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SUNDAY SELLERS

What are you selling? Furniture? Car? Clothing? Locate buyers with a result-getting classified ad in Sunday's Journal. Phone CA 5511. Ad takers are on duty until 10 p. m.

Ruth Barnett Again Put Under Arrest

a shared philosophy about abortion. Also, he wanted to retire someday, and it would be natural to leave the business in her hands. Ruth followed his suggestion, and, since study was easy for her, was soon finishing the courses necessary toward earning her license.

A mill of her own . . .

Dr. Watts was not the only abortionist in the building. Two others, Dr. Edgar Stewart, a long-time abortionist, and Dr. Maude Van Alstyne, a stocky woman of about sixty, occupied a small suite of offices down the hall. A month before graduation, Ruth heard of Van Alstyne's decision to retire and, bursting with confidence, she decided to make an offer to buy the clinic.

Van Alstyne was willing to sell to Ruth for the right price. She didn't want to sell to a man, she confided, as she did not trust male abortionists. Ruth offered her a two thousand-dollar down payment with the rest to be paid in installments, and the bid was accepted. She borrowed money from her receptionist and Dr. Watts, and the balance came out of her savings, so desperately did she want this clinic.

Finally, as ironic as it seems that she would be concerned about a legal issue when committing illegal abortions, she began to work to resolve another dilemma: she did not yet have her license. While killing babies was no more legal than before, the license gave the appearance that her offices operated "by the book."

Ruth Barnett went to Dr. Watts again for help. *Would he perform the abortions for her until she got her license?* His offices were only down the hall from Van Alstyne's, and she could send her clients to him to do the actual procedure. He complied and a jubilant Ruth signed the papers and handed Van Alstyne the money.

Not long after, Watts also began to talk of wanting to retire from his Portland practice. A man from Los Angeles, Reg Rankin, had persuaded Watts to come and work for him. Rankin owned several abortion mills in Los Angeles which were very busy. He proposed to open up a chain of mills across the country. He also approached Ruth with an offer to come down to L.A. and work for him because he had heard she had such a *"fine touch,"* but she refused. She claimed not to like him because he was a *"glib talker and too money-oriented,"* but in reality, Ruth was on her way to make a fortune for herself.

A much older, larger, and elaborate clinic owned by Dr. Edgar Stewart occupied the floor above Ruth's, and was regarded as the cream of the abortion crop on the West Coast. Ruth Barnett and Dr. Stewart were friendly, and she claimed there was no competitive spirit since there was plenty of work for both of them. *"I loved it,"* she rhapsodized with a fairy-tale outlook on all of the human misery she was involved in during those years at her first clinic. *"I was young and healthy. I liked the income, naturally, but most of all, I liked what I was doing. In spite of my patients tears and anguish, I toiled in a happy climate, because here, in my surgery, came the end of tears and anguish."*

After Watts was established in L.A., Ruth went to visit him, where she described the client load as "staggering." The Rankin plan for establishing a chain of abortion mills was progressing famously. A number of abortionists had been trained, and other branches were being opened in other cities. Rankin again offered Ruth a place at one of his mills, but she considered running her own clinic too lucrative an experience to be given up lightly.

The Rankin clinics overlooked nothing in the way of confidentiality (to protect themselves) and for the convenience of payment by the client, they even opened a loan office. Ten years later, during the early 1940's, the Fed's cracked down. They had made too much money and were vulnerable on too many points, so the IRS moved in and closed them. Rankin, Dr. Watts, and a number of others were sent to San Quentin where Watts died not long after his arrival. At his graveside, Dr. Ruth says she felt a presentiment that she too would soon become a victim of what she called, *"unreasoning prejudice."*

Back at her clinic, Ruth had to build up her own clientele. She charged according to a sliding scale depending on how far along the client was, and assessed her fees more generously for the rich. It was strictly a cash business. She balanced income against overhead daily, and too much charity would not pay her operating costs. Even her own daughter, as a school-child, figured tightly into her budget. During her childhood years, Margaret Barnett was known as "Buck-A-Day Annie" because she would drop in at her mother's mill each day after school and be given money to go off and amuse herself somewhere, usually at a show.

Where it all began . . .

The first abortionist in Portland was a Dr. Littlefield who began his practice in 1890 in an office above a hardware store on Front Street His practice was continued by Dr. Edgar Stewart, who Ruth Barnett stated, brought "distinction" to it. Heretofore, his reputation as a legitimate doctor had made him accessible to female clients willing to succumb to the temptation to be rid of an unwanted child. The abortion trade begun by Littlefield and continued by Stewart went on completely undisturbed for over sixty years.

Dr. Stewart was an associate of Dr. Watts who had taught Stewart his specialized tech-

Gregg Harris's

Home School Favorites

MINI CATALOG

The multiplication of new home-school materials has made the process of choosing curricula seem far more complicated. Though new products are always welcome, too many choices can create the fear of picking the "wrong" curricula. That's why I have worked hard to keep my line simple, narrowing it down to just the one or two best available selections in each category and then offering a 30-day period for you to make the final decision. All these materials are voted the best in their class – selected and found effective by experienced Christian home-schooling families. Some items are brand new. Others are classics. Either way, I guarantee your satisfaction. Here are our current favorites.

In Christ's service,

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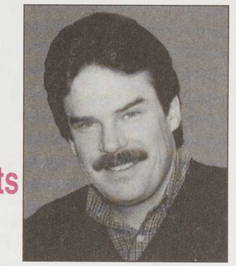
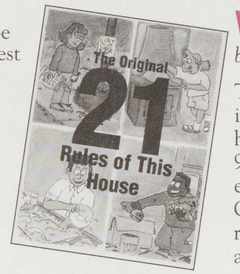


Wonder Working Child Training Curricula

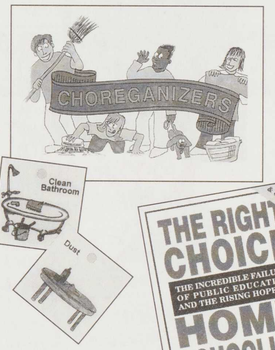
The Original 21 Rules of This House



Sure, kids will be kids. But kids have to learn how to be well-behaved members of their own families. The biggest problem often lies with *parents* who swing from one mood to another so that the rules never stay the same. With *The Original 21 Rules of This House*, you will be able to stick to a reasonable standard, and say the same things day after day. The reproducible coloring book, individual rule posters and laminated (jelly-proof) master list work together to help everyone, of all ages, obey the house rules.

Item #1041–$11.00 **Special $9.95**

Choreganizers™



Where is the work ethic of years gone by? It's alive and well with *Choreganizers*. This system organizes household chores with cards hung neatly on individual *ChoreCharts*. *Mom Money* is issued for good attitudes toward work, and once a week, *The Chore Store* opens with an inventory of wholesome treats to buy. *Choreganizers* works amazingly well with children ages 3 to 13.

Item #1725–$17.00 **Special $14.95**

Uncommon Courtesy For Kids

Young gentlemen and little ladies don't just spring out of nowhere. Children have to be trained. Now, using the same format that works so well with the *21 Rules*, we take on the challenge of teaching 56 rules of proper etiquette. You'll be amazed at how much your children learn as each poster goes onto the refrigerator. The laminated placemat lists all 56 rules, and the reproducible coloring book illustrations are funny but effective.

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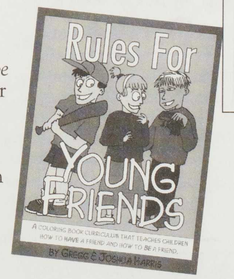
Rules for Young Friends



It's not easy to have a friend, or for that matter, to *be* a friend. Friends can do either harm or good to your character. But Christ died to save our friends, too. With a few basic rules, boundaries can be set that keep each friendship on the right track. With this third in the series of *Rule Kits*, we coach children on how to be a good influence on the neighborhood without becoming "companions of fools."

Item #1036–$11.00 **Special $9.95**

Home Schooling Workshop Tape Sets

by Gregg Harris

The eight sessions recorded in each of these tape sets have helped launch and maintain the dedication of over 90,000 families in home schooling. We receive letters every week from those who made their decision in Gregg's Basic Workshop and others who found the resolve to continue in his Advanced Workshop. If you are new to home schooling, or if you are getting weary of it, don't wait for the workshop to come to your area. Order the tapes and listen. It's amazing what God can do through the simple truths presented here.

Basic Tapes Item #1497–$39.95 **Special $34.95**
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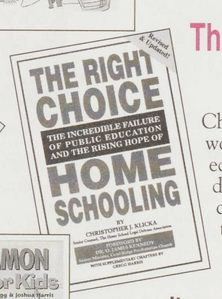
The Right Choice: Home Schooling

by Chris Klicka

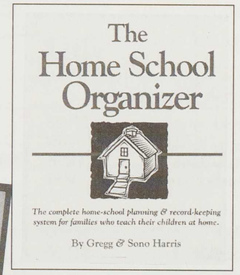


This book has become the standard bearer of the Christian home-schooling movement around the world. Easy to read, hard hitting, well documented, thorough, logical– these are the terms that describe the strengths of *The Right Choice*. If you could read only one book on home schooling, this would be the one. Supplemental chapters by Gregg Harris, and foreword by D. James Kennedy make this book complete.

Item #1493–$13.00 **Special $11.95**

The Home School Organizer

by Sono Harris



There are a lot of details to keep track of in home schooling. Lesson plans have to be roughed out, resources have to be listed, records have to be kept– not just for legal purposes. They help you become more effective as a teacher. *The Home School Organizer* provides all the reproducible materials and tab sections you need to get organized and stay organized. The *organizer* won the award for its category from *Practical Home Schooling Magazine*.

Item #1033–$34.95 **Special $28.95**