

Tots Often Difficult At Bedtime

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"Johnny just won't go to bed. Sometimes it's even 10 or 11 o'clock before he quiets down," Mrs. Williams sighed.

"I get him undressed by 8, but it's a drink of water, or a trip to the bathroom, or 'where is the fire engine parked?' or he is hungry. "When he was younger he went to bed like a lamb. But this nightly ordeal is getting me down and I have tried everything to break him."

"Tried everything" usually means mother has tried spanking and scolding and threatening. Then she has tried ignoring, but that breaks down and there are more scoldings and scenes.

Scoldings just don't work. The child loves all the commotion. To him it makes little difference whether the excitement is good or bad; he hardly distinguishes between praise and scolding. To him it's, just activity, and he is the center of it. He loves it, and will keep on doing whatever brings this lovely excitement—such as getting out of bed a dozen times an evening.

If you can't get your child to bed at night, try something like this:

See to it that he gets up in the morning. No long morning naps to make up for lost sleep the night before.

Insist on a nap during the day—some children get too tired to go to sleep. However, the nap should be early in the afternoon so that there is time for vigorous play, outdoors if possible, in the afternoon.

An early pleasant supper with plenty of time for conversation and companionship with the whole family. Play and a continued pleasant time after supper for a short while. This play should be quiet—no rough-housing or boisterous games.

Then a warm bath, pajamas and bed.

Now comes the rub. You put him to bed.

Make sure he has had his drink and gone to the bathroom. Ask if everything is arranged for the night. Then tell him once you have

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REPUBLICAN CHIEFTAINS are shown at the White House after President Eisenhower previewed for them his speech to the nation to quell rising fears of the H-bomb's destructive powers. Left to right are: Speaker of the House Joseph Martin, Jr. (R-Mass.); Senate Majority Leader William Knowland (R-Calif.); House Majority Leader Charles Halleck; Leonard Hall, GOP chairman and Vice President Richard Nixon.

left the room, he can't have anything else until morning.

Tell him he is to stay in bed. Suppose he doesn't. All right, take your chair and put it near the door of his room. The minute he shows himself at the door, pick him up quietly and put him back to bed.

Don't say one word. Don't scold, don't smile, don't talk. Be just as stupid and uninteresting as you can possibly be. He'll be surprised and do his best to get a reaction out of you. Don't let him. Don't get angry, don't laugh — no matter what he does. Put him back to bed 15 times if necessary.

If you can do it, I'll bet three nights will be enough.

CHIN-DEEP IN FUR

Girls' dresses wear rabbit fur collars this spring—as the juvenile facsimile of fashion's mink trims.

Hendrix Rites Are Held At Allens Creek

Funeral services were held this afternoon in the Allen's Creek Baptist Church for Robert Lee Hendrix, 86, retired farmer of Waynesville, Route 1, who died Saturday in the Haywood County Hospital after a long illness.

The Rev. C. D. Sawyer and the Rev. C. L. Allen officiated and burial was in Green Hill Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Clarence Hendrix, James Grasty, Jack Swanger, Herbert Hendrix, R. L. Hendrix and Bonner Wilson.

Honorary pallbearers were Wes Patton, Dr. R. S. Roberson, Farmer Rogers, Will Snyder, Dr. J. E. Fender, Charles Scruggs, Monroe Oxner, T. T. Muse, Sr., Fonslow Muse, Jim Evans, Tom Mull, Walter Mills, Eugene Craig, Granville Mull, Sr., Bill Ferguson, Paul Mull, John Grasty, R. O. Allen and Everett McElroy.

Mr. Hendrix was a native of Buncombe county the son of the late Hosea and Malinda Muse Hendrix, and had lived in Haywood county for 56 years. He was a member of the Allen's Creek Baptist Church.

Surviving are four sons, Clarence of Hopewell, Va., George of Newport News, Va., Fred of Kingston, Tenn., and Walter Hendrix of Lockport, La.

Also five daughters, Mrs. Will Wilson, Mrs. E. C. Patton and Mrs. Clarence Grasty of Waynesville, Mrs. Roy Swanger of Hazelwood, and Mrs. T. L. Franklin of Newport News, Va.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Garrett Funeral Home.

BABIES BORN THREE WEEKS APART



NAVY NURSE Lt. Alice Johnson holds at Chelsea (Mass.) Naval Hospital two babies born three weeks apart to Mrs. Thelma Chapman, a circumstance rare in medical circles. Doctors revealed that Mrs. Chapman, wife of a Navy man, has two sets of procreative organs. Susan Joy (left) was born first. At right is her newborn brother. (International)

Spring Coats Feature Tissue - Weight Drama

This is the spring of the important coat. Fashion has gone, literally, to all lengths to give women coats for all occasions, all temperatures and to harmonize with all wardrobes. Clear pastels are color leaders.

Newest way for a coat to look is outstanding—not only in silhouettes, but in the dramatic use of fabric.

The dome silhouette is a favorite by far. Beautifully adaptable as part of a costume or a coat alone, it features rounded shoulders and cylindrical sleeves and circular fullness that starts just under the shoulder. Soft box pleat adds fluidity to newest coats.

The dome coat comes in hip, three-quarter, seven-eighths and full-length. It may be made to

stand out by means of a stiff shap- ing lining or the coat fabric itself.

Related to the dome and a prominent fashion in its own right, is the shortie barrel coat. Cropped close to the waist, it is caught in the width of its flare and dramatizes any outfit with which it is worn. Fashion emphasizes the barrel shortie in white fleeces, tweedy wools and a variety of feather-light coatings.

Return of the Cape

Capelets are noteworthy spring additions to the coat scene: They, too, are newest when cropped at the waist and belted or rippled with fullness.

While the fitted coat has not passed completely out of the picture, new variations change its name. Most important is the tunic which is built out at the shoulders, semi-fitted through the middle and softly flared below the waist. This tunic length is newest and a trend in many fashion categories. Another semi-fitted coat is favored in a 36-inch length.

The fitted princess attains new personality from crisp silks, alpaca and blends, and some exciting brocade-like cottons and silks. This style may be worn with equal effectiveness as a coat dress or ensemble coat.

There is a new flare coat that is slightly stiffened on the lines of a modified cupola. It appears in fleeces and tweeds, as well as silks, linens and cottons. New straight coats have a rounded and tapered look from shoulder to hem. Many of these are available in two-thirds, three-quarter or full-lengths.

Fitted Shorties

Other shorties, cropped at the waist, are seen in fitted bellboy styles and somewhat tapered boxies. Short-shorties are little more than boleros.

Textures for coats are different this spring. Weaves are patterned to look like matelasses, brocades, tapestries and host of rich silks ... all with a substance that lends it-

DEATHS

BEA MASSIE

Bea Massie, 59, died Saturday at 7 a.m. in his home in the Maggie section after a brief illness.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Callie Bradley Massie; three sons, I. J. Massie of Maggie, Rufus Massie of Waynesville, Route 3, and Hicks Massie of Waynesville, Route 2.

Also six daughters, Mrs. Novella Copard of Hazelwood, Mrs. Ray Shelley of Waynesville, Route 2, Mrs. L. C. Cagle, Jr., of Waynesville, Route 3, Miss Lucile Massie of Bridgeton, N. J., Misses Mary M. and Lina Massie of the home.

One half-brother, Dolph Gentry of Waynesville, Route 2; one sister, Mrs. Lush Nelson of Waynesville, Route 3; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held this morning in Peachtree Baptist Church at Maggie. The Rev. John Finger and the Rev. Pete Hicks officiated and burial was in Henry Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Herschel Bryson, M. L. Sadler, Walter Fie, Herbert Brown, Howard Gentry and Chester LaFontaine.

Crawford Funeral Home was in charge.

Liquor Well Hidden

WHITEVILLE, N. C. (AP) — Deputies sheriff are becoming experts in the art of finding liquor caches. On one raid they had to move a dresser and raise a board in the floor to find 60 bottles of bonded whisky. On another, they found 11 half-gallon jars after raising a window and removing the window sill.

Home Fire

CONCORD, N. H. (AP) — Radio commentator Hardy Burt returned from viewing New Hampshire forest fires, called his wife, found his freeport, L. L. N. Y., home had been gutted by fire.

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PARENT PROBLEMS

Young Child's Reading Ability

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

WHEN a child learns to read, he learns to connect words on the printed page with their meaning. While he does learn to pronounce these words, his mere pronunciation of them is not reading. Reading is primarily a thinking process.

You may easily ascertain whether your child, seven, nine or twelve, really reads when he seems to be reading. Just ask him to read aloud a paragraph or several sentences from his school book, and then tell you in his own words what he has read. Or ask him a few questions to find out if he has got the meaning expressed by what he appeared to read. Or you might ask him to read from such material silently and then tell you what he "read to himself."

Thus, the child may demonstrate that he got all the main ideas expressed by the words he presumably read, some of them, or none at all. How many he got is a measure of how well he read.

Pronunciation Important

Of course, if he must read aloud, his inability to pronounce most or all the words could slow up or hinder his getting the meaning, though to a less degree perhaps if he had read it silently. In either event, he won't make much progress unless he can recognize and pronounce most of the words he is supposed to read. The child who has been read to great deal before he enters

school has had good practice at connecting the words he hears with meaning. This experience helps him, as he learns to read, to be interested in meaning. Occasionally, a child in the first or second grade, on hearing a story in his reader once or a few times, may suppose he is reading as he rattles it off from memory without connecting it with the words of the story at all. A parent or teacher can easily spot this child and help him connect the words as he says them.

The more interested a child is in what he is really reading, the faster he masters saying the words.

Reading Clinic

Thinking and getting meaning from words was the major emphasis at a recent annual reading institute, on whose staff I served.

We met at Temple University, in the Reading Clinic directed by that world-famed reading expert, Dr. Emmet A. Betts.

Observing the demonstrations with numerous individual children lagging several years in reading, the hundreds of special reading teachers and directors of corrective and remedial reading at schools throughout the United States and Canada were impressed with the importance of putting more emphasis on helping the child to think and get meaning as he is being taught to read.

(My bulletin "Home Helps for Poor Readers" may be had by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to me in care of this newspaper.)

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