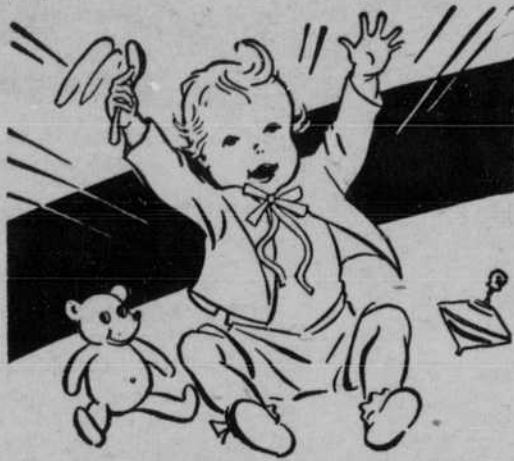


Our Children

By Mrs. W. B. Davis



Hindering Children:

One problem in teaching children arises out of the fact that those who have mastered actions until they can be performed very easily often do not appreciate the helplessness of a beginner. Many of us forget the difficulties we encountered in mastering the tasks which we teach our children so much patience is required, so we are apt to commit a common fault in teaching—we try to correct children's mistakes by talking to them and scolding them, with the result that we often confuse and discourage instead of help them. Men who perform sleight of hand tricks always talk a good deal to their audiences, and for what purpose? Because they know that if they can attract the attention to what they are saying, they can prevent people from seeing all that is going on. A person cannot think keenly while listening to a stream of language, especially if this language is sarcastic and of a fault-finding nature. This is particularly true as it applies to the teaching of the young. We are too

apt to expect only success of our children. This reminds that they must also be ready to admit their mistakes, rally from their disappointment and learn every experience. The mother of five whose oldest is twelve is not only twelve years a mother, but has had forty-one years of mothering; Twelve plus ten plus nine plus six plus four—the ages of each added up, and not only does each child require his full share of love and training, but each is a personality so completely different from all the others that the experience gained in dealing with one child is of almost no value in dealing with the next. Sometimes battling seems to win great victories at the time. The battles come mostly over common childhood phases, disagreeable habits which most children develop at some time or other in their careers and eventually out grow. Perhaps the most futile of all are the battles against the inevitable, those fought to hold back the clock, the many and utterly hopeless struggle to keep children forever in a state of original innocence.

Sing-Fests

Second of the Sunday evening Christmas carol singfests will be held at St. Paul Methodist church, December 8, 8 to 9 o'clock, under sponsorship of the Lincoln Ministerial association and Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce. Prof. Marvin Wadley of the University of Nebraska school of music will direct the carol singing, and also present the Grieg Male chorus, a singing group of 28 business and professional men. Rev. Thomas A. Barton, former army chaplain, will deliver the brief meditation, and Rev. R. R. Kreps will preside. Y-Teens, formerly Y. W. Girl Reserves, will have charge of the ushering.

O. E. S. Elects Officers

At a meeting held Tuesday night at the Urban League the following officers were elected to Amaranthus Chapter No. 3 Order of the Eastern Star: Mrs. Clyde Malone, Worthy Matron; Clayton Lewis, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Evelyn Knowles, Associate Matron; Beulah Bradley, Secretary; Mrs. Maude Johnson, re-elected treasurer and Miss Frances Lewis, Conductress. Plans are being made for a public installation.

Club Meets

The Mary Bethune Literary and Art Club held its regular meeting Thursday in the Lounge of the Urban League.

Plans were made for the Christmas party to be held Thursday, December 19 at the Urban League. Prospective members were on the agenda. The membership of the club is limited to 16.

Campus News



by Jeanne Malone

The official opening of the formal season at the University of Nebraska will be the Military Ball, Friday evening December 6. This means that from then until the end of the semester the formal attire will be in order. This will be an especially gala affair since it will be the first Military Ball since 1942.

This week we had the pleasure of interviewing one of the students who is a long ways from home, Daniel B. Pipkins. Mr. Pipkins had the unusual fortune of being born in St. John's, Quebec, Canada. He attended and graduated from Manassas High school in Memphis, Tennessee. While in high school Mr. Pipkins participated in football, track, boxing, debating, dramatics and other forms of public speaking. The Fall following his graduation 1941, he attended Howard University. In March 1942 Daniel enlisted in the Army Air Forces and attained the rank of First Lieutenant.

After he was discharged from the army he became affiliated with his father who is an Architectural Engineer. Mr. Pipkins is presently enrolled in the College of Arts and Science taking a Pre-Law course. After his graduation Mr. Pipkins plans to practice in the South where he is very badly needed.

He states that he sincerely believes that the city of Lincoln is an ideal place for a university and considers it one of the finest of the "university towns."

Youth's only justification for attending school is, to learn enough daily to keep him from becoming a fool, and in his early church life defeat the devil and keep from being his tool.

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