

A Letter... ... To My Son

By Tom Rische

High School Teacher and Youth Worker

Dear Bruce,

Sooner or later, you'll have to face the fact that you're "TK"—teacher's kid. That may cause you some problems, but in case anybody asks why the old man's a teacher, here are some reasons:

As I drive into the gas station, the attendant says, "Hi, Mr. Rische," and tells that although he dropped out of school since he was in my class, he's going back.

At the hardware store, a former student tells me of his plans to be a lawyer.

In the grocery store, a young mother pushing a baby buggy somewhat wistfully tells me how life has been with her since she dropped out of school—and my class.

On the street, a former student waves her diamond about as she introduces me to her fiancée.

A letter from a former student in Viet Nam brings me a first-hand report of the fighting there. to report that he's "tuned in, turned on, and to report that he's s'tuned in, turned on, and dropped out," and wants to know what I think of that.

A number of former students stop by to seek praise for their successes or perhaps help with their problems. Some tell me that I helped shape their careers; I hope I steered them right. As a teacher, I have, frequently been successful; sometimes, however, I have missed the boat. I console myself with the idea that nobody is perfect.

I think teaching is a worthwhile occupation—a a great many occupations today.

I find kids more reasonable than adults, and far more open-minded.

I believe strongly that education is the greatest single contributor to the standard of living we have today; certainly it has contributed the know-how that has enabled a nation with seven per cent of the world's land and people to produce nearly 50 per cent of its wealth.

I agree with H. G. Wells: "Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe."

Your dad

Church Class Attracts 100

The Summer Enrichment Program of the Gardena Christian School opened its second week with an enrollment of more than 100 students. The program will continue through Aug. 25. Enrollment is still open to children ages 4½ through 12 years.

Featured in the program is a variety of activities including films, field trips, swimming, arts and crafts, academic help and story telling.

Chamber President Names Nine New Area Directors

Larry Bowman, newly elected president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, to points eight members to represent the various areas of Torrance for one year on the board of directors. Bowman also appointed six new directors were:

Don McGrath, vice president and plant manager of Aeronca Manufacturing Corp.; Alan Smith, president of Smith Brothers Indian Village; Robert H. Vroman, vice president of Pacific Smelting Co., to serve a three-year term as a director.

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investigator of the State Alcohol Beverage Control Department; A. L. Holiday, manager of Dow Chemical Co.; Ellis D. Blankenship, owner of King's Liquor, Inc.; Scott Robinson, owner of Scott Robinson Pontiac, Inc.; and Robert L. Reis, manager of the Plush Horse Inn.

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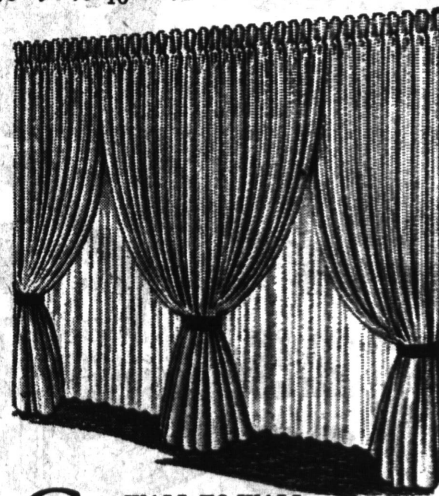
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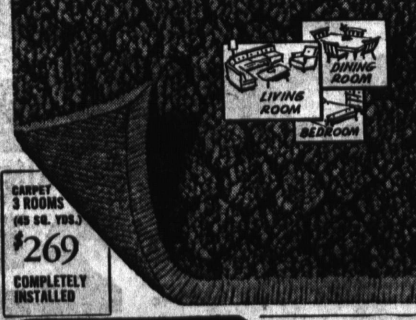
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