

# OUR CHILDREN'S VOICE

## Retarded Children

## Can Be Helped!

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### Twelfth Annual Dinner-Dance Approaches



Representatives of four Boroughs on Dinner Committee -- left to right -- seated, Mrs. Sidney Rosenthal, Brooklyn, Mrs. Cyril Weinberg, Manhattan, -- standing, Mrs. Sigmund Harris, Queens, Mrs. Max W. Schachter, Bronx.

It's almost here -- the Twelfth Annual Dinner-Dance scheduled for May 20th, in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Astor. And it really will be "bigger and better" than ever.

Your favorite and mine, John Wingate, who served with such remarkable success last year as Master of Ceremonies, has agreed to act as MC again this year.

Dr. Arthur W. Pense, Deputy Commissioner, State Department of Mental Hygiene and Jay Jackson, the famous radio and TV personality who sparked "Christmas for Kids," (a movement that has channeled gifts

from the "man who has everything" to the children who need so much, the retarded,) will be honored with plaques. There will be a gourmet dinner, fine music and dancing later.

The Dinner-Dance is the last get-together of the entire membership. It's the time and place to meet friends you've wanted to see all winter but didn't get around to. You also have an opportunity to make new friends, and estimate the progress that AHRC has made during the past year.

The Dinner-Dance and photographs of the distaff members



John Wingate, Master of Ceremonies, with Dr. Zuckerman at 1960 Dinner.

of the Dinner Committee, have been publicized in the society columns of the New York Times, New York Post, Daily News, Journal American, and many other metropolitan newspapers.

That the event will be a social success is a foregone conclusion. It's financial success depends on the members. Extra Dinner books are available at the central office, or from your Borough Chairman.

### AHRC Parent Education Courses

Doing what comes naturally is not the way to bring up a retarded child! RETARDED CHILDREN CAN BE HELPED -- by interested parents using techniques evolved by experts in retardation! Help Your Child -- Help Yourself -- Enroll in one or more AHRC Parent Education courses beginning in October.

THESE ARE NEW COURSES COVERING EVERY AGE AND LEVEL:

- A - From infancy to school age
- B - From school age to seventeen
- C - Young adult
- D - The Role of the Parent in the Education of the Child

Assisting the eminent educators who will conduct the courses will be experts in each phase of parent guidance and child development.

THESE COURSES WILL BE OFFERED ONLY IN THE FALL OF 1961.

Make your reservation NOW! Write to Mrs. Betty Pendler, c/o AHRC, 200 Park Ave., So. New York 3, New York.

### Manhattan-Bronx Bazaar 1961 Bigger And Better Than Ever

The 1961 version of that great institution, the Manhattan-Bronx Bazaar, was "colossal", and "Greater than Ever" to borrow a few superlatives from Hollywood.

To name a few of the items that were stocked on the tables -- laces, bolts of material, groceries, dairy products, stationery including pens, paper, and gadgets, and Contact. CLOTHES that were donated comprised dresses, blouses, skirts, slacks, Bermuda shorts, children's dresses, bathing suits.



Crowds buying jewelry at Manhattan-Bronx Bazaar.



Sy Weinberg checking on sales at Bazaar.

Incredible as it may seem, the entire operation was prepared in three weeks. Volunteers worked daily from 9 to 5 (in a donated loft) collecting, collating and packing the merchandise that was trucked in free, also as a courtesy to one of our members.

The Committee extends its



Sy Weinberg marking and sizing merchandise for Bazaar.

gratitude on behalf of AHRC to the devoted, indefatigable members and friends from the Bronx and Manhattan who made the event possible, and the trainees from the Occupation Day Center and Sheltered Workshop. Thanks to them the only expense was the rental of the Ballroom. Everything else, including food for the volunteers, was donated.

### Millions of Viewers Ask About Retardation

Dr. Zuckerman appeared as a member of the panel on the Betty Furness show, "At Your Beck And Call," Monday, March 20th, over Channel 12 from 1 to 2:30 P.M.

The viewers had been told on the broadcast the Friday before that Dr. Zuckerman would be there Monday, and invited to send in questions in advance. When he arrived at the Newark studio the Executive Director was greeted with a sheaf of questions that had already been received, mainly from Jersey listeners, not AHRC members.

In addition to Dr. Zuckerman, the panel included Dr. Gustave Gilbert, the prison psychologist at Nuremberg who had written "Nuremberg Diary;" a milliner and a tax expert, Miss Furness, looking as lovely as when she starred in the movies, introduced

her guests, and a group of volunteers from the League of Women Voters of Lakewood, N.J., who were manning the phones that were visible behind the panel. Betty Furness proved to be a model panel moderator. She handled the questioning with graciousness and sympathy.

The quality of the questions came as a pleasant shock even though Dr. Zuckerman had been warned that the audience for this show had given evidence of being highly literate and intelligent.

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
approves P.S. 95, lower Manhattan, as first school for Educable retardates, ages 17-21. Opens this Fall!

## OUR CHILDREN'S VOICE

ASSOCIATION FOR THE HELP OF RETARDED CHILDREN, Inc. New York City Chapter. Executive Director - Dr. George Zuckerman.

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Mildred Stagg -- Editor;

## Editorial

May 20th is close at hand, and we're looking forward to greeting all of you at the Twelfth Annual Dinner-Dance at the Hotel Astor. You may feel, and rightly, that you've sold all the dinner tickets and advertisements that you possibly can. Your table has been reserved. Arrangements have been made to sit with your special friends. Clothes have been selected. Some members have already made their appointments for the big event at the beauty parlor or barber.

But we're going to ask you for an extra effort, the one that carries a winner over the finish line. 1960 was not a good year for AHRC financially, although it was a great year in every other way. The recession took its toll from our revenues while our operating expenses continued to rise as we started one project and expanded others.

To make this dinner-dance the success it must be, every individual who is concerned with retarded children must look into his heart and explore his mind to see if he may have overlooked a possible source of additional revenue.

If you've disposed of your dinner books weeks ago, send for just one more. That one more, for which you do not request a dinner place, may be just the amount needed to maintain the status quo - or even allow room for enlargement of AHRC services. If you've canvassed the stores in your immediate neighborhood for ads, won't you venture a bit farther afield and bring in one extra ad for the Dinner Journal?

AHRC is you - you are AHRC. Everything you do to help when revenues are down and expenses up will benefit those who mean the most to you - the retarded.

## Renews Grant

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Morris J. Solomon Sunshine Fund has contributed for many years to the support of the Morris J. Solomon Clinic in Brooklyn Jewish Hospital. This clinic, one of the first ever inaugurated for diagnosis, therapy and treatment of mental retardation, was begun with funds donated by the group.

These dedicated women maintain close liaison with the Clinic. When a need for additional funds for research arose, the Ladies Auxiliary began making an annual grant for this purpose in addition to their year round support for the Clinic.

## Gertrude Vos Children's Fund

The Gertrude Vos Children's Fund memorializes a nurse who devoted her life to sick children. When an untimely death deprived these children of her services, her family and a few close friends vowed to keep right on helping sick and handicapped children in her name. Mrs. Sarah Vos, her mother, and her dear friend, Mrs. Birdie Hass, organized the Gertrude Vos Children's Fund fourteen years ago. The group now comprises one hundred humanitarians who give of their time, dedicate their efforts, and open their generous hearts to the children whom Miss Vos loved so dearly.

During the Presidency of Mrs. Carl Wolff, herself the mother of three children, the Gertrude Vos Children's Fund is planning to celebrate its Fourteenth Anniversary. Evelyn Wolff has been a member for many years. Originally she sought help for her own handicapped daughter, Debby. Finding it she also found the way and the will to help all handicapped children, particularly the retarded. Although the Fund originally raised funds for several projects such as an old age home and an orphan's home, most of its monies are devoted to helping retarded children. Mrs. Rebecca Noble was responsible for converting the group into one that is concerned mainly with the retarded.

Among the AHRC projects that receive generous and substantial contributions from the Fund, is the Flower-Fifth Avenue Hospital Clinic for the Retarded. Another major effort goes into providing one as an extra added project.

Other charitable endeavors of the group include participation in the Christmas party given annually by the AHRC Bronx classes.

## Tribute to Rhoda



Rhoda Isaacson, a trainee at the Training Center and Sheltered Workshop, deserves an especially respected place in the minds of those who truly believe in the AHRC slogan, "Retarded Children Can Be Helped." Because Rhoda has carried this statement a step farther. She has worked selflessly for many months to prove that "RETARDED CHILDREN CAN HELP THEMSELVES!"

Whenever you meet Rhoda you can't help noticing two things. She's wearing a happy smile - and carrying a heavy bag. The smile is due to a project that she began some time ago and is still continuing on her own. The bag contains the materials for this business.

Lipsticks, perfume atomizers, travel kits, compacts, pin cushions - dozens of small items on which the outlay is small and the profit likewise - comprise Rhoda's stock in trade. The items are always in good taste and useful. Rhoda goes around among her friends (including the entire staff at the main office) her co-workers, and neighbors with her bag full of little objects.

This may sound like a trifling business. Perhaps it is in comparison to industry. But when you realize that Rhoda raised \$300 through these efforts and contributed every cent to AHRC, it's big! Only a stout heart and lots of leg work could sell enough merchandise to realize a profit of \$300. We're sure there were many things Rhoda would have liked to buy for herself, or members of her family,

retardates who might never otherwise see the green of growing things, or participate in group activities leading to the development of socialization. These are known as the Anna Schaeffer Camp Scholarships.



Mrs. Carl Wolff, President

But the Gertrude Vos Children's Fund is not content to meet only its pledged contributions although they include the sending of ten to fourteen youngsters to residential camps this summer. The members are seeking an ever broader role in the ever widening scope of the AHRC.

After learning that the new quarters for the Training Center and Sheltered Workshop lacked a public address system, the Gertrude Vos Children's Fund took on the task of supplying one as an extra added project.

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## 150 Guests Gather at Gramercy Park Hotel

Sunday afternoon, Feb. 19th, was a belated Valentine from AHRC to the fifty-plus organizations that contribute materially to its budget. Mrs. Walter E. Kraus, Donor Chairman, arranged the party this year as she did last. The fame of the last Donor Party preceded this one and brought even a larger turnout of representatives of groups who work tirelessly the year round that AHRC may continue and expand its efforts in behalf of retarded children in the greater New York area.

To prove that our hearts belong to these wonderful people, each guest was given a gay, heart shaped corsage, made by the trainees at the Occupation Day Center under the careful scrutiny of its Chairman, Mrs. Stanley Geismar. The table filled with these gay ornaments itself was a welcoming note. But it was reinforced strongly by a delegation of outstanding AHRC workers including our Borough Chairmen, Mesdames Cyril Weinberg, Betty Pendlar, Sidney Rosenthal, Max Schachter, Thomas Harris, and Lester Travers representing Hostess Anne Kraus.

The Party was distinguished by the presence of two guests of honor - Senator William Conklin, a member of the Board of Directors, and M'sieu Jean Michel, a radio personality from Station WNEW. There is no need to describe the Senator, members

things that her labor gave her every right to purchase.

More power and heartfelt gratitude to this young girl who derives more happiness from helping other handicapped youngsters than from satisfying her own desires.

## Dr. Zuckerman's Column

Some of you may be interested in what your Executive Director is doing when he isn't a d m i n i s t r i n g the daily affairs of AHRC, the main office, projects and services. Following are a few leaves I've picked from my diary, covering a six weeks' period:

Mar. 1 - Broadcast over WNYC Radio on AHRC.

3 - Speech in honor of Dr. Krugman, Assoc. Superintendent, Division of Child Welfare.

4 - Emil Pedagogical Fraternity Meeting.

7 - Conducted Dr. Martin MacCavitt, Executive Director, United Cerebral Palsey, through the Workshop and Occupation Day Center.

8 - Conducted the Chairman of the Commerce & Industry Comm. through the Workshop Conference with Division Vocational Rehabilitation Representatives Dr. Abramson, Miss Martin, Dr. Rockower.

16 - Speech - AHRC Richmond Borough Unit.

17 - Workshop meeting with Dr. Abramson and Dr. Rockower, of Division Vocational Rehabilitation.

20 - Telecast, Betty Furness Show, Channel 13.

21 - Speech, Cunningham League, United Cerebral Palsey, Queens Center.

23 - Conference with Miss Miele, American Panorama Exhibit, Inc.

24 - Cocktail Party for visiting members of Board of NARC.

29 - Conferred with Dr. Krugman, Board of Education, concerning 17-21 schools for edubables.

30 - Meeting with Miss Miele, American Panorama Exhibit, Inc. and Judge Kennedy, New York Foundation for Research and Development Ret. Ch.

Apr. 5 - Conference with Mrs. Guggenheim, National Comm. for Day Care.

11 - Attended meeting of Professional Advisory Council, National United Cerebral Palsey.

17 - Meeting with Dr. Wortis, Brooklyn Jewish Hospital, about Advisory Board of AHRC.

19 - Speech celebrating 10th Anniversary of the Rugby School.

22 - Grand Street Boy's Luncheon, Outstanding Teacher's Award.

are aware of his genuine warmth and oratorical gifts. But M'sieu Michel surprised everyone by relating how he became interested in helping retarded children in impeccable English with an enchanting accent. When he first came to this country he stayed with a friend who had a retarded son. The visitor became so attached to the child that he helped care for him and developed an abiding interest in retardation and retarded

Dr. Zuckerman and President Hirsch backed up Mrs. Kraus in her gracious welcome to the guests. Then they were treated to a rare privilege. Mrs. Stanley Geismar narrated a motion picture made at the Occupation Day Center. If a single picture is worth a thousand words, a motion picture should be good for millions. Without the narration by one who knows the subject thoroughly, however, the film might lack the enormous impact it had at the party.

DINNER TICKET BOOKS ST

## Bronx

APRIL MEETING was "Triple Feature Night". . . Miss Irene Eckstein, Supervisor of Classes for AHRC pilot classes, narrated a film that was made at the Queens classes. . . Unless you see this film it is impossible to realize the wonderful progress that our children can make when we give them the opportunity. . .

The same night the Bronx had a White Elephant Sale under the capable management of Mrs. Rose DiFabio and Phil Freed. . . Mrs. DiFabio, Chairman of the White Elephant Sale, expressed her appreciation for the devotion of Bronxites in this way, "Heartfelt thanks to our Borough Chairman and Co-Chairman, Tom Harris and Mrs. Sylvia Schachter, parents and friends, for your generous donations. . . members like you make it a pleasure to work for our AHRC, the organization that helps those who can't help themselves. . ."

The last event of the evening was one that has been eagerly awaited since first the members glimpsed the beautiful mosaic tile reproduction of the "Crucifixion," by Rouault, created by Mack Ross of Parkchester and donated to the Bronx Division of AHRC, to help us in fund raising. . . The Bronx Division extends its thanks to Mr. Ross not only for contributing the mosaic but helping to sell tickets to his many neighbors and friends. . . the mosaic tile reproduction, handsomely framed and illuminated, is valued at \$1000. . . when the excitement died down it was learned that a Bronx member, Mrs. Teresa Harris, held the winning ticket, #1561. . . to the surprise of no one and the delight of everyone the magnificent artifact will have a worthy permanent home. . . Mrs. Harris has donated it to St. Domonec, Convent, Blauvelt, New York. . .

## Manhattan

FEBRUARY brought us Dr. Morrison Levbart of Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital. . . Dr. Levbart spoke on the "New Frontier" with emphasis on prevention. . . he stated that 40 to 50 percent of the cases of retardation can be prevented. . . Pediatric techniques call for an examination at birth, . . . and no excessive use of oxygen especially for premature infants. . . Dr. Levbart reiterated what we all know, namely that the term Mongolian Idiot is a misnomer because children with mongolism range from I.Q. 20 to 90. . . He also spoke of techniques for saving hydrocephalics, who were doomed until two years ago. . .

APRIL brought us Meyer Schreiber, Director of Group Work for AHRC, who spoke on "Have You Prepared Your Children For Community Living?" a topic of importance to every parent. . .

MAY MEETING: On May 24, Dr. B. McLeech, Director of Young Adult Adjustment Center, speaks on the "Parents' Role in the Guidance Process. . . A question and answer period follows. . . The center services adult retardates, and stresses parent counseling and "adjustment" for the retarded young adult. . .

A JELLY BEAN GUESSING CONTEST was won by Phyllis Maltse, Theo Lavender, Wm. Prochaska, Jimmy Goldsmith, and Francie Shuliner who came closest to the 265 jelly beans in the jar. . . "Lucky Coffee Cup" winners continue to receive beautiful prizes donated by Mrs. Joyce Neumann, Mrs. Sidney Lesser and Mrs. Stanley Geismar. . . WARM WELCOME TO NEW

MAY MEETING: Mrs. Gloria Herman, the capable Program Chairman who has brought the Bronx a consistently exciting, informative program all during her tenure of office, planned an unusually enjoyable evening for the May 3 meeting. . . "Stars of the Bronx," a play presented by Recreation Groups I and II of the Bronx was given at this Borough meeting. . .

COMING EVENTS: A "Fabulous June Festival" is now in preparation. . . it's all strictly hush-hush for now, but you'll learn the time and place shortly. . . so play along and we'll all be surprised together. . .

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES: to Mr. and Mrs. Max W. Schacter, who now answer to the title of "Grandparents". . . to Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Schachter, yclept "Parents", and the bouncing baby boy named "Jeffrey Todd Schachter". . .

TINY TOTS PROGRAM: Mrs. Thelma Kottek has generously and capably undertaken to find some solution to the needs of very young retardates for group play and recreation. . . assisting her mother is lovely Alice Kottek, while young Russell Kottek acts as host, greeting each child and making him feel at home. . .

a structured program of song, stories, games and refreshments brings a day of therapeutic enjoyment for the children. . . the mothers whose children participated, feel an abiding sense of gratitude to Mrs. Kottek, who has given lavishly and unselfishly of her time and energies so that the littlest of our children may also learn the joys of companionship and recreation. . . may this program grow and prosper so that many more Tiny Tots may partake of these deserved pleasures. . .

## Brooklyn

MEETINGS: The February Meeting had a screening of a double feature, a film taken at the pilot classes and a film of the Occupation Day Center, with narration by George Greene for the classes and Mrs. Stanley Geismar for the ODC. . . films and narration were terrific. . . they afforded genuine audio-visual information about these projects. . .

THE FUN GROUP AND TEEN GROUP meet Saturday mornings at the Brooklyn War Memorial Building. . . it's wonderful to watch our children learning and playing simultaneously. . .

THE SWIMMING GROUP meets on Sunday mornings at the Brownsville Boy's Club. . . Joe Raze leads the sport and everyone has a gay time. . . The fun of swimming isn't restricted to our children. . . take a tip from new members Mr. and Mrs. Kalisch who bring their daughter, Rhonda, to the Brownsville Boys Club on Sunday for swimming. . . Mr. Kalisch and his son play ball, then swim while Mama has a ball watching her busy happy family. . . Sunday can be a family fun day. . . Ed Weinberg is looking for a handball partner. . .

SCOUTING NEWS: On March 12th Boy Scout Troop and Pack 529 BSA, held its Annual Scouting Luncheon at the Cultural Center of Brighton Beach. . . Proceeds buy handicraft material and other equipment needed for the proper functioning of a scouting unit. . . part of the funds is earmarked to rent cabins for weekend hikes for the boys this summer. . . AHRC representatives on the dais were Mrs. Sidney Rosenthal and Ed Weinberg. . . The first overnight

## BOROUGH NEWS

MEMBERS: Mr. and Mrs. Herman E. Kurland, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bujan, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney E. Lesser, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney S. Haber, Mr. William Prochaska, Jr., Mrs. Martha Luttinger, Mrs. Secolsky, Dr. John F. Fish. . .

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY TO: Mrs. Henrietta Smith and Mrs. Estelle Weinberg, St. Patrick's Day Babies; Sidney Neighbors, Mar. 24; Thea Laverne, April 13; Frances Karmiol and George Nissel, April 29. . . ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS: Mr. and Mrs. Karmiol, April 5; Mr. and Mrs. Armand Havas, May 31. . .

SIGNS OF SPRING: spring means flowers and growth and GREEN, particularly to AHRC through Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith, Manhattan members who own a speciality shop. . . they were so impressed with the corsages made by trainees at the ODC that they displayed them, sold them, and turned the green stuff, money, over to AHRC

MUSIC LESSONS: Music has always been excellent therapy for our children. . . Mrs. Rose Schiffman's son, Michael, is taking piano lessons and doing very nicely thanks to an understanding capable teacher. . . the name of the teacher is available by calling Mrs. Schiffman, SA 2-5644, between 8 and 9 P.M. . .

More about PARENT EDUCATION COURSES: Mrs. Betty Pendler, Chairman, is eager for more volunteers to serve on her committee, so far Mmes. Anne Kraus, Ester Ashkenas and Dona Joselow have volunteered. . .

## Queens

The MARCH Meeting on the 16th was a real fun fest. . . after a short business session we held our White Elephant Sale. . . there were dozens of doo-dads, knick-knacks, what-do-you-call-'ems, and thingumabobs. . . even if Auctioneers Herb Armstrong and William Levine couldn't identify the item, they kept the bidding lively and the laughs coming. . . after the usual coffee and cake get-together, the receipts were counted and Queens was \$145.75 richer while closets, attics and basements had enjoyed a good spring cleanout. . .

On APRIL 18, the meeting struck a more sober educational note. . . Dr. Viola Weigand, noted teacher, psychologist and neurologist, spoke on "Neurologically Impaired Retarded Children," a subject of interest to many of our members. . .

CONGRATULATIONS: To Mr. and Mrs. Alfred A. Newton, a pink bundle of joy, Carla Julia De Cohen, making them proud grandparents. . .

SCOUTING NEWS: Girl Scout Troop 9-50 had a series of service projects during the year. . . The girls made tray favors for the patients at Creedmore for Thanksgiving, and lovely baskets for the Creedmore students for Easter. . . during the Easter vacation the troop planned a bus trip to Staten Island culminating in an old fashioned hayride. . . now the scouts are working hard to earn a Good Grooming Badge and they expect to finish it by June. . . both troops, the one in Cambria Heights and the one in Laurelton have openings for new scouts. . .

hike takes place on May 27, at Crystal Run Camp, Middle-town, N.Y., with Irving Issacs as host. . . Hike #2 starts June 24, Alpine Boy Scout Camp, Alpine, N.J. . . Greetings to new Scouts Salvatore Lo Grossi, Joseph De Gortier, Robert Sackhoff, Martin Wacksman and Stephan Sterling. . . News courtesy of Vincent J. Carubia, Cubmaster. . .

BOWLING AND DANCE GROUPS are also having fun while increasing skills. . . Teens and adults bowl on Tuesday afternoons and evenings. . .

RUMMAGE SALE COMING UP: Mrs. Irwin A. Safier, Chairman of the Rummage Sale, will take care of pickups if you write to her, care of the main office. . .

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gitter on the engagement of their son, Michael, to lovely red haired Dorothy Goldstein, who will be graduated in June by C.C.N.Y. . .

Stuart Mont, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mont, is also accepting congratulations on his engagement. . .

A Warm Welcome Awaits New Members: Morris Amsel, Louis Berman, Bernice Buts, Thomas Casey, Kathleen Carboy, Mrs. Dym, Howard Dessel, Carmen Diaz, Jack Gabinsky, Harry Krantz, Evelyn Levine, Anne Lubitz, Robert Lawson, Vincent Nastro, Seymour Mintz, Lawrence Paduano, Ann Perry, Helen Rosenblum, John Skiba, Ralph Shearer, Sidney Safirstein, Gloria Bland, Edward Rich, Minna Rosenfeld. . . We're hoping to see you often. . .

PICNIC TIME AGAIN: The annual Brooklyn picnic will be held at Kaufman Picnic Grounds on Staten Island. . . the facility boasts a swimming pool and all kinds of recreational equipment. . . bring the family and meet your friends. . . Chairmen are Moe Nebb and Betty Carubia. . .

WANTED: YOUR TRADING STAMPS - Please start saving your trading stamps. . . the Brooklyn Division uses them to obtain handsome raffle prizes for the big Bazaar in November. . . Send them along to Ed Weinberg, 196 Atkins Avenue, Bklyn. 8, N.Y. . .

Girl Scout Troop 4-5 from Holy Child Parish in Richmond Hill, Queens, has been making educational toys. . . The girls presented the toys to the children in the AHRC pilot classes and to students in Letchworth Village. . . the scouts deserve being called GOOD SCOUTS for this generous service project. . .

Not to overlook the Boy Scouts, Troop #322 held its Seventh Charter Night last March 31. . . Scoutmaster Andrew Paul and his committee have worked assiduously and they have done a wonderful job for their troop. . . boy scouts and their fathers will have an exciting overnight trip to Camp Alpine the weekend of April 22. . .

More Scouting Notes: A new Boy Scout Troop has been formed. . . the boys meet in Flushing, with Scoutmaster Ralph Sloman. . . the troop has openings for a few more boys. . . anyone who is interested can contact Paul Westerkamp, Bayside 4-4636. . . AHRC CHILDREN ATTEND CIRCUS: Wirth Circus - Island Garden, on Hempstead Turnpike in West Hempstead, played host on April 8 to seventy-five retarded children from the Queens Division. . . the youngsters were taken on a tour of the menagerie, then occupied reserved seats for the thrilling performance which included all the animal acts, clowns and aerialists so dear to every child's heart. . .

AVAILABLE--SEND TODAY

**Letters To The Editor**

## To the Editor:

I have just completed reading the New York City Chapters "Our Children's Voice." Frankly, I was rather impressed by this issue and found it extremely newsworthy. It maintained my interest throughout and gave me much information about the progress of the organization.

I am sure that all of us interested in the progress of the mentally retarded child and the Associations that work in their behalf are grateful to you for the job you have done.

Congratulations and my best wishes.

Louis E. Rosenzweig  
Department of Education  
Brooklyn College  
Brooklyn 10, New York

Dear Mildred,

Just a little thank you for the publicity which you released on our Barn Dance.

Many people commented and were surprised to see our affair announced in the Sunday Mirror and the N.Y. Post. I was also told it was announced on radio.

Our affair was a huge success and it was a thrilling sight to see our retarded children mingle with the others and participate in the games and dances. There were many expressions of surprise from the parents of normal children and tears in the eyes of our parents, when they saw the children and adults joining together having such a wonderful time.

We had such good reports and so many requests for another Family Fun Nite and Barn Dance, and I, myself, enjoyed it so, we are already thinking of another such function.

Once again my sincere thanks and a big "thank-you" from the Barn Dance Committee.

Sincerely,

Theresa Harris

To the Editor:

This check is the amount we collected for retarded children. We ran a fair for the neighborhood children.

We hope this contribution will help you with your work.

Yours truly,  
Judy Shapiro (age 10)  
Charles Richter (age 9)  
Jane Askus (age 9)  
Nina Sacker (age 9)  
Ellen Gaine (age 9)

**Mrs. Evelyn Wolf, President of the Gertrude Vos Society, presents check to President George G. Hirsch.**



## Executive Director on WNYC Dr. Zuckerman Interviewed on Work of Association

On March 1st, at 10:30 A.M. our Dr. Zuckerman was interviewed by Tony Rousseau, of the staff of radio station WNYC. The 15-minute interview proved so interesting that the engineer, John Price, allowed it to continue 20 seconds beyond cut-off time. He kept repeating to your editor in the control room, "I didn't know the retarded could do that!"

"That" was one of many disclosures about the potentialities of the retarded that Dr. Zuckerman made during the broadcast. He described the AHRC, how it was formed, and how it is run and supported. Then he launched into a description of the Training Center and Sheltered Workshop in response to a question from Mr. Rousseau. The statistics on the degree of financial independence that can be achieved by many retardates after Workshop training are remarkable; but Dr. Zuckerman preferred to personalize the development of a young adult by saying "Do you know - it's a wonderful thing to watch the progress of these young men."

"I'm thinking of one in particular. We'll call him Fred. I called for a messenger some time ago and Fred was sent to my office. When I asked him if he knew how to get to 5th Ave. and 30th St. he looked at me in terror and shook his head, no. But he took the package, nevertheless.

"Naturally, I called to find out if the package had arrived, and when I found that it had, I checked the Workshop to be sure Fred had returned safely. The next time Fred went on an errand for me he didn't say "no" although he was plainly frightened. But I just wish you could see him today."

"Got any errands for me, Dr. Zuckerman?" he asks as he bounces into my office confidently. It's exciting to see for yourself how productive work can instill self respect and confidence in a retarded young adult - who probably had never done a useful thing in his life before he came to the Workshop."

### Barn Dance Kitchen Committee:



*left to right - Mmes. Eileen Sundheimer, Rose Kennedy, Theresa Harris, Eva Frankel, Theresa Zestar.*

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Actually there were questions that had to be screened because they were medical in nature, or had a religious aspect; but of the dozens that were received before and during the telecast - NOT A SINGLE UNINTELLIGENT QUESTION WAS ASKED!

The universality of retardation was proven again as Dr. Zuckerman was preparing to leave the studio. One of the telephone volunteers hurried over to him to ask his advice about a school to which she contemplated sending her child. Miss Furness and the producer, Allan Lawrence, told Dr. Zuckerman that they too

## Billy Greets Rocky



*left to right - Mrs. William T. Conklin, Governor Rockefeller, Senator William T. Conklin and Billy Conklin.*

Senator William T. Conklin, a member of the AHRC Board of Directors, is famous in Albany as an eloquent spokesman for retarded children. But he introduced Governor Rockefeller to an even better pleader for the cause in the person of young Billy Conklin, his son, who attends the Occupation Day Center.

When the Governor met Billy, he could see for himself a personification of the hopes and dreams of the parents who founded AHRC. Years of dedicated zeal have created a type of training

and an Occupation Center where young retardates make progress daily toward their goal of self-care, self-help, and self-sufficiency. Recently Billy took a giant stride by learning to travel about.

It was a proud day for everyone when Billy met the Governor - for his parents, for the Governor and - for every parent of a retarded child who stands a little bit taller thanks to Billy Conklin and the Governor of New York State.

## CRMD Class Publishes Newspaper

Special Class #119, Wm. J. Morrison J.H.S. 73, has been publishing a monthly magazine called "Highlites." It's most attractive, has charming drawings, unusual lettering, and informative stories and items.

The April issue featured puzzles, riddles, gossip items, and stories of genuine interest to the students, their families, and friends of retarded youngsters who never tire of receiving evidence of the real progress retardates can make when given intelligent guidance and specialized training. Obviously the Principal, Samuel G. Gilbert, is proud of "his" special class. He has invited the CRMD students to participate in all assemblies in the school, and has arranged for their teacher, Murray Fried, to provide them with special shop work, health education, and special art and music.

had learned something about retardation.

## AHRC Poet Honored by Congress

David Gimbel, a longtime devoted member of AHRC who writes a poem every year for the Dinner Journal is a prophet for the amelioration of retardation who has received many honors in his lifetime.

Recently Congressman Fogerty inserted one of his poems in the Congressional Record, a publication which has printed several other Gimbel efforts submitted by Congressmen.

## Handicapped Placements Fall

Handicapped placements for all types of handicapped people fell during 1960 according to the National Rehabilitation Association. Placements were 23,000 nationally behind 1959, the lowest for the past 5 years except for 1958.

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