

DR. ADLER SPEAKS AT WOMAN'S CLUB

"A child's whole development depends upon the style of life which is determined during the first four years," said Dr. Albert Adler, world famous Viennese psychologist, speaking on "The Soul of the Child" at the Highland Park Woman's club last Tuesday afternoon, March 22.

First Years Important
"These first four years are of utmost importance," continued Dr. Adler, "because they determine the individual variation of the child. There is no absolute standard by which the child is guided. He settles all his problems with reference to his own aims. There can be absolute laws governing things in which there are no variations. A stone, for instance, will fall according to natural laws, and we can reckon the force and speed of its movement. With children, however, there is no such absolute. The child's behavior varies according to the platform of life which he has made for himself with his own goal in mind."

"That goal is, in turn, determined by the child's feeling of inferiority, and his desire to overcome that feeling. Every child, and every grown-up, for that matter, has that feeling. The child is subject to it because he is a weak creature from the first, and dependent upon others. He sees other people about him, strong, independent, and respected. He determines to be like them. In his child mind he forms crude images of his own future glory. 'I shall be a coachman,' he says—for to him the coachman represents power and authority. Later his image changes, but the aim is constant—a desire and a striving toward superiority."

Striving Is Worthwhile
"That striving in itself is one of the finest things in human nature. It produces all growth and progress. But, on the other hand, wrongly directed it is productive of much misery. For this reason it is of utmost importance that the child's style of life be directed toward a useful, rather than a useless, goal during these first vitally important years."

"For example," continued Dr. Adler, "a boy came to me who was a delinquent. He was thirteen years old, and had been in school six years. For the first three of those years he had done well in school and had received good marks. During the last three, on the other hand, he had become a poor student, delinquent, and even a thief."

"I happened to know that he was a spoiled child, and so I asked him about his report cards and why they had changed. His answer was that during the first three years he had had a kind teacher, but during the last three his teacher had been too strict with him. It was evident to me then what was the matter. His first years had caused him to set up for himself the goal of being spoiled or petted. His first teacher gave him that satisfaction. The second did not pet him, so he became discontented and was wholly incapable of adopting himself to the situation. He ran away because he did not want to show his report card to his father. His stealing, on the other hand, was determined by the misdirection of one of his most valuable instincts. Finding himself unpopular, he sought to gain his goal of superiority (popularity) by a cheap means. Incapable of honest striving with the effort involved, he sought to buy popularity by stealing articles and giving them to his mates."

Spoiled Child Is Tyrant
"Spoiling a child, then, is likely to develop him into the tyrant of the household and eventually an enemy of society. It may make him neurotic, a misfit, a misanthrope, or a suicide. If he is entirely dependent upon his mother in childhood he makes no effort to win other people. He is not really an individual at all, but a part of the mother. He cannot endure being left alone at all, he wants the door open, the light left burning, he wants songs and constant soothing. When such a child goes to school the teachers say he can not concentrate. They are wrong. He concentrates, but the subject of his concentration is how to get away from school and back home."

"Such children have an anti-social attitude, they are suspicious of everything and everybody. They live as in an enemy's country."

"With these spoiled children" said Dr. Adler, "can be grouped other types who are equally ill-adjusted, such as those who are physically handicapped, or the unwanted or ugly children. Physical handicaps, while serious, may be made an actual advantage by the correct attitudes. The child who overcomes left-handedness, for instance, may become more adept than others. The worst handwriting is that of the left-handed person perhaps—but the most wonderful handwriting is also that of the left-handed person who has overcome his defect."

First Years Control Life
"So important are the first years of life that to them can frequently be traced the causes for the whole course of life. For instance, a man I once knew had made a complete failure of life because he was convinced that there was no use striving for any success, that some one else would always be preferred to him. He felt that some one else would be given the position he wanted, that the girl he wished to marry would prefer some one else—and so lacked courage to attack any situation."

"I asked him what was his earliest recollection. He told me that it was

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In the Next Room!

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Will She Come To?

Rushing forward to catch the fainting Julia (Louise Kersten), Lorna, Madame de Charriere (Blossom Lake), Godfrey, and Felix help her to a chair.

Look at Him! Who is He?

Forced to look at the body by the burly detective, Donald Browning, 6 foot 4 inch football player in private life, the nervous, highstrung Roger (George Zack) shrieks and faints.

Don't Look! Steady Now!

Terrified in the midst of a quiet conversation by the eye at the window, Godfrey and Lorna nevertheless keep their heads.

So You Have Come After Him, Have You?

Threatening her very life, Rogers, the footman, known as a mild mannered senior among his friends, tries to drive Julia from the house.

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that of going to the butcher's shop with his mother and his younger brother. Rain began to fall, and his mother took him on her arm to carry him. Just then she remembered that his brother was younger, and put the other child down, picking up the other.

"This experience had so impressed the sensitive child that it led him to expect that someone else would always be preferred to him. He had not been trained to have the social attitude, to himself feel the necessity of protecting the younger child as a part of his responsibility. So he misunderstood, and it spoiled his life."

Social Feeling Essential
"It is essential, therefore, that a child be given this social feeling before he is four. It can be accomplished by working with the other great force of human nature—the desire for friends. The anti-social or spoiled child desires friends but does not know how to win them, he wants appreciation but fails to give it. He is destined to unhappiness because he must of the very necessity of his nature fail in all the great experiences of life, which demand give and take. Friendship, love, marriage, all are failures for him. He wants to be petted and he always is convinced that he is mistreated and misunderstood."

"Through this desire for friends and approbation however, a child's social consciousness may be enlarged to take in first the father, then the other children, family, friends, the community, and eventually the school. Such a child fits into the school naturally and happily. There is no painful readjustment, no distaste for association with others. He is a social being."

DEERFIELD GRADUATES SHOW UP WELL AT UNIVERSITIES

Deerfield graduates are making excellent records at different universities about the country, according to reports received by the office.

At the University of Illinois Celso Gentilini '26, made 4.78 hundredths points out of a possible 5, during the first semester. As a result Celso will be pledged to the Phi Eta Sigma, an honorary fraternity.

At Northwestern university, Cecil Platt '26 made the second highest grade in the freshman class for the first semester.

A report from the University of Idaho shows that Harold Steele made six A's and one B during the semester. Harold Steele will always be remembered at Deerfield as the young man who won the prize scholarship in chemistry at the University of Chicago for writing the best examination. In this contest most of the schools in the mid-west were represented.

BAUMGARDT TO TALK ON "EVENING WITH THE STARS"

"An Evening With the Stars" is the subject on which Prof. B. R. Baumgardt, lecturer and noted English scientist, will speak in assembly, Wednesday, April 6.

Professor Baumgardt has been a life-long student of the heavens. Graduating from Strengnas college, Sweden, he followed up his special studies in that institution with years of study and observation, both in the leading observatories of the United States and Europe, and in his private observatory which is equipped with a four and one-half inch refracting telescope.

"An Evening With the Stars" displays the recent achievements in celestial photography and in a popular and understandable way interprets their bearing on some of our greatest problems. The lecture is filled with astounding revelations, the mission of which is to give to the layman a larger vision of the grandeur and the infinite scale of the universe.

PLAN BOARD ELECTION FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 9

So far only two candidates are running to succeed the men whose terms expire next month as members of the high school board.

F. W. Read of Lake Forest is a candidate to succeed himself, while George Benson of Highland Park is running to succeed Mr. Reay.

WEATHER BUREAU IN FRUIT-FROST SERVICE

The fruit-frost service of the Weather Bureau covers eight districts for which data on the extent of orchard heating is being compiled. A report from the Redlands-San Bernardino district gives some idea of the probable value of the service to orchardists. There are 29,691 acres of citrus trees in this area. More than 5,700 acres, or 19.5 per cent, is equipped with heaters. The increase in protected area since the spring of 1925 is 2,977 acres. On the basis of fifty 9-gallon oil heaters to the acre, 2,483,550 gallons, or roughly, 250 carloads, of oil are required for one filling of the heaters. In addition to the saving of the fruit by the use of the heaters when low temperatures are forecast, the service helps through the prediction of a rise in temperature which saves burning many hundreds of gallons of oil.

PLANS FOR JUNIOR PROM ARE BEING CARRIED OUT

Plans for the high school junior prom decorations are being carried out by a committee consisting of Dorothy Davidson, chairman, Page Beers, Mary Gehr, John Waddell, Everett Mills, and Isadore Smith. They are also planning some of the posters.

The entertainment committee is working on programs and forms of entertainment for the Prom. Those on the entertainment committee are Margaret Eisenstaedt, chairman, Ellen Grieg, Barrett Mason, and Charlotte Foster.

TEACHERS' MEETING TO BE HELD AT EVANSTON APRIL 25

The Lake Shore division of the Northern Illinois Teacher's association will hold their annual meeting this year at the Evanston Township high school on Monday, April 25.

The speakers will include William Mather Lewis, president of George Washington university, Superintendent McAndrews of the Chicago schools, Dean Raymond A. Kent, and Prof. Elton J. Moulton of the University of Chicago.

According to the county superintendent, Mr. Simpson of Waukegan, no definite time has been set for the annual meeting of the Lake county teachers, which is usually held at Highland Park.

SPRING VACATION WILL BE FROM APRIL 15 TO 26

High school spring vacation is from April 15 to April 26. No school is being held on Monday, April 25, because of the teachers' meeting in Evanston.

The second six weeks will end on April 29 and the third six weeks on June 10. Commencement will take place on June 16.

Health week is to be observed in Deerfield the week after spring vacation, beginning Tuesday, April 26, as there will be no school Monday.

Health posters will be put up, and Miss Parry and Mrs. Robertson are making further plans, which will be carried out later.

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