

The name of the game

Those who deal with the problem are prompt to confess that they have no idea how it can be solved. They can describe the problem, which is not a new one, and is only perceived, rather than proved, to be worse than what it used to be.

For the last 30 years, at least, teachers in Plymouth schools have complained that parents of their pupils do not care enough about what their children are doing in the classroom.

How much is enough? The parent who makes a nuisance of himself by frequent visits to the school is always privately and sometimes publicly laughed at.

When we were in the habit of attending parent-teacher affairs arranged by the schools, it was seldom that we did not hear, from one teacher, at least, "You are not the parents that I need or want to see. Your children don't need this visit, although I am glad to see you. The people I want to see and talk with are the parents/pupils who aren't achieving, who aren't trying, who aren't getting it!"

Mrs. Redden's complaint stated elsewhere today is of the same genre. But is it more serious.

Why? Because what she is dealing with is, as her supervisor, the rotund Mr. Sheely, has said, "the name of the game". It all hangs upon whether a child can read, not haltingly, but read at least as well as his peers. The entire educational process is dependent for success upon the progressive ability to read at a higher level.

An expert in these matters says there are 60 million adults in this country who cannot read "functionally". What does that mean? "It means," he says, "that if they are sent to a strange city and equipped with a map of the streets, they can't read where Whittier street or Randolph avenue is. They may be able to make out 23rd street or Avenue A, but they can't read the map well enough to find their proper directions. That's what is meant by inability to read functionally."

Mrs. Redden says she thinks that many parents won't be completely honest if a survey of reading abilities is made. She may be right. Chances are she's more right than wrong, unfortunately. The thrust of what she says is that the problem is graver than any of us realize and tending to get worse rather than better. The affliction may be compared to hypertension, or high blood pressure, more than to, say, impetigo, or pink eye. Its symptoms are not readily apparent or visible, the affliction can be treated with early diagnosis, and if left untreated, it gets worse as time goes on.

No editorialist in possession of his senses (and we are quick to acknowledge there are many, a very great many, who contend, perhaps rightly, that this one took leave of his senses a long time ago) would say that he has any confidence that his conclusions, given a set of facts, are acceptable to all, or even a majority. And his advice, as all free advice everywhere, is worth about what's paid for it: nothing.

Yet at this great risk we are constrained to point out that no one, absolutely no one, in this school district has any reason to claim that he is deprived of the ability to learn to read, and/or to learn to read very well, at considerable speed and comprehension. The professionals can be excused, to some extent, for their inertia because they haven't been able to get anybody to move off a dime in years past. They are frustrated, disappointed, almost in despair.

Anyone who has even the remotest idea of how things can be turned around will be welcomed with open arms at the schools. Day or night.

Come the end of the summer, when the fine new library's doors are opened, the opportunity to rectify earlier sins will be the greater. We should do more than pity those that don't avail themselves of what's at hand. We should grasp them by the collar and forcibly tug them to the school, the library, wherever it's possible for them to learn to read.

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Strong sent to prison in robberies

A 23-year-old Trux street man will have a year in prison to think about his misconduct last summer.
Dale Strong was sentenced by Judge Max Chilcote, Richland county common pleas court, handed down two six month terms in the state reformatory for the burglary of a lawn tractor from a northern Richland county farm. Judge Chilcote also reimposed an earlier sentence of two to 15 years after conviction of a 1983 burglary.
Strong and four accomplices, one of them a juvenile, were involved in a theft ring that was broken up by police Dec. 22. They stole over \$6,000 worth of appliances. John Laville, Plymouth, and Richard Strohm, Dinninger road, a Shelbyan and the juvenile have not yet been dealt with, although each has been indicted.

Truck hits bus, boy, 11, hurt; man hits deer

An 11-year-old Plymouth route 1 boy riding a South Central school bus was slightly injured Mar. 20 when the bus was struck by a Humville driver.
Jared L. Spaetz, who lives in the west side of New State road, received minor injuries but was not treated.

Richard B. Gatt, 26, was charged by the state highway patrol with failure to control his pickup truck. He was southbound in New State road and sought to stop behind another vehicle that had halted behind the bus. He could not stop and skidded into the bus, driven by Jennie L. Kissel, 61 Greenwich.

David A. Studer, 21, Plymouth, reported Mar. 20 that as he was northbound in Route 61 north of the village he struck a deer that sought to cross the highway.

Contracts awarded to raise library

Contracts to erect the new Plymouth library were awarded last week to low bidders on three parts of the construction.

Weithman Bros., Gallion, was assigned the general contract. Schodorf Plumbing & Heating, Willard, won the plumbing and heating work.
Buchman's Electric, Mansfield, will install the electrical work.

Razing of the existing structures on the site in the south side of West Broadway east of First Evangelical Lutheran church and west of the present library site will begin shortly, Timothy Liest, architect, says. Knapp & Crawfis & Associates, Mansfield, says.
Estimated completion date is "by the end of the summer".

Priest to speak to GOP club at Bellevue

The Rev. Bob Hunt will speak at the annual Lincoln day dinner Apr. 15 at Jolly Lanes, Routes 20 and 4 east of Bellevue, at 7:15 p. m. Cost is \$10 a person.
Huron County Republican Women's organization is sponsoring the dinner.
Reservations must be in by Monday, Apr. 5, to Beverly Stober, Box 252, Wakeman, 44886.
Father Hunt is an ordained priest. He is the co-author of a new book, "Live, Love and Laugh". He is an active member of National Speakers' association.



McDaniel sacked as coach of girls

First-year head girls' basketball coach Mark McDaniel has been asked to resign.
He says he won't do it. "I'm not a quitter, if they want me to go they'll have to fire me!"

Which is exactly what the administration is prepared to do. "He simply will not be offered another contract," an authoritative source told The Advertiser. That's how it's done in this business.

McDaniel thinks the decision to let him go was based on two factors, the departure of three 12th grade girls from the squad just past the middle of the season and his inability to strike a happy relationship with the assistant coach, Mrs. John Echelberry, nee Victoria Wallen.

The three 12th graders, Jodi Pitzer, Lisa Baker and Carol Tuttle. The official statement at the time was they were dissatisfied with the amount of playing time accorded them. McDaniel's statement is the girls knew at the start of the season they were not of the same level as some younger players.

It was an open secret that Mrs. Echelberry and McDaniel did not get along. The differences are understood to have been professional, at least at the start, and thereafter to have developed into personal differences as well.

McDaniel has sought for some time to be appointed as a teacher in Plymouth schools. Now apparently that ambition is shattered. He is a teacher in Madison schools, lives in Route 603 east of Shiloh with his wife and children, and has been assistant coach at Madison.

Village days planning session set

A planning session for Village Days committee will convene in the museum today at 7 p. m.
Clubs, churches, organizations and individuals are invited to participate.
Contests, demonstrations and entertainment will be on the program.
Those unable to attend today may call Douglas A. Dickson, Miss Luella Vandervort or Mrs. James McClure for details.

Two make 4.0's at Shiloh

Two pupils made 4.0 grade-point averages in Shiloh Junior High school, their principal, Mark Sheely, announces.
These are Charles Pennell, eighth grader, and Todd Gundrum, seventh grader.

Twenty pupils were named to the honor roll (over 3.49 but under 4.0) and 49 to the merit roll (above 2.99 but under 3.5) for the six week period.

Honor roll pupils of the eighth grade numbered 12, of the seventh grade eight. Merit roll pupils of the eighth grade totaled 21, of the seventh grade 28.
Pupils who received honor roll grades are Jennifer Adkins, Aaron Keathen, Derek Kreh, John Myers, Max Mullins, Phyllis Gibson, Jenny Chase, Kim Gibson, Danya Pritchard, Trene Snipes, Jenny Young and Wade Peavy, eighth graders.

Also, Shane Garrett, Clayton Leohn, Diana Nickles, David Oney, Shannon Chaffins, Scott Slone, Robbie Roberts and Amy McClure, seventh graders.

Merit roll grades were assigned to Sue Connelly, Adam Keene, Jeffrey Smith, Timothy Snipes, Brian Bowman, Jeffrey Tackett, Stacy Branhann, John Ganzhorn, Randy Hayes, Carrie Hicks, Becky Jamerson, Brent Wagers, Elizabeth Stumbo, Jeffrey Bloomfield, Charles Koesse, Rachel Delombard, Jeffrey Studer, Chris VerBurke, Amy Lauer, Victoria Hansen and Rhonda Neeley, eighth graders.

Firemen put out cemetery blaze

Firemen were called Friday at 5:25 p. m. to Greenlawn cemetery.
A small blaze in the dump area of the park of the cemetery erupted after village employees had left a few hours earlier.

Taught at Shiloh, Mrs. Landot, 77, dies of cancer

Formerly a teacher at Shiloh and a native of Cass township, Mrs. Landot was born Feb. 8, 1908, Mrs. Gus Londot, 77, Route 36 east of Shelby, died there Mar. 20.

She retired as a teacher at Shelby in 1977, having previously also taught in London school. She was a member of First Lutheran church, of the Retired Teachers' association and of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Her husband, a son, Russell Bricker, Shelby, a son-in-law, William Londot, Mansfield, six grand children and six great-grandchildren survive.

The Rev. Carl L. Johnson conducted services from the church Saturday at 10 a. m. Interment was in Oakland cemetery, Shelby.

Memorial contributions to the Cancer society are suggested.

Also, Melissa Burrer, Shane Foley, Cory Myers, David Williams, Aaron Fennner, Rodney Arnett, Penny Stephens, Barry Handshoe, Heath Howard, Michael Harter, Nancy Beverly, Brian Carter, Loretta Hayes, Michelle McQuate, Angie Oney, Jessica Fultz, Judi Rockford, Lisa Rath, Donell Smart, Allison Tackett, Angela Thompson, Becky Cuppy, Chris Hixon, Harry Crouse, Scott Jennings, Troy Haas, Roger Keeey and Michael Mullins, seventh graders.

'Who's Who' selects 13 singers

Thirteen vocal music pupils in Plymouth High school are listed in the 1984-1985 edition of "Who's Who in Music".
School nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included their names based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They are Lisa Baker, Angie Beverly, Lenora Caudill, Sharon Stephens, Debbie Schrader, Sharon Ousley, Shelby Post, Becky Lewis, Laura Oney, Jamie Seton, Michael Hawkins, Jame Beck and Jason Barnett.

A. A. Schumacher, leading farmer, succumbs at 62

Father of Steven Schumacher, Route 603, and long a stock farmer, Alfred A. Schumacher, 62, Shelby route 2, died in General Hospital at Tampa, Fla., Thursday.
Born Apr. 7, 1922, in Shelby Grove, he lived in or near Shelby almost all his life.

He operated Schumacher Farms. He was a communicant of Most Pure Heart of Mary Roman Catholic church and formerly served on its financial board. She was also formerly a Sharon township trustee and a former member of the Production Credit association. He belonged to Lodge 422, LOMoose.

He is also survived by his wife, Norma; four sons, Daniel, Fenmore, Wis; Edward and Gerald, Shelby, and Timothy, Victoria, Tex.; two daughters, Katherine, now Mrs. Phyllis Hamman, and Lois, now Mrs. Daniel Robertson, Shelby; 11 grandchildren, five brothers, a sister, 12 grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

The Rev. James E. Steidle was celebrant of the funeral mass Monday at 10:30 a. m. from the church. Interment was in St. Mary's cemetery, Shelby.

Mrs. Burger dies, 20 days after sister

Just 20 days after her elder sister, Nellie Pearl, succumbed to the infirmities of age, Mrs. Floyd Burger, 95, 48 Plymouth street, died Friday in Mansfield General Hospital.

She was seriously ill only briefly. Born Mrs. Edith Elder, daughter of Charles Thomas and Ada Poochontas Durgan Elder, in Canton Feb. 1, 1890, she was widowed in 1906, after which she moved to Plymouth. She was a retired legal secretary and a member of Diamond Hill cathedral, Mansfield, whose associate pastor, the Rev. Buddy Barrows, conducted graveside services in

Greenlawn cemetery Monday morning.

Mrs. Burger came here because her two sisters, Miss Elder and the late Aona, then Mrs. Percy H. Root, resided here. She is survived by a son, Robert F. Plymouth; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth A. Cook, Plymouth; twin brothers, Austin C. Elder, Plymouth, and Thomas C. Elder, Cleveland Hts.; three grandsons and two great-grandsons.

Memorial contributions to the library or to the Richland County Heart fund are suggested.
Interment was conducted by McQuate-Secor Funeral home.

Here's what folks did 25, 20, 15, 10, 5 years ago

25 years ago, 1960
USQO will occupy its new quarters today.
Roth Bros., Oorwalk, on low bid, was awarded the general contract to enlarge the elementary school here.
James A. (Bert) Snow, 57, a noted Chester White breeder and exhibitor at New Haven, died at Willard.
One hundred eighty-five employees were cut by wilkins AF station; 20 took transfers.
Mrs. Robert C. Haas was named census taker.
The Floyd Russells, Shiloh, were feted on No. 50.
Seven veterans are out for truck
Seven veterans are out for truck and field: Steve Patterson, Dick Bookwalter, Dick Channing, Ray Lynch, Dayton Reed, Jim Russell, Phil Ramey.
Eight candidates seek places on Plymouth's first tennis team.
These are Billy Strine, Doug McQuate, Fate Christian, Lynn Cashman, Steve Miller, Mike DeWitt, Phil Stone and Benny Root.
Constance Jackson and G. Neil Kennedy being engaged at East Modesto, Ill.
Deep snow was the cause of three collisions in Route 61.

20 years ago, 1965
Schools will seek a fresh levy of three mills to raise teacher pay.
Udhoree Rook was assigned the role of Frederic and Kent Bushey of the pirate ship in "The Pirates of Penzance". Same roles at Plymouth were assigned Thom-

as L. Root and Richard Gullett, respectively.
John H. Lasch will marry Barbara J. Butler in a Lutheran service on June 27.
Cagie Lee Maye will marry Roger D. Kennard in July.
Benjamin Johnson and Barbara Ellen Pott married at Shiloh.
Cash in the amount of \$298 was collected for a cemetery gate.
Linda Kay Wagers and Chalmers Lee Spencer will marry in the summer.
H. Bennett Shaver was selected in the upper 15 per cent academically in the Class of 1966, Bowling Green State university.

15 years ago, 1970
A 1966 alumna, Terrence Finegan, 18, was killed in a motor-cycle collision near Lantana, Fla.
Mrs. Wilbur Keeler, 82, formerly of Plymouth, died at Swanton.
A. Ray Einzel, a Plymouth High school alumna, was appointed executive director of Mountain States Bankers association, Denver, Colo.
Mrs. A. L. Paddock, Jr., escaped injury when her car was struck by another at Route 99 and Townline road 11, New Haven township.
Hiram D. Reed, a 1966 alumna of Plymouth High school, was severely wounded in the chest by the accidental discharge of his shotgun.
Clerk J. Phillips Moore underwent emergency abdominal surgery.
Arthur L. Paddock, 3rd, and Miss Patricia Gayle Crouch, Alton, Ill., became engaged, to be married June 13.
Ralph Thauvette, high school teacher and coach, married Miss Susan Purdy at Shelby.
John T. Wilson retired from Northern Ohio Telephone Co.
Big Red track and field squad finished fifth in the annual 'Ashland Indoor relay.'
A 6 lb. 8 oz. smallmouth bass caught by Fred Port was the largest reported catch of that genre in Ohio during 1969, Sports Afield reported.
Father of Jack Thompson, 84, Shiloh, Samuel Thompson, 84,

Shelby, died there.
Father of Mrs. Gerald W. Caywood, Glenn F. Lybarger, 76, Shelby route 1, died at Shelby.
10 years ago, 1975
Sue Shuty will be delegate of the auxiliary, Ehret-Parcel Post 447, American Legion, to Buckeye Girls' State.
Deborah Kelley is the alternate. Parents of Mrs. Darrell B. Faust, the Earl Hazards, 83 and 82, respectively, were killed in a collision in Jonesville, Mich.
Terry A. Buzard is now a certified public accountant.
Randy Justice, Class of 1972, will run for mayor.
Cheer leaders for 1975-76 have been chosen: Deborah Kelley, Connie Roberts, Cheryl Barnhart and Patty and Peggy Thornsbury.
Marcella Edgeson is the first Plymouth High school graduate to be chosen a Freshman Scholar by Ohio State university.
Gay E. Flora was assigned the lead role of Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof" at Plymouth High school. Amy Postema will play Golde.
Steve Lewis set a new meet record for the two mile run of 10 mins. 16.3 secs. in the 8th Ashland Indoor relay.
Fourteen candidates, including two girls, Beth Taulbes, 12th grader, and Tami Brown, 11th grader, seek places on the 1975 varsity tennis team.
The Rev. Harold S. Chandler, 70, substitute Methodist minister here, died suddenly at Manhattan.
Cathy Moore won the R. N. at Modesto, Cal., Junior college.
Five years ago, 1980
Disruptive Police Chief W. Robert Seel asked for a 21-day leave.
Mrs. Ralph D. Ream, 76, died at Willard.
July Fidler and Michelle Metcalfe will be principal delegates of the auxiliary of Ehret-Parcel Post 447, American Legion, at Buckeye Girls' State. Lisa Baker and Shannon Root are the alternates.
Holly J. Cornell and Mark A. Korbas will marry Oct. 8.

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Presbyterians ...
Annual Easter bake sale sponsored by women of First United Presbyterian church will be Apr. 6 in Miller's Hardware from 9 a. m. until 12:30 p. m.
Those wishing to order colored eggs may call Mrs. Charles Williams, 687-7819, or Mrs. Donald L. Brooks, 687-6404.
Rolls, breads, cakes and candies will be available.
Holy communion will be offered Maundy Thursday in First United Presbyterian church at 7:30 p. m.

Roman Catholics ...
St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church will be host Maundy Thursday for the annual seder at 5:30 p. m. in its social hall.
Reservations should be made to Mrs. Albert Shuty, 687-6562, or to the church office, 687-4611.
Donations are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.
Lutherans ...
Junior and senior youth groups of First Evangelical Lutheran church will conduct a car wash Apr. 6 from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m. in the parking area of the church in West Broadway.
Special music and the procession of palms will mark Palm Sunday in First Evangelical Lutheran church Sunday for the 10:30 a. m. service.
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Methodists ...
United Methodist churches of Plymouth and Shiloh will join Palm Sunday at 7:30 p. m. in the Plymouth church.
Confirmation class will meet Sunday at 5:30 p. m. in the church rooms.
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Library notes
eight gifts
Donations in memory of Miss N. Pearl Elder and Henry Workman by Plymouth Locomotive Works, Inc. have been received by the library.
Also, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Runkle donated a memorial contribution in Miss Elder's honor. So did Mr. and Mrs. J. Benjamin Smith and Mrs. Joseph McClure.
A memorial donation from Plymouth Locomotive Works, Inc., in honor of Arthur Lynch has also been received.
Contributions in memory of Miss N. Pearl Elder by Mr. and Mrs. John F. Root and of Harry Forquer by Plymouth Businessmen's association have also been received.

Applications for stipends encouraged
North Central Technical college will consider applicants for the college's President's Scholarship for Excellence award until Monday, Apr. 15, James McMullen, director of financial aid at NCTC, announces.
Twelfth graders graduating from schools in Richland, Ashland and Crawford counties who rank in the upper five per cent of their class are eligible. The award, valued at almost 12,500, grants a tuition waiver during the student's two years of study.
Pupils can receive application materials from their high school counselor's office or may call the NCTC Financial Aid Office at 747-4999, extension 228.

Shiloh soldier now in Germany
Pvt. 1st Class Harmon G. Gayheart, son of the Harmon Gayhearts, 46 West Main street, Shiloh, has arrived for duty in Wuerzburg, West Germany.
A vehicle driver with the 3rd Infantry Division, he was previously assigned at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.
He is a 1983 graduate of Plymouth High school.

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Here're excerpts from the log of Plymouth Police department:

- Mar. 19, 2:35 a. m.: Open door found at elementary school.
- Mar. 19, 9:46 a. m.: Assistance requested at 17 Plymouth street.
- Mar. 19, 5:23 p. m.: Dog warden advised after animal complaint at Railroad and West High streets.
- Mar. 19, 8 p.m.: Alley behind 7 East Main street, assault and strongarm robbery reported. Juvenile beat another and took part of cigarettes.
- Mar. 20, 12:30 a.m.: Open door found at high school.
- Mar. 20, 2:58 p. m.: Personal problem in East High dealt with.
- Mar. 20, 3:40 p. m.: Lost child found at elementary school. Parents notified.
- Mar. 20, 6:50 p. m.: Assistance requested in Public Square.
- Mar. 21, 1:52 a. m.: Open door found at high school.
- Mar. 21, 10:43 a. m.: Theft complaint at high school investigated; no cause for complaint found.
- Mar. 21, 11:07 a. m.: Juvenile complaint received from high school.
- Mar. 21, 9:37 p. m.: Assistance

requested at Plymouth and Springmill streets.

- Mar. 22, 2:30 a. m.: Open door found at high school.
- Mar. 22, 3:20 a. m.: Civil grievance reported.
- Mar. 22, 2:40 p. m.: Disturbance reported at high school.
- Mar. 22, 3:33 p. m.: Suspicious circumstances reported at 5 West Broadway.
- Mar. 22, 4:13 p. m.: Suspicious circumstances reported at 57 Brazilian street.
- Mar. 22, 9:36 p.m.: Assistance requested in Route 224. Sheriff notified.
- Mar. 23, 8:53 a. m.: Trash accumulation at 23 West High street complained of.
- Mar. 23, 8:53 p. m.: Assistance given at West Broadway and Plymouth street.
- Mar. 24, 4:45 a. m.: Assistance given in moving vehicle at 48 Mills avenue.
- Mar. 24, 9:43 a. m.: Animal complaint received from Base Line road.
- Mar. 24, 2:15 p. m.: Suspicious vehicle reported at 103 Park avenue.

If baseball be put aside, prepare hash for dinner

By AUNT LIZ
Signs of spring are still popping up.

One sure one is when a certain baseball umpire starts looking for all his stuff, which very fortunately is exactly where he left it last season.

We all like to think that little game is strictly American. It isn't.

It has been played, or at least a form of it, ever since man discovered a rounded thing and a stick of wood.

In England way back it was called "Prisoner's Base" and even further back in the 900's it was called "Prison Bars". It would be fun to know why.

What we know today actually became an organized game in 1850 when a club with 50 members started in Rochester, N.Y. Kids had played it in their back yards all through the Pilgrims and the Revolutionary war.

I grew up in a real baseball house and worst of all, married into one. The grandfather with whom we lived most of my younger years was a real fan. Back then St. Paul had its own team. That was before they started speaking to Minneapolis. Each pretended the other didn't exist and that each lived on the wrong, shady side of the Mississippi. He went to every home game unless he was mad at them, then he would listen on our little radio, where he was free to tell them exactly what he thought.

There is a wonderful story of local interest. I will leave the lady and village unidentified out of politeness, but one day the Indians were on TV, and it showed the general manager answering the telephone and looking aghast at what he heard. It was this lovely little, really elderly lady telling him "to get that you-know-what off the field". Thousands saw it and talked about it, and she finally broke down and admitted she was the voice on the telephone.

Another thing we may think is purely American is hash. Every housewife the world over is faced with leftovers, so it is nothing new. But when it is served in one of the better, most expensive restaurants we have, it is really unique.

This makes enough for two, but can easily be increased for more.

Toss a cup of diced cooked chicken with a fourth of a cup of diced celery and some chicken broth in a pan. Simmer it for a while.

Then make a nice white sauce using chicken broth instead of milk. Throw in a little nutmeg. It should be thickish, so add a tablespoon of cream to thin it a little, and an ounce of A-1 sauce and three ounces of sherry with some salt and pepper. Simmer a little, then strain the stuff in the first pan and add to the sauce.

Serve it on rice or a patty shell. And when your garden gets going, this will come in handy. It is an honest-to-Betsy real Vermont backwoods recipe called Red

Flann hash.

Chop a bunch of small cooked beets into small pieces and do the same with about three boiled potatoes and two chopped onions.

When this is ready, fry bacon slices, frankly the more the better. Just line the bottom of your big skillet with them. When finished, crumble them and mix it all together and heat up in the bacon drippings.

Those Vermonters ate this with corn bread, apple pie, some sharp cheese and tossed down large mugs of cold, cold milk.

No wonder we have been such a healthy country for so long, but I kind of wonder how long it will last when it is so easy to whip out to a nice, attractive fast-food place.

Boy Scouts to police park here Saturday

The Rev. Julian Taggart, First United Presbyterian church, was a dinner guest Saturday of Troop 411, Boy Scouts, who camped out in the Scout hut in Mary Fete park Mar. 23-24.

Robbie roberts was named outstanding Scout.

Each boy prepared his own meals. Scouts engaged in a 1.25 mile hike with full pack, rope burning contest and compass course testing.

Larry Classen is Scoutmaster. Scouts will engage in a park clean-up over this weekend.

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'Reading is the name of the game, the whole game . . .

81% success rate record of teacher of slow readers

Is the federal dollar spent on education doing any good? Consider: In 1983-84, Mrs. Timothy Redden, special reading teacher in Plymouth Elementary school, who is funded by a federal grant, was assigned 32 first and second graders considered to need help in reading. This year, with no removals from the district, only six of them are in the third and fourth grade group.

Although the numbers are not precise, it works out thus: figure an average of 16 a grade in her classes at the start of 1983-84; there is now an average of three in each of her class. The improvement rate is thus 81 per cent.

How do we know they improved? "The funding agency sets the standards," Mrs. Redden replies, with that direct regard that characterizes the whole Lasch clan (and she is a Lasch; her mother is the former Cleta Lasch, daughter of the Joseph A. Lasches. Her grandfather, long a barber here, served as mayor, officially, for a while, as unofficial mayor and sounding board for ideas both good and bad for two generations. Her mother went to college after her family of four, two sons and two daughters, was started, got a degree and continued to teach, and teach well, in elementary school until she elected to retire), "and while the teacher is allowed which of several tests to administer to the reading pupils, each test is a standardized instrument approved by the funding agency and graded by the techniques set up by the people that write the test."

Conclusion: with an 81 per cent rate of success, by the standards set by the funder, Plymouth Elementary school is performing well above the national level of achievement, which means the taxpayer

must be getting value for the money paid.

The schools will conclude tomorrow a month of emphasis on reading. It's called Right to Read month. The techniques of testing reading, the problems inherent in doing so, the equipment necessary to make a good record and the public perception of its aims, successes, failures and problems have occupied teachers and administrators during March.

"Of course," Mrs. Redden says - her classmates who graduated here in 1963 will remember Susan Smith, daughter of the Max Smith, No. 2 in the family, which also consists of elder brother Max, younger sister Ellen, also married to a Smith, and younger brother Thomas - "it should be realized that just one week or just one month isn't enough to emphasize reading, it should be done all the time, every day, when school is in session and when it's not."

Her rotund supervisor, Principal Mark Sheely, strokes his mustache and puts the fire in his eyes. "I can live with that statement," he says, "Reading is the name of the game, the whole game!"

What equipment should the child who comes to school for the first time have in his possession to make it the first time around?

To ask this question, and those that follow from it, is to ignite the professional thrust of this 40-year-old teacher whose head and heart are so obviously laid on the line in this endeavor, and to fire her personal furnace as well. She invokes the values that she was taught as a child.

"So I think it is reasonable to expect that the child has been read to, from the age that he is able to grasp what is read to him. And it is

reasonable to expect that the child shall have been communicated with, by an adult, whether a parent or another, to discuss his thoughts, his dreams, his fears, his person."

And is it proper to infer that this does not always happen?

"It may not be proper," Susan Redden says, again with that direct look, "but it's correct."

What is the effect of the child who hasn't been read to or communicated with?

"He is the child, fog-the most part, but not always, who requires the special help that I am paid to supply. I said for the most part but not always. Sometimes a child from the best environment has difficulty in learning to read. Not every child learns to read at the same pace as another child. But generally, we have found, they learn more or less at the same chronological and psychological age. Except some of them don't, and it is those that we are most concerned about."

What needs to be done to help the situation?

"If it were possible to measure what the children have been exposed to at home before they reach school age, that would be of enormous help. Isn't it done?"

She shakes her head. Why not?

"The answer doesn't come quickly. 'I don't know. I think it would be extremely difficult to get valid information from all the parents because I fear they wouldn't all speak frankly, and, as my son says, 'tell it like it is'. There seems to be some embarrassment, or reluctance, to admit these facts, which really reflect upon the ability of the adult to be a parent."

Would it help if folks were licensed to have children?

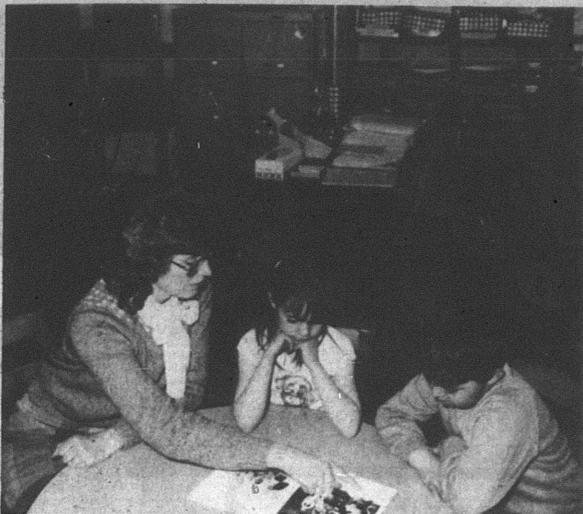
Her eyes flash and she grins. "You said that, I didn't," I will say this if we don't wake up and do what we all ought to do, Big Brother is going to step in and do it for us. I think there is too much of that right now. Young girls, for example, tend to be promiscuous because they know that we, which means the government, will take care of them if there is a child. If parents do not do what ought to be done for their children, Big Brother will eventually take control of the whole business. Which, I think, - here she sighs - "is perhaps what some people want. It's easier for them that way."

Then she grins again. "On the matter of licensing people to have children, that may be the answer of the next century, but I certainly don't want to be on the committee or the board that issues the license."

Does the electronic medium interfere with the child's learning to read?

"I know of no scientific evidence that says yes, and I don't know of any that says no. I have my own ideas. In my own family, I allow my daughter to watch TV for a while, then I tell her it's time to turn it off. And I insist that is what she does. Besides," she says, somewhat sheepishly, "our daughter is much more tractable than our son, who has a mind of his own and asserts it!"

What sort of television should be closed to the child? "That's the family's judgment. Common sense should dictate that no child should be allowed to sit in front of the TV for such long periods of time. It's the cheapest and most effective babysitter we have but it shouldn't rule the house."



Mrs. Redden with two of her pupils, Kathy Deskins, seven, and Ronnie Seville, six.

How does the local program work?

"I have from four to five children of one age group together for about 30 minutes at a time, every day of the week. Every school day, that is. I reinforce what is taught in the regular classroom so that these pupils, who have been detected by testing, in September, or at the beginning of the year, and re-tested, if they were in the school the previous year, during May, can catch up with their peer group."

To what extent does selection of text materials by others, outside your influence, control what you can or cannot do in your classes? "I don't use a text book, per se. We have materials of a special nature, many of which I assembled myself, or prepared myself, from models that have been tried and proved in other places, that I use."

If what's displayed on the bulletin board and the blackboard and in breakfronts and on shelves and tables in the room is a criterion, it's true, in spades.

Is there another test that would help?

Once again, that level, Lasch regard: "It is appalling to consider that in this day and age there are so many adults who are not literate. I don't know the exact figure. But it seems to me we are not doing enough to encourage those adults who cannot read acceptably to correct that situation."

All about town . . .

To celebrate her 80th anniversary, Mrs. Robert L. McIntire, 70 Plymouth street, was the dinner guest Friday of her daughter and son-in-law, the John J. Rinehardts, Mansfield.

Tina Buzard, North Olmsted, spent the weekend with her father, Fred L. Buzard.

Mrs. Eugene O. Roeder took part in a bowling tournament in Sandusky over the weekend with a team from New London.

Paul L. Stoodt was honored as a top agent for Ohio Mutual Insurance association and United Ohio Insurance Co., home offices in Bucyrus, during a seminar at Columbus Mar. 22-23.

Mrs. Harvey Robinson spent last week visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Marti, Garrett, Ind. The Charles F. Hanlines were among those attending the annual Sportsmen's show in Cleveland Sunday.

W. Robert Seel will be among the Jonathan Luke Keinath drivers Apr. 13 in the FILL-O-RAMA at the Coliseum, Richfield. He will drive his 1979 Ford truck.

Bulk seeds are now available for spring planting at Miller's True Value Hardware. On the Square, Plymouth. 28c

How would you do it?

"By means of adult education."

To use a phrase of your son, that's the second biggest 'turkey' ever hatched in this district. Despite every effort by the professionals, adult education classes were poorly attended, so much so that the professionals gave them up as a bad job.

"I know, yes, that's probably true. But it would be a start, even if we could get just a few in it at the beginning."

What's the key to it? "I'm sure they're embarrassed, maybe ashamed. In some cases, there is no reason for shame. There may be reason" for embarrassment. This is an unspoken, unwritten thrust of what we are trying to do here: we want to equip the child to go on without embarrassment that we can read with the child in the next seat, and we are trying to do it on an individual

basis, because we know that no two children are alike."

But it would be helpful if children who come to school for the first time that you see them, anyway, which is after a year of kindergarten in most cases, although there may be some who enter at first grade without attending kindergarten, are required to meet some standards, some higher standards? Specifically, having been read to?

She beams. It is answer enough.

And would a public preschool, a day care center, with trained personnel, be of value? She beams and nods her head. Four times.

To those who've said, and say again, that a local product needs to go away to perfect himself and then stay away because there's no opportunity for him here, Susan Lasch Redden is living proof that statement doesn't apply to everyone, all the time.



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Class of 1965 sets reunion

Plans are underway for the 20th reunion of Plymouth High school's Class of 1965.

It will be a buffet dinner June 22 in Ehet-Parcel Post 447, American Legion.

Fred J. Buzard and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rish, Shelby, are beginning to assemble addresses of their classmates and will welcome any help offered, including parents and grandparents who can furnish addresses for those who have moved away.

There were 83 in the class. The last class reunion was in 1980.

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Chargers to quit conference in 1986

Edison's resignation from the Firelands conference has been accepted and its withdrawal at the end of the next school year has been approved.

The Chargers will join the Sandusky Bay conference.

So will Oak Harbor. The two replace Fremont St. Joseph's and Tiffin Calvert High schools, which resigned to join a lesser, new conference with smaller schools.

Firelands conference is not seeking a 10th member to succeed Edison, but neither is it turning down overtures. Its management says it "will answer inquiries".

Some principals, who vote the stock of their respective schools, have said they would be perfectly happy with a nine team league, which would afford eight varsity football games in one league, rather than north and south divisions, and 16 varsity basketball games in one league, or alternatively an eight game league schedule, albeit with home-and-home meetings between each school.



Titus Miller and Mrs. Elizabeth Dorion were admitted to Willard Area hospital Mar. 18.

Mrs. Carolyn Lindsey was released at Willard Mar. 19.

Police Chief K. Frank Hodges was admitted at Willard Thursday.

Mrs. Dorion was released Friday.

David Montgomery and William Kigore were released at Willard Sunday.

Mrs. Culbert Waddles was taken to Willard Area hospital Monday at 11 a. m. by Plymouth ambulance squad.

Auditor to shut office down Fridays at 4:30

Huron county auditor will close his office for the weekend Fridays at 4:30 p. m. from and after Apr. 5, C. B. Roscoe announces.

All about town...

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne H. Strine and Ronald D. Mumea represented Plymouth Lions club at the district meeting in Sandusky over the weekend.

The Rev. A. Preston Van Deuren spent several days golfing at Myrtle Beach, S. C., with friends from Pennsylvania last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore J. Glorioso with their daughters and sons-in-law, the Jeffrey Sutters and the Rick Adamese, Shelby, were guests of their son and daughter-in-law, the Michael Gloriosos, Mansfield, Saturday for the fourth birthday anniversary of their grandson, Nathan.

Second graders in Plymouth Elementary school will present tomorrow from 10 to 11 a. m. four playlets, "The Ugly Duckling", "Three Wishes", "Wynken, Blynken and Nod", a dramatization of the poem by Eugene Field, and "The Great Blueberry Pie Robbery".

Some pupils will enact roles in the playlets, others have prepared scenery and properties.

Parents and friends are invited to see the presentations.

Augers victors for second year; Secor's second

For the second consecutive year, American Augers, Inc., coached by Mayor Dean A. Cline, also a part-time player, won the Plymouth's Men's Basketball league championship on the floor at Shiloh.

Secor, coached by Jim Clark, who's also the center, finished second.

Each team won a trophy.

Four at PJVS win places in VICA contest

Four Plymouth High school pupils enrolled in Pioneer Joint Vocational were winners in the regional Vocational and Industrial Clubs of America skills contest at Delaware Mar. 16.

These are Larry Brooks, 12th grader in cosmetology, first place, parliamentary procedure team competition; Annette Stillion, 12th grader, medical/dental assistant, first place, dental assisting; Carl Donnersbach, 12th grader, machine trades, third place, machine trades; Jennifer Rath, 12th grader in drafting, second place, industrial drafting.

Six more selected to attend 'States'

Four 11th grade girls and two male classmates have been chosen to attend Buckeye Girls' State and Buckeye Boys' State.

The boys join two classmates as delegate and alternate.

Kristina Staggs, daughter of Supt. and Mrs. Douglas Staggs, Sandra Polachek, daughter of the David Polacheks; Marla Ousley, daughter of the Franklin Ousleys, principal delegates of the auxiliary, Ehret-Parrel Post 447, American Legion, and Dianna Hudson, daughter of the William Hudsons, Shiloh, principal delegate of the auxiliary, Garrett-Riest Post 503, American Legion, Shiloh, will attend the annual assembly at Ashland college.

Alternate delegates are Karnel Edler, daughter of the Roy Edlers; Marilyn Tackett, daughter of the Oren Tackett, and Sherri Bisel, daughter of the Ralph Bises.

Michael Studer, son of the Ronald Studer, is principal delegate to Boys' State of Garrett-Riest post. Alternate is Ryan Wilson, son of the Duane Wilsons.

Kevin Taylor, son of the Michael R. Taylors, is principal delegate and Kristopher Barnthouse, son of the Donald Barnhouses, alternate delegate, of Ehret-Parrel Post.



A daughter, Erin Kathleen, their first child, weighing 8 lb., 6 1/2 ozs., was born Mar. 20 to Mr. and Mrs. John Haugh, Shellington, Pa. Mother is the former Marsha Gebert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gebert, Mrs. Dalton McDougall is the maternal grandmother. Paternal grandparents are the John Haughs, Redding, Pa.



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