

Gifted Teacher Purely Fictional Says Professor

Let's face it—the gifted teacher is a fiction—a "never-was," or perhaps a "seldom-was," says William Clark Trow, University of Michigan professor of education.

"Of course there are many good teachers but they are rarely good at everything," Trow said recently. "They may be good at explaining things but slow at returning corrected papers. They may have an excellent French pronunciation and a charming smile, but be unable to keep order.

"True, good teachers are sometimes referred to as 'difficult.' Just how many there are in a hundred, no one knows," says Trow. "Some people can recall one or two, they might, although their classmates might not agree."

their teachers have run the gamut from "sour puss," "old manie," "crab," "crook," and "soak," to "sweetie mama's boy," and "old black professor of education."

But the picture isn't all black. "With the development of individualized instruction that programmed learning (TV and teaching machines) is bringing within the realm of actuality, it should be possible to devise instruments which measure abilities directly and provide instruction at the point where

each learner is, allowing him to go on from there.

"When this is done, it will be possible to make intelligent judgments about the preparation of those who will be responsible for the different teaching tasks.

"The truth is the teacher's job is an impossible one," declares Trow. "Some do it surprisingly well, all things considered, but they do not do it well enough.

"No one person can be a competent subject-matter specialist, an able expositor, and demonstrator, an inspiring discussion leader, a planning-group leader and individual tutor, adapting instruction to individual differences and stimulating originality, creativity, and love of learning, and also confer with parents, keep records, discipline the unruly, mete out punishment, give tests, pass and fail pupils, and be admired and loved by all.

Says Trow:

"A few teachers can do some of the necessary things well for a time. But the life has its effort over the years. Often the best ones are being lured into other fields, not always, I suspect, because of higher pay or brighter futures, but rather because work is more congenial.

"For one reason or another, many of the most competent do not stay in teaching, many of the less competent remain and become sour old maids, whether married or not, or petulant bureaucrats."

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Present, Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of HENRY ALFONZO MITCHELL, also known as ALAN H. MITCHELL, and HENRY A. MITCHELL, Deceased.

It is Ordered, that the 25th day of August, A. D. 1962, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, be and is hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered mail with return receipt demanded addressed as shown by the records in this cause.

And it is further ordered that publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Evening News, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and in at least ten days prior to said day of hearing.

ARTHUR E. MOORE,
Judge of Probate.
(22, 23, 24)

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In the Matter of the Estate of THEODORE I. BETH, Deceased.

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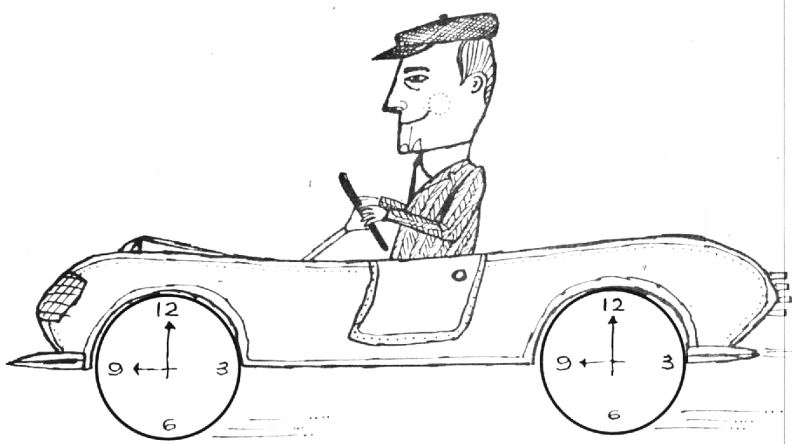
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