

GIL JORDAN SAYS:

Higher Cost of Lower Education Alarming

In the good old days parents gave little thought to Junior's education until he reached his senior year in high school. Not until then did they begin to wonder where they would get the money to sweat him through State U.

Parents are still concerned about

the cost of their children's education except they start planning for it much sooner. About 12 or 13 years sooner, to be exact. Here's a typical case to prove my point:

My neighbors, Fred and Marcia, recently enrolled their 4½ year-old daughter in the Mather Goose

Nursery School. It was, of course, Marcia's idea.

"Why send a baby to school?"

Fred asked when Marcia brought up the subject.

"So she can learn to get along with other children," replied Marcia.

"IT COSTS \$2 a morning just to

teach Betsy to get along with other kids?" Fred retorted with a tone

of sarcasm. "I learned to get along with them at the cost of a couple

of black eyes."

"Well, I hope such savagery is

over in these enlightened days,"

his wife shot back as she arranged

the flowers on the coffee table for

the benefit of the bridge club.

During the first week at Mather

Goose Betsy learned how to color

animals and sing a song about

"Happy the Chipmunk." Her art

samples which she brought home

revealed quite an array of orange

and yellow pigs which blended nicely into a deep purple landscape. She also learned how to write the letter "A."

"NOW I HOPE you'll begin to

see the benefit of nursery school,"

said Marcia proudly as she

thumbed through the colorful art

work and the pile of crudely written

"A"s.

"Quite a bargain at that," Fred

replied, apparently not sharing

Marcia's enthusiasm. "With 26 let-

ters in the alphabet that will cost

us only \$260 to carry Betsy from

"A" to "Z," seems to me I learned

to write the alphabet much cheaper

than that."

"But that's not all she learned

this week," said Marcia defensively.

"Look at all the coloring she's

done. Did you ever see anything

more beautiful?"

"Yeah, just like a trip to the

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art museum," yawned Fred as he went back to the sports section of his newspaper.

"AT LEAST you should encourage the child," said Marcia. "If it weren't for me around here I think we'd be raising a little ignoramus. And by the way," she added with some hesitation, "next week we must start Betsy on the piano. We can't neglect her cultural life completely."

Fred dropped his paper. "How

much will that cost?" he asked

bluntly.

"Three dollars for a half hour,"

said Marcia, "which isn't bad at

all. Why Marge Kendall paid \$5

for little Jimmie and he was only

8½ when he started."

"While you're about it don't you think it's about time we started Betsy in on baton twirling or maybe toe dancing?" asked Fred. "No need of omitting anything cultural you know."

"I'M GLAD YOU brought it up,

Fred," said Marcia beaming. "That

is about the dancing class because

Madam Orloff is re-opening her

studio in a couple of weeks and

most of the parents have already

enrolled their children."

At the end of the season Betsy

did quite well for herself consider-

ing the fact that she is now a little

over five years old. She can play a

piano selection called "Meatime At

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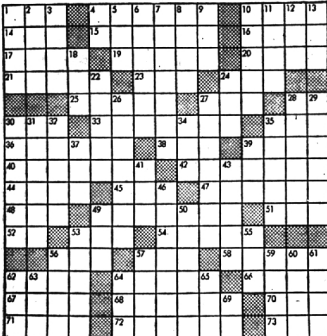
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Answers to
This Week's
Puzzle Will
Be Found
On Page 6-D

- ACROSS**
- 1 Rabbit (pl.)
 - 4 Not plentiful
 - 10 Pelt
 - 14 Man's name
 - 15 High waterfall
 - 16 Biblical weed
 - 17 Animal
 - 18 Prescribed amount of medicine (pl.)
 - 20 Tail crown of tycoon
 - 21 Negligible
 - 22 Kind of grass
 - 26 Pastry
 - 27 Avarice (pl.)
 - 28 May
 - 29 Supper (abbr.)
 - 30 Illuminated
 - 31 Pretended
 - 32 Dory
 - 33 Mountain
 - 34 Synops
 - 35 As so forth
 - 36 River of Patagonia
 - 40 To freeze
 - 42 Holmsman
 - 44 Handle
 - 45 Word of affirmation
 - 47 Ensnare
 - 48 Confederate general

- DOWN**
- 1 Kind of dog (pl.)
 - 3 Indian mulberries
 - 5 Man's nickname
 - 6 Fish
 - 8 Boreom
 - 9 Incline the head
 - 11 Mournful
 - 12 Toward the center
 - 13 Valid
 - 14 Slew of once folded paper
 - 15 Male forebear
 - 16 To be borne by
 - 17 Pastry
 - 18 Beverage (pl.)
 - 19 Different
 - 20 Old times (archaic)
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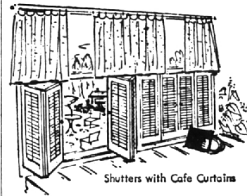
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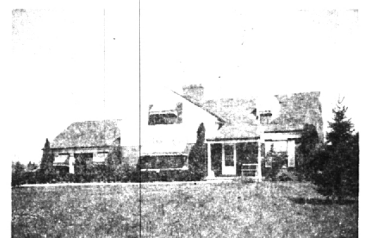


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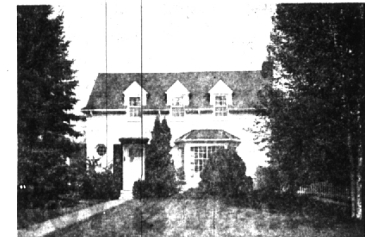
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