

MATERNITY DRESS PATTERNS

Mothers-to-be who do their own sewing are happy to learn that pattern companies have come to their rescue. Not only are there patterns for maternity dresses but for slips, housecoats and gowns. Mrs. Norine Bennett of Michigan State College textile clothing department suggests planning dresses with the center of interest at the neckline. Above the waist trimmings and bright contrasts are good.

Honor Birthday Of Nancy Lou Banfield

Nancy Lou Banfield was two years old Sunday, December 9. Attending her birthday dinner at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Banfield of 31219 Grand River, were Mrs. Kate Banfield, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Kahri, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Banfield and son Donnie, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Banfield and son Gerry and her two sisters, Toni and Diana, and brother Jimmy.

Not Overlooked

Civil Defense Directors who do not have a complete set of MOCID informational letters should not feel that they have been overlooked. In answer to several inquiries the State Office points out that occasionally an Informational Letter is designed for limited circulation. For example, Letter No. 58, covering the routing through Michigan of the Civil Defense rescue truck (laid out by FCDA in Washington), was sent only to the directors of communities which the truck was scheduled to visit.

Children Do Not Grow At Same Rate, U-M Professor Asserts

Don't expect all children of the same age to reach the same level of growth, Prof. Willard C. Olson of the University of Michigan School of Education warns. Parents and teachers need to understand that the child's level and rate of growth are just as important as his individually when it comes to accounting for the different ways in which he will measure up to their expectations.

Recent extensive case studies carried on at the University by Professor Olson and Prof. Byron Hughes cast light on the growth patterns of children along with their social relations and emotional life.

Some children meet the expectations of their parents and teachers easily while others of the same age become confused, worried, unsuccessful, disturbed and resentful, the educator said. He pointed out that this dilemma is not always well understood by parents and sometimes is not allowed for by teachers.

Professor Olson emphasized that a child's emotions and social adjustments have important relationships to his rate and pattern of growth. In general, Professor Olson stated that the slow-growing child seems to receive a greater impact of things which are detrimental to his social and emotional state. This arises from the conflicts between what he can give and what is expected from him by those about him. The process starts very

Alerts Civilian Defense

How well the State Civil Defense system is prepared to operate on a non-practice test was demonstrated recently when ground observers spotted an unidentified military plane in the Upper Peninsula area. A confidential yellow alert went out to Civil Defense personnel throughout the state and hundreds of ground observers followed and reported the flight of the plane to the filter center at Grand Rapids. On determining that the aircraft was a Canadian two-motored plane which had lost its way in a heavy snow storm and was forced to land at Iron Mountains, the yellow alert was turned back to white and the all-clear was sounded.

early with the child before he ever comes to school, and is often rubbed in further by parents who unwisely emphasize the differences among children, Olson declared. He urged that parents and teachers should have tolerance of differences and should be willing to take each child at the stage of development he has arrived at and help him grow in a direction which is socially desirable. "Assuming that the best guarantee of a normal maturity will be a normal immaturity," he said, "there should be freedom throughout from expecting too much too soon."

Great Need For Adult Education Expansion

"A great and boundless need exists for the expansion of services in the area of informal non-degree adult education," Dr. David D. Henry, president of Wayne University, told a general session of the Association of University Evening Colleges at the Book Cadillac Hotel recently.

"The need is boundless," he said, "because formal schooling covers but a fraction of what each person should know. The world is changing and therefore each person is in a continuing struggle to keep up to date, and adults themselves change in their needs, their attitudes, and their capacities."

Dr. Henry identified television, geriatrics, and meeting the demands of national defense as three areas where adult education with college and university resources should be expanded.

"Television should not be regarded as an educational luxury," he stated. "It is an instrument of education for thousands, where before we have been dealing with hundreds."

Under education in "near wartime," Dr. Henry pointed out that colleges and universities can serve to enlarge public understanding of present international issues, give employee training for national defense production, and help greatly in civil defense.

Give what you have. To some one it may be better than you think.

To Open Porcupine Mountains Ski Center

Formal winter opening of the Porcupine Mountains ski center near Ontonagon, Michigan, is slated for December 15, announces Knox Jamison, conservation department park manager.

Snow permitting, the beginner, intermediate and two expert trails will be ready for first winter public use. Expert trails have a 600-foot vertical drop. New, longer rope tows will be in service as well as a warming shelter with a snack bar and ski repair and first aid rooms. State prisoners are responsible for much of the work in developing the upper peninsula park as a ski center.

Jamison says accommodations are available at Silver City and Ontonagon, and that one of the railroads will run a special ski train into the area from Chicago and Milwaukee for a three-day stay December 30, 31 and January 1.

With first big use possible last season, park rangers counted 8,200 skiers and spectators.

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