COMMUTER'S WIFE

Teen Group Judges Grandma; Reveals Desirable Trait

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As a grandmother, are you successful or unsuccessful?

Chances are you never gave it a thought. But a mid-western home economist has conducted a survey to discover what a successful grandmother is. The judges were late-teen-age daughters who were asked their likes and dislikes regarding grandmothers.

In general, the girls were quite fair. They listed consideration for others, cheerfulness and friendliness as the most-liked traits in a grandmother.

They remembered the nice things that grandmother had done through the years, dressed dolls, told and read stories or cooked favorite dishes. A large per cent thought that grandmother should not be imposed on.

They liked their grandmothers to accept modern ideas and to present the best possible personal appearance. They appreciate a grandmother who still retained her social contacts and perhaps still followed a hobby that provides an interest for her.

Mrs. Brunson

THEY DISLIKE A grandmother who "tried to run everything"—centering her life too much around her children or showing favoritism among her grandchildren. Nor do they think a grandmother should spoil the "Little Ones".

The young girls note that grandmother is no longer pressed for time the way mothers are, nor worried about how the children will turn out, and they admire the grandmother who can enjoy this new role with serenity.

"What if the grandmothers were asked their opinions of these same granddaughters?

It's unlikely that they will be asked, in this youth-worshipping society of ours, but we think the grandmothers might turn thumbs down on brashness, the assumption of too much freedom, the use of lipstick heavy enough to stain towels and too-sloppy clothes for leisure-wear.

Also on the sad fact that many a teen-age girl can't put a decent meal on the table nor make a dress that's fit to wear.

BUT GRANDMOTHER WOULD be more likely to tell of what she cherishes in this little-girl-grown-big whom she loved as a baby.

Grandmother would say that most of all she needs the love of her granddaughter, expressed in such things as taking grandmother downtown to shop or just see the sights without hurry or impatience; helping her get her hair done or selecting clothes without criticizing, or writing letters full of detail and design to let grandmother in on granddaughter's life.

She might even say wistfully that she loves to have her granddaughter kiss her goodnight.

And mother, who's the go-between in this relationship, can begin to build it into a happy one when the child is young, teaching her through the years to answer her grandmother respectfully, give her small gifts, write to her and enjoy her company.

Then the "Elder-One" will grow to be what every mother wants to be in the future: a loved grandmother.

UNLOADING possessions at Woman's college, Duke university recently were Mrs. S. W. Trythall and her daughter, Sara Jane of Orchard Lake. Beginning her freshman year at the college, Sara Jane took part in Freshman week activities, climaxed by her dormitory's open house and dance, at the college at Durham, N. C.

Have You Met

The former Hutchinson, Kansas, residents who have moved into the new home at 142 Westchester way. The Lloyd Thomas Smiths moved to Birmingham last May, and into their just completed home last month. An implement planning in the Ford Tractor and Implement division of Ford Motor company, Smith is a graduate of Kansas State, where he belonged to Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity. Mrs. Smith is an Ohio University graduate and belongs to Pi Beta Phi. With their two children, William, 9, and, Deborah Lyndall, 3, they enjoy water sports, and Smith is a photography hobbiest.

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Health and safety of the school child is subject of the panel discussion scheduled. At a round table will be William Adcock, assistant principal, Mrs. Gerald Higgins, cafeteria manager for Southfield township, Robert Catlin, seventh-grade teacher and safety patrol director for the school, and Mrs. John Jaffray, school nurse.

Moderator will be John H. Gordon for the talks and the question and answer period. Refreshments will follow.

HALLOWEEN PARTY plans have been cancelled since the new auditorium will not be finished in time. Three new classrooms for sixth-graders will be done and in use this week.

The staff of officers is headed by President Mrs. Albert Landeck. Others are Mrs. Robert O. Jackson, mother vice president, Arthur L. Pelletier, father vice president; John H. Gordon, teacher vice president; Mrs. Harold Troy, recording secretary; Mrs. John E. Dunham, corresponding secretary; DeVere Gallup, treasurer; Mrs. Richard V. Parker, historian, and Mrs. Charles Curtis, council delegate.

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Have You Met

Charles H. Welsh, new sixth grade teacher at Adams school, and his family who are living at 639 Chapin? He and Mrs. Welsh have a year-old son, Roger, and they moved in August from Port Huron. Welsh graduated from Ohio State university, while Mrs. Welsh attended Western College for Women and graduated from Bowling Green State university where she belonged to Phi Mu sorority.

Society deadline is 3 p.m. each Tuesday.

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