

After more than half-century of teaching, Miss Minnie Siemer still finds satisfaction watching child discover wonders of knowledge.

Three generations of pupils! Miss Siemer, who taught 3 Rs to Jacqueline Anderson, 8, also taught her mother, Mrs. Robert Anderson, and her grandfather, Charles Dahlberg.



*Miss Minnie Siemer, who has taught
three generations of school kids,
can proudly claim the title:*

America's Oldest Teacher

by George S. Bush

CARLTON, a rural trading center in Minnesota's northland, is a fortunate little town: its spanking-new elementary school has the most experienced teacher in the country.

She's Miss Minnie Siemer, now in her 55th year of teaching. Education authorities have looked far, but they have yet to find a schoolmarm who has taught that many years and is still in the business.

Miss Siemer, pert and personable at 69, was only

15 when she first faced an all-grade elementary class near Barnum, Minn. In fact, one of her pupils was two years older than she! And since Barnum isn't far from Carlton, Miss Siemer has often taught children of former pupils.

In three families she has even imparted the three Rs to three successive generations!

"Children," says Miss Siemer, "haven't changed too much over the years. Only today they are more

knowing, more experienced, and aren't quite as well-behaved as they used to be."

Miss Siemer doesn't hold a college degree, but she still hopes to get one. For years she has taken Summer courses at different institutions and is now trying to pull them together for a degree.

"You're never too old to learn," she says, "and anyway I think it's about time I had some important-looking initials behind my name."