

Intentional Failure By Good Student Result of Pressure

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Occasionally an outstanding student may bring home unusually low grades on his report card. The child intentionally failed a test or missed answers. Don't be surprised. This unfortunately is a problem in some schools.

The basis of the problem is social pressure. The feeling is that other children will not be friendly with a good student. They will make him an outsider. This is strong pressure for any pupil.

This type of problem usually is started by students who are not doing well in their own school work. They are trying to build their own stature. The problem becomes serious when the better students do poorly so that they can be part of the group. It is important to teenagers to be liked.

Recognition Not Easy
Parents will not find it easy to recognize this problem. Their child will not readily admit he intentionally got poor grades. You will only be able to tell by observing an unusual drop in marks without any obvious reason.

If you think this problem exists don't waste any time in getting it corrected. There are various factors to be considered. It is not a minor difficulty for a child to work out. If he believes his acceptance depends upon being a poor student, there cer-

tainly can be an effect upon his grades. As a parent you should have a talk with your child. Explain that such actions are wrong and not really the answer. The student who has the ability to be outstanding has a responsibility to himself and society to achieve at his best possible level.

Should Not Brag
The question will arise as to how he can keep his friends. Perhaps he is partially at fault. He should not have a superior attitude because of his success as a student. He should not brag. Of course it is not something to be ashamed of or hide. It might also be explained that there is no great loss by not being a part of this type of group. This is fine if there are other groups for companionship.

The school should be made aware of this situation. This can be done through the school guidance counselor or other school officials. Teachers can avoid making comparisons in the classroom. When a child is held up as an example for others to follow, jealousy can make him the point of this social pressure.

Other parents can help. They can discuss the problem with their children. Perhaps such a cooperative effort may be successful. The PTA may be able to sponsor such an approach. The problem obviously is a difficult one to recognize and correct. The most effective approach is probably through helping your child understand and face the problem.

VANITY SATISFIED
Los Angeles—UPI—A 33-year-old woman, whose driver's license was revoked for "fraudulent conduct" because she told the department of motor vehicles she was 25, Thursday sought in court to have it restored. Mrs. Sumi Valla said she gave the false age to "satisfy my vanity and for no other reason."

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A BIG ONE—Mosquitoes which drove Texas Gulf Coast residents indoors recently were not quite as big as this monstrous model about to be slapped by Davey Lou Huffman, 13, of Houston. (UPI)

In Groups for Safety

Clean-Cut Men Making Fortunes Out of Careers as Folk Singers

By DICK WEST

Washington—UPI—I can remember when a folk singer was a guy who wore dirty undershirts. He played the guitar "by ear," which probably sounded better than if he had used his hands. He could sing all 102 verses of "Lonely Freight Train" and insisted on doing so. In some states, this

was recognized as grounds for divorce. Almost every community had a folk singer, along with a town drunk and village idiot. In many communities, all three of them were the same fellow. Folk singers performed mainly in talent shows staged in the high school gymnasium to raise money for the volunteer fire department. They were not paid for these appearances, but as a reward for their services they were allowed to start two fires.

All of this, as anyone who has looked out the window lately is aware, has drastically changed. Folk singers now travel in groups, partly for harmony and partly for safety. Clean-cut young men in Ivy League clothes, who studied business administration in college, are making fortunes by musically recounting the misfortunes of immigrant coal miners. Their link with the working class is authentic, however. They have calluses on their string-plucking fingers and they wear union-made neckties. Which are real sincere. As much as any group, and more than most, the Kingston Trio is responsible for the folk music transformation. Having been together for five years now, the Kingstons are regarded as the elder statesmen of the new breed. This makes them a prime target of the traditionalists, as I found out in the course of a talk with the Kingstons, who are appearing here this week. "Everybody is a self-appointed folk music expert nowadays," said guitarist Nick Reynolds. "Right now it's very 'in' to put us down as prostitutes of folk music." "If we so much as add an E-minor to 'Dear Betsy,' they picket our next concert," said guitarist Bob Shane. "With some of them folk music is almost like a religion," said guitarist John Stewart. "If they served communion at concerts, half of the audience would be up at the rail." The mention of religion started a discussion of the rising popularity of gospel singers on the night club circuit. "A bartender told me that people drink more during gospel songs than at any other time," said Frank Werber, the trio manager. "Almost any day now I expect to see some cabaret change its name to the 'First Baptist Saloon'."



West

Showers Soak Southern Plains; Streets Flooded

United Press International

Showers soaked the southern plains today, but a crop-stunting drought continued its rise toward the danger level across the Midwest. Light drizzle fell in southern Kansas and eastern Oklahoma and northward into parts of Iowa, North Dakota and Minnesota during the night. Thunderstorms swept Georgia and Florida. Heavy rains Thursday sent creeks and streams surging down the main streets of many Kansas and Oklahoma towns. Gypsum, Kan., was hardest hit, with about five feet of water spilling from Gypsum creek after a 12-inch rainfall. About 18 inches of water filled the streets of Durham, Kan. Numerous highways were closed across Kansas, and National Guardsmen aided residents in flooded areas. The Weather Bureau said up to a seven-foot overflow was expected at Towanda, Kan., on the Whitewater river. The Chikaskia river at Blackwell, Okla., and the Cottonwood river from Marion to Emporia, Kan., were expected to reach or exceed flood stage. The heavy rainfall measurements included 9.45 inches at Hillsboro, Kan., and more than 8 1/2 inches at Enid and Blackwell, Okla. But the Kansas downpours failed to help the southwest part of the state where crops have been hardest hit by the drought. Nearly 2 1/3 inches were reported in six hours at Vero Beach, Fla., and 70-mile-an-hour winds whipped quarter-inch hail and more than one inch of rain in less than an hour at Lamar, Colo. Many sections of the Midwest sought federal aid to ease a drought that has curtailed crops and disrupted planting schedules.

Second Cover Spray on Pears To Be Applied

The second cover spray on pears should be applied as soon as a spider mite spray is needed or by July 25, according to Dr. Peter Westgard, entomologist Southern Oregon Experiment Station, and C. B. Cordy, county extension agent. This should be the last spray for codling moth and psylla, they said. For orchards with a crop, it is recommended that six pounds of Guthion and 3 1/2 pints of 40 per cent TEPP be used per acre in not to exceed 300 gallons of water. This should be applied on a quiet, sunny day when temperatures are above 65 degrees Fahrenheit. This will control codling moth and psylla for the remainder of the season. However, to control spider mites it will be necessary to repeat the TEPP spray in three to five days spraying down every other tree row, they said. If maximum temperatures are below 80 degrees Fahrenheit, the time interval should be increased to seven days. On winter varieties, the addition of seven pounds of Zi-

ram per acre on winter varieties will help reduce storage rots, Cordy said. Where there are not enough fruits present to make a crop, a spray of five pounds of Guthion and 3 1/2 pints of 40 per cent TEPP per acre is suggested. This should control psylla and hold codling moth within reasonable bounds. A second spray of TEPP will be required to control mites. It is pointed out that as TEPP is an organic phosphate, it should be used with care by the operator and with consideration for others.

Bull, Car Involved In Highway Mishap

An accident involving a black Angus bull and a car was reported on the Sams Valley highway 15 miles from Gold Hill yesterday, state police reported. The bull was owned by James C. Wilson, route 1, box 578, Eagle Point. The car was driven by Jack Marshall Blake, 45, of 1050 Southeast N. st., Grants Pass, officers said. The hood of a car driven by Gladys Agnes Davis, 64, of route 1, box 293, Gold Hill, was damaged when a tractor with shovel and back hoe and the car met head-on at Depoe and Madrone sts. in Rogue River yesterday, state police said. The tractor was operated by Orville Ray Milburn, 31, of 1800 Regina Way, Grants Pass, police said.



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31 Hospitalized In Gas Explosion

Hastings, England—UPI—At least 31 persons were hospitalized today with injuries incurred during three huge gas explosions along this channel resort town's waterfront Thursday. Authorities estimated that the series of blasts injured a total of 50 persons and destroyed the homes of 30 families. The explosions were believed caused by a broken gas main. "The scene looked like a wartime bombing raid," one eyewitness said. Most of the victims were vacationers cut by flying glass. Police said the first explosion rocked the Winchester restaurant and set it afire. Ten minutes later another blast ripped through two houses on the waterfront, followed by a third explosion in another restaurant down the street. A hotel, shops and still another restaurant were heavily damaged by the explosions and fire, police said.

Complaints Filed Seeking Damages

Two complaints, both seeking damages due to automobile accidents in Jackson county, have been filed in Jackson county circuit court. Seeking \$50,000 damages and medical expenses is Joyce Morrill, Gold Beach, as the result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident Aug. 9, 1961, at the intersection of First and Main sts., Ashland. Defendants in the case are Michael Edd Rountree, driver of the vehicle which hit the car in which the plaintiff was a passenger, and Mr. and Mrs. Edd E. Rountree, 552 Beach st., Ashland. According to the complaint, the Rountree vehicle struck the rear of the car in which Joyce Morrill was a passenger when it stopped at a stop sign on First st. In the other complaint, Josephine Peters, Camp U Rest, Phoenix, seeks \$20,000 damages and \$300 medical expenses from Ross M. Connor, 2978 Old Stage rd., as the result of an accident July 14, 1961, at the intersection of Beall lane and Hanley rd. In both cases the plaintiff's charge the defendants with negligence while driving.

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