

All in the Family

Easy Learning...  
Keep Eyes Open

By Sarah Child



At what age should a child be taught to read? There is a division among educators on the subject.

The right answer probably is — when he is ready. But who knows when he is ready.

Some think at age five or even earlier, even as early as two if you would believe some of the advertisements in the women's magazines for home teaching methods.

With a preschooler in the house I fell prey to the thinking that the sooner the better, particularly when she delighted in reading Stop signs and memorizing and writing out all the names in the family.

We began when she was still four with a simple book and soon she was reading it through. It took me a while to catch on that she was not reading, that she had memorized it, word for word. When I remonstrated at her memorizing and insisted she try to learn the words phonetically, she balked.

I don't know why wisdom came to me then, but I sagely dropped the whole thing, probably because to work at reading seemed like the antithesis of everything I believed about my favorite pastime.

Shortly after I came across another brief but enlightening article on the subject of teaching the pre-schooler to read.

It pointed out what I had known before, namely, that children can be taught to read as early as two, way before they are actually ready. If you wait until they are ready, the job is a snap as contrasted with the work that must be done to prepare the two- or three- or four-year-old.

The article also pointed out some other facts such as children who read earlier rather than later have no real ad-

vantage over the late bloomers.

But, more important, was this lesson contained therein: It is greatly to the pre-schoolers' advantage to teach him to observe and listen and to relate. Most people eventually learn to read. Some people never learn to look and really see.

So at our house we have abandoned the reading for the time being. On our rides we no longer spell out the letters on the traffic signs, although we undoubtedly will get back to it.

Instead we look at things. What things? Well, shutters for instance. Are you aware that while louvered shutters are by far and away the most popular kind used to highlight windows and doors, there are still plenty of the panel type with cut out designs? We look for the designs and number among our finds such shapes as sailboats, pine trees, crescents and diamonds, tulips and cardinals and so on.

From there it was just a step to looking at weathervanes, something else we've been eyeing for a long time but never really seeing. Roosters, arrows, horses and boats appear to be the most popular although the kids thought we scored a real hit when we spotted one in the shape of the world-renowned colonel flying high over a take-out chicken place.

What's next? Perhaps the purchase of a pair of binoculars so we can get better looks at the birds that fly from the honeysuckle to the birch to the miniature woods behind the house.

Perhaps, when the baby doesn't have to be trundled, longer walks and some actual hikes.

But, whatever it is, we'll have our eyes open.

COURIER / WOMEN

ND Women Plan 'Landmark' Visit

A program featuring holiday table fashions and a tour of one of Genesee County's Landmark Homes will highlight the fall tea of the Notre Dame Women's Auxiliary, to be held Thursday, Oct. 15, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

The program will be presented by Mrs. James Gent, a nationally accredited judge of flower shows, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Glavin, 20 Brown St. in Scottsville. There will be a display of hand crafted items that can be ordered, with proceeds going to the Notre Dame Scholarship fund.

FORTY HOURS

Forty Hours devotions will begin Oct. 18 at Holy Ghost and St. Augustine, Rochester; St. Hyacinth, Auburn; St. John, Elmira; St. Ignatius, Hornell, and in Interlaken and Lima.

Father Erb Named To Post in Ghana

Techny, Ill. — Father Charles G. Erb, SVD., native of Rochester, N.Y., has been named executive director of the newly-organized Department of Social Communications for the National Catholic Secretariat in Ghana, West Africa.

Aim of the social communications department is to inform the Ghanaians, through radio, television, press and films, "that the Christian faith is relevant today, now, by portraying what the Church is doing for people."

On his return to the United States last year, Father Erb obtained 547 films on religious, cultural and educational subjects, which will provide weekly programs for the next two years over Ghana's national

radio and television stations.

Born in Rochester, Father Erb has four sisters and two brothers there: Mrs. Albert (Ida) Quetchenback, Mrs. James (Frances) Yockel, Mrs. Edward J. (Helen) Brown, Mrs. Arthur (Sybilla) Yockel, Frank J. Erb and John A. Erb.

He attended Holy Family School and began his missionary training in 1920 at the Divine Word Seminary, Girard, Pa. He was ordained at St. Gabriel's Seminary, Austria, in 1933.

After several years of teaching, he served as a U.S. Army chaplain, attaining the rank of major in 1946 and earning the Bronze Star. He has been serving in African missions since 1947.

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COURIER / RECIPES



Fried chicken is a favorite with young and old alike. This recipe is especially good because of the tempting creamy gravy. Corn starch in the recipe insures a smooth gravy.

Fried Chicken with Gravy

- 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1/2 to 1 teaspoon rosemary
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Dash pepper
- 1 broiler-fryer, cut up
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 cup corn oil
- 1 tablespoon corn starch
- 1 1/2 cups milk

Mix bread crumbs, rosemary, salt and pepper. Dip chicken

pieces in egg. Coat with crumb mixture. Heat corn oil in large, heavy skillet over medium heat 3 minutes or in electric skillet to 375°F. Add chicken and brown on all sides. Reduce heat to low or 250°F. in electric skillet. Cook 30 minutes or until chicken is fork tender. Remove and drain on absorbent paper. Keep warm.

Pour drippings from skillet into cup. Measure 2 tablespoons of drippings back into skillet. Mix in corn starch. Place over low heat or 200° in electric skillet. Gradually stir in milk. Stirring constantly, bring to boil and boil 1 minute. Serve with chicken. Makes 4 servings.

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