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You, Your Child And The School

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At this time of year some parents are faced with the possibility of their child's retention (non-promotion). Let's look at this realistically. What is to be gained? Is it a disgrace? How can we help?

Most available research indicates that, on the average, students do not benefit from retention. However, an average means that some do benefit while others do not. By carefully analyzing the total picture of the child... academic progress, social and emotional adjustment, age, size, playmates... a relatively accurate prediction can be made. Look carefully at the reasons for the child's failure to meet the school standards. Does he have a physical defect... hearing, sight? The causes can give a good indication as to whether or not retention will be helpful.

Do not look for a hasty decision. Consider all aspects in relation to your child. However, if retention is deemed the answer, you can do a great deal to help the situation. Show your child that his placement has caused him to have difficulties. Now he will have a fair chance to accomplish his work satisfactorily. Do not show despair and disappointment. You cannot hide his failure but you

can help him to understand what is happening. Encouragement and confidence on your part will be extremely important. A well thought out retention can, logically, be helpful in many areas of your child's development. It is difficult for parents to accept retention, but a clear analysis of the situation will help you to understand how you can be of assistance.

Question: My third grader has been ill and missed fifty - two days of school. He is having problems with reading and arithmetic. Should I ask the school to retain him so that he won't move on with wide gaps in his basic knowledge?

Answer: Based upon your outline, this third grader's problems began with his absences and are limited to the academic areas. I would recommend investigating the possibility of tutoring or other type of extra help. Retention would remove him from his proper social placement. This could lead to other serious implications. Discuss the matter with the school principal who can relate the problem to his school program.

Similar situations can be avoided by a request for home instruction which is supplied in many

schools with state funds.

Question:

My tenth grader has had increasing difficulty with his work during the past year. His study habits are becoming worse and he is thinking about leaving school. How can I help encourage him to complete his education?

Answer:

Your son is developing a serious problem. Do not waste time looking for a simple solution but make immediate contact with the school guidance counselor. Your son needs assistance in solving his problems which naturally will affect his future. You state that his problems have been a recent development which indicates that they can be solved if quickly and properly approached.

Chicago Livestock

CHICAGO (UPI)—Livestock: Hogs 4,000; 25-50 higher; No 1-2 190-230 lb 18.00-18.25; 40 head 18.50; mixed No 1-3 180-250 lb 17.50-18.00; 240-260 lb 17.00-17.50; No 2-3 260-290 lb 16.50-17.00; couple loads around 300 lb 16.25; load No 3 around 330 lb 15.75; load 340 lb 15.25.

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Junior Leaders

Monday, June 11, the Adams county Junior Leaders held their monthly meeting at the Pleasant Mills high school.

Group mixers started the evening. Sherill Yoder and Steve Randall led the pledges and Paul Rich led the singing. The educational feature was a talk on the IFYE program by Miss Ann Thompson. Miss Thompson will assist Lois Folk this summer and then journey to Chile as an exchange student in the IFYE program.

Special entertainment consisted of stunts by the various township 4-H clubs. Recreation and refreshments, served by the Wabash township junior leaders, rounded out the evening.

Reporter: Charles Bentz

Decatur Students On Tour By Choir

Ronald Feller, son of Rev. and Mrs. William C. Feller, and Michael Kaehr, son of Mrs. Doris D. Heath, will travel with the Heidelberg College concert choir during June and July.

Student members of the 75-voice Heidelberg College concert choir will be quartered on the campus from Sunday, June 17, in advance of their leaving by two Greyhound buses for Windsor, Ontario, where they will board a Canadian Pacific Jet-prop plane the evening of June 19 for arrival in Amsterdam the following morning.

Uniting Services Of Churches Sunday

A united services for the new Decatur Evangelical United Brethren congregation will be held Sunday evening at Trinity church at 7 o'clock. A service of worship and welcome is being planned which will officially bring together the church council of administration into one.

Included in the ritual of welcome will be the accepting of the members of the former churches into the new congregation Dr. Marshall Chambers, conference superintendent from Fort Wayne will lead the ritual and deliver the meditation. A vocal solo will be sung by Dan Foreman. Organist will be Mrs. Walter Henkel.

The climax of the service will be the receiving of the sacrament of holy communion. Dr. Chambers will be assisted by Rev. J. O. Penrod and Rev. Fuhrman Miller.

Following the united service, the first church council of administration meeting will be conducted by Dr. Chambers. The council will be organized, and the membership of boards and committees appointed.

All of the members and friends of both former churches are invited to participate.

Adams Central FFA To Tour Test Plots

The Adams Central FFA will tour the farm test plots of Paul Ehrsam and Steve Kaehr at their July 9 meeting, Martin Watson, advisor, said today. On Ehrsam's one and one-third acre plot a corn stand of 31,000 plants was planted. This is about twice the normal stand. At this time 1,200 pounds of 12-12-12 fertilizer, 300 pounds of potash muriate, and 135 pounds of nitrogen were placed on the test plot. It was then discing. Another 300 pounds of 5-20-20 fertilizer was side-dressed at planting. It will be fertilized again at a later date.

The FFA members will meet at 6:30 p.m. June 29 at the Adams Central school. There will be a softball practice before the meeting.

July 9 is the date of the meeting at which they will tour the farm test plots. A softball practice will be before the meeting. After the tour there will be a watermelon supper at Kaehr's.

Lotta Pets

NEW YORK (UPI)—The count on pets nationwide includes 25 million dogs, 27 million cats,

15 million parakeets, three million turtles and 100,000 monkeys. The pet count was reported in "Medicine at Work," a publication for physicians.



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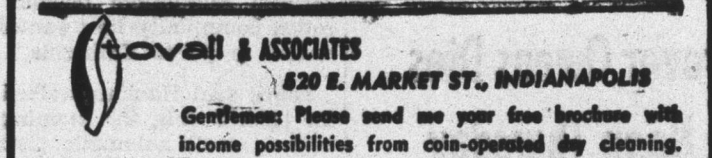
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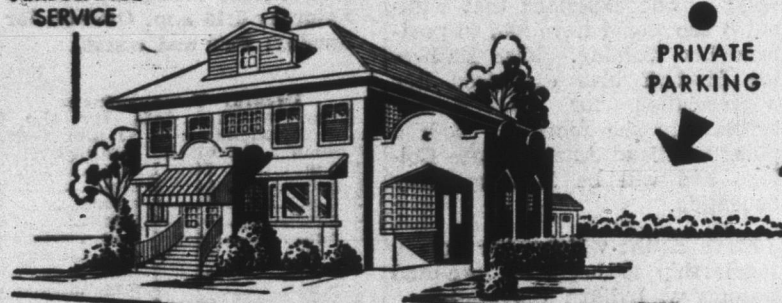
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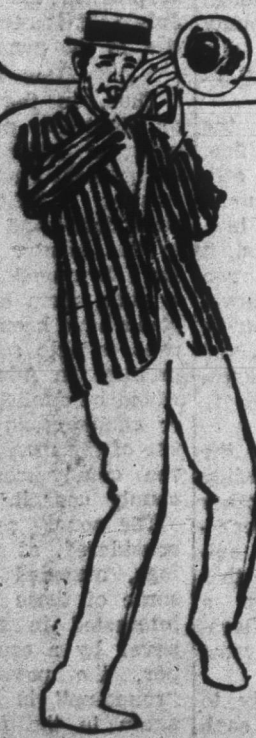
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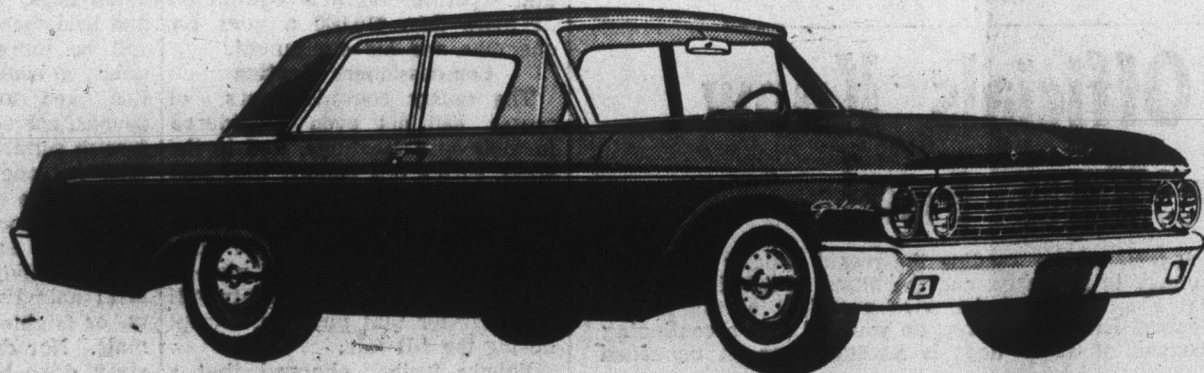
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