

# Down Main Street

Mr. and Mrs. James King and daughter, of Detroit, Mich. are visiting Mr. King's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. King, in Burnsville.

Mrs. Gertrude Styles and son, Spurgeon, spent the weekend at Weaverville with Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers.

Miss Edna Atkins has assumed her teaching duties in the Chion, Elementary School at Chion, France. In a letter received by the Bill Banks family. Miss Atkins describes graphically her trip by air from New York to Paris and the impressive sights of Paris and Tours, Miss Atkins is living at Tours, which she declares to be one of the most beautiful towns she has ever seen. It was bombed heavily during the war but has been rebuilt.

Miss Atkins' address is Inas E. Atkins, Chion American Elementary School, Chion Engineer Depot, APO 236 U. S. Army, New York, N. Y.

The proceeds from quilting being done by women of the Free Will Baptist Church at Windom will go for repairs on the church. Mrs. Ada Jones, on the Georges Fork Road, would like for anyone wishing to have quilting done to contact her.

## BUSICK NEWS

The Rev. Woodsby of Marion delivered the Saturday night message at Mt. Mitchell Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Chrisawn and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Autrey, who has been ill for some time, Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Wilson, Mrs. Walter Wilson and relatives attended a homecoming Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pless spent the weekend with relatives in Canton.

Mrs. Stewart Autrey and baby visited Mr. Autrey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Autrey, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas of Celso spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Gale Effler.

## NOTICE

Dr. Sargent will not be in his office October 2 through October 5. He will be in Chattanooga, Tennessee, attending the Southern Surgical Society Assembly.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet October 6 at 3:00 at the home of Mrs. Troy Ray. Mrs. W. K. Banks will be the program leader.

## MENUS BURNSVILLE LUNCH ROOM

Thursday, September 29th: Hot Dogs, Slaw, Baked beans, Onions, Rice pudding, Buns, Milk.

Friday, September 30: Hamburgers, Potato salad, Lettuce, Onions, Cookies, Buns, Milk.

Monday, October 3: Vegetable beef soup, Peanut butter sandwich, Pineapple upside down cake, Loaf bread, Crackers, Milk.

Tuesday, October 4: Toasted cheese sandwich, Green beans, Corn, Cole slaw, Cup cakes, Loaf bread, Milk.

Wednesday, October 5: Dried lima beans, Scalloped tomatoes, Spinach greens, Onions, Corn bread, Butter, Baged apples, Milk.



IF YOUR household duties get boring, try making a game out of it and see how you can simplify your work. Here are some suggestions which may lead you to think of others.

Leave out any part of a task which you can save time and energy. Here are some examples: placing shirts on hangers rather than folding if space permits, rack drying instead of towel drying for dishes; using a big measure instead of smaller one; and making a bed in one trip around it rather than several. Combine any task you can. Make one operation in place of two of

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

**Creamy French Dressing** (Makes 1 1/2 cups)  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard  
3 tablespoons sugar  
3 tablespoons catsup  
1/4 cup undiluted evaporated milk  
1/2 cup salad oil  
3 tablespoons vinegar  
Measure all ingredients except vinegar into mixing bowl. Beat with rotary beater until well blended. Add vinegar all at once and beat thoroughly. Dressing will be creamy thick. For a thicker dressing, increase oil to 1 cup, beating in half at one time before adding vinegar. Store in covered jar in refrigerator.

some of these: serve food in baking dish in which it was cooked; fold pillow cases as you iron; cut biscuits with knife instead of cutter; and remove clothes from dryer while damp to save dampening. Eliminate tasks which you can such as washing walls, shades woodwork and drapes by using a vacuum cleaner attachment often enough. Use a furniture wax to both clean and polish furniture in place of two operations.

The latest thing in continuous coal mining machinery weighs nearly 40 tons, is 27 feet long and produces eight tons of coal a minute. That's 3,840 tons every eight-hour working day.

## Wives' Corner

by Louise Tyness

### Life-saver for Mothers

Mothers would get grey earlier than they do if children did not have a natural talent for playing "let's pretend." One mother I know received a pleasant shock from her two small tots during a recent rainy spell. Previously they had always been restless and demanding when kept indoors. But this time they appropriated a storage closet which became both their house and their car. When the closet was a car, they packed their belongings into it and took long trips with appropriate sound effects, flat tires, backseat driving, and other realistic touches. When it was a house, they lived contentedly in it by the hour. Their roles were not always clear. Sometimes the little sister would turn up as daddy, or each of them would address the other as mama or baby. But during this game their real mother was blissfully ignored and permitted to get some of her work done.

Once when I took care of a seven-year-old girl and her six-year-old brother during their parents' absence for two weeks, they spent most of their time in highly organized dramatic play. They had been at it so long that they were experts, and not in the least self-conscious about their game. I might have been invisible for all the notice they took of me when I worked in the same room.

Part of the time they played doctor and nurse, with a number of imaginary patients whom they were treating. Suddenly the miniature nurse inquired of the miniature doctor, "Isn't that the one you killed yesterday?" The brother replied cheerfully, "NO, that was his brother." It almost made one afraid to listen too closely!

### Face-saver, Too

On occasion, I have seen each of our daughters use dramatic play as a face-saving device. If I begin to scold either one of them, she may leave the room and reappear as a caller, with a new name and new personality. Then all is politeness again, for of course I cannot tell a caller to wash her face again, and a caller cannot fuss or whine.

Our older daughter played more elaborate games of "pretend" than her younger sister does at the same age, no doubt because she played alone more. Sometimes Jeanie's imagination became almost too complicated to follow, as when she announced, "I'm Maxine pretending I'm Peter."

At one stage, when she was about three and a half, she tempted me to take unfair advantage of the seriousness of her pretending. She was walking with me along a path near our house, where I noticed some gladiolus blooms spoiled by being broken off near the tops. "Did you break these flowers?" I asked.

"No," she answered firmly. "I didn't do it, I'm Mrs. Jones."

"Oh. Did Jeanie do it?"

"Yes."

"What do you think I should do about it?"

"Spank her."

"Should I, really?"

"Yes, but remember, I'm not

Jeanie. I'm Mrs. Jones, and you can't spank me."

Some children show an enviable gift for choosing just the right names for characters in their imaginary world. A little girl living next door to us had two children named Crash and Bang. The little boy living next door on the other side had two girl friends named Apron and Chiffon.

### Are We Destroying Natural Abilities?

When one sees how much fun children can have by developing their own dramatic play, and how well they can learn to entertain themselves, it seems a pity to smother this natural ability with too much artificial entertainment. Not that we could turn the calendar back to the days before movies and television were invented. But we can, with effort, see to it that the quantity and quality of such entertainment does not rob the child of his own inner resources and make him helplessly dependent upon outside entertainment.

Even in the matter of house decoration, we may be doing our children a disservice if we strive too hard—while they are still small—to make our rooms look like those in the modern magazines. Particularly if a child's own room is so tastefully and completely decorated that it becomes a sacrilege to disarrange it, are we not clipping

the wings of his imagination?

A friend who was a minister's daughter was recalling recently how many happy hours and days she had spent alone or sometimes with an older sister in a huge, meagerly furnished room of the parsonage where her family lived. The old-fashioned carved design on the headboard of the bed became, at times, a radio with knobs that one pretended to twirl; at other times, a woman with hair flowing out on each side; at still other times, an Egyptian sphinx. My friend remembers the delight she found in the smell and feeling of an old weathered table with little bumps in its surface; in the fascinating shapes, colors, and textures of a patchwork quilt which served variously as tent, tablecloth, rug.

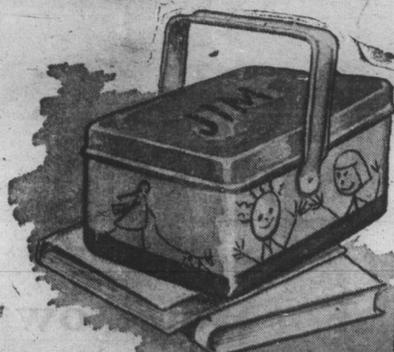
Space, freedom, and few sturdy objects to play with—often these can mean more to a child's happiness and development than a lavishly decorated room and a lot of expensive toys.

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- Q—Can you tell me the present status of the Hells Canyon dam controversy?
- A—Following decision of the Federal Power Commission to turn Hells Canyon over to the Idaho Power Company for development by a series of small dams, the National Hells Canyon Association Board voted unanimously to carry the fight into the courts and to the U. S. Supreme court if necessary. The members of the Association, who are public power advocates, are seeking to raise \$60,000 to pay court costs in fighting the FPC decision, and to press for passage of legislation authorizing federal development of the Hells Canyon on the Snake River. Thirty Senators are sponsoring a bill for Federal development. Although it had reached a decision earlier, the FPC held up making it public, until two days after Congress adjourned.
- Q—Can you tell me the ratio of foreign travel as between steamship and airplane?
- A—According to the State Department a total of 203,356 passports were issued during the three months April through June, a new all-time high. Of this total, 106,565 used steamship travel and 96,397 traveled by air.
- Q—Can you give me the most traveled highway in the country?
- A—Complete figures are not available. However the New Jersey Turnpike may be at the top of the list when more than 12 million vehicles traveled the 118-mile superhighway in the first half of 1955, with average daily volume of 67,244 vehicles. During the July 4 weekend 111,947 vehicles paid more than \$100,000 in toll charges alone.
- Q—Can you give us the parity ratio on farm prices?
- A—As of July 30 the parity ratio dipped to 84, four points below a year ago and the lowest level since December of 1940. As a result, cash receipts from farm marketings, although larger in volume of produce, are four per cent below the first seven months a year ago. At the same time prices paid by farmers are up slightly over a year ago. The paradox is that despite this lower price to farmers, cost of living is up three-tenths of one per cent in two months, attributed to higher retail cost of foods.



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