

Our Children

By Mrs. W. B. Davis



"Practice what you preach," is a time worn maxim which has always been sound advice, but is never more important than in the daily relationships of parent and child, for children are incorrigible imitators. Through this instinct to copy, rather than what they are told, most of their early learning takes place. The baby of eight or nine months, through imitation, has learned the association which prompts him to put a spoon to his mouth or place a shoe expectantly against his foot. As the child grows older and more his learning will be through the adoption of behavior he sees about. Yes, we must be very careful about what the children see us do even in the first few months, on the other hand this urge to imitate can be a valuable ally during the years of habit and character formation if we use it wisely. Because they are receptive to visual suggestion one can make a game of a number of tasks they can perform which otherwise would be misdemeanors. For instance before bedtime try dropping their toys in a box with them, soon they get the habit and will do it uncon-

sciously, a little praise will really do the trick. Perhaps the most important single thing which the baby learn by imitation is speech. Without the ability to hear or the desire to copy, no child could master the language of his parents. So we see how necessary that in their presence, that we speak clearly, correctly, truthfully, and without slander. Long before the baby realizes that words have meaning he will attempt to repeat simple words which he hears. As he grows older, his vocabulary, his grammar, even his pronunciation and inflection will be a direct reflection of what he hears at home. The desire to imitate persists throughout childhood and as the child matures the obligation of the parent to set a good example in speech and action becomes increasingly important. Only too often however do we fall back into the heedless pattern of "Do as I say do" It is no wonder that a child who is old enough to see the gap between principle and practice feels resentment as he realizes that adults frequently set up an unfair double standard of behavior for grownups and children.

Teen Age Chatter

Reporter Dotty Greene
Asst. Ruby Lee Harper
Asst. Lorretta McWilliams



Loretta McWilliams was hostess at a party last Saturday night. Guests attending were: Betty Bowman, Jonnie Duncan, Marguerite Gill, Donald Botts, Winnifred Winston, Susie Mae Whitehall, Delores Bowen, Billy Ruth-erford, Victor McWilliams.

Games were played followed by refreshments of sandwiches, potato chips, sliced pickles, punch and cookies. A good time was had by all.

Teen-agers from Whittier Jr. High School on the Scholarship Roll for First Semester:

- Mary Lou Knowles, 302
 - Barbara Moody, 205
 - Loretta McWilliams, 203
 - Jeanette Venegar, 303
 - Iona Adams, 312
 - Gladys Bradford, 314
- On the Honor Roll for the First Semester:

- Emma White, 112
 - Mary Lou Knowles, 302
 - Jeanette Venegar, 303
 - Doris Powell, 304
 - Marguerite Knowles, 305
 - Birdie Powell, 312
- The president of home room 203 at Whittier Junior High is Loretta McWilliams.

GOOD WORK, KIDS!
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**THIS IS MY COMMUNITY!
Personal Appearance**

by Susie Mae Whitehall

Well groomed hair is very essential to one's personal appearance. Girls a good tip is to arrange your hair according to your hair line or contours of your face. Just because an upsweep looks good on Sookie, it isn't a reason to feel it looks good on you; if you have a long thin face let the upsweep alone because it is for round faces to help make them look smaller or thinner. Complexion and make up should go together. One should not wear powder with too much red in it or lip stick too bright. In the teen-ager lipstick is not worn to accentuate the lips but to give them a healthy glow.

Cleanliness is some thing that is not only suggested from the clothing but our minds and bodies. Body odors are most offensive and a bath each and every day with a good deodorant is very important. Boys and girls should certainly watch this. One can be very beautiful but if you have a foul body odor no one sees your beauty or your beautiful clothes. When the boys or girls are playing basketball or any exercise that causes them to exert themselves very much and causes perspiration, a warm bath should be taken immediately, and always feel safe.

(Interviewed by
Mrs. Alberta J. Cooke)

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