

FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL ARE BIG EVENTS FOR CHILD

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Dave Junior, decked in a small trousers with real pockets, a clean shirt, and shiny shoes, is about to be cast out to sink or swim in a strange sea of schooling.

What does he think about it? Grow-ups in his circle have something to do with that.

"So David is a big boy now, and he's going to school," beam mamma's head-patting friends. "He's going to learn to read at last," add his aunts. "That teacher will straighten the young man out, prophesy hopeful grandparents."

"Well, handled the grandparents who tackled me," and dad is off on another tale of teacher-beating. "But do you think he'll pass?" ask his brothers and sisters. "I'm losing my baby," sighs mamma.

We suspect that all children are prejudiced for or against school long before they ever go there. Youngsters are intensely eager to grow up, and going to school is the first big step in that direction.

Treated with respect and spared adult teasing, most of them go willingly. But how many little hearts today are thumping in foreboding and in dawning fear as that fatal first school day is at hand.

How Can Parents Help

Suppose last year a child's mother took the opportunity of going to the school, meeting the teacher, and returning with pleasant news for the prospective scholar. Or, better still, she may have taken him along to get an idea of what he will be doing in the Fall. Suppose he is already accustomed to groups of children through Sunday School experience, or membership in some organized play group. Suppose he has already made his adjustment to other children in a nursery or kindergarten group. Then school won't seem so strange.

Find out what the regular schedule at his school will be, and if it is customary for youngsters to drink fruit or tomato juice in mid-morning, and take a short rest period, introduce the innovation yourself before the teacher springs it on Seey.

Even though the school promises a complete physical examination, most parents find it well to have a child's health, his sight and hearing, checked before he enters school.

How About Clothes? No matter how beautiful a youngster may be when attired as Portrait of a Boy in Blue, he will be most unhappy if he is not dressed

exactly as all the other small boys are. Little girls are not so insistent upon inconspicuous apparel, but even they prefer not to stand out from the crowd.

A wise mother will mark all of her child's belongings distinctly with the child's name. It is sometimes difficult for a teacher to select Mary Ann's blue coat with a linen collar from among eight other blue coats with linen collars. Books, sweaters, jackets, raincoats, rubber, hats, and even handkerchiefs should carry the child's name.

Small children learn to read much more easily when they are not under pressure to do so. They can compete with the neighborhood children later on. Many modern first-grade teachers hold off any suggestion of reading for several months, feeling that a child's adjustment to the school situation must come first. So don't let Junior expect to give a reading demonstration right away. You may avoid the heartbreak which attended small Matilda on the first Sunday after school opened last Fall, when she opened the funny paper, and burst into loud and angry wails. There before her disillusioned eyes were the same black and white scratches she saw last Sunday. She had been assured that when people went to school, they could read!

First School Days

For the first day of school, go with the child to school, see him safely in his room, let him be very sure that you expect him to have a wonderful morning and that you will come back for him when he is ready to go home. Then leave, unless the teacher urges you to stay. The child may feel deserted for a few moments, but in the modern case, and in the modern case, he will see so many enchanting things to investigate that you will fade naturally into the background as you fade out of the door.

What will he see? A sunny room full of gay color and plants, small tables and chairs, picture books stacked on low shelves, blocks, toys, colored paper and scissors—a room planned for his delight. The teacher, we hope, will have for each youngster a friendly personal greeting which assures him that he is a person she very much wants to know. And if he hasn't been frightened beforehand, he will meet her half way.

It goes without saying that no magic formula applied before school opens can assure happy school days. Preparing a child for school is not a separate job from preparing him to meet life as it comes along. It is all part of training him toward increasing independence from his parents, toward accepting new situations. The first school days give parents an excellent chance to check their success in helping a child to help himself.

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Toner L. Heaton, et ux, to George Munyack, et ux, of Clarence, tract in Snow Shoe Twp., \$1,250.

Meet After 21 Years. Luke Rineer, et al, of Dayton, Ohio, and Daniel Rineer, 62, of Lancaster, brothers, met for the first time recently. When the family decided to move West, Daniel, then 7, stayed behind to work on a farm. Luke was born in the West.

DAIRYMEN WARNED TO BEWARE OF FALL WEATHER

The danger of spoiled milk is increased during the fall months, when a few days of brisk, cool weather throw the dairyman off guard for the warmer days that will return perhaps the next week, warns I. E. Parkin, dairy husbandry extension specialist of the Pennsylvania State College.

"Cool milk to 50 degrees F. just as soon as possible after milking," Parkin says. "During the summer and fall, ordinary well water is not cold enough to do this. Some form of refrigeration is necessary to get the proper temperature until well into the cool season."

As in the summer, never mix warm milk with cool milk in fall or winter. If the night's milk is held over and delivered the next morning, the morning's milk must be cooled before being mixed with the other.

Sanitation is a very important factor in keeping milk from spoiling, Parkin asserts. Since spoilage is caused by bacteria that live over from milking to milking in unsterilized utensils, every precaution for cleanliness must be taken. Proper sanitation not only reduces spoilage but may prevent the spreading of infectious diseases.

"Pennsylvania dairymen must be particularly careful to prevent their milk from freezing before it is sent to their dealers," Parkin reminds. "Freezing disrupts the chemical balance of the milk by breaking down the casein and butterfat structure. When the milk freezes and is then sent to the dealer, true samples drawn for butterfat cannot be taken at the weigh platform because of the alteration in the chemical structure."

The night milk can be kept in insulated cooling tanks kept full of pure, clean water, he says. Don't let the milk stand out-of-doors long before the milk hauler arrives, and when he does arrive, insist that he throw blankets over the load to prevent freezing.

BHS Graduates Rate High

And the Bellefonte High School hasn't done so badly.

From the Commission on Secondary Schools this week Bellefonte school authorities received a voluntary report of the progress local high school students have made in institutions of higher learning.

The report, covering the period from 1927 to the present time, shows that of a total of 82 students who went to colleges after completing courses at the Bellefonte High School, 18 were in the top fifth of their college classes; 17 were in the 2nd fifth; 17 in the 3rd fifth; 15 in the 4th fifth, and 13 in the lowest fifth.

A note appended to the report states that a "hypothetical average school would have about the same number of standings in each fifth."

The note continues: "A school that is better than average would tend to have more students in the top fifth (1st and 2nd)."

Similarly, the report adds: "A school that is below average would tend to have more student standings in the lower fifths (4th and 5th)."

By this rating, contributed voluntarily by the Commission itself, it is indicated that Bellefonte High School students turn out above average work in colleges.

And that, it seems, indicates that although our high school lacks the building facilities, and the teacher requirements for accredited schools, it is turning out "better than average" graduates, which, after all, should be the chief aim of any educational institution.

Signed: HORACE J. HARTMANT BOSSART DEHAAS.

Health And Beauty

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individual. There is no crime that he will not commit.

The public should be warned against the encroachments of this deadly enemy. You do not know when your own children may be persuaded to smoke this new cigarette with a kick in it. Badly are selling them for five cents each. In large cities they may be obtained at certain hot dog stands and other places. There are 100,000 users in the United States, most of them of high school age. It has only been four years since the public became aroused. The United States government has put a tax upon the sale of marihuana, and brought it under the narcotic law.

Warn your children against men who loiter and peddle cigarettes or otherwise try to sell them something surreptitiously.

Marihuana users are helpless when in the grip of this demon drug. It brings disgrace, insanity and often murder. It is creeping in stealthily like a venomous, twisting, slithering serpent. Protect your children against it by timely instruction.

Panther Seen Chasing Deer in Clinton Co.

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ther disappeared in the thick underbrush. The tracks of the animal, measured in daylight, were four inches in diameter, showing the animal to be one of the largest type of panthers ever seen in this section.

If there are citizens of this republic who do not like the way the war is being fought in Europe they can go over and do the job if they act before the neutrality laws prevent their departure from these shores.

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Random Items

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termining depth is a new feature in water-smelling, it seems. But McKinley says it works. Not long ago he dug a 21-foot well on his own farm. Beginning at the surface, the button clanked off 21 feet. With every foot the well was extended into the earth, he claimed, the brass button clanked off 1 less tally when reached, the button remained motionless in the center of the glass.

"Do you have to be gifted, or say words over the peach branch to get it to work?" we asked innocently.

For reply, McKinley declared that a couple of Sundays ago there was a crowd of about 20 men, women and children at his place. He had been telling them about finding underground water and before the afternoon was over all of them were running over the fields with peach branches held in front of them.

"Only two of them claimed the peach branch didn't do anything," McKinley reported. "Some persons can't make it work, but they are in the minority."

From other sources we learn that if you have a "Y" in the lifeline of your palm, the peach branch will work satisfactorily in locating water.

McKinley is no braggart but his calm and reasonable discussion of the merits of his avocation are exceedingly convincing, and when he gets a peach branch, holds it over a tub of water, and the end dips down sharply while the bark on the branch seems to heave and crawl like a living thing—you realize he really has something there.

Camouflaged Cow

Only human tracks were visible from the spot where a cow was stolen, at Orangeburg, but a puzzled policeman followed them anyway and arrested a suspect on a theft charge. The man admitted in court he had put shoes on the cow to mislead pursuers. He was sentenced to 18 months' road work.

LEGAL NOTICES

CAUTION NOTICE. I hereby caution the public not to harbor or trust my wife, Lulu Yearick, as I will not be responsible for any debts she may contract.

A. N. YEARIK, Bellefonte, Pa.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

In the Matter of the estate of Sarah H. Beck, late of Half Moon Township, deceased.

Letters of administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same duly proven, without delay to DANIEL J. BECK, Administrator, Bellefonte, Pa., or D. W. Harrison Walker, Atty., 242

EXECUTRIX NOTICE

In the Matter of the estate of John Stewart Williams, late of Liberty Township, Centre County, deceased.

Letters testamentary in the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same duly proven, without delay to MYRTLE WILLIAMS, Executrix, Mount Pleasant, Pa. Johnston & Johnston, Atty., 241

NOTICE

To the Centre County Agricultural Association, a corporation, and to the Heirs of Daniel Rhoads, Deceased, late of the Borough of Bellefonte, Pa.

Take notice that the Bellefonte Borough Authority has by process of condemnation taken a piece of land located in Spring Township of approximately six acres known as the Centre County Fair Ground lying between Bellefonte and Milesburg south of the old Mad Works property, and that the award of the Viewers amounting to One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars has been paid into the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County.

John McCoy, Anna A. McCoy, and Kate D. Shugart have filed their petition in Court claiming the consideration as the owners of the property.

The Court has granted a rule on the Centre County Agricultural Association and the Heirs of Daniel Rhoads, deceased, to show cause why this money should not be paid to the claimants. The matter will be heard by the Court at ten o'clock A. M. on the first Monday of November, and unless superior rights be shown by other than the claimants, the money will be paid to them.

JAMES C. FURST, Solicitor for Claimants.

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Old Horseblock At Rebersburg

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able information, or Mr. Small in whose antique shop, near the hotel, is a veritable Brungart Plow, the last example of a vanished Brush Valley industry. It was related by the late Squire Henry Meyer, to be rated as a first class Brush Valley plow, a Henninger flintlock and a red wamus.

There was old Trout, the post-rider, who was said to occupy himself as he slowly jogged along by knitting mittens and stockings. Sometimes his "portmanteaus" were the mail bags were called, were carelessly locked at the inns, and many letters were lost along the roads. On arriving at Rebersburg, left his letters on the backgammon table in the sitting room in front of the bar room, or on the bar counter until the owner remained for days until the owner remained to arrive and claimed them by paying the postage.

A celebrated occasion was when Kuhnla LeNoir, one will find her name in former Governor Earle's family tree, a niece of the famous General Benner, rode horseback from Chester county to her uncle's iron furnace beyond Bellefonte about 1795. Trout was a young and spirited youth at that time, and became her companion from Derrstown, now called Lewisburg, to her destination. She was probably the first woman to make such a journey without personal servants in attendance, and it was considered a great and daring undertaking. However, Trout had previously similar companions for shorter distances, as one of his duties was to assist and be kind to all persons who desired to journey in his care. Roads were rough, and fare poor.

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