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WE AND OUR NEIGHBORS

THE HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT

One of the minor problems in education but a very important one to classroom teachers, parents and the pupils, is the question of homework. Until recently homework was not only accepted but even insisted on by the parents. Often the more the pupils were loaded down with homework, the higher the teacher rated in the opinion of the parents. It is difficult even now for parents to give up this traditional attitude and teachers often follow the old homework patterns disregarding what their supervisors told them, or the newer ways pointed out in their teacher-training courses.

The following outline may be useful in this brief discussion of the homework problem:

1. Purpose of the homework assignment.

A. To reinforce the understanding of the subject gained in the classroom.

B. To aid in developing steady and independent study habits.

11. What type of subject matter is most desirable for homework?

A. New Material?

B. Review Material?

111. How much homework is desirable?

A. In the lower grades?

B. In the upper grades?

If we agree to the aims or purposes of homework as stated above (and there are more and different ones in text-books) we can see that part 11 of our outline is already answered. Obviously only the above average pupils can cope with new material independently and only review material can reinforce what has already been taught in class.

A new poem for example can contain figures of speech, poetic phrases and words entirely beyond the literary powers of even upper grade pupils. Such an assignment usually results in confusion, and dislike of a piece of literature that might lead to real appreciation if studied as a class exercise. If arithmetic problems involve operations half learned, or tricky or unusual figures, learning is impeded not reinforced, and outside help is resorted to rather than independent study. In the same way, "research" projects can only be constructive where the principles have been developed in class through similar projects, that is, the industries of Argentina depend on the same factors as those of Prince Edward Island. Too ambitious projects can be more the

parents' than the pupils. In the first and second grades no homework should be assigned—first because children of six and seven have already had enough formal learning when they come from school—and because everything is new to them and parents should not be required or expected to teach beginners—the most difficult branch of teaching. Of course the child who is so enthusiastic about reading and arithmetic (how soon we quench this ardor!) can spend an extra half hour "playing school" with mother as teacher. And the child who has trouble with his reading should be watched for signs of defective vision or hearing by his teacher and parents.

As to the amount of homework, should be assigned in the lowest grades and in all other grades, the parents should judge. Does the homework interfere with the child's physical well-being? Or his share of household chores? Or his attendance at desirable organizations such as scouts and cadets? And is the teacher depending on homework rather than teaching in class?

There is so much more to say but parents and teachers can ask themselves how far the aims of homework are achieved: Does the homework strengthen the pupils' grasp of the subject matter taught in the class-room? And are the pupils gaining in habits of steady and independent study?

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105 supersonic jet fighter interceptor, now on the drawing board at the plant, is (left to right) Sergeant H. G. Johnston, 44, son of Mr. H. J. Johnston, Glenhome Post Office, Colchester County, Glenhome, N. S., and Flying Officer J. E. MacCallum, 38, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. MacCallum, RR1 Charlottetown, P. E. I. National Defence Photo

Malenkov To Visit Britain

LONDON (Reuters) — Georgi Malenkov, the former Russian premier, will visit Britain in about 10 days time, an authoritative source said today.

Malenkov, now a deputy premier and minister of electric power stations, will be heading a delegation to visit British power stations. It will be the first time he has left Russia since he was deposed as premier in February last year.

Malenkov will come to Britain about a month before the visit by Premier Bulganin and Nikita Khrushchev. The premier and Communist party secretary are due here on April 18 for a stay ex-

C.A.C. Comments On Measures Display

A meeting of the Canadian Association of Consumers was held in the Civic Centre on Feb. 29. A large number of members were present and took part in the program.

A measures display which has been touring the Maritimes was exhibited. It consisted of a sample of every type of measuring cup and scoop available in Canada and displayed in this way the ladies were given a chance to see

pected to last about a week.

A similar British power delegation will go to Russia shortly. The Soviet embassy here, it was learned, told the foreign office Monday that Malenkov would be leading the delegation.

them all at one time, instead of only the merchandise stocked in our local stores.

The merchandise displayed was not intended to represent well designed merchandise although the project was a joint one of the Design Committee of C.A.C. and the National Industrial Design Council.

One purpose of the program was to enable the Consumers to consider the good and bad features of measures and another purpose was to provide the manufacturers of measures with some real information about the uses to which consumers put their products. Still another purpose was to find out what ideas consumers have about the "ideal" measure.

The members entered wholeheartedly into the program and the questionnaires were conscientiously filled out.

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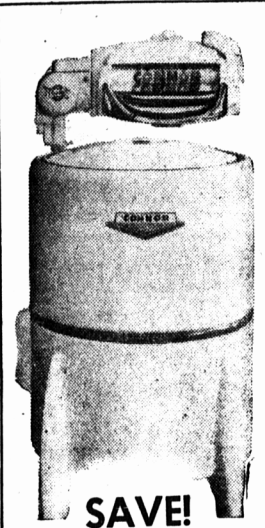
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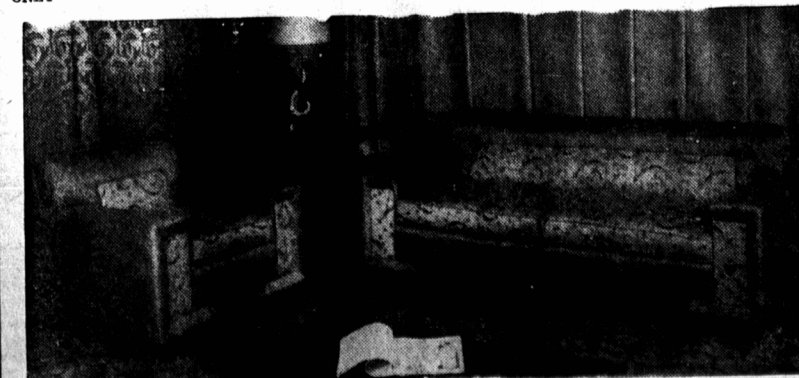
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