



LEARNING TO TEACH—Getting in on the ground floor to become Red Cross swimming and water safety instructors are Brian Harty, 14, and Marilyn Johnson, 15. Teaching the teenagers how to teach is Thora Johnson. They are two of 300 teenage volunteers being prepared at Fleishhacker Pool in San Francisco to handle the annual Red Cross mass summer swim program. So far more than 19,000 children have applied for swim instruction in San Francisco this summer.

News About Books From the Library

In a volume of essays published by Houghton Mifflin in 1904 H. W. Boynton said this: "A common and trivial excuse given by those who read little is that they have no time for reading. One may have no time for eating or sleeping, but hardly no time to make love or to read. It is good will, concentration, and the habit of dispatch, not leisure or unlimited opportunity, which have always performed the greatest wonders in both of those useful pursuits."

Rep. Littrell Back From Road Sessions

State Rep. E. A. (Al) Littrell, Medford, recently returned from two interstate highway meetings, he reported Saturday. The first was a session of the western interstate commission on highway policy problems, held for two days in San Francisco. Attending were legislators from the western states, as well as officials of enforcement agencies. Highway law reciprocity agreements on trucks and buses, motor vehicle noise problems, highway cost allocations, and the new federal highway construction program were discussed, Littrell said.

Presiding was State Rep. Julia Hansen of Washington. At the San Francisco meeting, Littrell, a member of the state legislative highway interim committee, was picked as Oregon representative to attend a three-day workshop meeting in Chicago of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.

This meeting was devoted largely to discussion of reciprocity highway agreements between states and provinces of Canada, and with Central and South American countries, Littrell said.

VA Officials Visit Jackson County Area

Charles Langdon, manager of the Veterans Administration office in Portland, and E. A. Maher, adjudication officer, were visitors at the office of Charles D. Holbrook, county veterans service officer in the courthouse last week.

Langdon and Maher also visited Camp White and conferred with Manager E. K. Ricker.

Also visiting here was Pat Tate, chief of the loan guarantee division of the VA in Portland. He and Holbrook went to Ashland to confer with lenders for the Veterans Administration.

Eugene Busses Increase Single Fare Five Cents

Eugene—(U.P.)—A five-cent increase in single fare rates on some Eugene city busses was reported Saturday by mass transportation officials. The new rates will be effective today.

The increases will affect only Springfield, River Road and Gilbert addition routes. Eugene local fares and those on Coburg and Thurston road will remain unchanged. New rate on affected lines will be 25 cents for adults.

Boy Scouts Pack 40

Cub Scouts of Den 8, Pack 40 of Central Point, had a swimming party Thursday afternoon, June 21. Drove them Mrs. Tom Whittle from her car from Central Point to the Jackson Hot Springs. Boys attending the swim party were Dennis Ryerson, Ronald Stith, Charles Taylor, Larry Meyer, Gary Josephson, John Libby and Gary Whittle.

DOUGLAS TO SPEAK

Seattle—(U.P.)—Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas will speak at the Pacific Northwest International Writers conference here July 27.

set in different places each time to more or less equalize the water application.

Here, then, are some hints borrowed from Verena Ream of the Pasadena, California, Star-News (including some that would hardly have been helpful in 1904). You'd have time to read, the journalist says, if you would:

1. Eliminate all unnecessary use of the telephone. 2. Use the radio and television for only the very best programs. 3. Read while riding the bus (or train, or plane, or boat). Keep a book in the car glove compartment to read at every waiting moment. It is shocking to realize the accumulated time that chauffeuring can waste. 5. Take your book to the beauty shop or the barber shop. Pull down the curtain of your mind against surrounding chit-chat.

6. Read while you eat lunch. 7. Read during that afternoon rest period (or coffee break; you probably drink too much coffee and see too much of your co-workers anyway). 8. During waits in the kitchen pick up a book of poems or meditations or short excerpts. (But better not dip into any whodunits unless your family likes its cakes cooked to a crisp. This is said from burned and bitter experience). 9. Set aside a time each day, such as 30 minutes before the children's bedtime, to read aloud with the family. 10. Try reading one heavy and one light book at the same time—that is, a light book for your tired hours, a heavy one for your fresh time. **Can Add To Life**

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The Family Council

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Mrs. R. G. L.—She's rushing into impossible burdens.
Betty—He isn't old, I love his children.

Mrs. R. G. L.—Our daughter Betty, 22, wants to marry a man of 40 who is a widower with two children. She did not meet this man until three months ago, yet she says she is absolutely certain that she loves him and that she cannot be happy without him.

My husband and I agree that this cannot possibly be right. For years we were worried because Betty had few dates and never encouraged a boy to try to see her a second time. Once, when a relative arranged a date for her with a young man of 30, Betty expressed resentment, accusing her family of trying to marry her off to "an old man." Yet she seems to think nothing of the much greater age disparity.

We have talked to her over and over again about the other problem, that of raising two youngsters who may not accept her as a mother, and of the complications that would result if she were to have children of her own. Betty seems completely unheeded of our advice and warnings.

Betty—The man I want to marry may have been born 40 years ago, but I never think of him as an older man. He is youthful in spirit, without being childish. I do not expect to have any difficulties with the boys, who seem to take to me and of whom I am very fond.

I never encouraged any of the men I met before because they were, in every instance, aggressive and selfish. John is understanding, patient and interested in a variety of things that appeal to me. The fact that he is a widower is certainly nothing to be held against him. I can't understand why my parents are not impressed with the fine thing he has done in maintaining a good home for his children for five years since the death of their mother. After having known him, I can't imagine myself marrying any of the characters I had met before.

The Council: Betty talks of John's patience. Then why the talk of marriage after having known him only three months?

It is to be suspected that tension has been created because Betty's parents became alarmed. This is extremely unfortunate. The age disparity and the children cannot be lightly dismissed as problems. At the same time, the parents should acknowledge that John may really possess the virtues and attractions that Betty thinks she sees in him.

It would be desirable to test this relationship with a much longer acquaintanceship. If the tension and controversy could be dispelled and all concerned

get to know each other much better, it would become possible to reach the right decision.

If Betty and John would agree that a three-months acquaintanceship is far too little, in view of the circumstances, then Betty's parents should agree in turn to withhold judgment and view John with an open mind. Patience is the key virtue required in this unusual situation.

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Garden Notes

By C. B. CORDY
County Extension Agent for Horticulture

With the approach of warmer days we will have an increasing amount of brown areas appearing in our lawns. These brown areas are most generally attributed to the presence of lawn moths or a lawn fungus.

If these pests are present they could be controlled by sprays which would be a rather happy solution.

However, after having examined a large number of lawns there has been no case found where either lawn moths or fungus diseases have been primarily responsible. In some cases the presence of moths or fungus may serve to make the condition worse but the basic trouble is a lack of moisture.

The first areas to turn brown are generally along walks, in corners or at the top of an incline where the lawn may slope down to the sidewalk. These locations are most apt to suffer from a lack of water, as the sprinklers are generally set to water the center of the lawn most thoroughly.

New Growth
After the grass once turns brown it is very difficult to stimulate new growth which is necessary before the lawn will again green up. This can best be done by applying one to two pounds of ammonium sulfate to 100 sq. ft. and thoroughly watering it.

The browner a lawn becomes before corrective measures are attempted the more difficult it will be to restore it to a nice green color. After a lawn turns brown it will not regreen until new blades of grass are produced.

Most people are quite reluctant to realize that it is a lack of water but most sprinklers distribute the water rather unevenly and also it takes much more water to wet the soil down a foot than is commonly realized. A one-fourth inch iron rod or a shortened broomstick can be used to prod the soil after irrigation and if the soil is not soaked at least a foot deep then insufficient water is being used.

It is also well not to water the lawn with the same pattern, that is the sprinklers should be

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Those who have not registered are asked to register Monday morning starting at 8:30 a.m. in the high school band office.

Tuesday night at 7 p.m. the first concert band rehearsal will be held in the high band room. All high school band members plus ninth grade and college students are welcome.

Orchestra classes will meet for the second session July 16. New beginners may register for this last orchestra session July 9.

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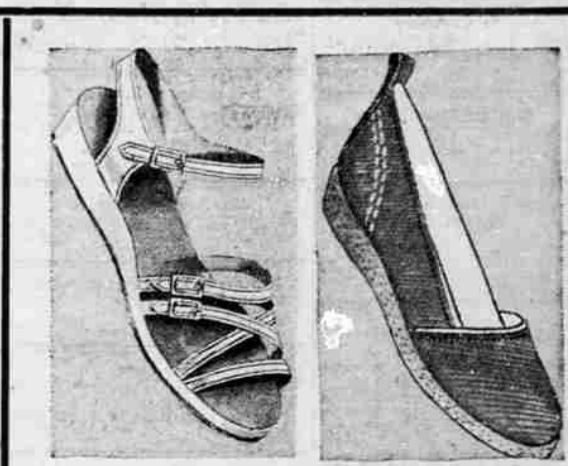
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