

Happy Life Favored as School Goal

Ability to Get Along With Others Most Important.

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NEW YORK, April 13.—How many of the miseries of adult life have to do with the hours a person spends alone? Very few. A scientist here and a painter there may suffer great unhappiness over failure to make an experiment or a canvas behave, but for most of us the problems and difficulties we encounter concern our relations with people.



That being the case, it would seem the veriest platitude that our education should concentrate on the social rather than the solitary activities. And yet we know that it does not. Most of the subjects on which we

furrow our young brows in school are cultural. They are designed to provide us with delightful hobbies, to be sure, and to turn us into so many charming old dabbles in Latin poetry and chemical reactions.

One educator has estimated that 85 per cent of grown-up life is social and that 15 per cent of our education is designed to fit us for it. It seems obvious that the emphasis is sadly out of line. And why? Well, our ideas of education have been largely founded on tradition. Because a young man at Oxford in 1770 was given a certain pebbulum of the classics, we feel constrained to hand them out to our young men and women of today. Because economics and sociology and psychology did not figure in the old grammar school curriculum we tend to look at them askance.

Trained for Monastic Life

Some of our educational theories were framed to prepare bright and devout young men for the monastic life. Others tended to teach them how to pass agreeable evenings in the loneliness of an English manor house, with an illiterate but worthy wife and a pack of quite uneducated servants. They have little relation to the essentially busy and gregarious life of people today.

The success of any person, man or woman, is almost impossible if he is a dud at human affairs. No matter how efficient a worker may be, if he is the kind who rubs every one the wrong way, he will not have a chance to show his efficiency for long.

Friendliness and the ability to get along with people and to look upon them without distrust are the best preparation for life that we can have. And it is the business of the schools to give it to us. Neighborliness Not Stressed

There were few children in the families of the past; the rough and tumble of life at home gave them some understanding of the rights of others and of the necessity for co-operation to escape perpetual war. But today the family has shrunk to nether size. There are many children who receive no training in the home, in the lessons of neighborliness with those of their own age and strength.

Perhaps our ideas of education need a revamping from the ground up. For if it is not the purpose of schools to teach us how to live happy lives, then what are they for? And if they are to perform that job with any show of efficiency, it seems obvious that they must give us some help in those thorniest of all adult problems—the difficulty of getting along happily and understandingly with our own kind.

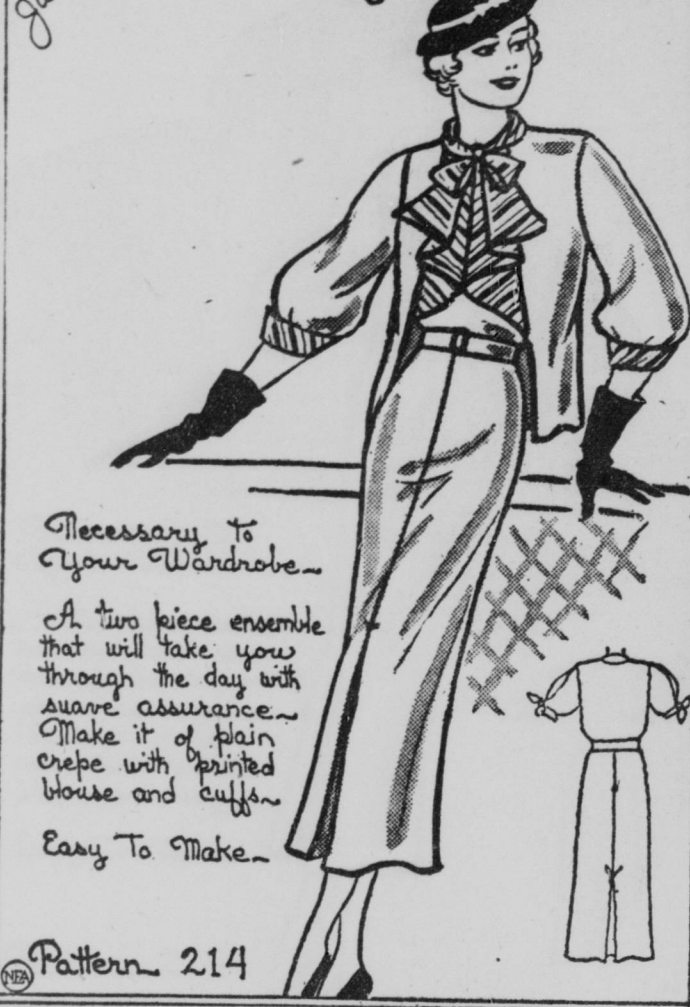
NATIONAL OFFICER DIRECTS INITIATION

Initiation services were held Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. John E. White, 3254 Park avenue, by Epsilon chapter, Alpha Omicron Alpha sorority.

Mrs. J. R. Senteny, national president, was assisted by Mesdames Walter E. Stevens, Lee O. Nicholson, Harry E. Green and F. Donald Ewing.

The following committees were appointed by Mrs. Stevens, president: Mrs. Elmer A. Crews and Mrs. Ewing, social service; Mrs. Green, Mrs. Charles M. Hoffman and Mrs. Nicholson, Needlework guild; Mrs. Nicholson and Mrs. White, social; Mrs. Ewing and Mrs. Green, telephone; and Mrs. Kinkor and Mrs. Nicholson, year book.

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Assisting on the ticket committee are Mrs. Edward Curry, Mrs. Clara O'Brien and Mrs. Thomas Broden; Misses Katherine Krause, Mary Ryan, Mary Catherine Slattery, Jane O'Brien, Jeanne O'Connell and Anne Keogh.

Gymnasts to Perform

A tumbling act by students of the Normal College of the American Gymnastic Union will be a feature at the "family nite" party to be held tonight at the Young Women's Christian Association.

Why Doctors Favor a Liquid Laxative

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Miss Marcy Dirnberger became the bride of Joseph W. Quinlan in a ceremony this morning at Our Lady of Lourdes church. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Dirnberger.

The Rev. James Moore heard the marriage vows before an altar banked with spring flowers and palms. R. L. McDonald, organist, played a group of bridal airs with Hilaria Francis soloist.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was gownned in pink mouseline fashioned with a short veil, which fell from a cap of pale pink rosebuds. She carried a colonial bouquet of sweetheart roses.

The bride was attended by Miss Marguerite Fox who wore light blue net with a picture hat and carried an arm bouquet of delphinium. Claude Sifferlen was best man.

A wedding breakfast at the Dirnberger home followed the ceremony. After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Quinlan will be at home at 771 North Bancroft street.

A Woman's Viewpoint

BY MRS. WALTER FERGUSON
Do you read the letters from subscribers in your newspaper? If so, you know there persists in the public mind the notion that the United States could be a modern Utopia if only women stayed at home and tended to the children and allowed men to manage the public business unmolested.

Yet remiss as we are, it seems to me that women are looking after the children better than men are conducting outside affairs. For never before has there been so much conscientious study and effort put into the attempt to understand the child as now goes on. To be sure, certain men, educators and doctors, are helping, but in the main this is a feminine movement.

All of us, I think, likely are to imagine everything would be perfect if progress had stopped short at our generation. Without any analysis of the whole situation we simply assume that when it came to raising children our parents were the only ones who did a decent job.

our American birthright for the poor little messes of pottage upon which most of us now subsist. These children became the citizens who took Mammon for their god and jumped into the most disastrous and useless war of all history.

The old-fashioned home may have been an excellent and pious place, but for all that it turned out some singularly sorry specimens.

Violinist to Appear

Fred Mushrush, violinist, accompanied by his sister Kathryn, will appear on the musical program at a McGuffey Club meeting tomorrow afternoon in the Cropsey auditorium of the main library.

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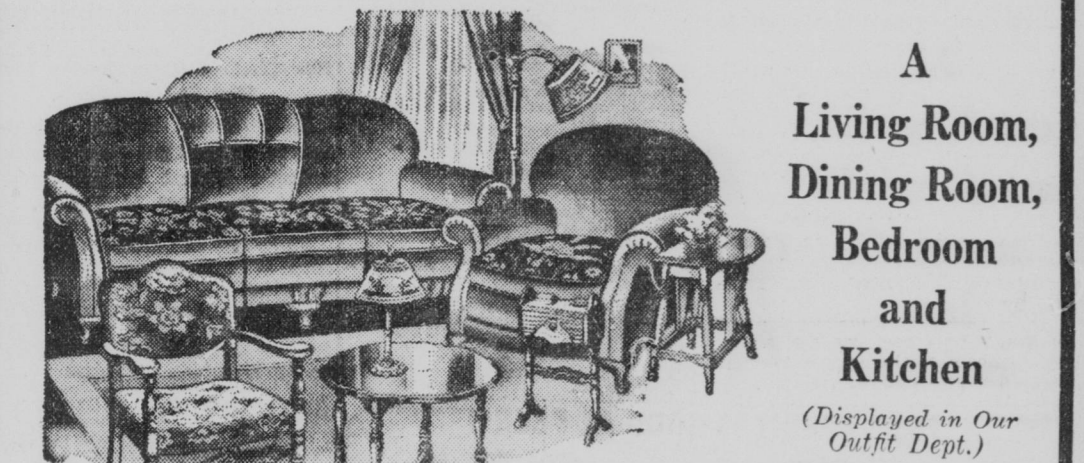
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