

Farm Week Will Be Held July 30

Farm and Home Week, an annual event which is attended by several thousand Tar Heel farm men and women, will be held at N. C. State College, Raleigh, from Monday, July 30, through Thursday, August 2.

Theme for this year's program will be "For Better Rural and Family Living." Family problems—Including food, shelter, clothing, savings and security, health and medical care, and recreation—will be given special attention. The place of the rural church in a community also will be emphasized.

An outstanding list of speakers is being lined up, according to F. S. Sloan, extension program planning leader and secretary of Farm and Home Week. Classes will be

held in special subjects, and the latest models of farm machinery for all purposes will be on exhibit. Social and recreational features, including group singing and music by church choirs and county home demonstration choruses, have been planned for each evening. Professional and amateur skaters will give an ice show in the William Neal Reynolds Coliseum on the final evening.

Special programs and demonstrations will be given on poultry Tuesday afternoon, on livestock Wednesday, and on field crops Thursday. The Thursday program will include a visit to an outstanding Wake County farm to study organization, irrigation, and production practices.

Needed adjustments in agriculture on both the national and State levels will be discussed by outstanding agricultural leaders.

When Your Youngster Defies You

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

WHILE there are certain basic principles which will work in bringing up all the children of a family, the application of these principles may need to vary somewhat to be effective. The mother of a family of eight children who says she "raised him just like the other children," is puzzled that he is the only one giving his parents trouble. Obviously he differs from the other children in being able to outwit his parents and take advantage of their human frailties.

"He argues back every time he is told something. He knows more than anyone—no one is as smart as he. He cannot play a game without arguing and quarreling, loses his temper over trifles, and if he thinks he is right you simply cannot shake the idea out of his head. Last night he thought the light should be out when his younger sister got in bed but she didn't want it out. Even after I told him to leave the light alone—that I would tell her when I wanted the light out—he went back and turned the light out. By that time, of course, I left the light on to show him that he couldn't have his way in everything. But, a little later, I went back out, and the light was out.

"When we painted the kitchen he wanted to take the switch plates off. His daddy told him no. We went ahead with our job and his daddy had all the plates back on before we went to bed. That boy had to get up before anyone else, take each of the plates off and put them back on before we got up.

Other Children

"In the morning he begins by teasing or making fun of the other children. Then he comes out and tells me what he wants for breakfast and gets hateful if I have decided on something else. He will never remember to wash his hands before meals, or brush

his teeth, or polish his shoes unless you get after him about it. Another thing—he won't wash the dishes well. He could if he wanted to. Especially the silverware. I've told him several times that he can't get it clean by picking a handful up at a time, swiping it twice and tossing it in the other pan, but he won't do it any other way."

In part I replied: Manifestly this boy has many good traits and native talents. He is just too smart for you parents. He knows he can easily outwit you, especially when he can lure you into an argument.

Quit talking back to him. Try always to be fair and reasonable, but once you have made a decision see it through. In the instances about the light and switch plates you weaken and your husband's weakness. It might have been reasonable to have let the boy remove the plates. But once your decisions were made, in both instances the lad was able to disobey deliberately without having suffered any penalty other than jawing; and he probably thus defies both of you very often. If he knew he would have to leave the table and eat alone when he so often makes of himself a family nuisance, he would quit it.

As for his appearing at meals without washed hands and washing silverware so carelessly, either set an effective penalty or shut up. By all means shut up.

On the positive side, you and Dad should play up his fine school records and his doing so many useful things voluntarily. It may be this lad feels all the rest of the family have ganged up on him and don't appreciate his talents and achievements. Welcome his friends to your home. Now and then Dad and this boy should take lunch downtown and go together to a show or game afterwards. That lad is a diamond in the rough.

Child Will Daydream if Work Is Too Hard or Too Easy

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IF there were no daydreamers our civilization would return to its earliest primitive state. The great creations in art, literature, music, science and inventions came out of the heads of daydreamers. But not nearly all daydreams are creations, some are destructions. Many crimes are undoubtedly the fulfillment of daydreams. Most daydreams, perhaps, amount to nothing but to hamper useful thinking and action by the dreamer and to annoy other persons.

Daydreams often are escapes from what is boring, or in some other way unpleasant. When, for example, the pupil in school finds a lesson or class activity too hard for him to succeed at, he almost surely goes woolgathering. On the other hand, if what he is supposed to do is too easy to challenge his efforts, it becomes boring and off he goes into daydreams.

Brightest Child
Thus daydreaming may begin in the brightest child. But thus begun and practiced at daydreaming, this smart child may still be daydreaming when harder learning tasks arise, with the result that he may fail to master many essential items. Accordingly, his daydreaming, begun because of boredom, may so continue as to be encouraged still more because of later failure to enjoy learning successes.

While such daydreaming might have been prevented in the first place if this pupil always had had learning tasks that challenged his best efforts, the practical

problem now may be different. Some way will have to be found by which this child will make up his arrears and be able to enjoy achievement on the learning job at hand.

Though it may be desirable at times to call the attention of the child, when he obviously is daydreaming, back to the thing at hand, the effect will be only temporary unless he is able to enjoy achievement then. How futile it is for a parent to exhort the child at home to pay attention at school, or to punish him for alleged daydreaming. He may be helped at home by assisting him there to read better, spell better or do better in other subjects. Also at home he may be practiced in good regular habits of application when doing his lessons there. Furthermore, when this child is asked or told to do something at home, be sure you have his complete attention. Sometimes it will be desirable to have him repeat the request or command before he starts to carry it out.

The mother of a seven-year-old boy, getting fairly good grades at school, is worried because his teacher says he daydreams. At home this boy gives his toys names and talks to them as persons. While this boy's ways hardly should be a matter of concern, he should spend more time at fun with other children and be required to do a few jobs about the home regularly. The most serious problem we parents have with daydreaming children is not to discourage or hamper this urge but to cultivate its growth and exercise it in useful channels.

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