

CORRECT YOUR CHILD'S DEFECTS BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE

Mother Can Avert Much Unhappiness

Friday, May 1, will be celebrated as National Health Day throughout the United States. The findings of the House conference on child health and protection have stimulated interest in this celebration greatly. The following article by an eminent child specialist has been prepared specially for The Times in connection with local May day activities.

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All children appear beautiful to their own mothers. The defects which outsiders readily observe very often are the object of tender admiration to the maternal eye. It is only natural that parents should be more attached to the child who, because of imperfections, is in need of greater protection.

And this is the explanation of the negligence on the part of many parents, in not helping their children to correct defects which cause unhappiness, and which become serious drawbacks through their entire lives.

Let us begin with the new-born babe. The deformity of the heads of babies, due to difficult births, usually is a temporary thing, and adjusts itself with time.

Sun Baths Help

Sun and air baths, frequent bathing and the handling of the child during the drying process after the bath, are beneficial to the functions of the skin, to its beauty, and to developing muscles which give grace to the body.

Many babies are born with large ears that stand away from the head. When they rest their little heads on their pillows their ears are bent forward, and actually become deformed. These children often are the objects of scorn at school, and if their mothers had been wiser, much unhappiness could have been avoided.

Covering the head of the infant with a soft, light cap that binds the ears close to the head, from the very first days of his existence, is the best and simplest way of correcting this defect. Then, there is the flattening of the back of the baby's head. This is due to the fact that the infant is permitted to remain lying on his back during his sleeping as well as his resting hours.

Lay the head of the baby on the right and left side alternately. One can also help many irregularities of conformation of the head, by having the child rest on the pro-truding side.

Halt Thumb Sucking

Sucking the thumb is a nervous fault very common among little ones. This must be halted immediately and energized at its very first appearance to eradicate a bad habit which leads to many others.

Thumb sucking produces a deformation of the front part of the jawbone. Normally, the upper incisors should meet the lower ones in a position directly in front of them, so that the process of grinding and masticating one's food may be facilitated.

This position of the teeth is altered with children who suck their thumbs. If the upper incisors protrude forward, not alone do they prevent proper mastication, but they produce a deformation of the mouth and lips, the exception of which requires no end of costly attention in later years.

And how many children are there in this climate who, inhaling the dusty air of the city, develop enlarged adenoids and tonsils? Here they must breathe with open mouths, because the nasal passages are closed.

Face Is Disfigured

I do not wish to deal at present with the bronchial, pulmonary and auditory complications that arise from defective breathing. I want, however, to draw your attention to the lines disfiguring the faces; to the dull expressions of these children who must keep their mouths open and who are on the verge of semi-deafness and have stooping shoulders. And all this because of the fear of a simple operation for the removal of tonsils and adenoids.

It also is surprising to observe the results of the proper exercises for correcting any deformity of the back, and holding the body upright.

Strabismus, or cross-eyes, is another defect, the importance of which many mothers fail to comprehend. It often develops slowly, and is due either to a weakness of the muscles or to defective sight. This often can be corrected by strengthening the eyes and relieving them of any excessive fatigue or bright light, and also by correcting vision with the aid of glasses.

MRS. NOBLE NEW PARENT PRESIDENT

Officers were elected by the Parent Association of the Orchard school following a program of motion pictures held Tuesday night at the Woodstock Country Club. Mrs. Margaret Noble was chosen president, and Mrs. Paul Fisher was named secretary.

Annual spring dinner of the association preceded the program. The sound films featured Dr. W. H. Kilpatrick, Columbia University; Hughes Mearns, New York University, and Boyd H. Mode of Ohio State University. More than three hundred were present.

Chapter to Plant Tree

Members of the Women's Organization of the National Association of Retail Druggists, chapter 20, will plant a linden tree at 3 Thursday afternoon in the W. O. Grove at Taggart park, in memory of Mrs. Jeannette Dresch, a member of the organization who died last Wednesday.

Mrs. Edward Miles, president, and Mrs. E. C. Reick, chairman of the memorial committee, will have charge of the services. All social functions of the chapter have been cancelled until after the next regular meeting.

Bush to Address Club

Lieutenant-Governor Edgar D. Bush will speak at the meeting of the Indiana Woman's Republican Club at 2 Thursday at the Columbia Club. Mrs. Spann Waymire, president, will preside.

Miss Dorothy Coyle Becomes Bride of Marcel Unnewehr

Miss Margaret Coyle, 4344 Carrollton avenue, announces the marriage of her sister, Miss Dorothy Coyle, and Marcel Unnewehr, which took place at 9 this morning in the rectory of St. Joan of Arc.

PRESIDENT



Miss Fannie Graeter
Bretzmann Photo.

Miss Fannie Graeter is president of the Mutual Benefit Association, which will hold a musical Thursday night at the Civic theater, proceeds to be used to further the work of the Mutual Benefit Foundation.

Pan-Hellenic Spring Fete Is Set for May 16

Indianapolis Pan-Hellenic Association will hold its annual springing May 16 at the Highland Golf and Country Club in the form of a bridge tea.

Miss Mary Gertrude Manley, general chairman, has appointed Mrs. Frank Churchman chairman of arrangements, assisted by Mrs. John Turpin and Miss Isabel Eddy. Prizes will be in charge of Mrs. Walter Alfke, assisted by Mrs. C. V. Durbin and Mrs. William H. Harrison.

Reservations must be made with Miss Manley before May 14.

SHOWER IS GIVEN FOR MRS. PARKER

Miss Marcella Smith, 712 North Emerson avenue, entertained Tuesday night with a surprise shower and bridge party in honor of Mrs. Floyd Parker, who was Miss Eloise Amacher. Guests were:

Mesdames Chris Amacher, E. H. Frink, Esther Huford, Nichols Moore, C. L. Miller, G. W. Gustafson, A. A. Corbin, Mrs. Dorothy Hayden, and Thelma Wannett.

The hostess was assisted by her mother, Mrs. J. H. Wright.

SILVER JEWELRY IS NEWEST FAD

With the spring tailored suit, the new tailored silver jewelry is ideal. The finish is that dull Swedish finish you see on much of the modern table silver.

The chokers are quite flat, in collar effects, usually with a center motif of some sort. Very popular are the pieces that simulate the old Crusader jewelry.

GRANTED that a good digestion has its influence upon the happiness of marriage, it seems to me that women have stressed too heavily the virtues of domesticity when dealing with men.

They have demanded perpetual lip service to the culinary rites. And so far as I have been able to see, no husband or son ever has loved or honored a woman merely because she could cook.

It's up to the girl with the dyspeptically inclined spouse to concentrate on her dishes. If she wants serenity in the house, a succulent tidbit may thus be the means to an end, but it never can be the end within itself.

And as for that thing known generally as "respect," it's not worth two whoops these days. The priceless boon to win from sons is friendship. And that takes harder work than cooking.

NAMED DELEGATE

Pupils of Indianapolis high schools as well as others throughout the state garnered their share of prizes in a national art contest conducted for high schools in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Hoosier pupils winning prizes or honorable mention in the various contests are:

Edward Linn, South Side high school, Ft. Wayne, honorable mention, design; Nevalin Chess, Arsenal Technical high, Indianapolis, honorable mention, pictorial arts; William Justice of the same school, honorable mention in the American Crayon Company award; Melvin Loy, Arsenal Technical high, Indianapolis, second prize, textile contest. Bert Riegel, in the Esterbrook drawing pen award; Fredrick Saunders, in metal work, and I. Ald Stebbing, in prints, all of Aeronautical, honorable mention.

First prize in sculpture, Jacqueline Jones, Marion high school.

Maxine Farley, McIntosh high school, Auburn, honorable mention, literary article.

Portia Guinevere Adams, Bloomington high school, Bloomington, honorable mention, story, "My Job."

Sweaters Back

Are women going back to knitting? It looks that way, because hand-knit sweaters are back. All sorts of hand-knit stitches are smart, but one of the best is a coarse, square mesh, like the fisherman's sweater introduced by Schiaparelli.

Small Rugs Help

Small rugs are more useful than ever these days when the grouping of furniture is so important. A scatter rug will tie the whole group together when used over a plain colored carpet or over a wooden floor.

Call Sorority Meeting

Alpha Pi Sigma sorority will meet at 8 tonight at the home of Miss Margaret Louden, 56 South Audubon road.

Installation Is Slated

Council of Administrative Women in Education will meet at the Woodstock Club Saturday for luncheon. Officers for the coming year will be installed.

Howdy Club to Meet

Elmer White will entertain members of the Howdy Club Thursday night at his home, 126 East Vermont street.

Shower to Be Held

Members of Zeta Rho sorority will entertain with a shower tonight at the home of Miss Pauline Ballinger, 3844 English avenue, in honor of Mrs. T. K. Miles, formerly Miss Harriet Dorman and Miss Frances Smith, whose marriage to Randall White will take place May 2. The hostess will be assisted by Mrs. Ethel Heimer.

Howdy Club to Meet

Elmer White will entertain members of the Howdy Club Thursday night at his home, 126 East Vermont street.

New Chiefs Are Named by Council

church, the Rev. Maurice O'Connor officiating.

Mr. Unnewehr is the son of Mrs. William Unnewehr, 1905 Kelly street.

The couple was attended by the bride's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sweeney. The bride wore a blue ensemble with matching accessories and a corsage of Sweetheart roses.

A breakfast was served at the Coyle home following the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Unnewehr motored to Chicago for a honeymoon. They will be home on their return at the Carrollton avenue address.

Medical Society Auxiliary Will Meet at Home

Woman's auxiliary to the Indianapolis Medical Society will meet at 2:30 Friday at the Jacob E. Wiles Memorial Nurses' home. Plans for the meeting of the state association to be held here in the fall will be discussed.

A program of spring songs will be given by Miss Wilma Leonard, following which tea will be served.

Hostesses for the occasion include:

Mrs. D. O. Kearby, chairman, assisted by

Mesdames W. J. Hoag, J. A. Holman, W. F. Hughes, P. T. Hurt, Foster Hudson, J. L. Jackson, A. S. Jaeger, W. F. Johnson, A. F. Johnson, D. L. Kahn, M. V. Kahler, J. V. Kline, E. F. Kline, K. M. Koenig, F. Knox, F. A. Lapenta and Miss Catherine Lapenta.

Other officers elected are Madames John P. Cochrane, vice-president; C. W. Folz, recording secretary; Charles A. Mueller, corresponding secretary, and Edna L. Failey, treasurer.

The following committee chairmen for the year also were appointed:

Madames D. O. Wilmet, program: Cochran, American citizenship; Mary E. Kynett, civic; W. F. Holmes, court; I. E. Bush, education and child welfare; A. B. Gilick, legislative; W. C. Bartholomew, hospitality; Curtis A. Hodges, resolutions and permanent peace; John Phillips, motion pictures; J. F. Edwards, social betterment and public health, and Alex Goodman, visitation.

Mrs. Gilick, retiring president, announced that installation of officers would be held at the luncheon meeting at the Roberts Park Methodist Episcopal church Tuesday. It will be decided at this meeting whether the all-day meetings, the custom of the organization, will continue next year.

The plan of holding a business meeting at 11 followed by luncheon and a program has been followed.

Mrs. Hogate Again Head of Cheer Guild

Mrs. Charles Hogate was re-elected president of the Riley Hospital Cheer Guild at the annual meeting Tuesday afternoon at the Claypool.

Other officers are: Mesdames Hadley Green, first vice-president; J. M. Tomlinson, second vice-president; F. F. Fox, recording secretary; W. L. Holdaway, assistant recording secretary; Floe Kenyon, corresponding secretary; S. B. Taylor, auditor, and Elizabeth Smith, auditor.

Mrs. Andrew J. Porter was elected permanent state secretary.

Monthly reports were read, but the annual officers' reports were postponed until the next meeting, so that members could attend the services held by the Rotary Club in connection with the laying of the corner stone of the new convalescent home at the James Whitcomb Riley hospital.

Francis X. Bushman Jr., the young picture actor who comes to the Lyric Saturday, announces that he intends to retire at the age of 40.

Then he qualifies that statement by adding "from the stage," for Bushman has other plans for himself when he reaches the two-score year mark.

Young Bushman is now 25, so he has but fifteen years more to bask in the spotlight. At the end of that time, he intends to become a financier and devote his time to investments.

Bushman has already been on the stage and screen for ten years and he thinks in a quarter of a century the public can get enough of an actor, so in 1946 he will have a farewell tour and then settle down somewhere within commuting distance of Wall Street.

Junior Bushman is a graduate of the St. John's Military Academy and was a student at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. He went there with the intention of becoming a doctor but soon changed his mind and switched to a general course. If he had had his own way, he would not have been in college at all, but on some picture lot, but his father did not want him to be an actor and he tried hard to please his father.

One summer he journeyed to the Pacific coast on his vacation and that was the end of class-room lectures. Young Bushman is tall and handsome with just the kind of personality that registers best on the screen.

He no sooner reached Hollywood than he was put to work. His first important picture was "Four Sons." This was followed by a serial "The Scarlet Arrow." Then came a season in vaudeville with a return to pictures in "They Learned About Women," with Van and Schenck. "The Girl Said No," with William Haines and Leila Hyams.

"Sins of the Children," with the late Louis Mann. "Way Out West," with William Haines and Polly Moran.

Following his present long tour of the RKO theaters, Bushman intends to return to the coast, where, during the remaining fifteen years he has allotted himself, he will make as many pictures as possible with, of course, time out for a few personal appearances.

"Doubt, Doubt" is the title of the vaudeville playlet Bushman is presenting. William Langen, Fred Brown, and Renee Danti, also Hollywood players, support him.

Five other acts of RKO Vaudeville and the feature picture, "Meet the Wife," are on this program at the Lyric next Saturday.

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