

Should Child Be Spanked? Grandmother Insists Not

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SOME WHILE ago I printed in this column a vigorous condemnation of my views on teaching the child early the meaning of NO, by Mrs. Charles G. Paxson, Camden, N. J. I then said she is an octogenarian. I was wrong; she is only in her 74th year. She is mother, step-mother and grandmother. Though Mrs. Paxson is infirm in body, she is vigorous in mind. She has deep convictions and I admire her for them, even though she strongly disagrees with me.

Lately this came from her: "I am going to put this on a postcard. Perhaps someone will read it who knows you advise a spanking to teach a baby the meaning of NO. While my 'ah, ah' causes a baby to look at me; and it immediately stops, even though its hand is raised to reach for forbidden articles. Then with a firm voice it hears No, No! Through the eye it sees my head shake No, No, which reaches its brain; and instantly it understands what I mean for that article and leaves it alone. How can a spanking teach the brain so quickly the meaning of No?"

I replied that I wished she would write me any criticism she wished and I would print it. I therefore present her most vigorous statements in the limited space I have:

"I oppose corporal punishment at any age because you can't force the brain. It is the most indirect way of reaching the brain, hurting the nerves more than the body, and not demonstrating or giving a reason why."

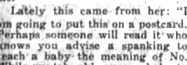
"Spanking kills comradeship, suppresses the tender affectionate nature a child might have had under proper cultivation, begets combativeness, selfishness, coarctation and hatred."

Fear of Spanking

"Physical punishment cannot make good the wrong a child has done or an accident that has happened. The sufferings of tomorrow are punishment enough. To escape a spanking, children have committed suicide, have lied. The fear of spanking has resulted in tragedies. 'Isolation' doesn't produce any of these bad effects, and gives the brain an opportunity to work successfully. Corporal punishment betrays a child's confidence in you, while kindness, gentleness and love will reflect and reward you. My vocabulary will not permit of my expressing my feelings toward you in your handling a young, tender creature."

Fears Misinterpretation

"Intelligent spanking' sounds like 'civilized warfare'. Both are hell to me and young. When you advise spanking you don't know how many ignorant parents will abuse your meaning. Her last statement concerns me most. Let me repeat that I advise selective spanking only in the early years, and by parents who together have carefully planned a program for teaching the child training in safety, regard for the rights of others, and respect for authority."



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JUST AMONG US GIRLS



Arguing with a man never gets you ANYPLACE, unless you GO right along with him!

SOCIAL BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. William Chamberlin of Plymouth were dinner guests last Thursday at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Chamberlin of Fernald avenue.

Frederick and William Gilman sons of Mr. and Mrs. Max M. Gilman of Lake Park drive, left last Thursday for Camp Algonquin on the Detroit River.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Fisher of Franklin Village and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bacon of Detroit will spend the Fourth and the following week-end together at Charlevoix, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth P. Dayton of Willis street will leave today for a week's trip to Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Mrs. Theodosia Reynolds of New York arrived Saturday for a week's visit at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Davis of Cranbrook.

Mrs. William R. Elock of Willis street has returned from Boston, where she was a guest for 10 days.

Mrs. Harry W. Taylor of Brady Lane will entertain eight members of her bridge group for luncheon and bridge Wednesday.

Birmingham will be well represented at Chippewa Trail Camp on Elk Lake, as a large delegation of girls left Friday to spend all or a portion of their summer vacations there. In the group were Marjorie Smith, Jean L'Honnemee, Dorothy Alexander, Kathleen Mott, Adele Cole, Ann Parker, Virginia and Elizabeth Hart, Joan Murphy, Helen Shaver, Patricia Blackmore and Cameron Biggers.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl G. Potter of Oakland avenue and their daughter, Jean Alice, and Mrs. Potter's mother, Mrs. W. H. Uptegraff, returned last Thursday from a motor trip through the New England States. Mr. Potter will leave Saturday to conduct a party on a tour through the Canadian Rockies.

Mrs. R. B. Renfrew of Arlington drive and her children, Elizabeth and Bartlett, have returned from a visit of several months in Tucson, Ariz.

Mrs. J. Arthur Evans of Devonshire road entertained members of the Poppy Club at luncheon at her home Monday.

Mrs. H. R. Nickerson of Oakland avenue returned Saturday from a motor trip in Ontario. She was accompanied by Mrs. E. W. Ivy of Detroit, and the latter's children, Marian and Dorothy.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney A. Wells of Mohican drive will leave this weekend for Northern Michigan, where they will spend a fortnight. Patricia Wells, Jane Ray and Margaret Stanton left last Thursday for Camp Maqua for a month's visit.

Ernest F. Britton, Jr. of Glenary road returned last Thursday from Chicago, where he had been spending some time with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Crittton. Monday, he left for Camp Deerpark at Rhineland, Wis., where he will remain for two months.

Mrs. William F. Stiegel of Riverside avenue and her three children, William, Thomas and Suzanne, left last Thursday to spend the summer months at Kincardine, Ont.

Mrs. Fred D. Hendrick of Pilgrimage road and her small son, Freddie, have left to open their cottage at Bayfield, Ont. They will be joined there by Mrs. Hendrick's sister, Mrs. Don Burnside.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brown of Bloomfield couple and their daughter, Miss Hilda, and son, Bill, are spending the summer at their cottage at Lake Orion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McGowan of Hazelwood avenue are moving to Detroit July 1, where they will reside. They plan to spend a portion of the summer at their cottage at Rouses Point, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Boutwell of Lakeview drive left Friday to spend a fortnight in the East. They will visit in Boston, Mass. and Portland, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bennett of Puritan road will join a group of Birmingham parents who plan to be guests at the Merrill Palmer Camp, near Oxford, for Parents' Day on July 4. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett will visit their daughter, Lucy, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Winston of Aspen road will spend the day with their children, Sally and Harry. Mr. and Mrs. James R. Mock of Pilgrim road will go to the camp to see their daughter, Sally, Mr. and Mrs. Warren S. Booth of Bloomfield Hills will visit their daughters, Marjorie and Sally, and Mr. and Mrs. James A. Beresford of Lone Pine road will spend the day with their daughter, Mary.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Butters of Fernald avenue, with their son, Tommy, and Mrs. Butters' mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Price, will motor to Lima, O., for the Fourth to join a family gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Butters.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Clark of Adams road have invited members of their family for a picnic supper and fireworks display the evening of the Fourth. In the party will be Mrs. Clyde Hagerman, Mrs. R. R. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Johnson and their three children, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hagerman of Rochester and Mrs. Hagerman's mother, Mrs. John Hayden of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. Hovey Hagerman of Franklin Village.

Margaret Corryell of Oak street will be a guest for the week of July 8 at Barbara Foote, at the summer home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Foote, at Clark's Lake.

Mrs. T. B. Cookery of Wellesley drive returned Sunday from a visit to Traverse City. Mr. Cookery motored up Friday to remain for the week-end and return with Mrs. Cookery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Whitling Raymond will move today from Harmon avenue to the former home on Willis street. Mr. Raymond will leave Friday for the family cottage at Woodrow Beach, where he will be joined a week later by his sister, Mrs. T. F. Hodgins of Indianapolis, and Laura Louise Raymond, who is recuperating from a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson C. Brown of Floyd street will leave Wednesday to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Metcalf of Bloomfield Hills, at the latter's summer home at Port Austin. Mr. Brown will return next week, but Mrs. Brown will remain for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Orren L. Andrews of Madison avenue and Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Brumbaugh of Ridgeville avenue left Saturday for Torch Lake where they will occupy a cottage jointly for the month of July. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews had as their guests for the past week, Mrs. G. F. Malone of Baltimore, Md., and her daughter, Mrs. V. J. Wyckoff of Annapolis, Md.

Mrs. Carroll Boutell of Yorkshire road entertained eight guests Monday for luncheon and bridge.

Mrs. D. C. Van Pelt of Bloomfield Village returned last Thursday from Torch Lake after taking her sons, Donald and David, to Camp Hayo-Went-A for a month's visit.

Miss Dorothy Jane Stoddard of Pine Lake will entertain at a luncheon, and bridge at Pine Lake Country Club Friday for 14 guests in honor of Miss Maxine Smith of Detroit, a bride-elect.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rupp are occupying the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Tillison, on Harmon avenue, during the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Laird of George street will leave today on a motor trip through the New England States, to be gone a fortnight. While in the East, Mr. Laird will combine business with pleasure in visits to various park systems and large estates.

Mr. and Mrs. Forbes S. Hascall of Fernald avenue will leave Wednesday for Rockford, Mich., to join a family gathering for the Fourth of July. They will remain for the week-end.

Blazing

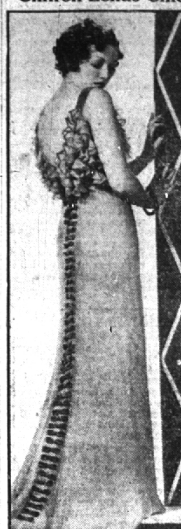
Her husband being slightly indisposed the young wife tried to take the patient's temperature, and in a state of great excitement scribbled this note to the doctor:

"Dear Doctor: Please come at once. My husband's temperature is at 136 degrees."

The physician replied:

"Dear Madam: The case is beyond my skill. Send for the fire engine."—The Reading Hospital.

Chiffon Lends Chic



On a warm summer evening, when romance is in the air, few frocks can match the beauty and charm of the flat chiffon evening gown, of sapphire blue, modeled by Cinematress Arline Judice. Bodice of chiffon ruffles and bows of blue velvet bring out its youthful lines.

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A Delight to the Eye

"What time does the next train come in?" asked Edward, aged six, of the old rural station agent.

"Why, you little rascal, I've told you five times that it comes in at 4:14!"

"I know it," replied Edward, "but I like to see your whiskers, while they are so white."—The Business Builder.

SALLY'S SALLIES



A low-brow tells you what he thinks, and a high-brow tells you what somebody else thinks.

ACADEMY WILL HOLD SUMMER ART SCHOOL

Summer school classes in painting, modeling and ceramics at the Cranbrook Academy of Art will open July 8 and continue six weeks, ending Aug. 16. It has been announced by Richard P. Bassman, executive secretary of the Academy.

Glasses in landscape painting will be given by Reginald O. Bennett, and will be held from 9 A. M. to noon every day from Monday to Friday, inclusive.

Marshall Fredericks will be the instructor in modeling and ceramics, classes in which will be held from 1:30 to 4:30 P. M., also Monday to Friday, inclusive.

Accommodations are available at the Art Club for a limited number of students who wish to live at the Academy during the summer session.

CORRECTION

Mrs. Lou Robb Donaldson, proprietor of the Birmingham Woman's Exchange, has called The Eccentric's attention to the fact that in an obituary of the late Mrs. Carolyn Cole, appearing in the issue of June 22, Mrs. Cole was incorrectly identified as having once operated a "Birmingham Woman's Exchange of East Maple avenue." Mrs. Cole's shop there was known as "Carolyn's Coffee Shop" and Mrs. Donaldson's present establishment is the only one in Birmingham which has borne the name "Woman's Exchange."

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