

Grade Schoolers 'Come to College' During Summer

From room 319 of Burnett Hall each summer afternoon comes the sound of about a dozen eager young voices singing "Frere Jacques."

The students are 6 to 9 years old and are taking beginning French under a new University program. The program is designed to teach foreign languages to youngsters while they are most receptive to language instruction.

The teacher, Mademoiselle Genevieve Rebsomen, teaches two afternoon French classes. The first is for students with one semester's experience or untrained but particularly capable students. The preliminary class, attended by about 12 students, is verbal with students repeating words and learning pronunciation.

Advanced Class

An advanced class has three pupils who have had more extensive experience with the language. Reading and writing are taught along with conversational ability.

Students learn the names of classroom objects by pointing to them and repeating in unison their names in French. Students identify animals and household articles by calling out their names when the instructor holds up pictures. For variety, the class knows three French folksongs which they enthusiastically sing from time to time.

Many of the students in the

preliminary class received their first training in grade school. A community-wide program was inaugurated two years ago to teach children Spanish and French. The better students are then given advanced instruction during the summertime at the University.

The brighter children occasionally become impatient when a picture is held up which they can identify. Some youngsters gasp, sigh, wiggle or jump up and down with excitement when they know the answer to the teacher's question.

Students have workbooks in which they paste pictures of objects for which they know the French names.

"Usually it's the parents who urge their children to learn a foreign language," Miss Rebsomen says, "but I find that once they're introduced to French they like it."

Quite a Request

To ask a class of 12 to 14 children aged 6 to 9 to sit still for a full hour while trying to learn a language which troubles many college students is quite a request. Often some of the youngsters become restless. They begin to whisper and talk to their neighbors.

Is it a discipline problem? "I only wish they'd use their French, instead of whispering in English," complains Miss Rebsomen!

Calendar

Thursday, July 2

"Our Dynamic Skies," 2:45 p.m., Ralph Mueller Planetarium, Morrill Hall, 14th and U.

Superintendents' Round Table luncheon, noon, Student Union.

Union Tour of the Nebraska Penitentiary, 5:30, Student Union.

Friday, July 3

"Our Dynamic Skies," 2:15 and 3:30 p.m., Ralph Mueller Planetarium, Morrill Hall, 14th and U.

Saturday, July 4

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Sunday, July 5

"Our Dynamic Skies," 2:15 and 3:30 p.m., Ralph Mueller Planetarium, Morrill Hall, 14th and U.

Monday, July 6

"Our Dynamic Skies," 2:45 and 8 p.m., Ralph Mueller Planetarium, Morrill Hall, 14th and U.

Elementary Education Club Luncheon, noon, Student Union.

Secondary Education Club Luncheon, noon, Student Union.

National Affairs Preview, "U.S. Spotlight on the Far East," Speaker, Paul M. Clyde, 2 p.m., Student Union Ballroom.

Tuesday, July 7

"Our Dynamic Skies," 2:45 p.m., Ralph Mueller Planetarium, Morrill Hall, 14th and U.

Union Bridge Lessons, 4 and 5 p.m.

Union Artist Series, "Summer Choral Concert," 8 p.m.

Wednesday, July 8

"Our Dynamic Skies," 2:45 and 8 p.m., Ralph Mueller Planetarium, Morrill Hall, 14th and U.

All Teachers College Conference, 2 and 6 p.m., Student Union.

Union Artist Series, "The Boston Concert Ensemble" featuring four distinguished artists, 8 p.m. Student Union Ballroom.

"Meet the Artists After the Show," Student Union Ballroom.

Time Changed

The tour of the Nebraska State Penitentiary scheduled for this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. will not begin until 5:30. Students are to meet at the Union. The tour includes dinner and entertainment by the inmates.

No Movie

There will be no Sunday Night Movie this week due to the Fourth of July holiday weekend. There will be a movie next week as usual.

Problems Great in Teaching Gifted

"The problems and issues involved in teaching the gifted child are great," said Miss Jeanne Delp, coordinator of the Gifted Child Program at Modesto, Calif., in a talk before educators and parents of gifted children.

Miss Delp listed several issues involved in the education of gifted children:

—group identification, the problems involved in deciding who is gifted and what criteria to use in judgment.

—nature of group, meeting the criticisms of those who think special education for the gifted is not necessary or those who think that all children should receive the the same opportunities as the gifted.

—size of group, the difficulty in giving the gifted child the individualized, special help that he needs because the classes are too

large.
—teaching the gifted, the problem of finding the qualified teacher and of creating understanding on the part of the regular faculty of a school.

—parents, communicating with the parents of the gifted as well as the parents of the normal children so as to create understanding.

—curriculum, the problem of the class materials not utilizing critical thinking in the gifted child.

"There is no ideal program for the education of the gifted child," Miss Delp said. "The program depends on the community and on the readiness of the schools to accept a program for the exceptional child."

Miss Delp is on the campus for the summer session and with 20 Nebraska teachers is working with a group of 25 selected fifth grade youngsters.

Masters Accepts Campus Position

Eugene H. Masters, assistant chief and 32-year veteran of the Lincoln police department, will assume the directorship of security and safety at the University of Nebraska upon his retirement Aug. 1 from the Lincoln department.

In making the announcement late Tuesday, Chancellor Clifford M. Hardin said that Mr. Masters, 55, will succeed Sgt. John Furrow, who resigned last month as head of the campus police.

As director of security and safety, Mr. Masters will be in charge of 13 campus policemen whose duties involve traffic regulation security, and safety on the City and Agricultural campuses. He also will have liaison with the College of Medicine campus in Omaha.

A native of Malvern, Ia., Mr. Masters joined the Lincoln police department in 1927 as a patrol driver.

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