



Parents' Problems

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THREATS OF PUNISHMENT

Should the refusal of a ride to Sunday School be held as a constant threat of punishment over children in one's neighborhood and should I ever accept that ride again even after an apology?

The answer to that first question is an obvious "no." In fact, threats of any kind are poor disciplinary measures. It would seem especially undesirable to associate Sunday School with the idea of punishment. Unfortunately, too, for some children, the inability to get to Sunday School might not be deemed punishment.

The answer to your second question is obviously "yes." It's a pretty small person who will not accept a sincere apology in good faith and try to let "bygones be bygones."

THE GENEROUS SOUL

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Here we apparently have quite a different problem. In this case, we must discover the satisfaction your daughter is getting out of letting people impose upon her.

It may be that she lacks self-confidence, thinks she isn't attractive, es-

pecially so boys, isn't as popular as she would like to be, and in general feels inferior to those of her own age.

If this is the situation, you need to be patient and understanding with her. Encourage her to develop skills of her own that will secure the respect and admiration of the group, help her to make herself more attractive, have young people in your home so that she may have a continuous social end in every way, strive to give her confidence in herself. Fathers can be of help here by complimenting their daughters upon their appearance.

Suppose the above picture doesn't fit your daughter at all. What then? It may be that she is just one of the generous souls that, although often imposed upon, nevertheless brings more happiness than gloom into the world. Do not be too disturbed about it.

You may, however, want to help her see that it is not wise always to do for others that which they should do for themselves. By being too generous and helpful she can keep friends from developing the inner disciplines they so sorely need.

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THAT "SILLY AGE"

Must our children, age 5-8, go through a "silly age" when they greet visitors with a funny face instead of a courteous "how do you do," when they punch holes in the bread instead of eating in a mannerly fashion, etc? I want my children to have fun, but I want them to be well bred.

A certain amount of so-called silly behavior is more or less normal for children and as a rule should cause parents no alarm. Whether such behavior is desirable or not depends largely upon the reasons for it. There are at least three:

1. There is that type of silliness which occurs when children are tired or have been unduly excited. At the close of a busy day, for example, brothers and sisters may get hilarious

and giggly. They shout with glee at funny remarks made by the children; they make funny faces and laugh uncontrollably; they may bounce up and down on the sofa or bed, or throw themselves around on the floor with abandon, landing in all sorts of grotesque positions. Should visitors arrive at such a time, they almost certainly will be greeted with a funny face.

This type of silliness is not to be considered undecent unless the frequency of it suggests that the children do not get sufficient rest.

2. Children sometimes are silly because they do not know what to do or say and consequently are embarrassed.
3. Children get tired of doing the same way all the time. They like to

experiment and many times their experiments seem silly to adults. Nevertheless, a certain amount of learning by trial and error is essential if children are to develop normally.

Sometimes this deviation from standard behavior is for the purpose of seeing what the reaction of the parents will be. Punching holes in the bread may belong in this category. If your child sees it doesn't bother you and you make no comment about it, he probably will stop doing it in a short time.

If you have a question about your child—from infancy through the teens—send it to Donald M. Maynard, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tenn., to be answered through this column.

LOCAL TENNIS LOSERS DEBUT IN LEAGUE GAMES

Farmville played its first tennis match in the Roanoke Tennis League on Sunday afternoon, losing to the Rich Square team, 6-0.

Robert Pierce and Arthur Joyner, Jr., playing for Farmville in the No. 1 and 2 positions, gave their opponents, Tom Norfleet and Arwood As-

low, tough and go competition. Robert Pierce carried his second set to 6-5, and Arthur Joyner trounced his man in his second set, 6-1, only to lose the last set, 6-0.

The scores in the other two matches were Graham Whitford over E. P. Bass of Farmville, 6-2 and 6-3, and Bob Martin over Charles Fitzgerald, 6-1 and 6-1.

In doubles play, Dan Morgan and Ed Bass played Graham Whitford and Bob Martin of Rich Square, losing by

the scores of 6-2 and 6-3. Pierce and Dan Jones played Norfleet and Aslow, losing by the scores of 6-3 and 6-4.

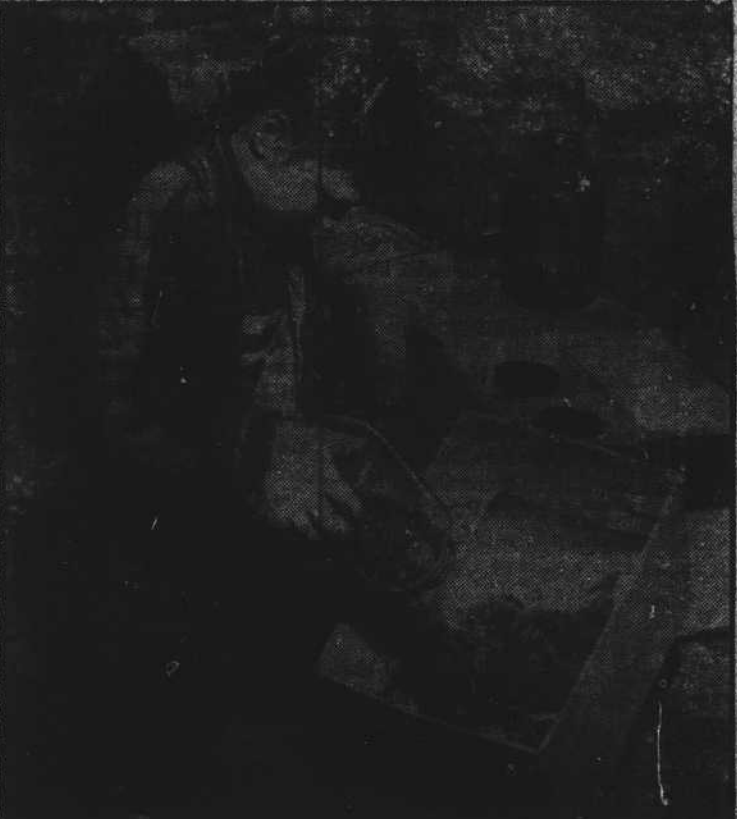
Eldest Mays, coach and team manager of the Farmville team, invites all players to come out and challenge the team members.

Tarboro and Franklin, Va., are the other teams in the league.

Wednesday afternoon Farmville played Tarboro, while Franklin and Rich Square were playing.



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WITHOUT BATTING AN EYE—The child, above, isn't handling little kittens. She is calmly packing live bats. The girl is part of a group collecting 700 hibernating bats in the depths of unwooded Black Ball Mine near Utica, Ill. The flying mammals are gathered in jars and packed into boxes for shipment to research organizations. The mine will be used as a vault—if the present tenants can be ejected.

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