

Constant 'Why, Mom?' May Show Gifted Child

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NEW YORK (UPI) — Junior's constant "Why, Mommy?" irritate, but it's one indication you have a bright moppet in the family.

But the forever asking of questions is just one way parents can spot the gifted child, says Dr. Milton M. Klein of Long Island University. Klein suggested that parents act as "talent scouts," watching for what they considered the "unusual, the different, and the exceptional in your child's behavior."

"And," he added, "if these special abilities are sustained, you can call them to the attention of the teacher and the school for further analyzing and nurturing."

Klein, who did a Ford Foundation study of 50 high school programs for children with high IQ's, listed several "general characteristics of brightness."

"The gifted child early shows a longer interest span, reads more, has a larger vocabulary and uses it accurately, is interested in subjects of a profound nature, asking questions about God and the heavens, and can see relation-

ships early," Klein said. "He will not necessarily be physically under-developed or undersized, will not shy away from sports or group games, and will not be a social outcast among those of his age group."

Klein, a graduate of the City College of New York and now chairman of the Department of History at LIU, discussed the bright child in an article in the current City College "Alumnus" and in an interview also.

"Final evaluation of a child's brightness should be left to the school," he said. "Proud parents may know few other children to compare theirs to. The school does."

"If your child is bright you are a fortunate parent, but you can hardly afford not to be a smug one," said the educator. "The blunt truth is that the schools are filled with students of high capacity who somehow never fully realize their talents. In high schools, they may be so unimpressed, so unchallenged, so bored they fail as many subjects as they pass. Teachers know them as 'gifted drifters.'"

He said that each year some 300,000 of above average capacity "drift" out of the education stream by not going to college; an additional 200,000 enter college but don't finish.

How to help the bright child? Klein said that so-called honor classes can be just as frustrating as regular classes, unless the instructor has been chosen because of exceptional scholarship or superior teaching skill.

He advocated early entrance in college or university. There are some schools — he named Chicago, Columbia and Yale — which will admit bright students before they complete high school. Klein said parents need not worry that the teen-ager will miss work; some studies indicate that such students do better academically than those of their classmates who spend the extra year in high school.

He advised parents to train the child, in high school, to the skills and patterns of learning that college education demands.

"Introduce him to the library, to dictionaries, encyclopedias, magazines, to the cultural resources of a city — its museums, theaters, historical sights, its newspapers, art galleries..."

"Supervise his study but do not dominate it... give him every opportunity to read, abundantly and extensively... but above all, allow him the freedom to roam in paths of his own choosing."



DAVID J. BARATTO, 17-year-old Mount Shasta boy, has received word that he has won an appointment to West Point Military Academy. The confirmation was made in a wire from Senator-elect Claire Engle who is congressman for the Mount Shasta area. The young appointee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mario Baratto, was graduated from Mount Shasta High School with the class of 1958. He was an honor student and class president. David reports to the academy July 7, 1959.

Young Boys Admit Setting Major Fire

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Two young boys admitted to city fire officials Friday that their experiments with a pack of matches touched off a major brush fire that threatened several exclusive homes near Beverly Hills.

The youths, aged 6 and 8 years, said they were playing with the matches when the tinder-dry brush ignited in the Benedict Canyon-Beverly Glen area. Investigators said their names were withheld because of age.

The fire was one of two that broke out New Year's Eve. Whipped by winds of up to 50 miles an hour, the flames edged toward the homes of such celebrities as Elizabeth Taylor, Marion Davies and Doris Duke. One home valued at \$150,000, was destroyed in the holocaust which charred 650 acres.

Meanwhile, 150 firefighters remained on the lines of the other fire in Topanga Canyon in an effort to extinguish several minor hot spots on the eastern perimeter before Saturday evening, when winds up to 50 miles an hour were predicted.

The Topanga fire consumed 5,000 acres of valuable watershed and destroyed 81 homes and county fire chief Keith Klinger said investigators were still searching for signs of arson.

The Small Business Administration in Washington, D. C. Friday notified Rep. Joe Holt (R-Calif.) that Los Angeles County has been declared a disaster area because of the fires.

Holt's office said it was informed the disaster status would enable persons whose homes were burned to receive low interest loans to replace the damaged property.

One of the remaining hazards is that of soil erosion and potential flood damage in the advent of heavy rainfall.

The Board of Supervisors has ordered city engineer Lyall A. Fardee to dispatch a crew of flood drainage specialists to determine what can be done to avert flood damage.



Post Offices Closing Seen

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) said Saturday he expects to recommend consolidation or closing of six to eight small Oregon post offices.

Without designating the offices, Norblad said the recommendations would be in line with similar action he has taken during the last several years toward 74 Oregon post offices.

The earlier recommendations, he said, have resulted in savings of \$126,816 a year.

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Texans Decide They'll Wait Till Alaska Starts Melting

By FRED DANZIG
United Press International

Alaska comes in with a smile. For the past few months, the jokesters have been busy dusting off old Texas tags, refurbishing cold climate stories, and crediting them all to Alaska, the newest state in the union.

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Five Staffers Share Award

Five members of the Klamath Indian Agency Welfare staff received certificates of superior performance in recognition of service performed in a manner exceeding the requirements of their positions. They are: Elsie Dickert, Peter Croes, Richard Varner, and Ruth Siemens. They also shared in a \$200 cash award.

Gregory Stevens, a former forester at Klamath Agency, was the recipient of a \$25 cash award for his suggestion in the use of a form in recording the status of Indian allotments.

Incentive awards were instituted for government employees by Public Law 763 of the 83rd Congress. The purpose of the program is to encourage civilian officers and employees of the federal government to participate in the task of improving the efficiency and economy of government operations.

The awards were presented at a staff meeting on December 30 at Klamath Agency by M. M. Zollar, superintendent.

Lumbermen Name Manager

PORTLAND (AP) — Robert E. Mahaffay of Portland is the new general manager of the West Coast Lumbermen's Assn., a lumber industry promotion organization.

His appointment was announced Saturday by V. H. Simpson, executive vice president of the organization.

Anyhow, welcome Name, Alaska.

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AFL-CIO Asks Delay Seating Of Goldwater

PHOENIX, Ariz. (UPI) — The AFL-CIO's Arizona Committee on Political Education (COPE), which opposed election of Republican Barry Goldwater to the U.S. Senate, Friday asked the Senate to delay seating Goldwater pending a federal investigation of alleged campaign smear tactics.

COPE spokesmen said Goldwater should not be installed in the up-coming Congress until FBI agents complete an investigation into a leaflet circulated shortly before the November elections.

The Arizona COPE committee, headed by Fred J. Brown, said the leaflet, which was aimed at Goldwater and bore a likeness of Stalin, was circulated for the purpose of influencing the election of a senator from Arizona, contrary to the laws of the United States.

The committee charged Goldwater used the leaflet to bring COPE and Goldwater's opponent, Gov. Ernest McFarland, into a disrepute by saying it was a "smear type brochure typical of COPE in political contests."

Goldwater commented, "I do not care to comment on a remark like this coming from an organization that brought an ex-convict from outside the state to direct its campaign."



SUN STYLE — Jean Clark models colorful wovens, stripes, cotton play suit at London show. The one piece garment, of Italian design, can be worn with or without belt.

Grange Members Entertain Guests

FORT ROCK — More than 50 grangers and their families and friends saw the New Year in with a party at the grange hall. Square dancing and cards provided the chief entertainment.

Guests from away included Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fitch of Boise, here visiting their daughter and family, the Jack Kittredges, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Harris of Summer Lake were also guests.

Potluck refreshments closed the celebration, Mrs. F. A. "Chub" Frazee, assisted by Teresa and Marilyn Ward, was in charge of the planning.



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My thanks also to the newer arrivals in the city who have found their neighborhood drug store a convenient place to shop, to get their prescriptions filled and to transact post office business.

And now a word about my successor. When one has built a business on the basis of fair-dealing and honest values, it is natural to desire that the same policies be continued. I believe that Mr. Broderick is the kind of a man that you will enjoy doing business with. I have found him to be very fair in our business dealings, and his ability as a pharmacist measures up to the highest standards. I will be with him every day during the month of January and invite you to come in and get acquainted with him. Thereafter I will assist him on a part time basis.

Good luck to you, Frank, and good wishes and good service to all you good people who have known me as

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