla., after having spent the holidays with their brother, Harry Ensley, and family.

Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Benson and son, Corky, of Charlotte left Wednesday after spending the

county roads.

"War On Waste" campaign undertaken at Mead.

People found guilty of violating immunization laws by health authorities.

Committees named to study road problems.

New County Club and Golf Course to be built by Lees of Illinois.

Castor Oil company looks to W.N.C. as possible production area for beans.

Cope puts out fire at High Point on way to Firemen's convention.



Wilson Wyatt

MENTIONED in Washington circles as a possible successor to David E. Lillenthal as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission is Wilson Wyatt (above), former National Housing Expediter. (International)

Christmas holidays with Mrs. Benson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hedden.

Mrs. J. M. Kaiser is spending a few days this week with her sister in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Streib and John Nicholson of Mansfield, O., are visiting John Nicholson's rela-

HOSPITAL NEWS

J. W. Blanton, Rt. 1, Sylva, is improving following treatment. Mrs. Florence Hampton, Bryson City, is in for treatment.

Mary Bryson (col.) Sylva, is improving following treatment. Mrs. Mary Bell Herrin, Gay, is improving following treatment.

Mrs. Laura Hooper, Tuckaseegee, is recovering from an operation.

Mrs. Ralph Knause, Pottstown, Penn., is recovering from an operation. Mrs. Knause is the mother of Mrs. Mike Strong.

Mrs. J. D. Parker, Sr., Sylva, is reported improving following treatment.

Master Clarence Stewart, Erastus, is in for treatment.

James Twiggs, student at WCTC, is in for treatment.

Mrs. Estena Bidwell, Franklin, has been admitted for treatment.

Master Ronnie Dillard, Sylva, is receiving treatment.

Mrs. W. A. Crawford, Erastus, was admitted on Jan. 3rd for treatment.

Mrs. W. E. Robinson, Dillsboro, is in for treatment.

Mrs. Mary Jane Watson, Sylva, is receiving treatment.

BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bradley, Whittier, announce the birth of a son on Jan. 1.

Mrs. David Cabe and daughter spent last Friday night with Mrs. Jake Bales.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crawford and daughter, Betsy, left Tuesday for Foley, Ala., on account of the death of Dr. Bob Stanley, brother-in-law of Mrs. Crawford.

Pat Montague returned Friday from several days' visit with his father, K. F. Montague, and family in Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bryan and daughter, Helen, of Jacksonville, N. C., have returned to their home after spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pettit.

SYLVA DRIVE-IN THEATRE

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2 shows each night. 7 p.m. and 8:40. Adults 40. Children under 12 free. Each Tuesday and Wednesday night we feature family night. \$1.00 per car regardless of number of occupants.

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Saturday, January 7

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Starring — Randolph Scott and Gene Tierney — Also comedy

Sun. - Mon., Jan. 8 - 9

MODEL WIFE

With — Dick Powell and Joan Blondell — Also comedy

Tues. - Wed., Jan. 10 - 11

DIAMOND FRONTIER

With — Victor McLaughlin and Anna Neagle — Also comedy

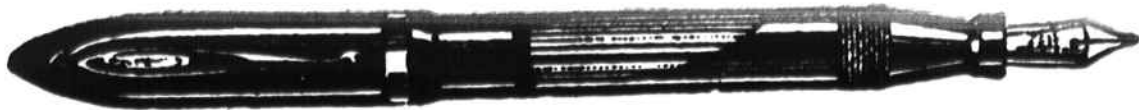
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