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**Psychologist Warns Against Prizes,
Decries Competition in Classroom**

Dr. W. E. Blatz, psychologist and director of the Institute of Child Study, warned against prizes and competition in the classrooms when he addressed one of the largest crowds ever to attend the annual meeting of the Halton Children's Aid Society in St. Paul's United Church, Milton.

"Children are being brought up on the basis of the more skills learned the more money they can make but very little attention is paid to the development of their emotional lives", the speaker said.

Dr. Blatz was introduced by Dr. H. V. Cranfield, president of the society for the coming year, who reminded the audience Dr. Blatz was a "contro-

versial" figure.

"How can we train children to take care of anger?" the speaker questioned, proceeding to suggest that you always want something and when you are presented with a problem you can not solve you smile. "When we start to get upset we get more efficient," Dr. Blatz emphasized, illustrating by suggesting you will climb a higher wall faster when chased by a bull than if you're just going to pick primroses.

The psychologist pointed out that if a child wants something and can't get it but is willing to try that is anger which assists him in learning the skill.

Temper Tantrums

Describing the education of a child, Dr. Blatz pointed out children in nursery schools between two and five are interested in learning to solve a problem they themselves have set. If it goes on to a point where the child seems unable to accomplish they have temper tantrums and no problem can be solved when anger gets out of control. "We should prolong this period of ambition but train a child never to go beyond the point where he loses his temper and that takes 18 to 18 years," the speaker declared.

Dr. Blatz stressed when a child has a temper tantrum to leave him alone since they will never get what they want because of their inefficiency due to anger. If they are assisted to what they want by others they realize the tantrum is the way to achieve their goal and these people grow up to sulk. The sulking is a threat, that if a person doesn't get what they want it will be too bad. "Where do you think so many mink coats come from," the speaker joked.

Thrill of Success

"No child ever got anywhere without sustained enthusiasm," the psychologist emphasized, suggesting competition should be eliminated from the classroom in the form of marks. The thrill of solving problems must be substituted.

To substitute the desire to learn for the competition forced necessity to learn, Dr. Blatz suggested no classroom should have more than 20 children, teachers must be selected because they have a call to teaching the same as any minister, prizes, marks, and honour rolls have to be abolished (which are all devised of a poor teacher to stimulate) and the enthusiasm of the pupils must be used.

"Through primary school we're more interested in the children making mistakes rather than passing exams. The people with the wrong answers have often been our best inventors."

We have it within our hands to train their children. Thousands could be painters, musicians, poets, but many are allowed to "lay fallow," Dr. Blatz concluded.

Society president W. G. McKenzie Robinson presided during the business of the annual meeting preceding the address of Dr. Blatz. George Elliott, Q.C. of Milton expressed the thanks of the group to Dr. Blatz.

In his report to the society, the president explained "Your directors have paid particular attention during the past year to examining the scope of our services and have been very receptive to professional advice where change was thought advisable. He pointed out on the introduction of the new Child Welfare Act, a committee was formed that reviewed and revised the by-law of the society with a view to compliance to the Act and various regulations of the Provincial Department of Child Welfare.

Campaign Regret

One of the regrets of the past year was lack of a vigorous and early campaign for a larger membership in the Society, the president commented. Expression of gratitude to the director G. F. Thompson, the office staff, Foster parents, directors, and executive were made by the president.

G. F. Thompson, in presenting the director's report, commented that so many families were living from one payday to another with no feeling of security and are in actual distress the moment the breadwinner is out of employment.

"Constant quarrelling, over-indulgence in alcohol and infidelity are, as always predominant factors in the break-down of family life, and the subsequent neglect of children — Too much stress cannot be placed on keeping the family together, and only as a last resort should the removal of the children be considered, the director reported.

"Words cannot do justice to the great debt of gratitude we owe our foster mothers for their contribution to Child Welfare. It is no small undertaking to take a completely strange child, often frightened, and confused, into your home and gradually through love and affection and understanding develop a feeling of security and belonging."

The director concluded with words of appreciation to the members and officers for their work in the past year.

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high school staff at the Tuesday night school.

Harry Hutter, who is employed at Dr. Paul Beer's farm was top student, getting 93 per cent while Martha Homan also secured honours. Other successful candidates were Albert Kuteneler and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baker.

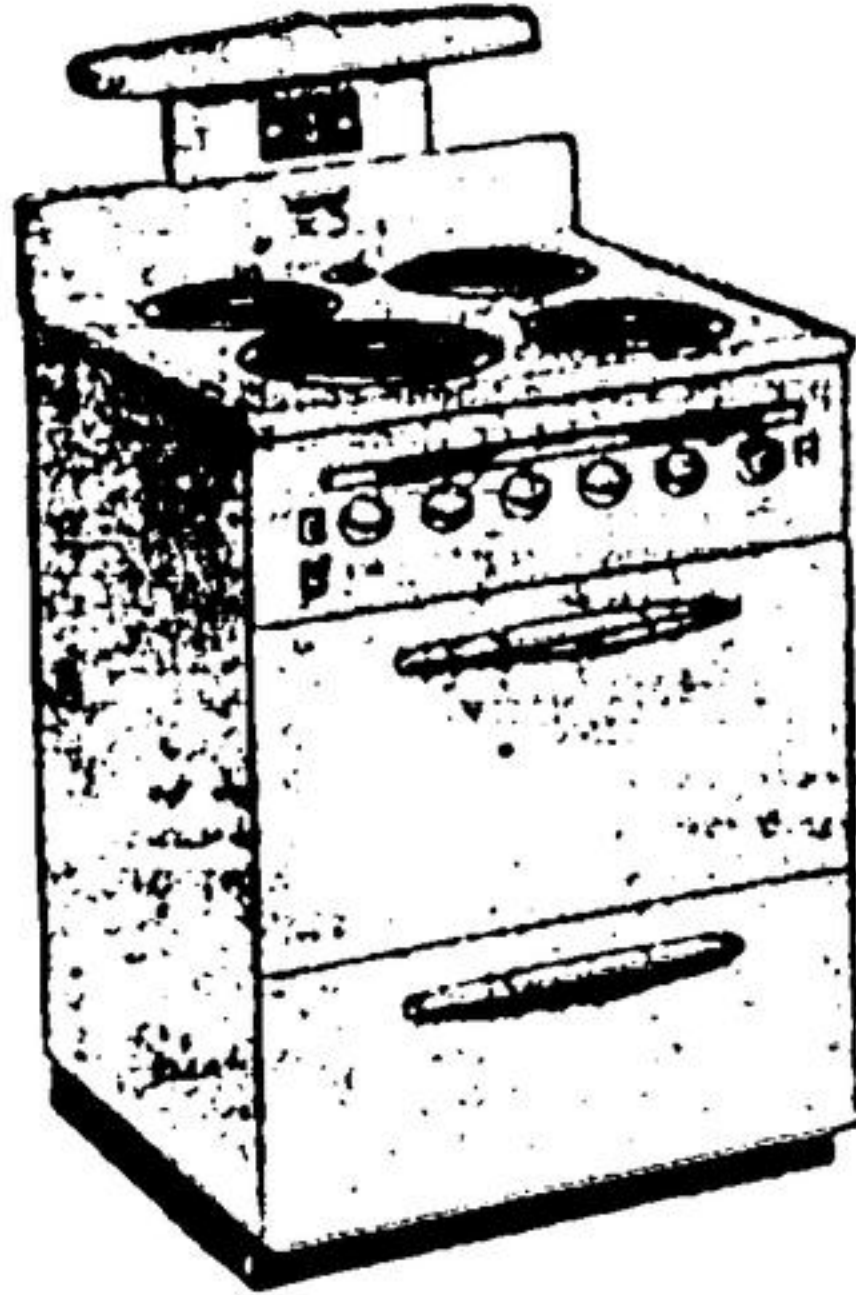
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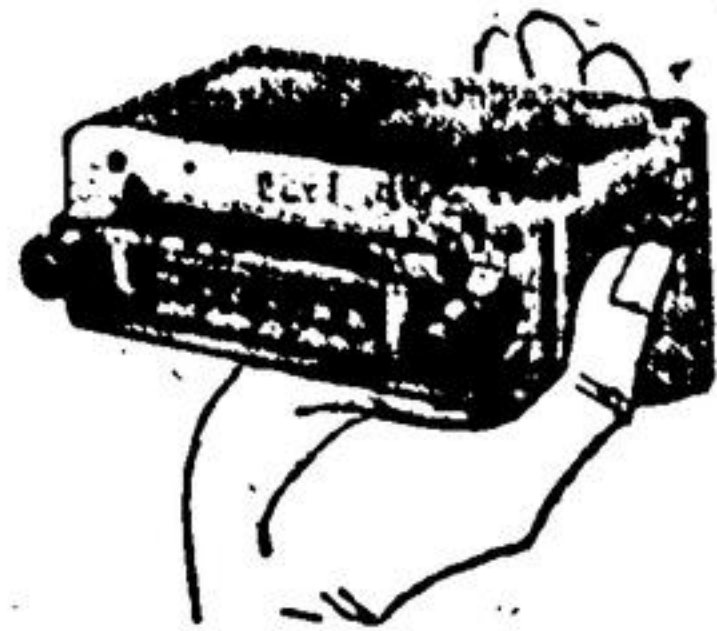


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