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Sally Hess

Teacher of the Week Sally Hess

Mrs. Sally Hess, special reading teacher at Grandview, does much more than teach her pupils to read. She helps her students feel good about themselves.

"The most important thing about learning to read is feeling good about one's self," says Mrs. Hess. "If a person does not like himself, he will not want to read."

Mrs. Hess uses various methods for helping children to develop positive self-concepts. She starts from the very beginning of her program by having each child make a self-concept chart.

"The chart tells me how a person feels about himself. The student draws himself on the chart, using words to describe self on the physical, mental and emotional level. This tells so much about attitudes and interests as well.

"The chart is read to the student and then he may take it home to hang up in his house. It's wonderful, because his parents are quite proud and will read the chart to him also.

"I tell the student, 'when you are having a bad day, just look at your self-concept chart, and you will feel better.' Children come back to me even after they are out of the class and say 'Guess what, it really works! I look at my chart and feel better.' 'Look what reading does for a person!'"

Mrs. Hess also has a special bulletin board for the "Child of the Week."

"The class uses a word to describe what they like about the Child of the Week; words concerning his or her personality," says Mrs. Hess. "At the end of the week, the special child gets to take this home also."

In both teaching a child to read and helping him to develop a positive self-concept, Mrs. Hess uses personal experience.

"You must take the child at his level; from where he is," she says. "This is why I use personal experience.

"I tell the first grade classes on the very first day, 'You will learn to read today.' They don't believe me when I say that, but they leave the class knowing about twenty words.

"They begin by dictating a story from experience, using basic vocabulary and complete sentences. It is important to use complete sentences, because this helps the child to learn the meaning of run-on words such as 'is, are and as.'

"After the child has dictated his story he realizes that reading is nothing more than talk written down. What an important discovery!

"From this first story we write the basic words on cards for the students. They take these home and announce to their parents 'I can read!' And they can.

"The story is put into a book, one that is added to throughout the entire year. At the end of the year they take home a book written by themselves."

From this beginning the student learns that his experiences can be broadened. There are special days for cooking or learning about pets. "If we have the first fire alarm in class, I have the students write about that," says Mrs. Hess.

Students learn that others have similar experiences, and that they can learn about these experiences through reading. Students can learn about feelings, interests and lifestyles that are of interest in their own lives.

"I also try to expand upon interests," says Mrs. Hess. "Some children only want to read about horses or Indians. They have to be guided into other areas as well. That is my job."

How does Mrs. Hess deal with weaknesses in a child's reading ability? "I emphasize a child's strengths. Gradually there are not so many weaknesses."

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Rotarians pay \$8.25/lb. for capons

A capon auction at the Mount Joy Rotary Club's last meeting raised \$437 for four members of the E-town and Donegal 4-H Club. Rotarian Art Mayer was in charge of the event.

Herb Jordan, who is poultry specialist with Penn State Extension, judged the eight birds.

Rotary president Dr. Richard Bryson was top bidder for an 11¼-pound capon sold by Lowell Frey.

Another bird of Frey's, equally big, was sold to D.C. Gohn Associates.

The prices per pound were \$8.25 and \$5.25 respectively for the two grand champion birds.

Two reserve champion capons, shown by Glenn Sauder, went for \$5.25 per pound and \$4.50 per pound. The first, at 9½ pounds, was sold to B.T. Rutt Insurance Agency. The second, at 9¾ pounds, went

to Elvin Yeagley.

Also showing capons were Greg Musser and Bill Endslo. Musser's, each weighing 10½ pounds, were sold for \$4.25 per pound to Lancaster Limousine and to Groff and White, accountants. Endslo's birds, each weighing 12 pounds, sold at \$4.25 to Lester Eshelman and Jake Stehman.

Auctioneer for the event was Harold Keller. Advisor to the 4-H Club is Roy Sauder.



Left to right, front row; Greg Musser, third place, Billy Enslow, fourth place. Back row; Herb C. Jordan, judge, Lowell Frey, Grand Champion, Glenn Sauder, Reserve champion and Roy Sauder, 4-H leader.

Have breakfast with Santa and Mount Joyceettes

Everyone is welcome to join the Mount Joy Joyceettes in having breakfast with Santa Claus, 7:30 to 11:30am on December 25th at Hostetter's Banquet Hall.

The breakfast will start off with juice, followed by

scrambled eggs with bacon. Doughnuts and a choice of coffee or hot chocolate will be included in the meal.

While the people eat, Santa Claus will walk around and give gifts to the children. If anyone wants to talk to Santa after breakfast,

he will be found sitting on his special seat.

Tickets are available in two sizes—adult and children's. For more information, call Mrs. Robert Stoner at 653-4395, or any Joyceette.