

Are You Good Educational Partner to Your Child?

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EXPERIENCED TEACHERS believe that almost any child's chances of attaining scholastic success depend to a large extent on the interest shown in the child's scholastic endeavor by its parents.

There is ample evidence to indicate that when parents are good educational partners to their children, normally intelligent children are practically assured of achieving scholastic success commensurate with their ability to absorb learning. By the same token, children with higher IQs often fail to attain their scholastic potential due to parental indifference to their scholastic progress. Even children with limited intellects apparently benefit from parental concern for their scholastic success.

Significantly, it is what parents DO, rather than who or what they ARE, that tends to produce a satisfactory or unsatisfactory condition in the home for a child's success in school.

Parents may be highly educated professional people or comparatively ignorant menials; live in the "best" or "worst" section of town; drive

Here's How to Find Out...

high-priced cars or inexpensive jalopies. Such intellectual or social symbols do not guarantee that parents will be good or bad educational partners to their children. A more important gauge is the degree of interest shown by the parent in the child's school work. You may be sure that most children are well aware of parental concern--or lack of concern--for their scholastic progress and will react accordingly.

THE FOLLOWING CHECKLIST, used honestly, will give parents some clue as to their worth as educational partners to their children. Score yourself by the table at the end of the checklist.

- 1) I show interest in my child's scholastic achievement:
(Often Occasionally Very Seldom Never)
- 2) I check with the school on my child's progress and deportment:
(Often Occasionally Very Seldom Never)
- 3) I reward my child for exceptional scholastic achievement according to established standards:

(Often Occasionally Very Seldom Never)
4) I try to use good language as an example to my child:

(Often Occasionally Very Seldom Never)
5) I try to encourage my child to seek and use knowledge by providing good books and educational games and toys in the home:

(Often Occasionally Very Seldom Never)
6) I try to stimulate my child's thought processes by holding family discussions on worthwhile topics and other educational activities in the home:

(Often Occasionally Very Seldom Never)

Give yourself a score of 4 for each "Often"; 3 for each "Occasionally"; 2 for each "Very Seldom", and 1 for each "Never." Add your scores and the total will give you your rating as an educational partner to your child according to the following table:

24 to 20--Excellent
19 to 15--Good
14 to 10--Fair
9--under--Poor

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State Senate Snags Rights Bill

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Cow County Solons Expected to Weaken Assembly Measure

STUBBORN OPPOSITION to enactment of a "strong" state civil rights law was evident in the Nevada Senate this week as the Senate Judiciary Committee headed by "opponent" Warren L. "Snowy" Monroe, Elko County Democrat, mulled a moderately potent bill (AB-404) passed by an overwhelming 34-2 vote in the Assembly last week.

AB-404, which prohibits discrimination in certain areas of public accommodations and employment, is somewhat "stronger" and more comprehensive than the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964. For one thing, it prohibits discriminatory practices by employers with 15 or more employees, whereas the federal law does not apply unless there are 25 or more employees. It also calls for the award of small punitive damages in certain civil cases where the federal law does not.

Sen. Monroe was attempting to water down AB-404 to conform with the federal act, and apparently had the support of two other members of the five-man Senate Judiciary Committee--Bruce Parks, Mineral Democrat, and Carl Dodge, Churchill Republican. The other two committeemen, M. Roger Bissett, Washoe Democrat, and Walter Whitacre, Lyon Republican, are in favor of AB-404 as it was passed by the Assembly.

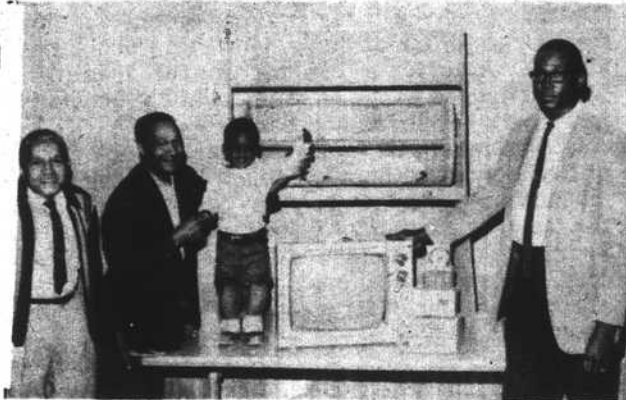
Sen. James Slattery, Storey Republican, has come out against state civil rights legislation of any kind, but a majority of the Senate seems agreeable to enacting a state law if it does not go beyond the provisions of the federal act.

The only other two Senators in the 17-member body beside Bissett and Whitacre who appear

Lighting Hearing April 7

A PUBLIC HEARING on Street Lighting Assessment District 447 will be held at Las Vegas City Hall on Wednesday, April 7, at 6 p.m. preceding the regular city commission meeting. All interested parties are urged to attend.

Roddy Picks a Winner



KAPPA RAFFLE--Las Vegas members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity conducted raffle at Doolittle Center recently for college scholarship fund to aid worthy West Las Vegas colored boys. From left are Kermit Booker Sr., local chapter head; Joe Haynes, Roderick Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Richards, who drew lucky tickets, and Hershel Williams. First prize, a Zenith TV set, went to Charles Dupee; second prize, a portable radio, to Rev. M. D. Bennett; third prize, an alarm clock, to W. O. Haynes, Chicago.

willing to vote for AB-404 as it passed the Assembly are B. Mahlon Brown, Clark Democrat, and G. F. "Casey" Fisher, White Pine Democrat.

The "swing-man" in the otherwise evenly divided upper house (eight Democrats and eight Republicans), Emerson Titlow, who was elected from Nye County as an Independent, is definitely opposed to AB-404 as it now stands despite the fact that he cast his lot with Gov. Grant Sawyer's Democratic administration in organizing the Senate.

An administration civil rights bill introduced in the Assembly with bi-partisan support during the early days of the session was scuttled due to vigorous opposition from various state civil rights organizations as being "totally inadequate." At a subsequent meeting with Southern Nevada rights leaders, Gov. Sawyer said he did not believe a stronger bill would get through the Legislature, but pledged his personal support "to anything you people feel necessary."

Bishop Dwyer At St. James

LAS VEGAS OF ALL FAITHS have been invited to meet Bishop Robert J. Dwyer of the Catholic Diocese of Reno when he visits St. James Catholic Church today, March 25, to administer Holy Confirmation. Mass will be heard at 5 p.m.

Bishop Dwyer, a dynamic speaker, has vigorously supported the civil rights movement in Nevada and only last week called for passage of a strong state civil rights law during the current session of the Legislature.

"It would be a matter of very great regret if the 1965 Legislature concluded its business without enacting a more adequate civil rights bill," the Bishop declared at a press conference in his diocese chancery office.

"This year we need an enactment that will really do something," he said. "Nevada should at least be on an equal footing with our sister states in this area of human relations. So far, our efforts have been little more than wishful thinking. What we need is a law that can really be applied to rectify social injustices."

"A century of oppression is long enough," he continued.

Library Open Full Time

FULL TIME OPERATION of the Operation Independence Library at 1165 Balzar Ave. will start tomorrow, March 26, according to Robert W. Adair, VISTA Volunteer from Tampa, Fla., who has been named librarian by project supervisor Lubertha Johnson.

The library will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday according to Adair. It is open to all members of the community and offers a wide variety of children's books and adult fiction in addition to technical works and ten sets of reference volumes ranging from the World Book Encyclopedia to illustrated children's encyclopedias.

Library cards are not necessary and anyone may check out books for one week without charge.