

Lagniappe

Parents Must Learn
'Proper Discipline'

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JUVENILE JUDGE Leo Blessing in his article, "But, Judge, What IS Proper Discipline?" in the current issue of Reader's Digest, tells of the ten suggestions he frequently makes. They are:

1. Invite your child's confidences; don't demand them. Privacy is the right of every human being, of whatever age.
2. Avoid comparing your children. Every child needs to feel that what he is is good and important. Many never do.
3. Set a proper example for your children to follow.
4. Let parent groups help you establish reasonable guidelines for your children.
5. Try to see your child as others see him. Some parents want to see their children without blemish.
6. Don't be a buddy to your children—be a parent. A child grows by sharing experiences and ideas with boys and girls his own age, by competing with equals rather than with a parent who is inevitably more skilled and mature.
7. Act together and consistently. By this I mean first that mother and father should agree on discipline, that they should decide together what rules will be followed and how infractions will be treated.
8. Apply discipline only to correct a child, not to punish him. Discipline should be firm and just, but tempered with mercy.
9. Let your child find his own level. Pressuring children to do more than they are capable of can make them hostile, defiant, frustrated, guilty, rebellious.
10. Encourage your child to pursue his own ambitions. A child's ambitions and hopes are his alone. It doesn't matter what his parents' dreams may be.

The above, of course, just touches sketchily on the article which all parents should find useful in rearing their young.

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CONGRESSMAN EDDIE HEBERT and Don Heumann, the florist, were making the turn at Lee Circle and gandered the long line queueing up in front of John Mecom's office to buy football tickets for Sunday's Saints-Rams game. Third from the end of line they spotted a familiar face, U.S. Attorney Louis LaCour.

Later, Eddie kidded Louis about his place in the line. "I was buying dollar end-zone seats for my four kids," the attorney explained. "It's cheaper than hiring a baby-sitter."

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POTPOURRI—Love, apparently, is blooming in Joan Tolhurst's public relations office of the United Fund; Bill

Boigt gifted Diane Donovan several dozen daisies on her birthday; and Phyllis Palestina and her fiance, Jimmy Monteleone, have circled Dec. 2 for an altar-date . . . Young John Watson's enrollment at LSUNO the other day marks a 16-month fight to regain mobility following critical injuries sustained when a car struck him and knocked him 50 feet while walking on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge; he was unconscious two months . . . Speaking of school, Ruth Harris accompanied her 11-year-old son, Parker Jr., to Gulf Coast Military Academy in Mississippi City where he'll be away from home for the first time, said she's never seen so many mothers and children with tears streaming down their faces over parting . . . Aren't a couple of local shipping agencies merging or being taken over quietly by New York firms because of financial difficulties?

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HITHER AND YON—District Attorney Jim Garrison, plus wife, and author Mark ("Rush to Judgment") Lane relaxing in the Touche bar of the Royal Orleans where "Big Jim" solo'd his favorite number, "You're the Cream in My Coffee" to Armand Hug's accompaniment on the piano . . . Yvonne and Bill Rouchell, the Top of the Mart manager, in Mexico for the uproarious celebration of Mexican Independence Day . . . Lilah Ellis back in activity with a new hair-do at the Symphony board meeting . . . The Leonard Thompsons (he owns the famous Blackpool Beach in England) sandwiching in a visit with Marguerite and Harry Batt twixt Expo 67 and Disneyland. (The Batts, incidentally, have postponed a planned trip to Hong Kong because of

Herman Deutsch is on vacaton. His column will be resumed upon his return.

the possibility of bombs under their beds.) . . . Waveland's perennial politico and tavern keeper, Bea Georgi, mending from gall bladder surgery.

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SHOW BIZ—George Rhode III, Gridiron Club prez, is high on this year's satirical roasting of politicians in the annual Press Club show; warns tickets are going fast for the event upcoming Oct. 13 in the Jung's Grand ballroom . . . A couple of New Orleans trumpeters will be featured in college homecomings this football season: Louis Armstrong will play for Kent State U's "Homecoming Dance," Oct. 21, in Kent, Ohio; Al Hirt is billed for concert for the same date but at the University of Wyoming's "Mardi Gras Homecoming in Laramie. (Ex-Orleanian Ed Fricke, now publications editor at Kent U, writes: "Kent is considering a Mardi Gras Homecoming for next year and perhaps they'll try to bring in both Hirt and Pete Fountain.)