

"Peter Just Does Not Get Along With His Teacher"

She was young and altogether charming. She was Peter's mother. She was still a little breathless when she stopped her car before her friend's house on her way to the P.T.A. meeting.

"I want to get to the meeting early tonight, Marian. I want to have a little talk with Mr. Harding before the meeting starts. I want to talk to him about Peter's teacher."

"Peter just does not get along with his teacher. Their personalities clash. She does not understand Peter at all. She will not believe what he says, and even tells me that he tells lies! I tried to explain that all children have fanciful ideas."

"And there is trouble with his homework. Peter is forgetful. After all he is only a child, and I have asked her to write out his homework for him every night. What do you suppose she had the nerve to say? She said that Peter must learn to copy his own homework! If she feels that way about it, she'll have to put up with his forgetfulness."

"Then she's keeping him after school just for teasing some little

children. I'll admit Peter's a tease. He's just like my brother who's always playing tricks. Peter teases me, too. Why, whenever I try to do any telephoning while he is at home, he keeps pulling the receiver out of my hand and making such a racket that I cannot hear. But I don't punish him. I do my telephoning when he is not around. I don't see why she can't settle the children's problems just as easily. That's her job."

"The trouble is she has not patience. She's just like my sister. I had to tell her that I couldn't have her again. That girl had the nerve to slap Peter the other night for something that was her own fault. He cut the pillow ticking and let all the feathers out. And who let him get the scissors? Why, she did, and then she blames a child!"

"Jim's sitting with him tonight, and he is sore about it. He got home late from the office and wasn't any too good natured; said he'd knock the kid's block off if he let out one peep. Jim's so rough at times. I wanted him to talk to Mr. Harding. I told him he ought to have his own child's interest at heart. But he wouldn't. Said he didn't intend to make a fool of himself, but I could do as I pleased."

"Well, here's the school! I see you got time to bake a cake. I wanted to, but Peter complained about a headache when he came home for lunch so I kept him home this afternoon. Of course I can't do any baking with Peter home. So I had the baker send me one."

"As I say, I kept Peter home this afternoon, and sure enough his teacher called up to find out why he was absent. But all she seemed to be worried about was that he would miss the test that they were to have. I told her that I had a sick child to worry about, not a test."

"Oh, there's Mr. Harding going into the school now. Let's hurry. I want to leave this cake before I talk to him. I hope they won't notice that the icing is a little messy. Peter sampled it. I tried to hide the cake, but he is so observing. He found it right away. Just imagine that, and

he is only 10 years old! OH, MR. HARDING . . ."

Editor's note: Mrs. Edward L. Brothers, who wrote this sketch which appeared originally in the New Jersey Educational Review, is both a mother and a teacher. She teaches art and literature in the Wall Township Central School, Bradley Beach, New Jersey.

Mystery Thriller To Be Presented

Crater High, in cooperation with Medford Senior High will present "The House of Greed" as a part of a dramatic exchange. An evening's entertainment of comedy, mystery, and drama, each in one act, is to be presented one night in Medford and two nights here, about the first of the year. Proceeds will go to the drama club.

"The House of Greed," a mystery, deals with the murder of the meanest and, incidentally, the richest woman in New York. The ingenious killing makes "Who dun it?" the question of the hour.

Cast chosen by Director Mr. McDougal are:

Lucy Roberts, a wealthy spinster—Donna Anderson
Jerry McArthur, a salesman—Wally Norum
Mamie Hield, the maid—Marilyn Bohnert
Carlotta Hendrix, Lucy's sister—Marlene Addington
Cedric Roberts, Lucy's nephew—Neil Richardson
Gwendolyn Lee, an actress—Gwendolyn Bennett
Brooks, a detective—Bert Simmons

—Crater Comments

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Annual Pictures Must Be In by January 2

All seniors, teachers, student body officers, and class officers must have their annual pictures taken before January 2, as that is the date of the deadline for the Annual.

It only takes a few minutes of one's time and will not cost any extra to have it put in the Annual. If you wait too long, your picture will not be in the Annual at all.

Everybody should make his appointment as soon as possible to avoid the last minute rush. If it is impossible to get appointments during the week or weekend, Ellison's may be able to take them on Sunday if previous arrangements are made. Both Ellison's and the Annual Staff would appreciate your promptness.

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CIRCUS GIRL FALLS, IS CAUGHT

New Orleans.—Maris Peters Simru, 22-year-old aerial ballet performer, blacked out during a performance at the Shrine Circus and fell 30 feet, into the arms of Ralph Vinarski, 36-year-old rigger. Both were carried from the ring unconscious. Vinarski suffered a sprained back but the girl was uninjured.

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CASH IN STOVE

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SHOOTS SELF, HITS FATHER

Glendale, Cal.—Richard W. Ehreke, Jr., 44-year-old, despondent musician, grabbing a .38-caliber pistol, held the gun behind him, pulled the trigger and shot himself in the back. The bullet, after passing through his body, struck down his father. Both were hospitalized in critical condition.

This is the time of year we wish we had started a Christmas Savings Plan.

WRONG CUSTOMERS—

Virginia, Minn.—Gabriel Maki, 33, of Ely, Minn., had the wrong goods for sale and selected the wrong customers. Maki had two deer for sale which, in Minnesota, is illegal. He picked two customers—two game wardens. He was fined \$500—\$150 for illegally possessing the venison and \$350 for putting it on the market. As a final blow, the judge ordered Maki to return to the state the \$60 officers paid for the deer.

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NEW YORK—This home-sewn ultra-modern skating costume stole the show at the Rockefeller Center outdoor skating pond here. Made of a chic canary-colored Fruit of the Loom corduroy fabric, the jumper is lined with a vivid crimson fabric. The costume, designed for either ice or roller skating, can be made in leisure hours from a commercial pattern for around five dollars, depending on choice of braid trimming. Matching accessories may include white mittens with red trim, a white wooly sweater and scarlet skating tights. Fashion experts say a bright red stocking hat is optional for ice skating.



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