

Parents of the Year

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from her husband's graduation a few weeks later.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower spoke at the graduation.

"He made us feel so proud," she said. "He was our national hero."

After Hubert graduated with a degree in veterinary medicine, he and Goldie stayed in College Station. Hubert taught in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Looking back on those days, Hubert said he recalls being proud of graduating from such a fine University. He said he proved to himself that dreams can become reality if you work at them. His advice for students today is the same as the advice he has given his children for years.

"The world is full of opportunities, but it is easy to cry and put your hands out for the opportunities to come to you," he said. "They may not."

"You must see an opportunity and go after it. It is your key that will open doors to the future. I'm living proof that if you want something bad enough, like I wanted to play college ball, you'll get it if you work hard."

"And if you don't get it, it is not meant to be. With the help of the good Lord, I made the team but not the pros. It wasn't meant to be, because maybe it would have spoiled me."

Hubert encourages students to work hard, because he believes hard work makes a person strong, he said.

He also said he believes in the power of prayer and attends mass every morning.

He said he goes by the old saying that the family that prays together, stays together, as his family has.

Both he and Goldie recommend that students having problems in school try to work them out.

"Even if school gets hard you need to stick to it, because it is the most memorable part of your life and you won't realize this until you get out," he said.

"It's not all fun and games, but you can make the grades and have fun."

Hubert practices veterinary medicine in Kingsville at Hubert Veterinary Hospital and works on his ranch. Once a year, he donates time and service to provide health care to the Parsons Mounted Cavalry. He also coaches a little league team in his spare time.

"We farm a little and run cattle, and I practice veterinary medicine in an effort to repay the small national debt we have incurred putting our children through school," he said and then laughed. "I'm proud they all have done well in school. That was my only requirement for them."

The Hubert's nine children met their parents' requirement. Four are lawyers, one is a veterinarian and four are teachers.

Mrs. Hubert is involved in the Kingsville A&M Mother's Club.

"Doc's mother was a charter member," she said. "I followed her footsteps and have been a member as long as our children have attended the University."

Every other year, Mrs. Hubert hosts a "tasting party" at their ranch. She said mothers from the club get together to exchange recipes and bake cookies to send to students at A&M.

"Some of the best cooks in the country are found in South Texas," she said with a hint of pride in her voice. "Each of us brings a food dish and a recipe, which is included in the Texas A&M Recipe Book."

Mrs. Hubert has been a church organist for 25 years. She says she enjoys the music and plays regularly at a local church and also at weddings and funerals of all faiths.

"I enjoy helping others," she said. She said that by lending a hand where a hand is needed, she is helping to do her part to strengthen the local community.

As a member of the Foundation Board of Kleberg Memorial Hospital, she helps to raise money for nursing scholarships in South Texas.

She also was appointed by the county judge to the Juvenile Court Advisory Board and the Kingsville

Historical Commission.

Mrs. Hubert teaches music to elementary school students at St. Gertrude's Catholic School in Riviera, and attends school herself at Texas A&I. She says she is excited that A&I may soon be part of the A&M system.

"It is ironic that I, too, may graduate from A&M like the children have," she said.

Mrs. Hubert takes pride in A&M. "A&M is an extension of the family," she said. "As Parents of the Year, we plan on doing all we can for all Aggies."

Mr. Hubert says he wants students at A&M to realize all that A&M has to offer.

"I love all the traditions and all Aggies," he said. "The traditions bond everyone together like love bonds a family."

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