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## School and Your Child

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### Handwriting: It's Less Fatiguing To Write "Pretty"

Forty years ago teachers treated handwriting chiefly as a act of skill. Today it's considered more as a method of communication, like the typewriter or the old Indian smoke signal.

The modern viewpoint appears to be that the content of a message is the important thing, not how "pretty" it's written.

A warning against this logic comes from Mrs. Ennis R. Davis, 14-year veteran teacher of handwriting at the laboratory elementary school on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N. C.

Handwriting must be legible enough for the content to be understood, says Mrs. Davis. Otherwise communication falls. And as long as one is writing, she asks, why not make it attractive, especially since a graceful style pleases the eye and actually fatigues the writer less?

Dr. Frank Freeman, dean emeritus of the University of California (Berkeley) school of education and probably the nation's foremost authority on teaching handwriting, paints a displeasing picture of handwriting practices in school.

After examining 135,000 handwriting specimens collected from all parts of the country, Dr. Freeman notes that (1) students' handwriting improves comparatively little after the sixth grade; (2) an excessively wide gap exists between the best and poorest of handwriting; (3) and the major writing faults are not in legibility of individual letters but in smoothness, evenness, and line fluency.

Dr. Freeman would suggest that formal handwriting instruction extend beyond the sixth grade and that teachers place greater emphasis on smooth, fluent strokes as an essential to really good writing.

In line with Dr. Freeman's suggestion, North Carolina several years ago adopted a plan for teaching handwriting as a separate subject through eighth grade, states Mrs. Davis.

In fact, the book METHOD OF HANDWRITING, Noble and Noble, was selected and is available to Tar Heel schools. It's now up to administrators and teachers whether the skill is taught formally beyond the sixth grade.

Just how is handwriting taught in schools today? Mrs. Davis, who instructs teachers to be at Appalachian State Teachers College how to teach writing, explains it this way.

The first grader begins with

"manuscript writing," which consists mainly of circles (o's) and straight lines (l's). Some parents incorrectly call this "printing." There is a difference between "printed" and manuscript letters. This doesn't mean manuscript writing is a "baby" method of writing, however. Actually it's better for many purposes, states Mrs. Davis.

All through the first grade and on into the second the child works at perfecting his manuscript writing. Usually he'll write on unlined paper with crayons at first.

Change-over time to cursive writing occurs in the third grade in most schools. This is the writing that mother and father use. Junior considers starting it as an important milestone in his education. The youngster also begins to use regular pencils in the third grade. Pen and ink come later, in the fifth and sixth.

All along the teacher continually helps Junior improve the shape, size, space, add slant of his writing. She gives him opportunities to practice writing words that have real meaning for him, Mrs. Davis points out.

And as Junior grows older, he finds his own ways to practice. He'll write letters to grandmother, order model airplanes from cereal companies, send thank-you notes, notify the milkman to deliver extra bottles of milk—all of which is good writing experience.

Dr. Freeman of the University of California, warns parents to be careful not to force Junior's writing pace too fast. Muscular coordination has much to do with his progress, says the handwriting expert. The first grader's small wrist and arm muscles, for instance, are not so well developed as the larger muscles and they need space and materials to "spread out" in their writing.

Understanding teachers and parents realize that Junior's imagination often surpasses his ability to write, and they don't fuss when he misspells or uses the wrong words. They know that accuracy and speed improve in time.



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### PLEASANT GROVE HOME DEM. CLUB

By: Mrs. Andrew Johnson

The home that has charm is one where the house furnishings have been selected carefully to make the room more attractive. The furniture need not always be a new piece. A refinished piece of furniture can add a different kind of atmosphere in the home. One just seems to admire and appreciate a piece of furniture which he has done himself.

The Pleasant Grove Home Demonstration Club has done some furniture refinishing, including the renovating of several old picture frames which we love and admire. These old pieces bring back useful and new beauty to our homes of today. By the help of the county Home Economics Agent, these things have been made possible. She has arranged county and community workshops and has given individual assistance.

Quilt making has been a project which our club members have enjoyed. We have tried to select colors which blend nicely together and then do as neat work as possible in quilting. Several of these quilts will be exhibited and sold at the Craft Fair, which will be held on the square in Burnsville in August. Quilting together in the community is a good way to bring community people closer together.

Copper edameled jewelry is a craft which our club has thoroughly enjoyed experimenting with. Several lovely pieces of jewelry have been made by the club members.

Five members of our club attended the two-day craft workshop held in Burnsville. At these workshops, we learned to make copper tooled planters and plaques and we did several ashtrays and pieces of jewelry by the aluminum chasing and embossing methods. Our club is making plans to continue these crafts at other workshops in the future.

### PENSACOLA H. D. CLUB VERY ACTIVE

By: Mrs. Dawson Briggs

The Pensacola Home Demonstration Club is small but very active. We are in our third year with Mrs. Wayne Ray as our new president.

Each year we have a workshop, an all-day meeting, a covered dish lunch and a specific project. Last year we did brass tooling, making plaques representing the four seasons. Year before last we did platters in copper tooling. These are very attractive and the cost is a small per cent of the price of commercial planters.

The first week in May is National Home Demonstration Week and our club will give the program for the Pensacola Community Club. At this meeting, which will be the 2nd of May, our work will be on display.

The club's main project last year was feeding and clothing needy children. Club members furnished money for school lunches. Thirty pairs of new shoes and socks, furnished by Horace D. Ray's store, were distributed to school children. A number of new T-shirts, sweaters and skirts were also given to the children. The used clothing drive was a big success as we had clothing given for all age groups.

We are very proud of our outstanding members. Mrs. Brooks Wilson served as president for two years and we think she made a remarkable record in that she was present for every meeting.

Mrs. Billy Brooks Wilson is adult 4-H leader. She won a certificate and a gift as the most outstanding leader in the county. Her 4-H boys and girls were a part of the youth group that won third place in the district meeting held in Asheville. The boys and girls also won six awards at the county Achievement Night. A group of 20 will enter the Talent Show to be held in Burnsville April 28.

Mrs. H. D. Ray, Jr. served as the Community Club president last year. This year she is president of the county council. With Mary Ellen (Mrs. H. D. Ray, Jr.) at the helm, the community club sailed in for first place in the county with a cash prize of \$125 and won fifth place in the district with a cash prize of \$150.

Mary Ellen did the writing for the mechanical book which was a major part of the county exhibit, which won first place at the State Fair in Raleigh.

### FREEZING FOODS FOR FAMILY USE

Ramseytown Home Demonstration Club

We, the members of the Ramseytown Home Demonstration Club, have been freezing fruits, vegetables and meats from our home gardens. We find this process time saving, economical and convenient. We also have more tasty, more nutritious and more attractive foods. We find most families like frozen foods better than canned or dried foods.

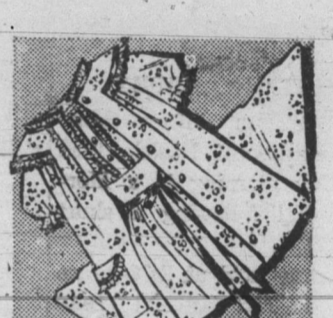
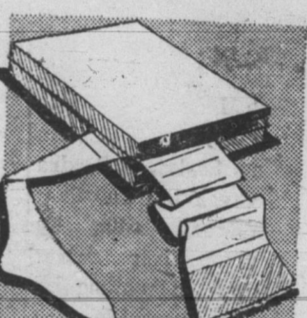
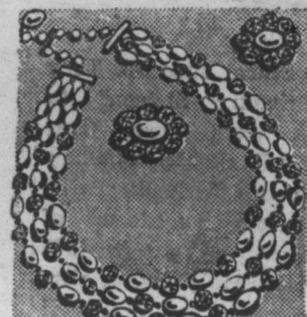
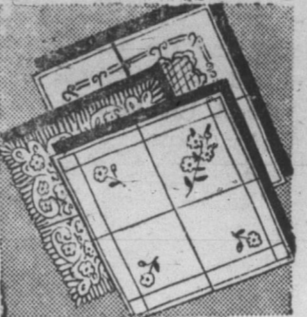
We have frozen many kinds of foods from our gardens and farms. We froze vegetables such as Okra, beans, greens, carrots, corn, pear, squash, beets, peppers, pumpkin and other vegetables. Mrs. Faye Adkins experimented with a new vegetable — broccoli. She reports that frozen broccoli is very good. She says her family likes it very much. We find that selecting good quality vegetables and preparing them properly before freezing is very important for good results.

We also freeze fruits and meats. Some of these are raspberries, strawberries, blackberries, apples, peaches, cherries and rhubarb. Meats are — pork, pork sausage, beef, chicken and fish. Some of our members have frozen eggs which is very convenient at a time eggs are scarce. They freeze whole eggs for baking and eating. They separate some eggs and freeze them for special recipes which call for only a part of the egg.

We freeze many kind of pastries. Some of which are prepared and frozen unbaked. Some are baked and carefully wrapped. This is very convenient at an unexpected time when they are needed.

Mrs. Fern Whitson prepares special diabetic foods for her son who is a diabetic patient. She finds that preparing and freezing these foods saves her time and is very convenient. We hope to freeze more fruits, vegetables and meats this year. We wish to thank Miss June Street, our Home Economics Agent, for helping us out with our freezing problems.

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