

Nursery school not too good too soon

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LANCASTER — The pre-school years are the most plastic, critical and life-shaping years of a child's life, and because of this, Mrs. William Grove thinks parents should not be sending their children off to nursery school when they are two to three years of age.

Julie is the mother of four children, and was speaking her convictions at a parenting seminar sponsored by the Lancaster County Extension Service last week. She is one of the organizers of a parenting group in Landisville which meets regularly to discuss common problems of parenting, and has organized a play group

which includes her 2-year-old daughter.

Julie said, "Many mothers are feeling pressured in to sending their children to nursery school, and as a result there are some 2- and 3-year-old children going regularly to nursery school. If you really want them to go, send them one year before kindergarten - not for three years."

When children are forced into nursery schools at early ages, Julie contends, "They become disinterested in school and are no longer excited about formal education. The whole thing is being distorted." In our society children have 13 years of structured education to look forward to.

"It is no wonder children become bored with school."

Julie said she feels there are some excellent nursery schools, and added that the staffs of these schools and day care centers have a "lot of knowledge, a lot skill and they love children." What is lacking, however, is the love for one child. "Who is more skilled than a parent in understanding the needs of their child and in proving a sustaining atmosphere at home" Julie questions.

"We must put our priorities in order and you must decide what is best for you and your child and your family," Julie said it is her personal belief that the existence of day care centers is pushing some women back to work when they may really prefer to stay at home. Just as some children may lose their identity in a large family, they may become lost in a large group at a school or day care center.

"You are your child's first teacher," Julie said. "A parent should create an environment for learning but not feel they must teach reading or other academics."

In your home, teaching should not fit a time schedule. Do things when they are right for you. Parents have an enormous opportunity to influence children." Julie said that even a simple act like sor-



Julie Grove tells alternatives to nursery school at a recently held parenting seminar in Lancaster.

ting laundry can be a learning experience for the pre-schooler.

Julie pointed out that 80 per cent of a child's intelligence is decided by age eight, and their personality is shaped by age five. "Are you willing to have someone else share in these moments?" she asked.

As a former elementary education teacher, Julie had several concrete ideas to share with women as they prepare their children for the rest of their life. "The

most important thing to develop in a pre-schooler is a good self-image, so they feel positive about themselves and others." At the pre-school age they need to learn to respect others and the property of others, she said.

Patience and understanding are important things to be learned in the formative years, according to Julie. For instance, she said, "Bright children must learn how to bear with slower children."

It is helpful to develop an

attention span. "Let them keep playing if they are involved, and if you must take them away from their play, give them a five minute warning. Discourage older brothers and sisters from interrupting their play so they can develop patterns of staying with a project."

Developing good listening habits will help the child learn to take directions and could be important for his safety, Julie said.

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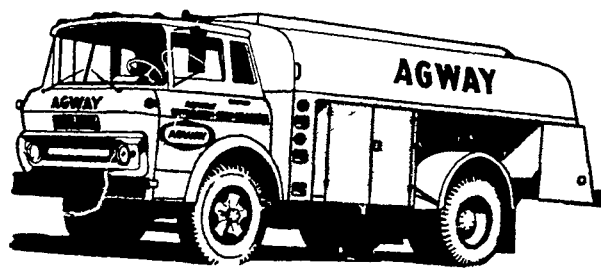
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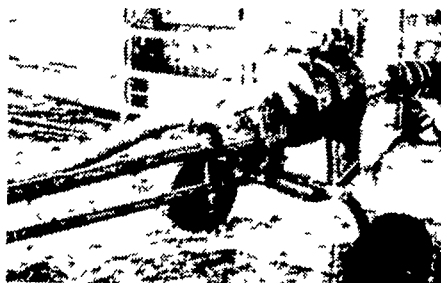


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