

Responsibilities at Home

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

WONDERFUL it would be if all teachers from the kindergarten through college strongly motivated children and youth to choose to take more responsibilities at home.

Here and there, a teacher does proceed with a very definite purpose to help the pupil or student to be a good citizen in his family, to appreciate his parents, respect them, co-operate with them and share in the drudgeries and other responsibilities of the home.

Perhaps the 4-H Clubs emphasize these objectives better than any other voluntary organization. One wonders why Sunday School teachers do not lead in these directions. It ought to make any religion more vital to the child and youth if he were to put it into operation in his life in the family.

Health Habits

In the school, we find more effort by teachers to motivate good habits of health, self-reliance and sharing in the home responsibilities, in the primary grades than at higher levels. The younger children are more ready, as a rule, to act on the suggestion of the teacher than are the older children. Yet, at any age a pupil or student who greatly admires the teacher tends to strive to accept and put into practice the ideas and ideals of their teacher.

The trouble is that the older learner at school is the less aware, as a rule, his teacher is of the home influence on this learner and the possible influence the school may have on him while he is in his home. Rarely is the teacher beyond the third grade made conscious in her training to teach and in her supervision while teaching, of the home.

Then, for years so many pro-

fessors of education and supervisors of teachers have accepted the outrageous philosophy that you can't teach ideals with words but only in the "immediate situation." But the school rarely has a situation wholly like a real home situation.

True, the music teacher might easily motivate the child to practice his music well at school, but it's not her child. The emotional setting in music practice at home may be very different. It may be easy to practice a group of children at school in good table manners—though it is rarely done and luncheon in many a school cafeteria is bedlam. But a family dinner scene has a very different emotional atmosphere, as a rule.

Neither boys nor girls may object to washing dishes after a school party. But none of these trainings (with nothing more) are sure to carry over to the home. Would not more of them carry over if at many times in the classroom the teacher who is admired by her children would talk with the children about their opportunities to take such responsibilities at home, and lead these children to see why? Why has the school not utilized the placard, chart and cartoon on the walls to these ends?

If all teachers, or even most of them, from the kindergarten onward constantly tried to make sharing in the drudgeries of the home, no sense in treating them as more fun when they are not, an honorable thing to do, "with liberty and justice for all," don't you suppose the effect at home soon would be felt?

See how much more enthusiastic then most parents might become over the school program, and how much better citizens the school would build. "Teaching the Child to Help at Home," may be had in a stamped envelope.

THE BOOK CORNER

Reading From Left To Right

—With—

FRANCES GILBERT FRAZIER

As new as the proverbial penny and as acceptable as the morning sun are some of the new books that are arriving daily. It is hard to select any special one to head the list as all are of equal interest but we will start off with the latest one by that always and perennial popular authoress, Kathleen Norris. It is "THE MINK COAT." This captivating story is so of the moment that the reader lives right along with Isabel Hardisty although their precepts probably are not of the same trend. For Isabel is one of those women who never stops wanting what every woman secretly wants; a mink coat—and what it takes to get it.

Isabel finds her loneliness overpowering when Dennis, her husband, goes off to war and she forgets even her two little girls in her mad desire to find excitement. She divorces her husband and marries Avery Latimer who gives her all her selfish heart desires. You'll have to read this novel to find how Isabel finally realizes that her children and, yes, Dennis mean far more than a mink coat—and all that goes with it.

Kate O'Brien selected the title for her novel, "FOR ONE SWEET GRAPE," from the lines, "For one sweet grape who will the vine destroy?" Like so many of the novels of long ago when titles and Ladies of the Realm take the leading roles, there is spice, scandal, intrigue and passion running ram-

pant through its pages. When this book is opened at the first page, the reader will find it a hard task to put it aside until the episode of Ana de Mendoza, Princess of Eboli, who risked her reputation and even her life for that "one sweet grape" has come to an end.

One of the most unusual and arresting books that has come to The Book Corner is the one written by Aldous Huxley who gave the public that popular novel "Time Must Have A Stop," is the one he has just released for publication. It is "THE PERENNIAL PHILOSOPHY," and is anthology enriched with a running commentary.

He has drawn upon the wisdom of the ages to find the common denominator of a faith for today.

Back to the Old South and those memorable days in the rich Delta land of Mississippi in the early 20's, goes Eudora Welty in her newest novel, "DELTA WEDDING." There isn't a dull moment in the entire book for, as Miss Welty expresses it, "These cousins were the sensations of life and they knew it. Things just waited for them to appear, laughing and amazing, in order to happen. They were forever, by luck or intuition, opening doors discovering things, running pell-mell down the stairs to meet people, ready at all time for vague and spontaneous occasions."

To those who have never known the poetic influence of magnolia

Jubilee Queen



PERCHED atop a car is pretty Mary Grace Simescu, 22, who will reign as queen of the Automotive Golden Jubilee when Detroit, Mich., celebrates the auto industry's fiftieth anniversary. Mary says she prefers home to a career. (International)

blossoms, or the hull of softly moving fevry white clouds across an azure sky, should read "DELTA WEDDING" and get acquainted.

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Luther Ewart, 17, seaman, second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ewart, Smathers Street, was assigned to Balboa, Canal Zone, on May 10th.

Ewart, who reported to the Canal Zone from the Naval Training Center, Norfolk, Va., entered the naval service on Feb. 12, 1946, and received his recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Norfolk, Va.

N. C. Hens Fall Below Egg Production Of 1945

Total egg production of about 145,000,000 in North Carolina in April was six per cent less than during the same month a year ago, the State Agriculture Department reports.

Both egg production per hen and the actual number of layers were less than in April of 1945.

USE THE CLASSIFIED ADS

Junior Class Of St. John's Win Prize Picnic For Paper Sales

On Wednesday, May 22, the St. John's Junior High school classroom will be awarded a prize picnic for selling more "Mountain Echoes" than any other room during the past year. The Junior High students will be guests of the "Mountain Echoes" staff, it is announced by Dorothy Martel, editor of "Mountain Echoes."

The school bus will leave St. John's at 11 a. m. for the picnic grounds on "The Rock" in the Platt's Creek section just outside of Hazelwood.

Good Switchers

Members of the U. S. military railway service, long operating the Bengal and Assam railway, joyfully discovered that jungle elephants, bossed by Indian boys, could be used to switch cars in freight yards.



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Mr. Medford announced as a candidate for the State Senate 4 years ago, but withdrew in order to volunteer for service in the U. S. Navy, where he served for three years.

This message paid for by friends of William Medford.