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"Our Young Teachers Write Home"

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Dr. Allen

Tonight we invite you to chat with us about a group of young people who have dedicated themselves to the service of teaching. When these young people took their jobs they hardly recognized the far reach of their influence. The full realization of their responsibility, as it were, came to them unawares. The intermediate and the high school pupils were the ones who made these young teachers feel their importance and their responsibility. Of course, these teachers have had real professional training which well fitted them for their tasks. These aspiring young teachers who thrilled the youngsters, and then in turn were thrilled by these youngsters, were university seniors less than one year ago tonight.

Miss Dunkel, I understand that you have received several letters from your former students of last year who are now in their first teaching positions. Weren't you terribly proud of these expressions of responsibility coming from these teachers whom you trained so recently?

Miss Dunkel

Dr. Allen, I am proud and pleased with the reports that have been coming in from our majors who have just matriculated into their lives as teachers. And I've taken the liberty of bringing letters from these girls so you and our radio audience can enjoy them, too. Now, I'm not reading these just for the sake of gossip, but because they have left me with some ideas for reflection. They hold a message of deep importance not only for us who are training teachers in physical education, but also for the parents of youngsters who pass under the teaching and influence of these teachers.

Now here is the first letter from Ruth Baker. You remember Ruth Baker started her university career as a mathematics major and later changed to physical education. She holds a position in the Salina high school this year. The whole tone of her letter is ecstatic. Here are a few lines from it: "When I heard the football broadcast I felt that I'd like to be back in K.U. - but no, I'm too well pleased here in Salina. If all the other graduates of last spring are one-half as happy as I, they are really enjoying themselves." . . . Then after describing her classes, she mentions, "Of course there's some work connected with our profession - I find the physical education teacher is chief 'game-getter' for all and any school organization picnic or party. Also I've found that every child who gets a bruise, scratch, broken bone or a case of illness is