

Parents And The High School

During those years a youngster attends elementary school, parents buzz in and out of the school. They love to check on what their little girl or boy is doing in the outside world. Teachers know this interest is helpful to the child and the children preen in the glow of all the attention showered on them.

The scene changes dramatically when the same youngsters advance into the higher grades of elementary school and on into high school. Students want to be independent and do not want to have their parents talking to their

teachers very often. It's not always that there is something to hide but this "consulting" between teacher and parent puts the student back in that dependent "child" category. After all, they can make decisions and lead their own lives.

Sometimes snags crop up. A high school student reports that her parents do not allow her enough freedom in going out at night and in choosing friends. She may argue - how is it possible to grow up without the chance to make decisions even if some of them are wrong? In

another instance a student's parents insist that he take advanced level subjects in school against his will. They are certain he is capable and only wants to take the easy way out by dropping to lower levels of difficulty in his subject choices.

When problems like this occur, and others even more serious, which involve the family finding a solution depends on what the family does about it. When the school is involved or affected, as often happens, parents and school people should get together to help the student. To make this meeting more productive and more trusted from the student's point of view, the student

should be included. His sought after "independence" is still in tact if he can have his say in such a meeting. The counsellor or other school person can act as a go-between to get communication going between parents and son or parents and daughter.

It seems the high school student is not completely independent and is not complete master of his own destiny - yet. It will come if he gets the help he needs to get over some of the rough spots. It can be better accomplished if parents and the school work together.

E. Corkery,
Guidance Counsellor,
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Receives Scholarship

Owen Montague of R.R. #4, Jarvis recently received the Senawik Club Scholarship for Dance from the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Westdale Music Festival.

Owen will be spending the month of July at the National Ballet School in Toronto.

He was one of a few children chosen from 600 auditioning children by the school.

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Rockford Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Don Chambers and Neil visited on Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Iva Sloat of Renton.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Preston, Wendy and Robbie and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Radford, Derek and Lindsay of Oakville spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fisher.

Susan and David Priest of Innerkip spent several days last week with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Bud Priest.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lemery visited on Sunday evening with Mrs. Elsie Vickerman and Mr. Neil Reid of Hagersville.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob

Sunshine Club

The Senior Citizens enjoyed an afternoon of cards Thursday with just four tables in play.

We sang God Save The Queen with Edna Church at the piano.

The winners were: Edna Church and Effie Huffman; Men's - Alf Walker and George Swing. Travelling Hoss Ina Mitchell and most hosses Alf Walker.

Tea and cookies were served by some of the ladies.

Willson and family of Port Dover spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Don Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Hall of Waterford had Sunday supper with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Slack and family.

The June meeting of the United Church Women was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Golding. Mrs. Carl Hall was devotional leader. Mrs. Nick Lenos gave the scripture reading, the story of the Prodigal Son and Mrs. Hall gave the comment.

Mrs. Fred Golding read "A Boy's Tribute to His Dad".

The roll call was answered by thirteen ladies - Something our grandmothers did that we don't have to do to-day.

The program was prepared by Mrs. S. Anderson. Several readings were given - Storm Clouds, Song of the Lazy Farmer, Annual Dieting and I Love a Nice Lie.

The hostess, assisted by Barbara Golding and Lorna Chambers, served lunch.

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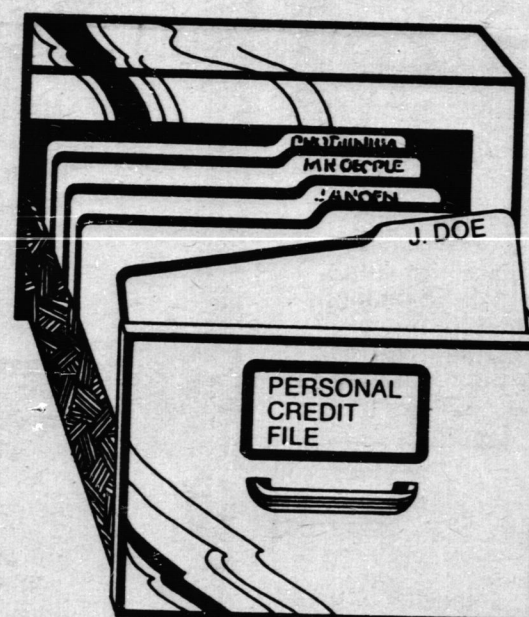
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