

# Research Reveals Interesting Findings in Reading Concepts

Corvallis - Research is revealing some new - and correcting some old - concepts about readings and findings will be a help - and a surprise perhaps - to parents, according to an Oregon State college education professor who is an authority on reading.

Dr. Ned Markscheffel emphasized that "reading is a continuous process, which doesn't end at the elementary school, nor at the high school level."

The appalling fact today, however, is that some 25 to 30 per cent of American adults can't - or don't - read adult level materials, he said. And recent high school studies have shown that many students are not up to par on the first, and certainly the most important, of the three "R's" of education. As a result, their total education is crippled.

**First Graders**  
Dropping down to the first grade, Markscheffel noted that boys have a considerably harder time learning to read than girls. Eighty per cent of the reading problem cases in the elementary schools are boys. No one knows exactly why, but some reasons seem to be that girls mature faster and spend more time "on playing school" and such activities.

Some first graders have problems in reading because of physical immaturity. For example, their eyes may not be developed sufficiently.

Parents can do a lot to help get their children ready to read through, Markscheffel hastened to add. They can create a love for stories and books by reading to the children; can help them build their vocabularies by introducing

them to new words (most first graders know about 2,500); and can avoid baby talk.

**Brings Problems**  
Baby talk brings problems later on when the child is learning to read because the "looks" of the word and the baby talk pronunciation don't agree.

To help develop a respect for books, Markscheffel suggested that parents and children "look up" questions together when the answers are difficult. Make reading a "reward" sometimes, too, instead of a duty or chore, he added. Encourage older children to read by having good books around and by providing a place for them to read and study without being disturbed.

When the child learns to read, don't let his reading aloud to you be enough, Markscheffel stated. Occasionally check his comprehension by asking questions that require thought and understanding of the material to answer. Such questions help the child to realize that reading is also a "thinking and an understanding process."

If children are having serious difficulties with reading by the second or third grade, get competent help as soon as possible, he advised.

Many people have misconceptions about "retarded readers," or children who are unable to read at a level comparable with their age, Markscheffel stated. It usually isn't just a matter of intelligence because studies show that 80 per cent of the retarded readers in elementary schools are average or better than average in intelligence. Many other factors enter in and competent help is needed to overcome the problems.

Colleges are placing more and more emphasis in reading

methods and training for students preparing to become grade or high school teachers, Markscheffel pointed out.

At OSC, all students training to be elementary teachers must take a course in methods of reading and one in language arts. High school teacher candidates must take training in "how to teach" reading at the high school level. And anyone who gets a master's degree in education must take training that qualifies him to give remedial reading help to students.

## Survey Links Smoking With Personality

London - (Science Service) - A study of 2,360 men reveals that the average cigarette smoker, pipe smoker, non-smoker and ex-smoker have personalities that differ from each other. Cigarette smokers, for instance, are more outgoing than pipe smokers and non-smokers.

The authors of the study say the results do not prove that smoking does not cause lung cancer, but they make more reasonable the proposition that both smoking and cancer may be related to certain underlying hereditary factors.

The study was made by Dr. H. J. Eysenck of the Institute of Psychiatry here and research workers of Mass-Observation Ltd. The report that their study lends support to the idea that extroverts may "live at an accelerated rate, drinking harder, smoking harder, living more irregular lives, staying up longer and generally 'living it up' more."

"They may thus lower their resistance to disease and expose themselves more to conditions which may directly cause the disease in question."

In the study, reported in the British Medical Journal (May 14), 31 questions were asked the men. These included:

1. Would you rate yourself a lively individual?
2. Are you frequently lost in thought, even when you are supposed to be taking part in a conversation?
3. Do you always prefer the familiar, the safe and sure, to taking chances with the new and untried?
4. Do you have any habits like chewing pencils or biting fingernails or things like that?

**Pattern of Extroversion**  
The answers showed a pattern of extroversion among the cigarette smokers, the researchers found. The answers also "weakly confirmed" the idea that smokers had less rigid personalities than others.

From the study, "ex-smokers emerge as the most neurotic; smokers as a whole do not appear to be more neurotic than non-smokers."

Among smokers, heavy smokers were more extroverted than medium smokers (15 to 24 cigarettes daily). The medium smokers, in turn, were more extroverted than the light smokers.

Ex-smokers' extroversion averaged between that of light smokers and medium smokers. Non-smokers averaged out as less extroverted than even the light smokers. And pipe smokers were more introverted, on the average, than any of the other groups studied.

## They'll Do It Every Time



## The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a Judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and consumers.

**Mrs. M. F. - Adele** is heading for a breakdown.

**Adele B. - I'm** doing the right thing.

**Mrs. M.F. - I** am the mother of two married daughters. They both have young families. I don't believe in interfering with them, but I am very worried about my younger daughter, who is running herself ragged catering to her children.

**Adele has** three children, a boy of 5, a daughter of 2 and an infant. That's a man-sized job, especially with no help. Adele makes things extra hard by catering to her little boy's every whim.

For example, he won't go to kindergarten unless he knows she will sit outside of school until he comes out. He would never find out if she went away for an hour and a half, but she actually sits in a park near the school the whole time. Then she must rush to do all her shopping and housework and is so exhausted by dinner time that she can't even eat. She's heading for a breakdown.

**Adele B. - Mother** is sure she knows everything about child-rearing, but frankly I don't think she did such a wonderful job herself.

When my sister and I were 8 and 6, Mother had to have an operation. She and Dad took us to our grandmother's home and said they'd be back in a few hours. We didn't see Mother again for a month. It was such a terrible experience I promised myself I would never break a promise to a child.

My little boy is exceptionally sensitive and shy. He was terrified about going to school, but it gives him some sense of security to know I'm so close. Gradually he is getting used to everything. As long as he knows he can absolutely depend upon me he will remain in the classroom without making any fuss.

It's true I'm a pretty tired mother by the end of the day, but I feel I'm doing the right thing.

**The Council:** We agree that promises to a child should never be broken without urgent reason and detailed explanation. It is far more important to keep a promise to

## Small Worlds Around Us



**You Just Can't Keep A Good Catfish Down**  
"I would never believe such a thing if someone told me, but when I see it with my own eyes, I have to admit it's true."

The speaker was the man in charge of a large fish hatchery where black bass are raised for the stocking of lakes and ponds under the supervision of the conservation department. The man had under his direct management three large reservoirs actually large depressions in the earth, that can be filled with water and whose level is controlled with sluice gates located at the ends.

**Put in Bass**  
After the ponds are filled with water, brood-bass heavy with roe are placed in the reservoirs. In a few days the bass spawn. Shortly thereafter the waters of the ponds are alive with tiny baby bass. They are fed until they are large enough to be removed and sent to various lakes where they are liberated and allowed to grow into "fighting bass" for some lucky sports fisherman to catch.

But what the manager couldn't understand is the determined effort the fresh water catfish makes in order that it, too, can bring forth a numerous progeny in spite of human efforts to discourage it. The hatchery has no intention or desire to raise catfish; its sole interest is in the raising of bass. But Nature has other ideas.

"When we are ready to begin our regular spring program, we drain the ponds. Then we pull up every weed and every spear of grass. Then we cover the entire area with a heavy layer of lime, until the ground is as white as snow. The idea is, of course, to kill off all the harmful bacteria as well as all forms of animal life that could possibly pollute the water when we are raising the baby bass."

"We leave the lime on for several days until the sun, and maybe a few rains, erase all traces of the lime. Then we feel the pools are ready, so we fill them with water and bring in the brood-bass. Impossible happens."

"It's then," the manager said, "that the impossible happens. For more often than not,

at the end of a couple of weeks, schools of tiny fish that have no bass characteristics whatsoever, are swimming around in the ponds.

"We always know what they are - they are baby catfish. In spite of all our precautions and sterilization of the ponds'

bottoms, one or more adult catfish will have buried themselves deep in the mud, or even the dry ground, and, without water or food, will patiently await the incoming water. Once the water is pouring in, they wriggle up out of their uncomfortable beds and lay their eggs in the water.

"In a few days," the manager continued, "the pond is alive with unwanted catfish. They grow rapidly, crowd the available space and eat the food, and otherwise make themselves objectionable."

## ? Dog Control ? YES or NO

To help the voters of Medford and Jackson County interpret the "Dog Control Measures" which will appear on the Primary Ballot, May 20, 1960, the Rogue Valley Retriever Club and Southern Oregon Hound Owners' Association present the following information:

A majority vote involves the State Law, which prohibits dogs from "running at large."

The law defines "running at large" to mean when a dog is off the premises of the owner or keeper WITHOUT a muzzle OR when it is not in the company and under the control of its owner or keeper.

Any dog found running at large may be impounded and, if not claimed after being held five (5) days, destroyed.

If the dog wears a muzzle made of wire or metal, properly fastened and strong enough to prevent him from biting or injuring any person or domestic animal, he may run loose without any restraint at any time.

The fine for the first violation is \$10.00, and each additional violation will be \$25.00.

The Rogue Valley Retriever Club and the Southern Oregon Hound Owners' Association favor control for the City of Medford, and endorse a "NO" vote on Measure No. 51.

They oppose the County-Wide Dog Control Measure No. 2 for the following reasons:

Dogs are needed by farmers, ranchers, stockmen and others outside the city in their work and for their protection. The adoption of this law would create a hardship for them.

Legitimate activities of hunters and other sportsmen could be severely curtailed.

The activities of various dog clubs held outside the city could be termed violations of this law although no harm would come from such dog training.

Therefore we urge the following vote:

- 2—For dogs running at large Vote YES (Jackson County).
- 51—For dogs running at large Vote NO (City of Medford).

**SOUTHERN OREGON HOUND OWNERS ASS'N**

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## Chicago Dockmen Called on Strike

Chicago - (UPI) - The International Longshoremen's Association called its 2,000 Chicago dock workers out on strike today when bargainers failed to reach agreement on a new contract.

The Chicago stevedores joined 1,000 longshoremen already on strike at other Great Lakes ports.

William Green, president of I.L.A. Local 19 in Chicago, said he ordered the strike because "there was just no possibility of getting close to an agreement."

The strikes on the Great Lakes halted handling of general cargo shipping and some bulk cargo. Some foreign ships were stranded.

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