

The Mature Parent Remember Childhood; Keep Your Child Free Of It

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She had been receiving psycho-analytic treatment for some months when her seven-year-old boy broke his leg. For several days hospital doctors and nurses sympathized with her anxiety over him.

But as his pain subsided so that he could actually find entertainment in the resources of the Children's Ward, her anxiety began to bore them as inappropriate.

She telephoned them constantly. She insisted on the extension of visiting hours. She plied her son with food from home and wept at their goodbyes.

As no reassurance that he was doing well reassured her, the doctor finally warned her that her overprotectiveness was disturbing the child.

To her psychoanalyst she sobbed: "I don't know what I'm afraid of. I just know I'm terribly upset and can't figure out why."

The following morning she awoke knowing why. For she awoke to a memory of herself as a small girl in the hospital operating room where she lost her tonsils.

She remembered her terror when the surgeon said, "No, your mother can't come now," her struggles as the ether came descended.

She recalled her recovery of consciousness, the pain in her throat—but mostly she remembered her feeling of shocked rage at her mother for abandoning her to assault and loneliness.

With these memories, she knew that her oversolicitude for her own child had been her effort to secure herself against the same shocked rage at her in him.

Lately I've decided that I've not been fair to overprotective parents in this column.

I've begun to wonder whether those of us who endlessly pursue children with what we think are fears for their safety aren't reliving unremembered fears of our own.

To many of us childhood is now a misty time, lightened by

flashes of safe, happy memories. But mist has moved over the scary ones—the time mother let the doctor hurt us, the time we couldn't find her in the department store, the time she was too busy to listen to what the little boy next door had done to us, the many, inevitable times we were left so frighteningly undefended against life's aggressions that we had to make a point of forgetting them.

Perhaps as she pursues her children with endless fears for their safety, the overprotective parent is still seeking protection for the child she used to be.

Garden Club Plans Projects

MONTAGUE — Plans for the placing of "Blue Star Memorial markers" on a 10-mile stretch of Highway 97 south of the California-Oregon line, the newest project adopted by the Shasta Valley Garden Club, were discussed at the Jan. 6 meeting.

Mary Lilly and Mrs. Mary Lemos were hostesses at a potluck luncheon before the meeting.

The business session was conducted by the president, Rita Prather, during which project reports were heard, as well as discussion of new projects.

The club has tentatively planned, as a yearly project, to beautify the Southern Pacific right-of-way in cooperation with the city of Montague.

Also briefly discussed were plans for the convention of District 8-B, California Garden Clubs, Inc., of which the Montague group is a part. The planning meeting of the district will be held at Montague sometime in May. The Montague club will be host to clubs of 19 districts north of Sacramento.

The program, presented by Mrs. Ellen Walters, included films on lawns and roses, and a brief talk on "Famous Gardens of America."

The next meeting of the Shasta Valley Garden Club will be Fri-

SOCIETY

By HELEN BECHEN



JACK WILKINSON, a member of the art staff at the University of Oregon, will present slides and commentary on contemporary painting and visual arts at the AAUW luncheon meeting Saturday, Jan. 21, 12:30, at the Willard Hotel. His talk will theorize on the state of contemporary art in various fields, and will give insight into the arts since World War II.

day afternoon, Feb. 3, at the home of Mrs. Charlotte Robinson, who will be assisted by Mrs. Lean Reichman, Mrs. Daisy Di Raver and Mrs. Betty Dow.



A FLASH BACK to the recent Christmas holidays is shown here as Kathi, left, Lori, center, and Ron Napier ponder the possible effectiveness of a new gadget, the Santa Claus trap. It was set Christmas Eve at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Napier, 535 North Laguna Street. Whether the small piece of red flannel found in the trap's teeth the next morning was for real or not, still it added to the magic of the early morning festivities. The family recently arrived from Portland to make their home in Klamath Falls where Doug Napier is employed as engraver for the Herald and News.

Dunsmuir PTA

DUNSMUIR — Proper preparation for final examinations was discussed by Del Poe, superintendent of Dunsmuir Joint Union High School, at the January meeting of the high school Parent Teacher Association.

Poe pointed out to parents present importance of scholastic standing. "It doesn't tell the whole story about a student but it does provide a basis for his college acceptance or his first employment," Poe stated.

The program for the evening was a color movie on meteorology. Paul Alcouffe, PTA president, conducted the business session. Copper, gold and yellow provided decorative colors for the refreshment table centered with a floral arrangement in a Chinese motif. Sophomore mothers served refreshments.

In 1600 B.C. iron was more precious than gold.

PTA Names Senior Citizen

CHILOQUIN—The PTA at its fund. January meeting voted Mrs. Flava Yates as the 1960 Senior Citizen. The presentation of the award was made by Mrs. Layton Hoback, president, at the annual Jaycee Distinguished Service Award dinner Saturday, Jan. 14.

Mrs. Yates has been active in the Reservation Discussion Group during the past three years, as well as giving service as an individual. She served as vice president of the group, co-chairman with Mrs. Leonard Norris of Klamath Falls on many projects with proceeds going to recreation or the library fund, sponsored all Indian programs for the benefit of United Fund, county hospital fund, and March of Dimes. She helped design and construct the winning float in last year's Fourth of July parade. She was also instrumental in a sale of pine cones which benefited the recreation



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