

Instructor Who Spanks Said on Legal Tight-Rope

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New York - (UPI) - When a teacher slaps or spanks a pupil, she's walking a legal tight-rope.

In most states, reasonable corporal punishment in the classroom has the legal go-ahead. But in most states there also are cruelty-to-children laws to consider.

Attention was focused on the teacher's plight by a bill in the New York State Legislature to give New York City teachers the right to use "reasonable force in a moderate degree" when necessary to "restrain or correct" students.

Assemblyman Joseph R. Corso (D-Brooklyn), the bill's sponsor, believes there would be less unrest in "blackboard jungles" if teachers could administer corporal punishment without chancing assault and battery charges.

Bill Passed
The Virginia legislature last year passed a bill permitting principals and teachers to administer reasonable corporal punishment, provided the teacher acts in good faith and the punishment is not excessive.

It is believed only the District of Columbia and New Jersey prohibit corporal classroom punishment by law. A Rhode Island law, according to the National Education association, may be similarly interpreted.

In almost every state, however, a teacher can be snagged by cruelty-to-children laws if the punishment is found to be excessive, administered with a dangerous instrument or in an improper manner.

Since 1833, about 60 cases

have been brought against teachers in courts of record. Most have decided in the teacher's favor under the common-law rule that she stands "in loco parentis," that the punishment was justified by the pupil's antics, and that it was not unreasonable, excessive or malicious.

"In loco parentis" means the teacher has the legal status of a conditionally privileged person "in place of the parent." This privilege includes physical chastisement or other punishment for enforcing discipline.

What is "reasonable" and what is "proper?" A recent review by the Duke University School of Law cited these characteristics: It conforms with statutory enactments, is for the purpose of correction without malice, the pupil knows he has erred and is aware of the reason for punishment, it is not cruel or excessive and leaves no permanent mark or injury, is suited to the age and sex of the pupil, and is administered in the pupil-teacher relationship.

Fear Psychology
In the final analysis, corporal punishment is based on the psychology of fear: "You be good or you'll get a slap."

Such punishment, according to a report to the National Association of Secondary School Principals, "is often administered by the punisher in a state of anger."

"Any teacher contemplating the use of corporal punishment should ascertain local and state laws to avoid lawsuits."

Gardeners Plan Thursday Session

Dr. Fred T. Burich will discuss "Rhododendron and Azalea Culture" at a meeting of the Medford Garden club Thursday, May 7 at 1:30 p.m. in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium.

Mushroom Club Plans Meeting

Southern Oregon Mushroom club will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, May 6, at 8 p.m. in the chemistry room of Medford High school. All who are interested in learning more about the mushrooms that abound in this area are welcome to attend.

Teachers Given Information On Russian Schools

Information on what this nation can learn from the Russian system of education was given at the annual state convention of Delta Kappa Gamma, international honorary for women educators, held recently in Pendleton.

Attending from Epsilon chapter, Medford, were Miss Anna Laura Honts, president; Miss Florence Allen, a state charter member; Mrs. Alice Willetts, and Miss Annette Gray.

Giving the information on Russia was Miss Hedwig Zorb, a former headmistress of St. Paul's School for Girls in Spokane and now a teacher in the Enterprise High school. Miss Zorb was one of the American teachers invited to visit the Soviet Union to appraise its educational system.

She used the topic, "Can the Russian Educational System Teach Us Anything?" Her answer was that it could show Americans some of our faults: "the waste of material things, of time, and, worst of all, the waste of latent possibilities and sacred aspiration."

She went on to say that Americans hate indoctrination, but "if to teach youngsters to feel a zeal for perfection, for progress, and for a real desire to do one's part in his country's welfare, is indoctrination, then let us have it."

Other speakers were Mrs. Paul Patterson, whose topic was "Public Understanding."

She based her talk on her own experiences in public life. The banquet speaker was Mrs. Martha Ferguson McKeown, well-known Oregon writer, whose latest book, "Come to Our Salmon Feast," is based on her longtime friendship with the Cello Indians. Mrs. McKeown is now teaching in WyEast High school in the Hood River valley, and is the local advisor to the Future Teachers of America club.

Two honorary state memberships were conferred: one on Honorable Edith Green, member of the United States House of Representatives. Unable to attend the convention, Mrs. Green was initiated in Portland a short time ago. The second honoree was Mrs. Leona Weatherford, of Arlington, who has been active in the conservation of natural resources.

The Achievement award for the year went to Miss Neva Dallas, formerly of

Husbands, Children, Pets Bring on Spring Cleaning

By GAY PAULEY
UPI Women's Editor
New York - (UPI) - One way to keep down spring cleaning is to eliminate husbands, children and pets.

Together, they manage to account for 35 per cent of the mess the average housewife cleans up each day, says the head of the nation's largest home-care organization, Kenneth N. Hansen of Service Master says that on the basis of clean-up statistics in the average household, here is where all that dirt comes from:

Atmospheric soilers—smokestacks, auto exhausts, etc., 40 per cent;
Husbands with such habits as eating sandwiches in the living room and scattering cigarette butts beyond the ash trays, 18 per cent;
Children, 12 per cent; the foot parade of the family, 10; bad weather, 8; entertaining, 7; and pets, five.

Natural Critic
It is only natural that a "pro" like Hansen would be critical of the cleaning job the amateurs do. But his look at our technique is worth checking for self-improvement purposes.

"Homemakers and helpful husbands make the same mistakes," says Hansen. "Husbands with such habits as eating sandwiches in the living room and scattering cigarette butts beyond the ash trays, 18 per cent; children, 12 per cent; the foot parade of the family, 10; bad weather, 8; entertaining, 7; and pets, five."

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Mrs. Beulah Elliott of Klamath Falls was elected president for the next biennium; and Mrs. Velma Tannery, also of Klamath Falls, executive secretary.

The luncheon at which Miss Zorb spoke celebrated the 17th anniversary of the Oregon state chapter. Retiring state president is Miss Mathilde Gillis, Salem.

takes all over the world," said Hansen. "The amateur is too hasty, rarely has the proper tools, and assumes that getting rid of dirt is just a matter of soap and water and a little elbow grease."

Take the matter of fabrics. "An amateur seldom tests fabrics for color fastness," he said. "Many a flowered upholstery becomes a blurred mess if the homemaker saturates a fabric which has fugitive colors."

Eleven Oversights
He listed 11 "most common oversights" by the amateur cleaner.

We fail to:
Wipe off lamp cords; polish the glass on pictures; wash lighting fixtures and change light bulbs, dust bed rails that are usually covered up;

Wash ornaments that stand around all year and collect dust in crevices; keep rags for cleaning—old bath towels and sheets have a useful second life; clean out radiators in between all the coils;

Wash out waste baskets; clean the dust which collects on the rims of dresser drawers; vacuum with an edge tool the sides of all carpets, where moths have a tendency to breed;

And clean out magazines and newspaper baskets and decide to part with old issues that never will be read.

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Knights, Sons Hold Breakfast Sunday Morning

Rogue River council, Knights of Columbus, was host Sunday morning to a capacity group of members and their families at the annual Father and Son communion breakfast.

The gathering, the fourth in a series of breakfasts sponsored during the year by the council especially for Knights of Columbus families, was the organization's final social event for the current club year. It was held in the annex of St. Mary's school.

Preceding the breakfast, Knights and their sons attended the 8:30 a.m. Mass in a body in Sacred Heart church and received Holy Communion together.

Thomas W. Dugan, chairman of the council's Catholic activity group, was in charge of arrangements for the event. According to Mr. Dugan, it is the purpose of his committee to set up a program which will provide opportunities for the individual Knight to practice his Catholic duties and to give worthy example as a Catholic to his family, his community and his fellow members.

Among those assisting Dugan were Bill McKibben, Herbert Dungey, Jack Batzer, Dr. Mario Campagna, John Carnegie, Gerald Scannell, Douglas Pickell, Joe Zarosinski, James Redden, George Holzgang, Earl DeLisle, Dan Christianson, Clem Joyer, Len Kuckleman, Al Gonzalez, Frank Applegate, Arthur Becker and A. R. Manno.

Suit Pantry to a T-Bone
East Lansing, Mich. - (UPI) - Housewives in the future may be able to open their pantry shelf and select a T-bone steak for dinner.

That's possible, says Arthur Mauch, a Michigan State University agricultural economics professor.

"We soon may be able to sterilize food with gamma rays so that a T-bone steak can be stored on a shelf in the pantry, to be dusted off and barbecued years later," he said.

Windows Are Like People
New York - (UPI) - Dressing windows is much like selecting clothes for people. Sizes and shapes can be disguised.

A wide window will look slimmer when vertical lines are emphasized and a tall, narrow window will look better proportioned if the draperies extend over the wall.

Charter Draped To Honor Member

Members of Elta Duell Hubbs tent, Daughters of Union Veterans, draped the charter in memory of Anetta Grover at the last meeting of the tent. Mrs. Grover, a charter member of the local tent, died March 18.

Mrs. Bessie Young was initiated.

Reports on the work of members at Camp White, and of the annual Hobby Fair held recently at the camp, were heard. Plans were made for participation in the annual Memorial day parade.

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Calendar

Calendar notices and news for the writing section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in weekly and deadline for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for the weekly calendar is 9 a.m. of the day of publication and for week day news is 5 p.m. the day before publication.

Monday:
8 p.m. - Olive Rebekah lodge, Odd Fellows hall.
8 p.m. - Crater High School Parent - Teacher association, Crater High school cafeteria.

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To Meet

Delta Gamma alumnae will meet Wednesday, May 6, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Charles Martin, 315 C street, Eagle Point. Members are asked to take articles for a "white elephant" sale.

How Cold Is Frozen?
 Fargo, N. D. - (UPI) - How cold is the "frozen" of frozen foods?

Zero degrees or lower, says Ruth Dawson, a nutritionist at the North Dakota Agricultural College. Higher temperatures cause foods to lose their nutritional value, she said.

If you don't have a thermometer to check your freezer, try checking the way it keeps frozen hard. Ice cream stays frozen hard at 10 degrees or lower. If ice cream is soft, your freezer isn't cold enough.

If you cannot hold the freezer down to zero or 10 below, buy and store only foods your family can eat within a few days, she said.

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