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HONORED AT CRUISER LAUNCHING



Gaily Rich of Utah, now a student in Washington, has been designated by Secretary Wilbur as maid of honor for the launching of the U. S. S. Salt Lake City, first of the navy's new 10,000 ton light cruisers which will take the water at Camden, N. J.

Parent-Teachers' Associations

Group Plan in Junior High

In speaking before the Junior High school P. T. A. recently, Supt. Hedrick explained the group plan used in the Junior high and high school, by which pupils are divided into three groups in each subject on the basis of their ability to progress in the given subject. Pupils differ very widely in their capacity and willingness to do grade work in the school subjects. The group plan, when properly handled, gives the work much better adjustment to individuals. However, the group plan like everything else can be abused thru a misconception of its purpose and there is some evidence of this at the present time. It comes largely from a desire on the part of some parents to crowd their children ahead through false pride when often they are under age, nervous, and lack the propaedeutical background to do the extra work demanded in this group.

The result is that nervous strain and even breakdowns are suffered. Pupils also fail to get out of the school life the enriching contents of the special subjects and student activities which mean much in a wholesome, well-rounded development and which they could do if they were willing to take their time. Girls, he said, suffer much more from this than do boys. No pupil who has to study all of his waking hours at home and be helped by his parents belongs in a fast group.

The fast group does two years work in a subject in one and one-half years time, besides additional work. The average group completes the course in the regular time. The slow group is given one-fourth more time than the average group, and is for pupils who for any reason find the subject difficult.

The teachers and the principal are responsible for keeping a proper grouping of pupils, but parents can assist much by not permitting weak but willing pupils, especially girls, to crowd untidy. Boys are rarely ever hurt in this respect. In fact, I can't remember that we have one injured yet.

Houses Overheated, Too Dry, Says Expert

If you want to have a healthy and happy family, keep the temperature down and the moisture up in your home this winter, advises Donald A. Laird, director of the Psychological Laboratory, writing in the November American Home. "The average American home is kept too warm in winter," he declares. "If the room temperature varies much either way from 65 degrees Fahrenheit it throws a strain on the body functions that regulate body heat. The mental man as well as the physical man is upset when this equable outside temperature is not available. Assault and battery cases increase, disciplining children increases, factory accidents are more numerous, and working efficiency is lowered when the mercury goes either above or below 68 degrees.

Thermometer for Each Room

Too much emphasis cannot be given to the tremendous importance of keeping the winter temperature in each room in which people live within a degree or two of 68 degrees. A thermostatic control of the furnace drafts makes this partly automatic. But this will not insure a uniform temperature in all rooms, since the controlling thermometer may be located in a warm or cold spot in the house. If this can be afforded it is a wise investment to have a thermostatic valve at each radiator, which will automatically turn it off or depending upon the temperature in that particular room. The cheapest way is to have a good thermometer in each room. Moist air as well as even temperature is desirable. The average home is actually drier than the Sahara desert in winter, declares the American Home authority. Water and steam heating do not make the home any dampier, since the steam or vapor is tightly sealed up within pipes. But by adding a small petcock to each radiator and keeping these slightly open a tiny jet of steam plays into the room continually and noiselessly adds to the humidity of the air in which we live."

Salad Knife

The use of the knife as a supplementary aid to the fork in eating salad is now countenanced by etiquette authorities. It is only sensible to provide utensils that make for ease in eating salad, since that dish has been raised to the dignity of a separate course. A special sterling salad knife may be used, or the regular eating knife and fork, or the tea knife and fork, depending on the steering the hostess has and the type of salad she serves.

Helping the Homemaker

New "Shaving Cloths"
For the man of the house the shops are showing running little shaving cloths, about seven by ten inches; oddly enough, they have their name woven into the fabric. "Razor Cloth," so the man can't mistake them for shoe wipers. If your especial man uses an old-fashioned razor and wipes his shining blade upon your best towels, giving them neat little cuts, you will save your linen by getting him a dozen razor cloths at once, says the January American Home. Or you may solve the morning shave problem by getting a dozen simple and inexpensive guest towels and drape him out one per morning, letting him wipe both his newly shaven visage and his sharp razor blade on it.

To Keep Silver Neatly
It is easier to keep your flat silver put away in an orderly fashion if the spoons, knives and forks each have their own compartment. Some of the new chests of drawers have as an interesting innovation, small drawers at the top in triangular arrangement to hold flat silver. These take the place of the usual large, single silver drawer.

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Humane Society

Good Reasons for Humane Education

It is a fact that little children notice kittens and puppies before they pay attention to babies. We build on his foundation truth and are having a special campaign in our school work to enlist the help of pupils and students of all ages to interest the adult part of the population in beginning early to teach little children kindness to animals before they unconsciously are cruel because of being allowed to handle the cat or other pets as they might a toy that squeals when pinched.

Those who feel that it is unjust to punish a person for his ignorance of the law or of the way in which helpless animals should be treated, because parents or teachers have not given him some instruction about such matters, are needed in humane education to help us prove to those not so thoughtful that an ounce of prevention in the form of such education is worth more than the proverbial pound of cure in the form of prosecution, fines and even imprisonment. Dr. Stillman and other workers in this field have often said that a high fence at the top of a precipice is better than an unbalance below.—Elizabeth Wilsey in the National Humane Review.

At a recent Teachers Institute, held in Allentown, Pa., the following resolution was adopted: "Knowing that much brutality occurs from lack of knowledge and information, we ask the schools of the county to put forth greater effort in the teaching of humane education, not only as required by law but especially for its value in the development of human character."

A San Francisco newspaper tells of a policeman in a southern city who answered a call to shoot a mad dog, but returned unwillingly to the police station without having to use his gun. "The dog was only hungry, so I fed him biscuits instead of bullets," he reported. Jackson County Humane Society, Phone 398-J-3.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

What did your garden lack last season, and what can you do to make it more beautiful this year? The right flowers to plant and how to plant them are the timely subjects discussed by Olive Hyde Foster, one of the foremost garden authorities in America, in the February issue of McCall's Magazine.

Miss Foster suggests: "The very first step to simplify the planning is to make a diagram sketch in all the buildings, the walks, the trees, the growing shrubs and any existing flower borders that are satisfactory enough to be retained, and then it is easy to see how much space is left.

"The matter of light and shade and the kind of soil should next be considered. For one thing, in shady and probably damp spots, the flowers that grow best are those that are found on the north side of a building will successfully maintain only the kind of plants used to such environment. There are plenty to be found in this class, however. Ground open to the east, south and west with average good garden soil, generally will grow most of the old-fashioned favorites, and if the soil is enriched, on the other hand these special conditions often can be met by making a pocket of the desired soil (such as that from the woods for the evergreens) large enough to supply the root needs.

"The flowers that bloom most quickly—and yet often can be had blossoming up to the frost—are the annuals. These germinate quickly and many such as Sweet Alyssum, Candytuft, blue Ageratum and blue Lobelia are so growing, make splendid edgings or flower until late in the fall.

"The taller growing for the center of the bed would include poppies, Clarkia, Annual Larkspur, French Marigolds, Petunias, Snapdragons and Zinnias, which are all especially good for cutting and decorating indoors.

"The back of the border among the tall flowers highly popular come Hollyhocks (which can be had in both annual and biennial varieties), Cosmos, Nicotiana, Spider Plant and some of the fine sunflower types in the fall.

WHAT SUMMER BATHER WILL WEAR



Jean Little displays the latest in bathing costumes. This type of beach suit will be popular during the coming season.

Fashions in the Fibres

Statistics as shown in the United States Department of Agriculture pamphlet "The Changing Uses of Textile Fibres in Clothing and Household Articles," by Edna L. Clark, make much mention of silk for wearing apparel. It is not so with household items. The percentage of people using silk or rayon in preference to other fibres has increased, and they are used for bedspreads, coverlets, pillow shams, curtains, card table covers and various other coverings to a greater extent than in years previous. That is all—their general use and practicality end there. The initial cost the purpose such things must serve and the continual laundering necessary to the items involved are too vital matters to allow for the exclusive use of silk.

For table cloths, doilies, napkins, luncheon sets, mattress covers, towels, scarfs, awnings, etc., other materials are used in greater quantities and must be taken into account. For rugs silk and paper fabrics have been compiled in addition to the accepted wool, cotton and flax.

For dining room paraphernalia such as table cloths, napkins, luncheon sets, etc., linen is the general trend. For face towels, cotton and linen are used equally. Although blankets and rugs had silk figures and rugs had paper as well, wool was used mostly.

When income permitted, linen and silk appeared in household items extensively than cotton. This is particularly noticeable in the larger residence group. However, figures show cotton is used in larger proportions than any other material for the majority of household items.

Noteworthy exceptions to this are the reported increases in one or more textile groups in number of wool blankets, as compared with cotton blankets, of cotton-filled coverlets with wool covers as compared with cotton covers, of wool or worsted rugs as compared with cotton rugs, or linen as compared with cotton doilies, sets, luncheon cloths, table cloths, table napkins, dish towels and face towels, of rayon bedspreads as compared with cotton bedspreads, of silk sofa-pillow covers as compared with cotton covers, and of silk or rayon window curtains as compared with cotton curtains.

Pointers for Parents

In nursery schools, children of rambunctious age get the expert care which we now obtain there which should have. The nursery school teacher has the skill, and furthermore the time, to adequately answer his questions and help him to make his many adjustments. It may also be added that even the most skillful and successful parent is sometimes helped by seeing his or her child handled by an expert and sympathetic outsider. It is, further, not easy for every parent to "keep up" with all the best current information on the care and education of children. The nursery school is an excellent center from which to obtain the latest and best knowledge which experts in many fields are now offering on this subject.

Let your daughter entertain the Girls' club occasionally, give Dickey his birthday party, and encourage John and Junior to ask their friends in whomver they feel like it. Give your home laughing voices and dancing feet, make it a place where your friends, your husband's friends, your children's friends like to come and are reluctant to leave.

Archeology is kind for home recreation if the backyard is large or a vacant lot is available. Fifty yards is a range sufficient for children, but adults should have about 150 yards. Rows, arrows and targets may be made at home, but they require careful workmanship. Several companies specialize in archery equipment. One set of bows may be purchased for as little as one dollar.

To Teach Flying



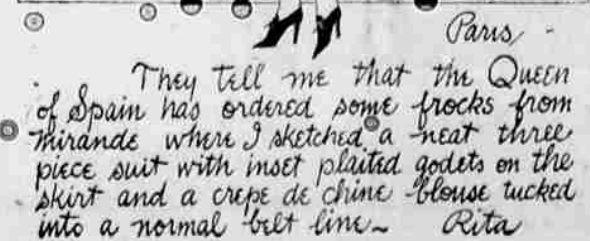
Coral Collier of Wichita, Kan., is attending an aviation school there because she wants to teach flying. She is tall, blond, and 18 years old.

Do You Know?

If you will give your phonograph records a bath now and then (it will reward you with sweet and clear music. Use warm water and mild soap suds but be sure and dry them good.

The next time you are preparing any kind of greens, put a pinch of borax in the cleaning water and notice how nicely it removes the dirt and insects and improves the taste.

If new enamel saucepans are placed in a pan of water and allowed to come to the boil, then set aside to cool, they will last much longer without burning or chipping.



They tell me that the Queen of Spain has ordered some frocks from Madrid where I sketched a neat three piece suit with inset plaited godets on the skirt and a crepe de chine blouse tucked into a normal belt line. Rita

Texas Beauty



Cora Pomeroy was selected to represent Galveston, Tex., in the mard grass beauty pageant at Havana.