

Opinion

CHARACTER EDUCATION

A Moral crisis

Parents' leaders have been telling us for a number of years now that the moral crisis is the result of a moral crisis. This is especially true, they say, among young people and is evidenced by a continuing rise in violence, crime, drug and alcohol abuse, suicide, divorce, the school dropout rate and the breakdown of marriages.

Methods have suffered from this problem as much as any part of society. But now a movement is under way among a number of schools across the nation to heart character education into the classroom.

Dr. Mark E. Blum, an assistant professor of liberal studies at University of Louisville, conducted a recently published nationwide survey to determine to what extent public schools across the country are engaged in character education programs and what the goals and content of those programs are.

Dr. Blum conducted the survey from April to November of 1976 with the aid of a grant from the National Institute of Education (NIE).

Dr. Blum conducted telephone interviews with the state superintendents of schools or representatives of the superintendents — 46 states. The only state which did not take part in the survey was Arkansas, Delaware, New Mexico and New York.

Dr. Blum surprised some people that while the results questioned what they were offering or were planning to offer some type of ethical training in the classroom, although the type of training varies widely from state to state.

To be truly effective, this kind of education must be made a part of the curriculum of every school, not only with individuals. Therefore, some school districts are attempting to draw parents and even other groups and agencies from the community into providing character education.

But unfortunately, he said, these kinds of joint projects are few, primarily because Louisville considers it a difficult process.

Dr. Blum said the states he interviewed realized the need to educate students about the principles and history of the democratic system in this country in order to enable the students to compare that system with other systems of government.

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Monday morning to extinguish a blaze in a house on Race Street belonging to the northwestern section, and will erect a double garage for Carlisle. The damage was slight. Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Alexander, 61, Friday at his home in Oklahoma City, Ok. Mrs. Alexander, 61, Friday at his home in Oklahoma City, Ok. Mrs. Alexander, 61, Friday at his home in Oklahoma City, Ok.

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Political history may repeat itself and, we've got 24 months of it
By S. C. Van Curen
Two years from now, Kentuckians will be getting ready to elect a new governor. In fact, the reaction to the election of the public's attention will be a politically active as the other working class people.

OFF THE WALL
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Mercury vapors
by Warren R. Fisher
Conversion pieces
When new equipment gets together, the talk eventually gets to the letter press days and what did you do with all that old foundry type, cut, Linotype, etc.

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FFA to attend livestock show

The Nicholas County chapter of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) have decided to go to the North American Livestock show in Louisville. The group has not decided on the exact date yet, but it will be between Nov. 13 and 15.

The FFA voted on their sweethearts at the last meeting, Oct. 28. The sweethearts are Masses May Ann Harper and Liz Stewart. The sweethearts try to get a basketball tournament for the Chapter in December.

Mr. Robert Spartz, Mrs. Edna Huddeon, Mrs. W. J. Alexander, Mrs. Alma Gray, Mrs. Sarah Fryman, Mrs. Kathleen Crump, Mrs. W. J. Clark

Mr. Betty Mathers, Mrs. Mrs. Robert Crockett Jr., giftshop hooker—Photos submitted.

Misses: Mrs. Sam Curtis, Mrs. Virginia Crump, Mrs. Ann Lawton, Mrs. Mildred Ledford, Mrs. W. J. Clark

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With inflation driving upward the price of home improvement and maintenance, do-it-yourselfers are turning to their own workbooks to learn the techniques and being unfamiliar with safety rules, often results in accidents. Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), an independent, non-profit organization testing for public safety, offers the following suggestions to help in total safe working in one of the most hazardous areas of the home—the workshop.

- Never wear neckties, jewelry or loose fitting clothing with bulky pockets, buttons, or rings.
- Wear safety glasses or goggles.
- Lock your Ladder.
- Use power tools. This indicates that the design of such equipment has been tested, and found to meet recognized safety requirements.
- Keep workbench free of litter and nails, etc.
- Store all combustible fluids such as solvents, thinners, etc. outdoors or in a low fire probability location. Store oily rags in enclosed metal containers.
- Dispose of oily rags soon and frequently.
- Keep a fully-charged U.L. Listed fire extinguisher handy for flammable liquid and electrical fires.
- Keep hands away from moving saw blades, drill bits, router cutters, etc.
- Use safety blocks to push wood work pieces the last few inches past the blades of an electric bench saw.
- Never remove the guards from tools—they are there to protect you. Follow the instruction manual for their use.
- Electrical supply cords of all power tools should terminate in a 3-pin grounding plug, which should be connected to a terminal receptacle. Make certain that the ground terminal is really grounded, a qualified electrician can determine this. When necessary, receptacles should be provided for two-pin plugs, and the green-wire pigtail of the adapter securely fastened to the center screw supporting the receptacle cover. Again, make certain that the receptacle box is properly grounded.
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