

Sex Teaching Should Begin in 3rd Grade, Thinks School Head

A belief that the teaching of sex education to boys and girls should begin with the third and fourth grade ages, was stated by Willard W. Beatty, superintendent of the Bronxville, N. Y. public schools, formerly superintendent of the Winnetka schools, when he lectured at the National Kindergarten and Elementary college Tuesday afternoon, July 12.

Out of his investigations in the study of children and sex teaching for the last twelve years, Mr. Beatty has become convinced that the proper time for imparting this knowledge, with boys especially, comes at this early age. He has found, he reported, that the first sex knowledge or experience comes at the average age of nine, which means that the third or fourth grade child must have it presented to him then if he is to get it cleanly and honestly. Investigations also prove, he stated, that less than ten percent of the girls and boys obtain this initial knowledge correctly and truthfully—the other 90 percent get it in other ways.

This age for knowledge among youngsters in cities may be deferred to the sixth grade age in smaller communities, he said. If there is an early curiosity about it, he explained, it would better be satisfied than questions left unanswered or secrecy made to surround it.

Little Theater Topic of Harold Ehrensperger

The little theater movement in America is unique and entirely American, Harold Ehrensperger of Evanston told the Threshold Players of Glencoe when he addressed them Tuesday evening, July 12, at their meeting with Miss Rebecca Anthony.

There is nothing in Europe like the American little theater, he said. There are 19,000 of them registered in the Drama League of America of which he is secretary. Little theaters are being organized in high schools, small and large clubs and in big organizations, and through them thousands of people are becoming acquainted with types of plays of a higher character than the average commercial productions. They

have their faults, but their audiences are trained to know good plays and to feel a deep interest in the theater.

In large communities with continually transient population little theaters cannot flourish, but in towns like those along the north shore, where homes are established and people acquainted with each other, the little theater flourishes, he said. He stated his conviction that the little theater movement is leading toward an entirely new step in the drama, and through it will be developed originality in America, and a thoroughly American theater.

Mrs. Henry Riggs Rathbone of 312 Sheridan road, Kenilworth, is to have as her guests soon, her sisters, the Misses Edith and Mabel Harney of Milwaukee, who are planning to remain in Kenilworth during the entire month of August. Mrs. Rathbone is giving a large dinner party in their honor Sunday evening, July 30, after which she will take her guests to the opera at Ravinia.

Mrs. George Kingsley, 529 Cumnor road, Kenilworth, has gone to spend two weeks with her parents at Genesco, N. Y.

Col. Louis Waefelaer of 263 Green Bay road, Glencoe, gave a talk over WMAQ Saturday on "Diamond Mining in South Africa." The talk was illustrated with a page of interesting photographs in the rotogravure section of Saturday's Daily News.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. McDonald and the children, 667 Ash street, returned Thursday from visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Culver, Jr., in St. Louis. The McDonalds are leaving Winnetka next week to spend the remainder of the summer at their cottage at Lake Maxinkuckee, Culver, Ind.

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