

Value of Parent-Child Talks Subject of OSC Staff Survey

Corvallis — A healthy flow of talk with parents that allows children to discuss personal problems is one of the great needs felt by young people today, according to a study made by an Oregon State college staff member and reported in the October issue of the National Parent-Teacher magazine.

"Breakdowns in communication bring barriers of silence" that result in children keeping problems to themselves, Dr. Marvin C. Dubbe of the English department, has found.

In a survey made of 100 Oregon State freshmen men and women, Dubbe found that 99 felt at least "some difficulty" in talking with parents.

About 25 per cent of teenagers, according to this and similar studies, find failure to

talk freely with their parents to be a "serious problem."

Difficult Topics

Most difficult topics to discuss with parents, the students said, were marriage, petting and sex. Topics that gave fewest young people trouble in "family talks" were jobs, car expenses and use, friends, and social behavior.

Reasons for the breakdown in communication point up some of the inner conflicts felt by young people, Dubbe noted. Despite the fact that students indicated they considered the talks important and desirable, the big reasons cited by them for the lack of discussion were "self-reliance" and "no need." The students hesitated to talk because they felt they ought to be "old enough" to decide such things for themselves, Dubbe explained.

Split-Level House Declared Popular In America Today

Demand for a family recreation room has made the split-level house one of the most popular styles in America today. The Construction Research Bureau reports that a national poll of more than 300,000 families planning new homes shows the split-level house as popular as the ranch style.

"In many communities," the bureau says, "this compromise between the one-story and the two-story dwelling outsells all other houses. It is a house that can be built on less land than a rambling ranch house. It usually involves less stair climbing than a two-story. And builders contend that it virtually includes a 'free room'—the recreation room.

"A typical split-level plan has a recreation room or multi-purpose room behind the garage on the first level. With the bedrooms over this level, and the living-kitchen area at one side, the recreation room and garage are enclosed in the house without requiring extra roofing or more foundation.

"With the recreation room on ground level and not in a basement, glamorous possibilities are offered. Sliding glass panels can open onto a garden patio. Large windows can flood the room with sunlight. A centrally located chimney may permit the inclusion of an indoor barbecue fireplace. The floor can be covered with colorful resilient tile, even though the concrete is in contact with the ground.

The popularity of the home recreation room has been variously attributed to television, home movies, hi-fi, traffic congestion and the increasing need to prevent juvenile delinquency.

Herbs Discussed At Society Meeting

"Herbs used in dyes" was the topic of a talk given by Mrs. William Perry, Eagle Point, at a meeting of the Rogue Valley Herb society Tuesday, October 22, at the home of Mrs. Frank Carson.

"Herbs used in cosmetics" were discussed by Mrs. R. D. Abdel, Medford. Mrs. Walter McLean, president, was in charge of the meeting.

A brochure of the society's library list was presented by Mrs. Arthur Kneass, recording secretary, Medford, through the librarian, Mrs. John Holst, Gold Hill.



BUS DISPLAYED—The new "Golden Eagle" bus of Continental Trailways, which will be used on the routes into Medford in the near future, was on display at the local terminal yesterday, and will be in Medford today. The buses will be used for the firm's five-star service and are fitted with a snack bar, coffee-maker, food-warmer, restroom. They are designed for hostess-attended service. It will have a complete observation lounge, and is equipped with self-leveling "torsilastic" suspension.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN

Clergy's Help Asked To Halt Accidents

Salem — Gov. Robert D. Holmes Saturday asked the Oregon clergy to help with the state's attempt to cut down the highway accident toll.

The Governor wrote to Protestant, Catholic and Jewish ministers throughout the state that "we are not bringing home to our people the significance to society and to the individual of the commandment 'thou shalt not kill'."

He suggested that the state's ministers might develop some sermons on the highway toll theme.

NO INTEREST

Burlington, Vt. — Civil Defense units here could not put on any practice test in connection with National Civil Defense week because "not enough persons were interested."

UNANNOUNCED VISITOR

Henderson, Tenn. — Mrs. John Terry is still trying to figure out where a visitor to her home came from. An alligator suddenly crawled out from under her house.

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