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Six Get Star Billing on Wicklund Program



Mrs. Eric Wicklund and Daughter Karin Play Piano Duet

Three B's: Bach, Baseball, Beans Clan's Regular Schedule Features

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They'll ALL come out to meet you when you come!

Friendly Penny, the 125-pound St. Bernard leads the parade — dashing down the drive, with a joyous bark. She's followed by short-legged Dachshund Fritz, bounding along to add his smaller but no-less-warm welcome. Puss purrs a soft hello as you climb the steps to the brick-red farmhouse on the McKenzie. The front door opens and Mom 'n' Dad and the four youngsters step out on the porch to repeat the greeting: "We're so glad you've taken time to come visit the Wicklund family!"

Top Billing

Visitors are always glad too. It's like getting in to a top-notch family-type movie on a free pass. The stars of the show:

Hefty ex-Marine Eric Wicklund, whose "understanding" isn't limited to his size 13 shoes. He's starting his eighth year as clipper operator at Georgia Pacific and doubles as "Big Boss" of the family's 10-acre bean yard from May to September. Main job, however, is coach of the 1962 Little World Series EBAA championship baseball team.

Dark-haired, soft-spoken Dorcas, who plays dual role of Mom and sixth year University of Oregon student about to get her master of music degree.

Gary, a sophomore at North Eugene High School, specialist in taking things apart—and putting them together. He builds model airplanes while dreaming of being an aeronautical engineer. Also plays baseball—and French horn in the school band.

Earle, in the eighth grade at Cal Young, planning to be a physical education teacher, but right now concentrating on growing — 3½ inches since school started. He hopes to play center on the basketball team of Oregon (says Mom), Oregon State (says Dad). Baseball's his first love but he likes all sports — "whenever it's in season, I play it."

Karin, in the sixth grade at Willakenzie and "horse-crazy." She's "halter-broke" two calves for riding until The Horse arrives in her life and she can be a really-true cowboy. She also plays the piano when she "makes like a lady."

Larry, second grader at Willakenzie, who has a talent for drawing, pestering and "generally goofing around" but carries his share of farm chores.

There they are: The hard-workingest, fun-lovingest, and (according to Eric Wicklund) most-gabbingest family you ever met. Let's view a few "takes" showing life on their 83-acre farm on Maple Island Road near Game Bird Village.

Scene I—Morning Rush

The comfortable, roomy old farmhouse wakes up early—6 a.m. early—Dad milks the cows, Karin feeds the pets, each person "neats up" his own room. Mom cooks better-breakfast type meal for the gang and everyone sits down to eat together.

After lots of confusion and conversation down-stage, up-stage, mid-stage, it's exit Gary, 7:15; exit Dad and Earle, 7:30; exit Larry and Karin, 8:15; exit Mom, after a second cup of coffee if schedule allows.

Scene II—Mother's a Freshman
In the six years she's been attending UO, Dorcas Wick-

lund's also done her share of "chauffering kids" to Scout meetings, Camp Fire, piano lessons, ball games; attends Sunday School with the whole family at Westminster Presbyterian Church and works with kindergarten and first three grades. Up to two years ago she also taught several piano pupils in her home.

Crediting this smooth home operation to their efficient and ever-cheerful "stage managers," Dorcas Wicklund says, gratefully:

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Scene V—By the Sea
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Scene IV—Bean Field

Ten years ago when the Wicklunds bought their present home, they "didn't know beans

about beans." It was a trying time, as they recall:

"A neighbor offered us a corn planter and we bought another one, so we could both put in the bean crop," Mr. Wicklund remembers.

"We went down the rows together, planting beans and looking for all the world like a couple of jackrabbits. We'd go a few jumps and then dissolve in laughter," says Mrs. Wicklund.

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Gary Wicklund's Ambitions Fly High



Eric Wicklund Talks Baseball With Sons Earle and Larry

"Earle, you're a tormentor," his Dad said.

"What, a sweet guy like me?" Earle countered.

"That's all right, once I about caught a flounder on a herring hook with meat on it," Larry put his bid in again for "best fisherman."

Last time out Gary broke his pole trying to bring in a fish. Mom goes along for the ride—grateful for a choppy ocean's calm between hectic bean harvest and registration for UO's fall term.

Real vacations come at the end of busy winter days when the family listens to records or busy summer days when they all go swimming after a hard day in the bean fields. There's a private pool—formed by the revetment protecting the freeway from the river.

And there's always fishing in the McKenzie. Surely the River

Guide and his party cruising by was bracing himself against the one afternoon will never forget family's pet cow, Emma, who the picture of Eric Wicklund had followed him out to the fly-casting in mid-stream. He river to join the fun!



Penny

"In the past 15 years we've never been without some member of Eric's or my family living with us or near us to help out. Our parents have always given us a hand at the right moment—we just couldn't have done it without them."

Scene III—Re-Playing the Game
Along about 1942, young Eric Wicklund wanted to be a baseball player "so bad I could taste it," but the Marines snapped him up before a league team had even been told of his dreams. Now, twenty years later, he's teaching Eugene Boys Athletic Assn. members the fun of baseball and the lessons of good sportsmanship.

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DEAR MRS. A.B.D.: You are constantly presenting your hands to the world in everything you do as you carry packages, write a letter, fluff your hair or serving food so it is wise for you to start taking care of them. Some time each day, give them a gentle treatment, massaging them gently in a rotary movement from tips on up as high as you want. Stretch your fingers then shake them vigorously to stimulate circulation. This takes but a moment yet you'll love the rejuvenating tingling. Detergents rob your hands of natural oils so have a bottle of rich hand lotion handy by every basin in the house to remind you to use it. Apply before and after submerging them in water. Have a bottle of silicone lotion handy to apply before putting on gloves for gardening, painting or handling foods that will stain. The only way you'll beautify your hands is to give them a little care and prevent the wear. Give yourself a weekly manicure and if you don't like wearing colored polish then at least apply extra coats of clear base polish to protect them. Don't forget to massage your hand lotion gently into the cuticle. As you love your garden remember your hands can look like flowers or weeds.

DEAR MISS LAVONNE: I have terrible looking finger nails, all covered with white spots. Can you tell what causes this and what to do about it. J. V.

DEAR J.V.: White spots on the nails come from a bump or pressure. I suggest you watch your hand movements and try preventing these bumps you are giving them, they are a bruise. Try leading with your wrists and break the bump. Apply extra coats of base polish on the nails to help strengthen them then extra coats of polish to cover up the white spots. They will gradually disappear as the nail grows out.

DEAR GLOREA LAVONNE: Is it considered fashionable to wear fake fur? I can't afford real fur yet love the new fake furs being shown in the stores. Furs have been copied for many years and always have looked cheap to me. Thank you. S.M.

DEAR S.M.: They have so many beautiful fake furs now and they are being used in so many ways, and very fashionably. I do suggest however, that you buy a good quality fake fur as this will take away any cheap look.

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