

# "Teenagers Must Come To Grips With Life"

How is life to be lived? That is the big question, says Father John Murphy, OMI, teacher at Fermin Lasuen High School.

"Teenagers must come to grips with it and it's up to parents and educators to provide a straight answer."

How about the duty of parents in this regard? Does it end on that glorious morning when the child is ushered out the door of the home and into the classroom? Father Murphy's answer is an unqualified "No." Parents are bound to avail themselves of their right to choose, according to their consciences, the form of education which the child will receive. Then, having enrolled the child in school, they are bound to watch over his progress. And, adds Father Murphy, they are bound in a most special way to give the child the best of all lessons—that of good example.

"If teenagers are apathetic, shirk responsibility, lack idealistic goals, are lazy and tend to run with the herd, they were that way before

ever setting foot inside a school. They were that way at home where the example and discipline were both wanting," Father Murphy states.

The school, he believes, is an extension of the home not a substitute for it. And the school is not, he says emphatically, a glorified baby sitting service. Are teenagers expected to act like mature adults? Of course not! "Children don't come ready made," Father Murphy points out, "and this is where the teacher is important. The Christian educator, with the parents, has the responsibility of directing and developing the energies of the youths confided to his care."

What, exactly is the role of the educator? Until the arrival of John Dewey and his disciples it was clear cut. All American schools had the stated objective of educating individuals in an inherited and enlarging body of learning with solidly established values in ethics, law and culture. With the advent of Dewey, who admitted that his group of social planners did not know why they were doing what they did or where they were going, a radical change took place.

"Instead of modifying teaching methods, which would have been fine, the Deweyites went deeper, revolted against established values and ended tradition," says the Lasuen priest. The Dewey fallacy proposes that because civilization and society varies from time to time the mature and objectives of education must similarly change. Father Murphy takes strong exception.

Techniques vary but basic concepts and objectives of

education remain constant just as man's superficial needs vary but human nature remains the same," he insists.

Father Murphy is convinced that if Christian education is to provide a workable answer it must seek a complete and harmonious development of all the faculties distinctive of man and it must absolutely embrace intellectual, moral, personal, social secular, and religious elements.



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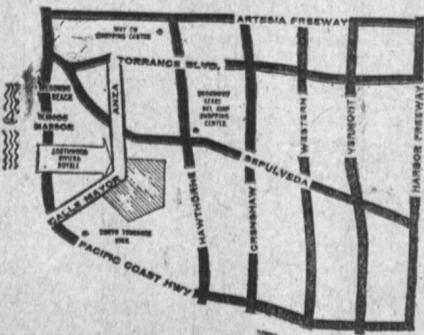
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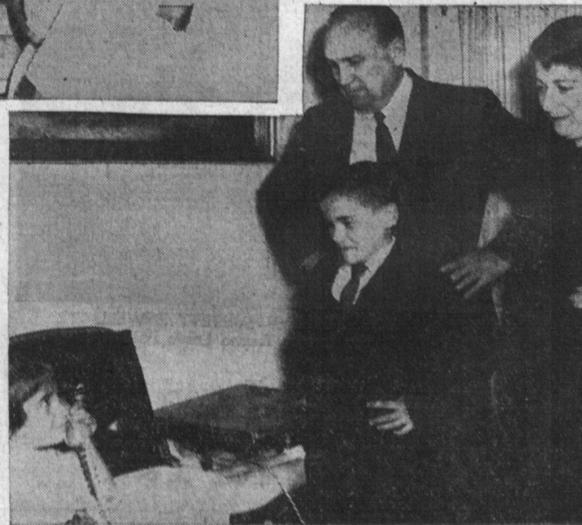
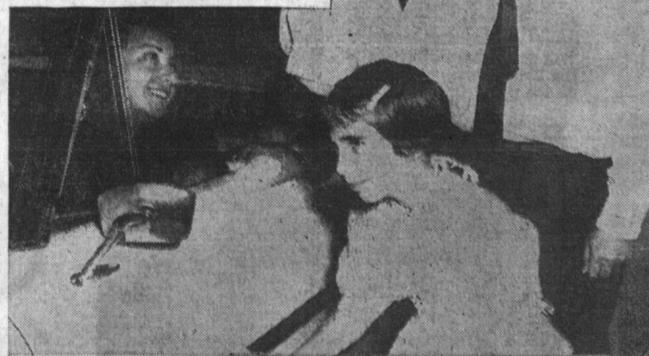
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