

Education Students Learn Teaching Methods, Ideas

Clay, string, cloth, wire and paper transform into vehicles for teaching primary graders language arts, history, geography and health in an Art Education Course at Texas A&M.

More than 200 puppets, animals, pictures and flowers have been constructed by 23 members of Mrs. Sue Loew's course in the Department of Education and Psychology.

Totem poles, Indian looms, papier-maches of Batman, the three bears and other animals, pictures, funny faces on paper plates and brightly-colored flowers form a kaleidoscopic display on the fourth floor of the Academic Building.

"The items are put to various uses in primary school teaching," explained Dr. William H. Graves Jr., assistant education professor. "Children are allowed creative expression through them and teachers coordinate teaching of language arts, social studies such as history, geography, economics and health and some science with the objects."

Mrs. Loew, Bryan Public Schools art director, teaches Education 355 on summer assignment. The class roster includes elementary education majors at A&M, in-service teachers learning new techniques and principals. Class members come from as far away as Iran, where Mrs.

Ola Martin teaches.

Two hours a day of the four-week summer session course are spent constructing the teaching aids. Each of the 23 students uses any material handy to turn ideas into four or five objects. Two and three dimensional art projects are included in exams.

"Various media are utilized," Mrs. Loew said. "The possibilities of each are explored in separate classes." Materials used include paper, cardboard, cloth, wire, cotton balls, yarn, clay, hardware, thread, tile, paint and paper plates.

Pictures are produced by finger, string and other methods of painting. Potatoes and carrots cut in patterns are dipped in paint and stamped on paper to make pictures.

Young children's seemingly aimless scribbling excite the teachers because of symbolism portrayed.

"In the elementary classroom some projects are of group nature," Mrs. Loew noted. "Papier-mache art requires a number of children several hours. In this way, they learn to get along together and share materials."

The course, to become a regular department offering, instructs art theory and practical work as it relates to child development and functional areas of elementary education.



CONSTRUCTION SITE

Education 355 members use varied materials to build primary grade instructional art. Edwina Brewer of Bryan's Ben Milam Elementary, Texas A&M student Beverly Arnold and Harriet Smith, teacher at Sul Ross in Bryan, left to right seated, make crepe paper flowers with art instructor Mrs. Sue Loew and education professor Dr. William Graves, standing, watching.

Student Inks Popular Songs

A Texas A&M journalism student is making his mark early with the pen.

Mark McNeel, of Houston, hammers out lyrics for rock 'n roll songs rather than deathless prose. A writer of songs for eight years, he broke into the paying bracket last week.

The 22-year old junior sold 14 songs to United Record Distributing Company. One of his efforts, "Baby, Not Now," was sung by a popular Houston group Saturday on Channel 13. "C. L. and the Pictures" christened the song on the Larry Kane Show.

With his younger brother, Kent, Mark has penned 50 songs. Mark just writes. Kent strums along on a guitar.



KNEBEL HONORED

Dr. Earl Knebel, left, of the Texas A&M Department of Agricultural Education, receives the 20-year tenure award of the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association from the organization's president, M. S. Hammack. The award was presented in recognition of the dedicated service rendered to vocational agriculture.



THEY HADN'T FORGOTTEN, AFTER ALL

Ten-year-old Wesley Wild, who was afraid his friends might have forgotten him while he was hospitalized for four months for corrective surgery, bows his head as he returns home to a warm welcome by neighborhood youngsters at Kekoskee, Wis. Wesley's legs were crippled by polio when he was a baby. (AP Wirephoto)

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