

**College Head Stresses
Nature Study for Child**

The moral-social value of nature study and its possibilities in the field of character education and the development of personality were discussed by President Edna Dean Baker of National Kindergarten and Elementary college, in a radio talk given from station WMAQ Wednesday afternoon, March 16.

"The interest of even the tiny child in nature and its phenomena is unbounded," said Miss Baker. "To the small child all natural objects are apt to be endowed with life and feeling to the same extent as himself, and everything in nature, because unknown and novel, is apt to inspire wonder. This brings from the child over 3 an avalanche of questions, and as his curiosity is satisfied in the right ways his appetite for more information is whetted and his interest in nature becomes keener.

In enumerating the values that lie in this interest in nature, Miss Baker said:

"One of the greatest is simply the joy which contact with nature gives the child. The value of this joy, as of any happiness, is that it stimulates the whole physical organism to growth and expression.

"One of the finest traits of character is personal responsibility, and I know of no better means for its cultivation than the care of pets and plants. Part of the child's training should involve respect and consideration for wild life, which would lead to the preservation of the forests and prevent extermination of plants and animals. As the child experiences responsibility and care for his plants and animals, he unconsciously becomes more kindly. Many children also learn self-control through their nature contacts.

"Because of the influence of fear upon the physical and mental well-being of the child, and because of the number of fears connected with natural objects and phenomena, one of the great contributions of nature study is the elimination of these fears and the development of confidence and happiness in the presence of nature."

**Northbrook President
Candidate for Trustee**

R. Lauer, who retires this spring from the office of president of the Village board of Northbrook, is not a candidate for re-election, but has been placed on the ticket of the Citizens' party as one of its candidates for trustee.

The ticket is headed with the name of John McLachlan, for president. Joe Kortman and Alfred S. Krisor are the other two candidates for trustee, with Mr. Lauer.

The election will be on April 19. It is said there is to be an opposition ticket in the field by that time.

**Leonard Company Sells
Two New Winnetka Homes**

The E. T. Leonard company, builders, of 556 Center street, Winnetka, have sold the two new houses which they are building, one at No. 66 and the other at No. 70 Warwick road, Winnetka. The former, which has just been completed, is an English, brick residence and was purchased by George Hoffman, of Rogers Park, who will occupy the house next week. The other residence, a Spanish stucco building, has been sold to Frank G. Fulton, of Wilmette. It is practically completed, and will be occupied by the new owner about the middle of April.

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