

## MODERN TEACHER MUST BE PERSON OF POISE

### Traditional "Spinster" Type Taboo in Present Day Educational Requirements

Teachers nowadays must help children express their individuality. This was the edict issued to embryo teachers, now students at the National Kindergarten and Elementary college this week, when students were handed self-analysis questionnaires.

The questionnaire is based upon a careful survey which has been conducted during the past three months by a group of the students themselves. It requests the girls studying to be kindergarten and elementary teachers to ask themselves the forty-six questions listed, explaining that they are a check on the qualifications the student has to take a position as a teacher.

#### "Old Maid" Teacher Taboo

In formulating the questions, the students have followed the lines of interest indicated by superintendents of schools in their requirements for teachers, in writing to the authorities at the college. The emphasis placed on the various requirements differs widely from that of the past.

For instance, the stern, bespectacled elderly woman is no longer the mode. Photos are requested in practically every instance, and questions as to personal appearance and dress occupy a prominent place on the application forms.

Also, while discipline still is considered important, for teachers must command the respect of their classes, other qualities are taken into account. Information is required as to the applicant's poise, her manner of meeting parents and securing their cooperation, and her ability to contribute to the life of the community.

#### Need Perpetual Improvement

Too, teachers who are constantly improving themselves are the ones wanted, and it is almost a necessity to keep abreast of modern educational methods. In many school systems the increase in salary schedule is governed in part by the amount of advanced study carried on during the school year or vacation periods.

The questions handed the students included these:

- Are my children happy in school?
- Am I enthusiastic?
- Have I the respect and love of my children?
- Do I keep myself physically fit and capable of doing my best work?
- Do I secure the necessary obedience and control without unnecessary friction?
- Am I fair and square with all the children all the time?
- Do I make situations home-like and natural?
- Do I expect too much of the children, over-stimulate them or force them ahead too rapidly?
- Do I regard the children as individuals, giving attention to individual needs, abilities or talents?
- Do I set my children the best possible example in appearance, language work and in daily living?
- Am I doing more than merely pouring in knowledge?
- Do I encourage original creative work?
- Am I keeping up to date on educational theory and practice?

Mrs. E. M. Fitzgerald and her little daughter, Peggy, will arrive today from California where they spent the winter with Mrs. Fitzgerald's mother, Mrs. C. F. Jensen of Los Angeles. They will visit Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Hurd, 518 Sunset road, for a few days. Mr. Fitzgerald will come to the north shore from Detroit to meet his family.

## Mosquito Abatement Board Authorizes Truck Purchase

Trustees of the North Shore Mosquito Abatement district authorized the purchase of four International trucks, equipped with 300 gallon air pressure tanks for spraying, at a special meeting of the board at the Wilmette Village hall last Wednesday night. The trucks will be delivered in about two weeks and will be utilized in spraying the catch basins in each of the villages of the district once every ten days. They will also be used in spraying stagnant pools and ditches throughout the area and will be started out as soon as weather conditions permit.

A report by William Edwards, district superintendent, was received in which he called attention to the poor drainage conditions of ditches and streams throughout the district. Mr. Edwards stated also that the outlets under many of the bridges are too small to allow the water to drain properly. The trustees will make a tour of the district with Mr. Edwards next Sunday morning in order to have definite data upon which to base their actions.

## Lillian Lusk Becomes Bride of George Peaster

Last Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock brought the wedding of Miss Lillian Lusk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Lusk of 1514 Wilmette avenue, Wilmette, to George Peaster, son of Mrs. Henry J. Peaster, 853 Vernon avenue, Glencoe. The ceremony took place at the Lusk home and was witnessed by only the relatives and a few close friends of both families. Following the ceremony a supper was served. The young couple have motored to Jacksonville, Fla., for a visit with Mr. Peaster's sister, Mrs. Owen Hinton. On their return they expect to make their home in Lake Forest, where Mr. Peaster will open a floral shop.

#### PLAN BENEFIT

The Winnetka Royal Neighbors announce a bridge and bunco party to be given Tuesday, May 1, at 8:15 o'clock, at Community House. There will be refreshments and prizes. Tickets may be secured from any member of the organization. Mrs. Felix Calak, 395 Rosewood avenue, is chairman of the affair.

Mrs. James A. Donovan of 429 Hawthorn lane, received guests informally at tea Sunday evening between the hours of 5 and 7 in honor of her sister, Mrs. Joseph R. Byers of Minneapolis and her cousin, Miss Ellen W. Egbert of Springfield, Mass., who are her guests.

James A. White is expected home by the end of the week from Land O' Lakes, Wis. Mr. White has been away from the north shore for two weeks.

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## AT AEROPLANE SHOW

N. L. Hurd, 518 Sunset road, left Thursday evening for Detroit where he attended the Aeroplane show. Mr. Hurd was met there by his son, Herbert, who is a junior at the University of Illinois. When Mr. Hurd returns he will bring with him a six passenger Stinson cabin monoplane.

Miss Marjorie Parrish of Indianapolis, was a guest in Winnetka last week, visiting at the homes of Mrs. Harry Holland of Indian Hill road and Mr. and Mrs. Julian C. Risk of Foxdale avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Cummins of 286 Ridge avenue returned recently from a pleasant trip to Europe. They visited Italy, the Riviera, Paris, and London; enjoying London the most. They enjoyed their trip very much, and had pleasant voyages both ways.

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