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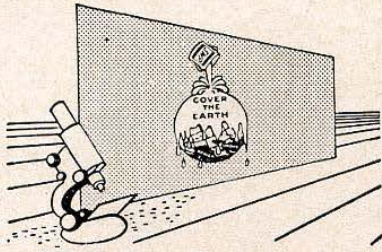


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A Father of Five

says

TOO MUCH FOR MY MIND

A Comment on How Children Train Parents



DURING the past few months I have been obliged to become a sort of superficial authority on such widely distributed matters as Bayeux tapestries, heraldry, the construction of clipper ships, marriage taboos of the Incas, and the influence of the sarsaparilla plant upon nineteenth-century South American economy.

It is not to be concluded that I am taking a post-graduate course in the history of world culture. There is a far more simple explanation.

I have a son in Grade Seven.

He will saunter with calculated innocence into the living-room as I am settling down to a quiet and relaxing evening with Mickey Spillane. "Our teacher assigned us a new project today", he murmurs, looking at a grubby piece of paper which has become attached by chewing-gum to a picture of the Rocket.

I am caught off-guard. "Yes?" I say interestedly, and then realize that it would be a far, far better thing if I dropped dead.

"Yes," he says, looking at the paper. "And Dad, could you get me some information — and I'll need lots of pictures too — on the third crusade, sanitation facilities in Nineveh, the effect of Martin Luther upon church architecture, a comparison of Gregorian chants with western swing, and spare-time activities of cooper's apprentices in Brussels."

And So To Work

Mr. M. Spillane is tossed aside for several weeks. Each evening we burrow in encyclopedias, search ancient historical works, and

hunt through thousands of old magazines for pictures.

Ah, those pictures! Our thumbs are sore from wielding the scissors and I'll carry around the smell of glue for the few remaining days of my life, but we don't mind that. What bothers us are the pictures we can't find.

When my son gives me the daily after-supper briefing, the conversation might go along these lines:

"Dad, I must just — I mean I just must — have a picture of a medieval hip-bath."

"Hm-m, yes. Tried the encyclopedia?"

"None in there. Besides, we can't clip pictures from the encyclopedia."

"Son," I say sorrowfully, "you misunderstand your poor old father. I didn't mean clip from OUR encyclopedia. But — there is one at your school, you know. And after all, who started all this business?"

"Yes, Dad, but the librarian wouldn't let . . ."

"Yes, yes, I know. But how about during fire drill? She goes out then, I suppose? You could hide behind the Dewey shelf? Let's see — a pair of folding scissors in your hip pocket, a pile of gasoline-soaked shavings in the corridor . . ."

My son brings me out of my bright dream. "Dad," he says, "there is NO picture of a medieval hip-bath in the school encyclopedia." We return to reality.

A Problem of Logistics

There is another facet to the problem of securing pictures for the project — a facet probably not realized by our educationists. I refer to the physical labour. In our home we keep the five years' back copies of *Life*, *National Geographic*, etc., etc. in the cellar. My son's room is upstairs. He is forced, by a near female relative, to keep the room tidy. So, consider:

At 7 p.m. he staggers upstairs under a load of magazines. At eight o'clock he staggers down with them. At 8.05 he discovers he needs a picture of a one-legged roc. So up he grunts again with the load, and at 8.37 down again. His biceps are precociously large. One rainy Saturday I didn't see him all day — not his face, that is. Several times on the stairs, however, I passed what appeared to be a moving version of the leaning tower of Pisa.

Disaster nearly struck us the day he slipped on the top stair while carrying a load of *Time*. Down he plunged. Terror gripped my very soul. Would I have to finish the project all alone? Fortunately he had carelessly left a pile of the *National Geographic* on the bottom landing, which broke his fall.

A Masterpiece Results

As the weeks roll by — weeks of grim toil, heartache, with now and then a merry laugh to relieve the strain — the project takes shape. Comes the joyous evening when the last piece of scotch tape is hewn, the last morsel of igneous rock taped into place, the last spelling error corrected. We crack open a bottle of ginger ale in celebration, and view the finished job with pride and satisfaction.

"Projects are a great thing," I tell my boy. "You learn a lot. So do I. Now, when I was young," — my son begins to drink a little faster — "the function of the school was to educate the child. Today it educates the

parent too. Would you, for example, like me to give you a run-down on the typical menu of a typical Roman officers' mess during a typical Punic War?"

"No," replies my boy.

My own friends will be more polite, and I shall be able to impress them with the extent of my knowledge.

Most important of all is that the work is done, and my son and his assistant are happy. True, there is disappointment ahead. The completed unit receives mild praise, but no delirious burst of admiration, from his teacher. It lies about the school for a while, and then joins the scissors and glue-pot department in our basement.

This is not fitting. Such a masterpiece, conceived in torment and delivered in agony, should stand on a velvet-covered lectern in the main foyer of the National Library.



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FLASH

Quebec Federation's "QUARTERS FOR HEADQUARTERS" Campaign gets under way officially in January. However, National President Lillian D. Evans suggests in her November message that all Provincial Presidents attend the official opening of Headquarters in mid-January "with cheques in hand" covering their Federations' quotas!

Our President Reuben Resin won't be in a position to do that but can we assure him he can promise Headquarters that Quebec's cheque will be forthcoming? Mrs. Isobel Shuster, Chairman of our Campaign Committee, would appreciate hearing from every Association "Quarters For Headquarters" Committee Chairman.

WHAT'S BEING DONE TO SECURE TEACHERS?

IN LAST MONTH'S issue 'Myrtle Migraine' said the answer to the teacher shortage problem is to rotate 'em — the teachers, she means, Perhaps! But if you and I are to understand just what is being done to recruit teachers we need to do a little investigating.

First, let's forego a whole stack of statistics and simply accept Dr. Cyril F. James' statement to a Conference on Teach Recruitment, held last Spring, that at present we are meeting only one-half of the annual requirement for new teachers in this Province of ours. He estimated that in the future — the very near future! — at least 450 new teachers will be needed annually.

At that Conference, "The Need" for teachers was discussed first. Professor D. C. Monroe, Director of the School for Teachers, and Professor D. Wayne Hall in leading this discussion emphasized the importance of maintaining high professional standards, the selection of well-balanced, well-adjusted young people for teacher training. (Mrs. Evans, our national president, made these points in her article in our November issue). Professor Monroe also told the Conference of the plans which have been made in the School for Teachers to meet the needs for increased enrolment.

K. H. Oxley, Principal of Lachine High School and a member of the Protestant School Committee of the Province, explained the acute shortage of specialists in such subjects as Industrial Arts, Commerce and Guidance, pointing out that no training in these subjects is given in the Province of Quebec. Miss Grace Gardner, Education Officer, Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal, described the great increase in the demand for teachers in the urban areas and discussed the relationship of urban and rural school authorities in securing adequate staff.

Selling the Idea of Teaching

Here are some of the concrete efforts being made to promote the idea of teaching with high school pupils and university students.

The Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers of Quebec, the professional body, through John Perrie, Chairman of its Teacher Education and Status Committee, has outlined its policy on recruitment. Here are excerpts:

"... It is an indisputable fact that every teacher stands to gain economically by a teacher shortage. Salary increases of the last fifteen years can be attributed in large measure to the fact that demand has exceeded supply . . . It might be expected, therefore, that teachers would seek to keep down the supply of new recruits . . . On the contrary teachers have been quick to interest themselves in teacher recruitment and have co-operated whole-heartedly with the community in its efforts to obtain teachers. I am proud to be able to say this of our profession and proud to tell you that the P.A.P.T. is no exception to this general rule. It has done much to further the recruitment of teachers.

"Of its activities in this direction I would like to cite the following: (1) It has gone to considerable lengths to publicize the attractions of teaching and to present our work to young people in its best light. To this end we have made use of the press and radio and have sent speakers into many communities.

"(2) The P.A.P.T. has published and distributed at a cost of approximately \$2,000 thousands of copies of a booklet intended to interest high school graduates in becoming teachers. This booklet . . . is entitled, "A Look At Teaching" . . . (3) Our 1954 annual meeting, held in October, ratified a plan for making interest-free loans to student-teachers enrolled in any of our teacher-training institutions. The loans will be substantial ones and will help dozens of student-teachers."

The booklet, "A Look At Teaching", is a most attractive piece of promotional literature and is a credit to the P.A.P.T. Copies of it may be obtained from P.A.P.T. headquarters, 1410 Guy Street, Montreal.

President R. F. Flood of the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards has testified to the increasing awareness on the part of school boards throughout the Province to the real value of a teaching profession.

At the Conference mentioned above Dr. W. P. Percival, Director of Protestant Education in the Province, explained the widespread effort being made by the Department of Education to increase the supply of teachers, and to maintain the highest possible standards in teacher selection. An example of this work is the Department's interestingly presented and comprehensive booklet, "Are You Interested In Teaching?" This booklet, which answers all the questions about qualifications, courses and so on, may be obtained by writing Federation's Corresponding Secretary, 4589 Wilson Avenue, Montreal, or directly to the Department of Education, Quebec City.

Another excellent booklet to put in the hands of the young is "Preparation For Teaching" prepared by and obtainable from The School For Teachers, Macdonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue.

The Chairman of the Education Committee, Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal — Mrs. M. L. Tucker — has described the steps taken by that Board through the improvement of school buildings and teacher-school board relationships, to improve working conditions. Mrs. Tucker has also pointed out the direct methods taken by the Board through provision of a daily bus service to MacDonal College from Montreal thus enabling students living in Montreal to live at home instead of paying for room and meals at the College. There are also bursaries and loans available through the Board to deserving students.

As a consequence of the Conference referred to earlier, there is a strong committee representing McGill University, the P.A.P.T., the school boards and the Department of Education, working to coordinate the various efforts of these groups which are directed at encouraging young people to become teachers in our schools. More will be heard from this Committee in the near future.

Where Do You and I Come In?

Dr. J. S. Thomson, Dean of the Faculty of Divinity, McGill University, has stated the problem succinctly for all of us. He has said that the teacher shortage of today is not a problem just for teachers and school boards but rather for all society. Today's youth are concerned, often largely as a result of parental influence, with entering the occupations and professions which offer the greatest monetary rewards. Some adjustment in the thinking of modern society, Dr. Thomson suggests, and in the development of a more wholesome set of values, is necessary. He has declared that the social climate has

been changing slightly in recent years and the public is now far more aware of the values and the needs in education. One step which should be taken in Dr. Thomson's opinion, is the provision of more liberal fellowships and scholarships both for elementary and graduate studies.

Quebec Federation has concerned itself with this problem for some years now and just recently renamed its standing committee, Teacher Shortage, to the more positive *Teacher Recruitment*. Chairman of this Teacher Recruitment Committee is Edwin G. Drake, one of Federation's Vice-Presidents. Mr. Drake and his Committee will be reporting in the Spring to our Annual Meeting but meantime will welcome inquiries, as well as assistance in its work, from members and Associations.

All of us can do our parts by taking an active interest in the work being done, in learning more about the problem and the solutions being sought, in our attitudes towards the teaching profession, and in our discussions with our children regarding their futures. Individually and through our Associations we can further the work of Federation's Teacher Recruitment Committee. We can be doers and not just bystanders!

STICKHANDLERS TAKE NOTE

Under this heading *McGill News* in its autumn issue has this to say:

No battles of the future are likely to be won on the playing field of Molson Stadium, if we heard Dr. J. B. Kirkpatrick aright. Dr. Kirkpatrick, who is director of the School of Physical Education, stood up before the Commonwealth Physical Education Conference in Vancouver and (1) denied that the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton and (2) asserted that a boy "can't stickhandle his way to manhood." This was Dr. Kirkpatrick's point: "I am neither cynical nor sour about the values of competition. I believe wholeheartedly that athletic competition can be a particularly effective medium for the development of good character. But if football itself developed good character, there should have been no scandal at West Point. If hockey developed character, all we should have to do is give every boy a hockey stick and let him stickhandle his way to manhood. It is never the game itself that develops character. The game simply sets up a situation in which learning can take place."

Tennis, anyone?

Presidential definitions of

THE OBJECTS OF HOME AND SCHOOL

At the 1954 Annual Conference of the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation Inc., the Presidents of 9 Provincial Federations each defined one of the Objects. One or more of these brief articles will be reproduced in each issue of this magazine.

Object 1 — by Mrs. J. Gordon MacDonald, President, Prince Edward Island Federation.

"To promote the welfare of Children and Youth"

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND organized a year ago as a Provincial Federation and so we have become known as "The Baby" in this great family of Canadian Home and School.

As a Provincial Federation we still are in an elementary state so it seems very fitting that we should write about the first and fundamental objective of Home and School, which is "to promote the welfare of children and youth". Actually all the subsequent objectives are based on this central idea of advancing the child's welfare. It is the foundation stone upon which all the other objectives are laid. As we go about our work to raise the standards of home or school life or to improve community influences we should constantly keep our sights centred on the main target — the child's welfare — then there'll be no danger of missing the mark. Thus heeding Dr. Laycock's warning, there'll be no danger of developing into a Grievance, Entertainment, Finance, or a Cultural Committee.

Of fundamental importance, too, is the fact that Home and School creates an opportunity whereby parents and teachers meet

together, plan and work together for the advancement of the children within their care.

We, too, can be proud that as Home and School members we are pledged to work in the interests of all children, regardless of race, colour and creed.

Finally, you yourself will discover your own particular meaning as you work out this great Home and School objective — "To promote the welfare of children and youth."

To Association Secretaries and Treasurers

Please make out cheques and postal orders in payment of your magazine subscriptions to: "Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations". Address them to the Federation office at 4589 Wilson Avenue, Montreal 28.

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

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A REPORT ON TRAFFIC

IN JANUARY **E. H. S. Piper** accepted the appointment as Quebec Federation's representative on the Citizens' Traffic Committee of Greater Montreal. Recently Mr. Piper reported to Federation's Directors in part as follows regarding a meeting of the Committee:

"The Sub-Committee on Traffic is giving particular attention to the various traffic problems now existing in Montreal and the recommendations which should be made to the appropriate authorities on approval by the Council of the Traffic Committee for specific action. The content of the interim report of the Sub-Committee recommended:

"(1) that the Citizens' Traffic Committee support the civic authorities and urge the Quebec Municipal Commission to approve the Burnside project;

"(2) that specific action be taken by Montreal and adjoining municipalities to introduce uniform speed laws and to give adequate notices so that the public may know what particular limits apply;

"(3) that a continuous campaign be carried on with respect to various parking problems:

(a) in detail these include the use of parking meters to regulate parking adequately;

(b) elimination of 'on street' parking is an objective to be strived for and every encouragement should be given to 'off street' parking arrangements;

(c) where 'off street' parking facilities are available 'on street' parking should be prohibited proportionately in the surrounding areas;

(d) an educational program must be continued to convince those persons or firms who feel that parking elimination or meters harm their particular interests to the effect that the experience in many States indicates that it has, in the long run, proved beneficial to everyone including the retail trades;

(e) that a continuous educational campaign should be maintained to the effect that it is unethical and undesirable for any person or group of persons to bring pressure on members of the City Executive Committee, City Councillors, or other officials for the sake of individual interest when contrary to the general good."

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Rough Notes

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Of People: Our Program Planning Committee Co-Chairmen have the right idea. They divide the duties but share the responsibilities. **Mrs. P. J. Dow** handles queries from local Associations in Greater Montreal, while **Mrs. R. S. McIntosh** takes care of those from the balance of the Province. If you have questions on programming or want suggestions or help on this subject, these ladies in their respective fields are glad to be of service . . . **Mrs. Gertrude A. Brydon**, the historian who did such a grand job of research for the history of Federation, is heading the Music Festival Committee — of which we will all be hearing more soon.

Ideas Worth Considering: **Lake of Two Mountains** makes transportation arrangements for attendance at its meetings. **Mr. and Mrs. Ed. McCormack** handle Laval West and **Mrs. G. Stevens** looks after Ile Bigras. That's enterprising . . . **Greenfield Park** invited **Principal V. Russell** and his teaching associates to report on the most interesting highlights of the Teachers' Convention, held in October. Any other Association think of doing that? It isn't too late! At that same meeting the guest speaker was **H. G. Greene**, Chambly County School Supervisor, who spoke on co-operation between parents and teachers . . . Just by the way: Have you thought to thank last year's teacher of your Susie or Johnny for the grand job done?

We Liked This: We liked a definition given by the **Most Rev. Geoffrey Fisher** Archbishop of Canterbury, when at the World Council of Churches gathering. "Dignity", said Dr. Fisher, "is many things, each in its right place. It's always unself-conscious. It's being worthy of any given situation in its proper context." . . . **Federation President Reuben Resin's** article, "The Jail You Say" in our October issue is being reprinted in **Canadian Home & School** — a real compliment.

Incidental Information: Correspondence with **Mrs. G. C. V. Hewson** of Toronto, the new Editor of **Canadian Home & School**, reveals a spiritedly, hard-working, conscientious lady who should make that excellent publication even better. And, by the way, a subscription to that magazine (just like one to our magazine!) is worth plenty more than the 50¢ per year charged. Subscriptions may be sent for it to Canadian Home and School, 370 Dundas Street West, Toronto, our new national headquarters . . . Don't forget our "Quarters For Headquarters" campaign . . . Wow, three plugs in one paragraph — who said TV has it over the printed word!

Around the Country: Anyone beat this? The **Elmwood H. & S.A.** in Saskatchewan had 83 out of 89 members present at its December meeting last year. The fathers conducted the meeting. P.S. Who says ladies aren't curious? . . . When the Premier and Attorney-General of Alberta called a meeting with respect to crime comics and obscene literature, **Alberta Federation** was prominently represented . . . **Nova Scotia Federation** has had a "Public Attitudes Towards Our Schools" Committee which has functioned admirably . . . **Sydney, Nova Scotia Academy** got down to bedrock when it held a round-table discussion featuring six students to tell them how the H & S could help them . . . **Saskatchewan Federation's** President, **Mrs. Lillian E. Headley**, one time suggested, "What's your compliment? Let's hear it," and then pointed out, "Most people are tired of hearing complaints, destructive criticism and morbid tales of woe. H & S workers have so much to be thankful for, and the work in our great organization is so interesting, there must be many 'unspoken' compliments."

And Just To Wind Up: After a very trying day at the office a husband we know was enjoying his pipe and reading the evening paper. His wife, who was playing Scrabble with the children, suddenly called out, "What's a female sheep?" "Ewe", replied the husband. And *that's* how the fight began!

FLUORIDATION FOR OUR CHILDREN'S HEALTH

• Commenting on the fact that three Saskatchewan cities were to vote on the question of fluoridation of municipal water supplies for the prevention of dental decay, SASKATCHEWAN HOME AND SCHOOL, magazine of the Saskatchewan Federation of Home and School Incorporated, went on to say this:

If a majority of citizens (of these three cities) have accepted the unfounded theories, fears and expostulations of a few alarmists, rather than the assurances of the medical and dental professions and the public health authorities, fluoridation will be rejected.

Fluoridation has been approved and recommended by physicians, dentists, and other public health officials as beneficial, safe, and economical. The Canadian Medical Association, the Canadian Dental Association, the Canadian Public Health Association, the Department of National Health and Welfare, and the Saskatchewan Department of Public Health have unreservedly endorsed fluoridation. The medical health officers, appointed and paid by the people of the three cities to guard their community health, are also strongly for fluoridation.

There is no valid argument against the measure, but there is abundant scientific evidence of its safety and value. In 1945 the city of Brantford, Ontario, became the first Canadian community to adopt fluoridation, as a pilot test and demonstration. After nine years, a new survey shows a reduction of 69 per cent in dental decay in children 6 - 8 years; 44 per cent in the 9 - 11 age group; and 36 per cent in the 12 - 14 year group.

Neither in Brantford nor in other Canadian communities where fluoridation has been adopted have any ill effects been found. The city of Moose Jaw and the town of Assiniboia have been using fluoridated water for some time. In the United States more than 20,000,000 people in 1,000 communities likewise are now using only fluoridated water.

It should not be overlooked that the handful of alarmists who have opposed fluoridation are the same kind of people who opposed anatomy immunization, internal surgery, anaesthetics, and pasteurization and humane treatment of the mentally ill.

Semmelweis was driven from practice and into a mental institution where he died in order that mothers could be saved from death from childbed fever. McDowell would have been hanged if the women on whom he performed the first abdominal operation in history had died. Jenner was threatened

by a murderous mob when he showed how smallpox could be prevented. Simpson was told that it was the will of God that women should suffer when he used chloroform to prevent childbed pains. Pinel was almost murdered in the streets when he struck the chains from the mentally ill in the infamous Bicetre asylum in Paris. The list is endless.

The fathers and mothers of Saskatchewan children will have to decide whether they belong with the hysterical, fear-ridden, superstitious mobs of history or accept the assurances of the men of science, their doctors and dentists.

It is a mistake to speak of the fluoridation issue as a controversy. A service club in the Province was prepared to hear a physician speak in favor of fluoridation but said it would be necessary to invite someone to present "the other side". There is no "other side". Not any more than if the club were to invite the commissioner of the RCMP to speak on crime prevention. Surely it would not want to hear "another side" from a penitentiary inmate?

"If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character; if there be beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the family home; if there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation; when there is order in the nation there will be peace in the world."

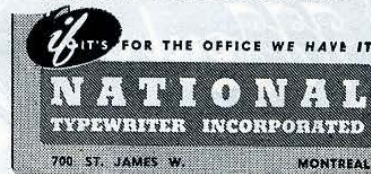
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BANCROFT HEARS ABOUT POLIO AND THE NEW VACCINE

BANCROFT H & S.A. held its first meeting in the school's Assembly Hall on October 27th. The guest speaker, Dr. Alan Ross, Physician in Chief of the Children's Memorial Hospital and Professor of Pediatrics at McGill University, discussed the topic, "Polio and the New Vaccine".

Dr. Ross said that there are many other diseases which are to be feared more than poliomyelitis and was happy to say that there were not as many cases in Montreal as in other cities in Canada. Dr. Ross mentioned that in the near future he hopes that all children may be inoculated against poliomyelitis.

The President, Mrs. B. Benjamin, reminded the parents about two programs, "Home & School On the Air" Sundays at 12.45 p.m., and "Mental Health" Mondays at 9.00 p.m.

Another guest was Mr. Muir, Principal of Bancroft, who pointed out some facts on the new report cards and the marking of them.

The evening ended with refreshments supplied by the parents of the kindergarten children and served by the members of the Social Committee, Mrs. J. Binstock and Mrs. T. Stavert.

MRS. S. SILVERSTEIN.

SHERBROOKE OFF TO GOOD START

A SUBSTANTIAL bid for interest was made at the beginning of the season by having the entire year's program printed and mailed to all parents.

We have had a "Buzz Session" on "What do you expect from the Home and School Association?" and "What are you prepared to offer to your Association?"

In November we had a very interesting talk by Lieut.-Col. J. N. Wood, Superintendent of Protestant Schools for Compton County, on "Citizenship". Col. Wood is a very easy person to listen to, and it was particularly noticed that when he paused for emphasis not even the finest sound could be heard, so enthralled were his listeners.

We were so pleased with the October issue of **Quebec Home and School** that we decided that everyone of our members should be made acquainted with it and so we have offered it to every member, included in the cost of their annual fee.

MARIE L. SMITH.

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A Note On The Elmer Safety Campaign

E. J. DORRELL, Chairman of the Elmer Safety Campaign of the Maple Hill H & S.A., reports that one of the most important events in the new school year took place at Maple Hill School in Montreal North when the principal and pupils were presented with the Elmer Safety Pennant and the Gazette Safety Award, the first of a series to be earned by schools with an accident-free record.

"Elmer", himself, added the realistic touch to impress the basic safety rules on the minds of his listeners and there could be no doubt that his presence at the inaugural ceremony was a great success, particularly with the smaller children.

In order to maintain interest and enthusiasm in this teamwork safety plan, "Elmer" must continue to be a lively symbol and circulate around as many schools as possible.

It is suggested that an "Elmer" might be made to order for regular use so if other Home and School Associations would like to share in this effort they might contact Mr. Dorrell.

FLASH

West Hill High H. & S.A. has reached a new high of 826 members—with still more to be heard from! The two scholarships of \$150.00 each awarded to graduates who enter the teaching profession went this year to Miss Ann Golden and Miss Mary Unterburg.

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Why Do Babies Cry?

PERHAPS it may at first glance seem incongruous for us to be talking about babies crying. After all, usually we talk about school-age children. But, then, some of those who are babies now will be in school in five years or so. Let's listen to something **Mental Hygiene** recently had to say:

Babies cry because parents expect them to and therefore teach them to cry! This idea is advanced by Saul Rosenzweig, a St. Louis child-guidance expert, who thinks babies cry to express their needs because parents don't look closely enough to understand normal baby talk, and thus leave the baby with no choice except to cry. From watching his own and other babies, Rosenzweig says a baby may smack his lips or stick out his tongue to tell you he's hungry, may squirm or tremble to say he's cold, perhaps sneeze to tell you he's wet. He thinks observant parents can catch these "talk" signals even at a distance. But if nothing happens when the baby talks this way, then his only resource is to yell. He has learned that crying when he's in pain or sick gets him prompt attention.

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