

Family Specialist Says Boys Expert On Many Subjects

Do you appreciate the expert in your family? Because if you have a young son, with a boy's normal interests and curiosity, you probably have an expert.

For instance, can you tell one make of car from another without reading the name plate? Does the shape of a Convair airplane seem different than that of a modernized DC-3? Do you know the names of all the streets in your section of town? Probably not. But according to Tom Poffenberger, it's very likely that any ten-year-old boy does know the answers. Mr. Poffenberger is extension family life specialist at Oregon State college.

He explains that children are often experts in identifying things around them. In fact, they would have made much better plane spotters during World War II than most adults who were on the job. Little boys usually know the names and records of ball players about as well as the sports writers do. And as for movie stars — well, just try them out.

Maybe this sort of information doesn't seem very important to you. But it is to the kids, the family life specialist says. And we grownups would do well to show our appreciation for their areas of expertise.

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POTPOURRI...

We're glad we came home from our vacation Sunday morning instead of Monday morning. Being a gardener (although a somewhat erratic one) the first thing we do when returning home is to take a stroll through the yard. Sunday morning it looked pretty good — lots of weeds, but quite a few flowers in bloom and our pet fuchsias looking fine, thanks to the efforts of the head-of-the-household during our absence.

A few hours later it was a different story. The family arc felt the full fury of the storm which swept the valley Sunday evening with the result that hardly a flower, bush or vegetable escaped without damage. Tuberous begonias were flattened to the ground and the leaves shredded, the flowering tips of the fuchsias were broken and battered and our pet fuchsias, chrysanthemums and other plants with buds forming were also broken off. The ground was covered with walnuts beaten from the trees by the large hailstones, tomatoes and cucumbers suffered heavily and the treasured rows of corn just beginning to bear delicious yellow ears were leveled to the ground. Wonder how the residents of areas where such storms are fairly common ever get up enough courage to plant a crop or garden.

Our trip to visit relatives in Centralia, though it turned out to be a sad one, was not without interest. Due to the fact that a sister runs a book store, we heard much about the revised standard version of the Bible which is due to go on sale September 30. In Centralia many churches are planning to hold special meetings that night to observe the event and to encourage purchase and use of the new Bibles.

We read for a time in a copy of the New Testament, finding it considerably simplified and this particular copy most easy to read because of the type and printing.

A pamphlet put out by Thomas Nelson and Sons in New York, publishers of Bibles and religious literature, gave much interesting information about Bible translations. According to the pamphlet, "The first English version of the scriptures was John Wycliffe's translation from the Latin Vulgate, completed about 1380. The first English version to be made by translation from the original Hebrew and Greek, and the first to be printed, was the work of William Tyndale, from 1524 to his martyrdom in 1536. It was followed by a succession of versions, notably those of Coverdale, 1535; The Great Bible, 1539; Geneva, 1560; The Bishop's Bible, 1568. In 1582 a translation of the New Testament, made from the Latin Vulgate by Roman Catholic scholars, was published at Rheims. The translators of the King James Version took into account all of these preceding versions, and comparison shows that it owes something to each.

"For more than two and a

half centuries the King James version was, to the mind of most people, THE English Bible. The term "authorized" has been applied to it as though it were the only "authorized" Bible, or even as though this version had some special divine authorization which it does not share with other translations of the Word of God. The term simply means, of course, that it was officially recognized for use in public worship—appointed to be read in churches.

"As a result of the discovery of manuscripts of the New Testament more ancient than those used by the translators in 1611, together with a marked development in Biblical studies, a demand for revision of the King James Bible arose in the middle 19th century. In 1870 the Convocation of Canterbury authorized a revision and organized a committee of British scholars to undertake it. With this committee was associated by correspondence a committee of American scholars organized a year later.

"The English Revised Version of the Bible was published 1881-1885 with an appendix containing recommendations of the American committee which had not been approved by the British committee. In 1901, at the expiration of an agreed period, the American Standard Version was published, embodying those recommendations and printing in an appendix the British reading which they replaced.

"In 1937 a comprehensive revision of the American Standard Version of the Bible was authorized by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA and is being eagerly awaited by church members and workers and Bible scholars.

Another topic of conversation was the so-called "Koch treatment" of which we had never heard. We gathered that the Koch treatment is now being used by various physicians in several sections of the country and as is usual with anything which promises a cure for some of the worst of our diseases, is being lauded by some and damned by others. From what we heard, the "treatment" consists of shots of some mysterious medicine which is said to have marvelous curative powers, and a diet. Some persons tell of magic cures, while others declared the treatment had brought no results.

We learned another fact—one very old and still new to some; the simple fact that in time of need, relatives and friends do rally around and that it is a mighty comforting thing. No sooner had the word spread of the sudden death in our family than the offers of help began to pour in. Neighbors came to do the necessary telephoning and errand-running; they sent flowers and kindly messages, brought food and helped to cook and serve it. Some left work or vacations and drove long distances to be on hand in the event they would be needed, and to be present for the funeral. The world would certainly be a dreary place indeed without love and friendship such as one finds in times like these.

An aunt who came to visit because of the emergency commented one day that women certainly were getting more and more casual about what they wore while traveling. She pointed out that years ago (she is near 80) women didn't go on journeys without proper wraps, hats, luggage, etc., and she sighed over the fact that so many young women and girls would start off practically anywhere—downtown or across the state, wearing jeans and with their hair in pin curls.

We were reminded of this while en route home by Greyhound. We saw during the evening and night's journey three women wearing bedroom slippers instead of shoes, and one, who said she had been traveling all day, wore bedroom slippers, blue jeans and a terry cloth tee shirt topped by an elaborate upswept hair-do. She got off the bus, yawned, groaned, stretched and declared in a loud voice "I hope I have more sense than to ever leave home again."

One of our traveling companions surveyed the array of rumpled pedal pushers, sleazy slacks and other costumes worn by women on the bus and remarked scornfully "No wonder our boys come home from abroad with foreign brides when American women look like that!" She herself, pretty and attractive in a neat grey summer suit with immaculate white hat, gloves, shoes and purse, was en route south to meet her soldier husband just returning from Korea.

During the evening this traveler, who lives in Tacoma, said that when she returned home she thought she would advertise

her new television set for sale. "There's hardly a television program to be seen in Tacoma that is worth my time," she said. "When I get home from work the children's programs, which even my niece and nephew realize are stupid, are on the air. Later there's wrestling, which I abhor, or boxing, which I detest, or baseball, in which I'm not the slightest interested, or re-showings of movies which were made before I was born."

After our return home we had a pleasant visit with Howard C. Beeler, district passenger agent for Greyhound stationed in Medford. Mr. Beeler wanted to know what prompted Potpourri's outburst in a past column, and so we poured out our tale of woe. The two of us decided at last that the reason travelers have trouble in getting correct information is caused partly by new and only partially trained employees, partly by the fact that the Greyhound line is actually 21 different companies, and partly from the fact that the schedules, fare rates, etc., are complicated and difficult to learn and explain to travelers.

The second reason probably explained why one young woman in the Portland bus depot flatly told us that Greyhound no longer took reservations, and why a week later another employee accepted a reservation request without question. Seems that Pacific Greyhound lines operate in Oregon — Northwest Greyhound lines in Washington. One takes reservations, the other doesn't, or something like that. Confusing? Oh no, not at all!

We did praise Greyhound drivers, however. The driver in charge from Portland to Eugene had our undying sympathy. Not only did he have to cope with two tire blowouts — the second one which finally put the bus completely out of operation, occurring only two blocks from the depot in Eugene, but he had to carry in and out of the bus a man who was totally unable to walk and who was completing a 2,000 mile trip by bus. Through all this trouble the driver remained polite and courteous and only looked a little beaten when the mechanic, summoned to change the tires, swore when he found that the driver had left the air-conditioner fans, which were hooked to the battery, running all the time the bus was out of commission. —O.S.

Furniture Markets Show Styles Geared to Living

A definite and stimulating style renaissance is apparent in the new furniture designs being shown at the summer markets, as designers and manufacturers are developing furniture geared more closely to today's exacting living patterns a review of the market shows. Comfortable, informal, easy-to-care for, space-saving furniture seems to be the homemaker's order-of-the-day. That's what she wants—and that's precisely what the industry is producing, a tour of exhibit spaces discloses.

The requirement for more utility and value per square foot of furniture has inspired designers and manufacturers to new heights in creating multipurpose, flexible units. No longer considered "gimmicks," multipurpose pieces play an important part in filling the requirements of small-space living.

High-low tables, cabinet pieces that conveniently conceal extension tables, pull-out writing surfaces, trim and comfortable lounge chairs that open into beds, headboards that contain useful storage space—such pieces are now well-designed and honestly useful, unlike the "patent" furniture of bygone years.

Similarly, the consistently growing space problem and the trend to better utilization of floor area has heightened the demand for pieces that will serve as room dividers. As a result, manufacturers are showing new chests and other case pieces with backs finished to facilitate out-in-the-room arrangement. Many are designed with openings on both sides in order to make their contents accessible either to the dining or living area. Such pieces may also be used in a bedroom where a study or television corner is divided from the sleeping area.

The much talked about trend to more coordination of furniture lines and accessory groupings continues to gain headway. There has been a definite swing away from suites, as in the past, to the coordinated group. Case pieces for the living room, bedroom and dining room are interchangeable.

Lighter weight upholstered pieces, many with tight seats and foam rubber cushions continue to gain in importance as easily moved and mobile furniture contribute to convenience in television room arrangement. Temporary seating pieces and stacking tables and chairs are high on the list of popular items.

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