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## WORKSHOP ANNUAL PARTY

Pre-Christmas Celebration Veritable Feast



(Photo by Mildred Stage)

Workshop Committee presents gifts to Joshua students

The December 24th Party at the Training Center and Sheltered Workshop was a smash hit. Attendance was close to 100% of the trainee enrollment, and there were guests galore including former trainees, volunteers, the families and friends of trainees, and personnel from the main office.

When Mrs. Ruth Blumenthal, Mrs. Florence Schaffer and your editor arrived, bearing a long play, rock and roll record as their contribution to the festivities, they were given places in an assembly line of workers turning out dagwoods filled with the handsomest, most nose tickling cold cuts, this side of Isaac Gelliss. The line was manned by the staff of the Workshop. Supervisory personnel tasted each batch of cold cuts as carefully as they test industrial products—but with far more gusto.

Lunch was served at beautifully

decorated tables with tablecloths and plates already in place. The hundreds of sandwiches disappeared as fast as snow on the sidewalk over a subway. Cases of soft drinks, platters of cookies, and delicious hot coffee were served efficiently and graciously by pretty trainees.

In spite of the full attendance, there was a minimum of noise. The young trainees and their guests behaved as handsomely as they looked.

Among the rightfully proud participants were Mrs. Blair who serves so faithfully as a volunteer. Her beaming smile flashed constantly as the trainees came over to greet her.

Mrs. Joyce Cohen and Mrs. Gerda Corwin, also volunteers, contributed to the gay spirit of the party. Representing the families of the Workshop staff were Dr. Dubrow's wife and son, Mr. Rudner's wife, daughter and governess, Mrs. Jerry Nitzberg and two sons, and Mrs. Jack Tobias.

In addition to the social groups which have been operating for several years, Brooklyn now has a weekly lounge from 3:30 to 5 P.M. Sundays, at the YMCA, 55 Hanson Place. In addition, there is a Saturday evening lounge in Brooklyn. The Bronx has a monthly Saturday evening lounge at Bronx House.

Social Activities Director Jack Rubenstein has been trying unsuccessfully to develop a gym group from members of the groups. Parents who are interested in having their young adult offspring participate in supervised physical training should write to Mr. Rubenstein at the main office for details.

The National Council of Jewish Women, Flushing Evening Branch, is sponsoring a four session dance course for local members. If successful the course will be extended. Manhattan has started a monthly lounge program in the AHRC Occupation Day Center at 5th St.

One of the most exciting developments in the social activities department is the organization of a membership council composed of young adults. First came an all-day picnic followed by the very successful Au-

## Autumn Ball Premieres

First Four-Borough Young Adult Ball Held Nov. 14th

The premiere of the Four-Borough Autumn Ball on November 14th at the West Side YMCA, 5 West 63rd St., was a spectacular success. Ninety-three young adults attended and enjoyed a full program of entertainment from nine P.M. to midnight.

It is significant that the entire gala evening was planned and executed by the Young Adult Council of AHRC, and represented a series of firsts. This was the first event in the Young Adult Council's efforts to inaugurate a city-wide program, and the first such affair sponsored by the Council.

The young men and women took part in vigorous square dancing as well as social dancing; and the entertainment lasted a full forty-five minutes. A singing group was on the program, a Rhythm Band from Manhattan, a pianist from Flushing, a dance team from the Bronx, and two comedians, one from Manhattan, the other from Flushing. The Borough Divisions were well represented and the young people were proud of the talent shown by their friends and co-members of the various young adult recreation groups.

A dance contest was open to all, then refreshments were served courtesy of the Bronx group while coffee and cake were contributed by the Brooklyn division.

The gay seasonal decorations were handled independently by the Young Adult Council. The group is now busy planning an even more successful event to follow. The New York Times included a story on the Autumn Ball in its society column.

## Tickets for Ben-Hur on Sale

The "Ben-Hur" Movie party, March 31st, is not confined to Manhattanites. At \$3.00 and \$4.00 a ticket, (\$1.00 going to AHRC) you can have a wonderful evening and help retarded children at the same time. For tickets write to Mrs. Laura Lesser, 430 E. 20th St., New York City.

## FLASH!!!

The Board of Education of the City of New York plans to open classes for 17-22 year old retardates in Sept., 1960!

Plans are also being worked out for classes for the 5-7 age group as soon as possible.

## PEARL PARTY

Mrs. Owen Cheatham, Women's Division Chairman, Plans Fete

Mrs. Owen Cheatham, Chairman of the Women's Division, is planning a Pearl Party on February 9th at the Hotel Plaza. The affair will have the magnificence of the precious stone which lends its name to the event.

The performance will feature Asiatic scenes in keeping with the pearl theme. Two stage settings will serve as background for a parade of "Dynasty" fashions created from Eastern fabrics featured at Lord & Taylor. Mr. Douglas Edwards, noted news com-

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(Photo by Will Weinberg)

Chairman Mrs. Owen Cheatham and Honorary Chairman, Mrs. Melvin E. Dawley, show masses of pearls lent by the Cultured Pearl Association of America.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITY GROUPS

Winter Season A Busy One For AHRC Social Groups

At the present time 150 young adults are participating in Young Adult Groups and lounges throughout the city. There are seven social groups functioning. All are non-sectarian as is every AHRC project. Three are in the Bronx, three in Queens, one in Manhattan and three in Brooklyn. Only two Brooklyn groups are meeting currently because of a reshuffle in club membership. Two groups have been merged, and the third, a new one, is already meeting regularly at the High School for Homemaking, 901 Classon Avenue.

The Bronx group meets at the Bronx 'Y', Queens at Temple Beth Israel, and Brooklyn members are meeting at the Brooklyn YMCA.

In the Bronx a new goal has been reached for the first time in the history of our young adult activities, the group will be administered wholly by the Bronx YMHA. This means that members suggested by AHRC become full fledged members of the 'Y'. The YMHA is hiring and supervising the leader, and members may use all facilities of the club.

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## CALM CY WEINBERG IN MIDST OF BAZAAR BUSTLE



Bronx-Manhattan Bazaar broke all records with net receipts of over \$5200. Bazaar Chairman Cyril Weinberg not only stocked the Bazaar almost single-handed, but he took charge of marking the merchandise and supervising the sales all during the two days that the event lasted.

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## EDITORIAL

Your dinner committee, headed by Leo Jacobs, has formulated plans for this year's event at the Hotel Astor, May 21st.

The possessive "your" was chosen advisedly because this is unique among fund raising affairs. No single Borough Division can carry the ball for this giant effort. It is up to you, every AHRC member in good standing, to contribute your time, effort and "heart" to put over this eleventh annual dinner-dance.

Every year you sell raffle books and advertising, and solicit contributions and gifts. Every year the total rises until you must ask yourself—where can I find new ways to raise money for the dinner? Well, there may not be new ways of raising money but AHRC is always confronted with new ways to spend it—ways that provide retarded children with a better, more meaningful way of life.

To maintain our current projects; Training Center and Sheltered Workshop, schools, classes, social groups, camping program, parent education and guidance, and the pioneer project started in 1959, our Occupation Day Center, you must step up your efforts for the dinner. By selling just one extra raffle book or ad, you can help to mark another milestone in the path of progress for 1960.

But only you can see that AHRC meets its goal. With all the good will in the world no one outside of AHRC has as large or as personal a stake in this fight for rights for the retarded as you, the parent or friend of a retardate. Don't let him down.

## Executive Director Honored by Educators

Dr. George Zuckerman Given Testimonial Dinner by Former Colleagues

Dr. George Zuckerman, Executive Director of AHRC, will be honored with a testimonial dinner at the Belmont Plaza on Monday evening, February 29th. The dinner marks his retirement after 39 years of devoted service to the children of New York City. For AHRC members it marks continuation and expansion of his tireless efforts on behalf of retarded children, a concern that characterized the conduct of his office while he served as Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

AHRC President George G. Hirsch will sit on the dais as guest of honor of the committee which has many friends and benefactors of retarded children on its roster. A partial list includes such personages as Dr. James E. Allen, Professor Chris De Prospro, Dr. Benjamin Fine, Dr. Elena Gall, George G. Hirsch, President of AHRC, Dr. William Jansen, Hon. Nathaniel Kaplan, Dr. Katherine D. Lynch, Professor Louis Rosenzweig, Dr. Elkan Snyder, Dr. John J. Theobald, Joseph T. Weingold, N. Y. State Executive Director of AHRC.

## The Bessie S. Mandelbaum League

(Editorial note: "Our Children's Voice" plans to introduce its readers to one Donor Group in each issue. The Donors will be chosen according to alphabetical order.)

The Bessie S. Mandelbaum League was founded in April 30, 1957 in honor of the late Mrs. Charles Mandelbaum. Mrs. Mandelbaum had always been interested in helping handicapped children; and her family and friends determined to carry on her work after her death in 1956. The League's theme is "Aid to Handicapped Children." According to Mrs. Herman D. Brand, President of the organization, a mentally retarded child is handicapped fully as much as one whose handicap is physical.

The Bessie S. Mandelbaum League meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Instead of a regular meeting place, the members gather in one another's homes for a luncheon-meeting. Members come from various parts of the city and state including Westchester, Long Island and New York City. The current membership is between ninety and one hundred.

The group is comprised of young women who express their good citizenship in good deeds. Each member has her own particular niche whether it be helping to collect merchandise for the Rummage Sale, which takes place from Feb. 29th to March 5th in a shop on the corner of Second Ave. and 75th St. in Manhattan; or selling tickets for one of their five or six annual theatre parties.

The rummage sale has been conspicuously successful under the chairmanship of Mrs. Henry Dennis and Mrs. Harry Harris.

The theatre parties, Mrs. Harold A. Lipton, Chairman, serve the dual purpose of entertainment and fund raising. They offer tickets to Broadway hits at only \$2 above box office prices. Other fund raising activities include a Journal for the Annual Dinner Dance, Chairman Mrs. Irving Fromer. The event will be held on May 7th at the Hotel Delmonico. Tickets are \$30. a couple. Weekends at Grossinger's are another activity. The next weekend is already scheduled for October 14th, 1960. The Bessie S. Mandelbaum League shows its financial shrewdness by charging regular hotel rates for the weekends, with the profit arising from a rebate to the organization by the hotel. Mrs. Herman Letterman is Chairman.

An unusual fund raising idea is a (Continued Next Column)



Mrs. Herman D. Brand, President, Bessie S. Mandelbaum League

tablecloth project, a continuing project under the chairmanship of Mrs. Dennis. The same tablecloth is used at all functions. Members and guests may have their own names, their children's names or even trees embroidered on the cloth for a nominal sum.

On March 12th, the League will hold its annual bridge party at the Shield of David, Mrs. Abe Wechsler and Mrs. Jack Klein, Co-Chairman.

Mrs. Brand explained to your editor that the policy of the League is to spend all its funds every year leaving only \$500 to start the next fiscal year. The group is particularly interested in camping, and has contributed generously to sending children to camp as part of the AHRC camping program. Mrs. Brand on behalf of her organization expressed the hope that the AHRC will soon have a camp of its own with the Bessie S. Mandelbaum League as a major sponsor.

The officers of the organization are: Mrs. Herman D. Brand, Pres.; Mrs. Harold L. Lipton, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Henry Dennis, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Louis Gelber, Corr. Sec'y; Mrs. Sanford Leeds, Rec. Sec'y; Mrs. Harry Harris, Treas.; Mrs. Melvin Osterman, Project Chairman; Mrs. Morrison Parker, Printing Chairman; Mrs. Harry Richmond, Publicity Chairman; Mrs. Charles Gurensen, Parliamentarian; Mrs. Robert Cagle, Membership Chairman.

The League has but one honorary member — Mr. Charles Mandelbaum, the widower of the philanthropic woman for whom the League was named.

## Citizen Lodge No. 628 F. &amp; A.M. Donates to AHRC



(Photo—Mildred Stagg)

Stanley Denner, President of the Humanitarian Fund of Citizen Lodge No. 628 F. & A.M., offers George G. Hirsch, President of the New York City Chapter of AHRC, a check for \$500 to support the services and projects of the organization.

## Manhattan Planning Reading Class

Manhattan is ready and eager to start a reading class — provided enough young adults are interested. At least 15 young adults aged 17 and over, are needed. The group will be divided into non-readers, beginners etc, with emphasis on learning words that have a practical use in everyday life. Classes will be held once a week in the evening. Call Alice Pearlstein, AL 4-3784 (evenings only).

## Gertrude Vos Children's Fund Presents Check

Mrs. Stella Zatorski, President Gives \$1000 to AHRC

December sixth was a lucky day for the Bronx Division of AHRC. It marked the date of the annual dinner given by the Gertrude Vos Children's Fund and it added a welcome \$1000 to the support of AHRC projects. The gala party was held at the Village Barn which provided an excellent dinner and amusing entertainment for the 100 plus guests who attended.

The check was presented to AHRC President George Hirsch by Gertrude Vos' President, Mrs. Stella Zatorski; and the presentation was the only formal event on the program. This is one dinner that concentrates on sociability. Not a single speech was given. The charitable, hardworking volunteers who comprise the Gertrude Vos Children's Fund raise funds yearly to help retarded children, then they crown their efforts with a good time.

Among the guests were President and Mrs. George G. Hirsch, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Kraus, Mrs. Max Schachter, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Schachter, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Katz, Mr. Seymour Messer and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Frankel.

## Early Education Aids Retarded

According to Prof. Samuel A. Kirk, director of the University of Illinois Institute for Research on Exceptional Children, both mental and social development of mentally retarded can be accelerated by early education.

## DR. ZUCKERMAN'S COLUMN

The AHRC has sparked so many specific advances in the field of retardation that it may be timely for me to state its objectives for the future in general terms. In my estimation a Bill of Rights for the Retarded is now in order and I therefore submit the following:



1—The personality of every retarded child is his most precious asset and as such deserves understanding and guarding.

2—The moral and spiritual training of a retarded child must be aimed toward helping him to stand firm under the pressures of living.

3—A retarded child who is deprived by circumstances of the love and security of a good home, is entitled to the closest possible substitute.

4—A retarded child must be educated to the limit of his individual capacity regardless of how small or large that may be.

5—A retarded child must be given training ranging from the basic skills of life to training for employment in commerce and industry.

6—A retarded child deserves health protection from birth throughout life, and the opportunity to benefit from the latest scientific and medical advances regardless of his parents' ability to pay.

7—Every retarded child and young adult is entitled to wholesome physical and mental recreation with adequately trained teachers and leaders.

Let us prove to the government and the public that to educate retardates for life through the discovery and development of their individual abilities, is nothing more or less than enlightened community self-interest.

## SPORTS CAR RALLY. BENEFITS RETARDED

Queens Rally Raises \$171

The Queens Sports Car Club held its second annual Girl's Rally on January 17th and dedicated all the proceeds to AHRC. Chairman Mrs. Patricia Lee of Queens Village distributed posters and AHRC literature to the club members and merchants in her neighborhood to alert them on the impending rally. The result was that by the time 50 sports cars had assembled at the starting point, the Steak Pit, in Westbury — expenses such as trophies and so forth were donated to the cause.

The rally covered 70 miles over Long Island roads to Bella Vista, Centerport, where the winners were awarded their trophies. The check points were manned by twelve of the girl members who timed the cars as they whizzed by and scored them by one point per second whether early or late.

Of the plus fifty club members, twelve participated in the rally. Mrs. Lee reported that several cars were lost because the navigators were given landmarks to guide them instead of street numbers. In their eagerness to interpret the landmarks, some became lost. Those who did not bother to interpret the landmarks but followed them, arrived without incident.

The first and second prize winners were girls with men serving as navigators. The girls were delighted with the beautiful pewter mugs which were the winning trophies. Snooks Hargrove, driver, and Kurt Brand, navigator, were first in an MGA. The winner and runnerup both belong to the Greenwich Village Sports Car Club.

On hand to receive the check for \$171 which represented entry fees of 2, 3 and 4 dollars, were Donor Chairman Mrs. Walter E. Kraus and 3rd VP George Greene. The dealers who contributed to the cost of trophies were: Auslander Motors, Inc., New Hyde Park, L. I., Hegarty Motors, Bellerose, L. I., E. Koeppel, Jamaica, N. Y., Swedisch Car Center, New Hyde Park, L. I., Road Air Enterprises, Bayside, N. Y., Williston Park Motors, Williston Park, L. I., Williston Repair Center, Inc., Williston Park, L. I.



## BRONX

The Bronx - Manhattan Christmas and Chanukah party took place on Dec. 27th at the North End Democratic Club, 416 East 189th St. Bronx, N. Y. For many years the Bronx Division party has had the good fortune to be sponsored by the good ladies of the Gertrude Vos Children's Fund, Inc., and 1959 was no exception. Mrs. Stella Zatorski, President of the Fund, was Chairman of the party. Mr. and Mrs. William Schiff donated 300 frankfurters. Frankfurter rolls were contributed by Mrs. Birdie Hass. Other hard workers were Mrs. Minnie Schoeffler, Mrs. Evelyn Wolf and Mrs. Shirley Dietzman.

AHRC members who served at the party were Murray Frankel, Chairman of the Bronx Division. Mr. Frankel was AHRC Chairman for the party, and he also helped pick up material. Mrs. Sylvia Schachter and Mrs. Jean Katz, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harris provided the tree and its trimmings. Mrs. Theresa Zestar picked up material during the day when no male members were available. Mr. and Mrs. Margolies secured the milk as a donation, and Seymour Messer picked up gifts and helped with the fun and food.

To entertain the guests there were a professional dog act and a choral troupe led by Tom Raffaf who brought his own son, Tom Jr., and three friends. Penny Marshall and her troupe, children aged six to ten, danced.

Welcome guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lyons who attend the party every year and make a contribution. Mrs. Lyons is Past President of the Women's Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Thanks go to Philip Gilsten, Leader of the 8 A. D., who generously places the club at our disposal every year

for this party, and to Al Klein who serves as liaison between the Club and AHRC. To the countless others who have given donations or services or both—thank you.

Jack Tobias, the psychologist who screens applicants and evaluates trainees at the Sheltered Workshop and the Occupation Day Center, spoke at the December 1st meeting and drew an audience of seventy interested members and guests. The main topic that Mr. Tobias discussed was the Workshop. The psychologist furnished statistics to prove that the cost of maintaining a retardate in an institution is three times the sum needed to pay his way in the Workshop.

He warned those present that the Federal grant was due to expire on May 30th of this year; and that AHRC would have to prove its need for an additional grant. He said the organization could be proud indeed that the New York City Workshop had pioneered such a project; and has served as pilot for some 70 Workshops now in operation. AHRC has encouraged the use of its Workshop for observation and training to benefit retarded young adults in other areas.

Bernard M. Fineson, a member of the Board of Directors of NARC, and former President of the City and State AHRC, pointed out that for every \$2 given by the government, AHRC gives \$1.

## Good News Department

Double Congratulations to the Raynors, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Raynor on the arrival of a son, Daniel, 7 pounds 8 ounces. . . . and Jack Raynor for winning a suggestion award for improving the functioning of his department. . . . best wishes to Mrs. Nat Kuris who has made a fine recovery from surgery.

## BROOKLYN

AHRC children were invited to participate for the first time in the fabulous party sponsored by the Knights Before Christmas. The party took place at the Town and Country Club in Brooklyn on December 10th, seventeen days before the Brooklyn Divisions party for the children. A seven course dinner was served the children, then each child was gifted extravagantly with toys from the Ideal Toy Co.

The AHRC party was held at the Brownsville Boys Club. Entertainment was provided by the De Frisco Music and Dance Studios. The guests received candy, cookies, ice cream and milk and every child took home a bagful of toys and books.

The red carpet was rolled out to welcome new members: Mr. and Mrs. Leary, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Milione, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. David Cohen, Dr. Harry Mantel, Mrs. Alvarez, Mrs. Rullo, Mrs. E. Braun, Mrs. Flourney, Mr. and Mrs. Shelkowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Rosner, Mr. and Mrs. Marelli, Mr. and Mrs. Guarnieri, Mr. and Mrs. Haney, Mr. and Mrs. Nager, Mr. and Mrs. Landi, Mr. and Mrs. Blazis, Mr. and Mrs. Ginsberg, Mr. and Mrs. Mulchanov, Mrs. Boit, Mrs. Michaels, Mrs. Lillian Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Karp.

Personal Note: Brooklyn's loss becomes Manhattan's gain when Florence Rubin marries Manhattan Division Borough Chairman, Irwin Kamin in April.

Seymour Rubin, 1st Vice President of AHRC, addressed a meeting of the Flatbush Council No. 601 of the Order of United Commercial Travelers of America, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Our VP was introduced by Chairman Benjamin L. Silberman.

Mr. Rubin showed an hour long motion picture, a kinescope of the "Home" Show starring Ariene Francis and featuring our clinic at Flower-Fifth Avenue Hospital. He also had the new AHRC traveling display, as well as educational material on retardation and our services and projects, to give each guest.

Paul G. Scharman, a Brooklyn member, by projecting the motion picture with his personal equipment, enabled Mr. Rubin to present the story of retarded children without incurring the expense of a professional projectionist.

Gala Town and Country Dinner-Dance on January 16th. Mrs. Minna Bobber organized another fabulous dinner-dance at Ben Maksik's Town & Country Club for members and friends of retarded children. Mrs. Bobber succeeded in selling 180 tickets at a net gain to AHRC of \$375. Everyone present agreed that it was the most glamorous show they had ever seen. The costumes, settings and actors were gorgeous and the Chinese dinner was delicious.

Mrs. Bobber was particularly pleased at the fine representation from the other boroughs. In addition to our President, George G. Hirsch and Vice-President George Greene, there were many guests from Queens, the Bronx and Manhattan.

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## BOROUGH NEWS

## MANHATTAN

The Special Education Committee of the Teachers Union offers a series of forums dealing with the handicapped (retarded, brain injured, emotionally disturbed, cerebrally palsied, etc.) Co-Chairman Betty Pendler and several other Manhattan members attended the January meeting on "Exploring Reading and Graphic Materials Useful in Special Education," and report that it was interesting and informative. The series is being given on the first Thursday of each month at Teachers Union, 206 West 15th St. Manhattan.

Personal: Happy birthday to Susan Newmann, Jan. 21st, Warren Jaeger, Dec. 28th, Linda J. Pearlstein, Dec. 25th, Stephen Kamin, Jan. 8th, Leslie Simon, Feb. 20th and Cynthia Hope Smith, Dec. 5th. Twentieth Anniversary Greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Neuman, Jan. 12th.

Party Patter: "The Giving Hand" division of the Daughters of Israel Day Nursery continued its tradition of generosity by giving a Christmas-Chanukah party for the trainees at the Occupation Day Center. Gifts, refreshments, fun and frolic were handed out in lavish quantities.

Mrs. Lavender, a new Manhattan asset, had a post-Christmas party on Dec. 29th. She invited Michael Schiffman, Jimmy Goldsmith, George Nissel, Leslie Simon, Phyllis Maltese,

Granes Karmiol, and of course her own lovely daughter, Thea. The party was so successful that Mrs. Lavender is planning other parties for the young adult group at her home.

Cynthia Hope Smith, daughter of Mrs. Henrietta Smith also entertained AHRC members at a pre-Christmas party. James A. Goldsmith, who was celebrating his birthday, was guest of honor.

Personal Messages: Warmest congratulations and heartfelt best wishes go to dedicated Chairman Irwin Kamin and his bride-to-be, Brooklyn member Florence Rubin, on their coming marriage.

A Warm Welcome to new members Mr. and Mrs. A. Lavender, Mr. and Mrs. Tonis, Mrs. Margo Eisenman and Mrs. Margaret Aponte.

Manhattan Division has a new project that will bear watching by the other boroughs—planned social meetings between regular meetings for parents with apparently similar problems. Betty Pendler, Co-Chairman for Manhattan, has been arranging meetings on Sunday afternoons for Manhattan mothers of children ages 4 to 8 at 3 P.M. If you're interested in joining just call Mrs. Pendler (TR 3-6094).

Two Manhattanites have been appointed to help out on the city-wide Education Committee during the Parent Education Courses, Mrs. Dona Joselow and Mrs. Esther Ashkenas.

There is still time to order one of the attractive name bracelets made of beads similar to the baby beads used in identification bracelets in hospitals for only \$3.00. The same article sells for \$7.00 at Fifth Avenue Department stores. All profits go toward the purchase of a gold page in the 1960 Dinner Journal. For information call Mrs. Pendler.

The January 14th meeting featured a talk by Drs. Joseph Wortis of the Brooklyn Jewish Hospital on his recent trip to Russia and other countries. He discussed "Retardation in Other Lands".

The February meeting is expected to be unusual. Under the title of "Talkathon" the mothers will be invited to talk their hearts out.

In addition this meeting features a Chinese Auction—fun and surprises.

## QUEENS

The Queens Christmas Party was sponsored by the Cunningham Women's League for Handicapped Children. Mrs. Harriet Reiss, Chairman. To quote from Mrs. Reiss' account of the event, "On December 21st, at the American Legion Hall, Cunningham Women's League entertained 75 mentally retarded children at our annual Christmas Party. We believe it is the only function where the Chairman and hostesses have as much fun as the participants.

"We must give special mention to Renee Sloane at the piano, and Burt Wolfe, who performed feats of magic, and his puppets—they really kept us entertained. To all the others who pitch in year after year to make this Party the success it always is—WE THANK YOU ONE AND ALL." And we thank you, Mrs. Reiss, and the Cunningham Women's League.

At the January meeting Jack Tobias, psychologist at the Training Center and Sheltered Workshop and the Occupation Day Center, was the speaker. His talk was so exciting that the parents plied him with questions until nearly 11 o'clock.

Members are already hard at work on the 1960 dinner. George Greene, Queens Fund Raising Chairman, was kept busy handing out raffle books and ad blanks. He had to count out fifty raffle books for Julianna Rademacher, the teen-age book selling champion.

A hearty welcome to new members: Mrs. Catherine Eccles, Mr. Eric Engel, Mrs. Edith Gulick, Mrs. Margaret Kaelin, Mr. and Mrs. McCaslin, Mrs. Enes Muxo, Mrs. Lenore Nichinsky, Mrs. James O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Pom-

## BOROUGH MEETING PLACES

Queens—Sanford Hotel, 140-40 Sanford Ave., Flushing, N. Y.

Brooklyn—Hotel Granada, Palm Room, Ashland Place & Lafayette Ave., Bklyn, N. Y.

Manhattan—Beacon Hotel, Broadway at 75th St., New York, N. Y.

Bronx—Schiff Center, Valentine Ave. and Fordham Road, Bronx, N. Y.

erantz, Mrs. George Thornton, Mrs. Rudolph Vass and Mr. and Mrs. A. Weinpress.

The Card Party Chairman gave a final report. The event raised \$2,000. Lillian Begun and Rita Harris deserve a vote of thanks for their hard work and good results.

Strictly Personal: Nassau County should be congratulated on acquiring one of Queens' nicest, hardest working members, Margaret Riva. Mrs. Riva and her family are moving to Lynbrook. . . . Phyllis Kornblu, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Kornblu was confirmed on Jan. 8th at the Rego Park Jewish Center.

Scout News: Girl Scout Troop 9-50 in Cambria Heights is busily making bean bags for AHRC children.

Rita Harris, Scout Leader, announces the formation of a new troop to meet on Mondays in Cambria Heights. If you are interested in having your daughter join the Girl Scouts, call Mrs. Harris at LA 7-3781. . . . Boy Scout Troop #322 Queens, led by Andrew Paul, has twenty-five boys and a waiting list of eight more. The list of applicants is growing but the space at the Jewish War Veterans in Jamaica, is not large enough to accommodate them. If you know of a suitable place, please call Chairman Anne Kraus at TW 7-9517. . . . The Kiwanis Club of Woodside gave a generous donation to Troop #322. The group is planning an overnight hike to Camp Alpine, the weekend of February 13th and another in April. The Scouts' fathers must all be good scouts too. They seem to love roughing it on trips.

On Wednesday, March 9th, Lester Travers and Herbert Armstrong will bark up a storm as auctioneers at the Queens White Elephant Sale. We won't promise that you can buy a white elephant but you will find as odd an assortment of spare items as any thrift shop can boast. Beautiful—though surplus—silverware, linens, antiques and appliances. Anything goes, and we hope it all does, at good prices. A lovely silver tea set will be raffled off. To bring out a capacity attendance, the Chairman has scheduled an excellent motion picture made at Letchworth Village and narrated by Walter Abel. The meeting sale will take place at the regular Queens meeting place.

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## Daughters of Israel Celebrate 51st Anniversary

### Luncheon at Park Royal Hotel for Members and Guests of Donor Group

The Daughters of Israel Day Nursery celebrated its fifty-first Anniversary with a gala luncheon at the Park Royal Hotel at 73rd Street near Central Park West on Wednesday, December 16th, at noon.

Mrs. Jerome Rifkin, President of the organization, led the parade of officers into the dining room followed by our President, George G. Hirsch, who was among the guests of honor. As they marched to the dais, each pair was applauded by a turnout of more than fifty members and guests who had come to do honor to this group of socially conscious women who have dedicated themselves and their resources to helping retarded children find their rightful place in a hitherto hostile society.

The main ballroom, where the luncheon was held, was tastefully decorated in bright scarlet and green. Soft music as well as a rousing rendition of the national anthem and Hallelukah helped entertain the guests until Mrs. Rifkin called for order.

She spoke with deep emotion about the plight of retarded children and the determination of her wonderful group to help them. Then each of the dais guests was identified and took a bow, or made a short speech.

All the speeches were short but meaningful especially that of Mr. Hirsch who said, "Mrs. Rifkin, ladies on the dais, members and friends—I did not anticipate making a speech, but I feel it a worthwhile opportunity since a greater portion of your membership are here today, and I can give you a few ideas and thoughts. In your charity work you raise money through bazaars, luncheons, journals, rummage sales, card parties etc. A rummage sale is when there are lots of things people don't want that may have value to others.

"Do you know that up until a few years ago our children would not even be accepted at a rummage sale for resale, if they were called a commodity—that is the way the public thought about them. But today, as a result of what the Daughters of Israel have done, things are different. I hope all you members have the opportunity to see the Center—to see what is being done with these children, and you would see that they would not be rejected at a rummage sale—you would feel a joy in your hearts and much happiness at what is being done.

"In fact the Federal Government has given us a grant to enlarge the facilities because they feel as you do—that lots more could be done with these children. We are learning the methods and tools to do the job. I urge every one of you to visit the center and interest the young daughters to continue the movement you have started and to carry on in the glorious tradition to which you have put your best efforts.

"May God bless you and give you many years to carry on your wonderful work."

Chances were sold on many handsome prizes, and each guest was presented with a beautiful ball point pen. Decorated match boxes made by the trainees at the Occupation Day Center were also awarded as souvenirs.

AHRC was represented by Mrs. Cyril Weinberg, Manhattan member of the Donor Committee, Mrs. Stanley Geismar, Chairman of the Occupation Day Center, Mrs. Betty Pender, Co-Chairman of the Manhattan Division, Mrs. A. Havas, Chairman, Manhattan Membership Committee, Mrs. Albert Simon, Manhattan Membership Committee, and Mrs. Belle Ernst.

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## Dr. Louis E. Rosenzweig Proposes Life Plan

In short he believes in:

"1—Services to assist the child and his family, including a trained social worker, visiting nurse, contact with other parents of retarded children and periodic diagnosis.

"2—Visits by a visiting teacher to help stimulate the child's development.

"3—Pre-school program to bring the child into contact with other children.

"4—School program through high school for the educable children.

"5—Special schools for the trainable children and a half-way house where the custodial children can begin their preparation for institutional living.

"6—Leisure-time recreational services to parallel the school program; vocational services following schooling, including job training and placement for the educable group.

"7—Sheltered Workshop and industry for the trainable group, institutional care for the custodial and social services necessary to aid the retarded individual as a worker and citizen.

"8—Social Services to parallel vocational program."

It is interesting to note that the New York City Chapter of AHRC has pioneered in bringing into being many of the points outlined by Professor Rosenzweig. The two diagnostic clinics, the Morris J. Solomon Clinic at the Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn, and the Retardation Clinic at Flower-Fifth Avenue Hospital, offer all the services suggested in the first two steps. The next two steps are under consideration and will probably be effected in the not too distant future.

The fourth point is being handled competently by the CRMD classes in New York City, while the "special schools" for trainable, (if this can be interpreted to mean special schools and classes,) are among the many services offered by AHRC in New York City.

#### Pearl Party

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mentator, will act as master of ceremonies.

The models will wear a fortune in pearls, thanks to the generosity of the Cultured Pearl Association of America which is picking up the tab for the affair. In addition the Association has donated a strand of matched cultured pearls with a diamond clasp as a prize.

When the Princess makes her appearance she will be wearing the authentic head dress of the last Empress of China, a spectacular tower of pearls.

In addition to Mrs. Cheatham, Mrs. Melvin E. Dawley, wife of the President of Lord & Taylor, Celeste Holm, and Mrs. Robert Wagner, are Honorary Chairmen of the Pearl Party.

#### Willbrook Research Center Dr. Max Reiss Heads Research into Neuro-Endocrinology

Dr. Max Reiss, British scientist specializing in psychopathology and endocrinology, is the head of a research unit at the Willowbrook State School that centers around neuro-endocrinology with a view to studying the causes and nature of mental retardation in the hope of finding effective treatment and prevention.

This type of fundamental approach led to the dramatic discovery of the way thyroid therapy can transform a cretin infant into a normal child. In turn this therapy has enabled science virtually to eliminate this form of mental deficiency by adding iodine to the diet in areas where cretinism has a long history as a serious problem.

Dr. Reiss plans to analyze the endocrinological status of each patient in the two wards assigned to the unit, and compare them with known control values. The researchers will then try to find a correlation between the patient's endocrine disorder and his mental level. Hormones, drugs and other treatment will be used in attempts to influence the intellectual development.

The latest laboratory equipment and techniques including the use of radioactive isotopes are available to the unit. Although research by the Reiss group is presently confined to the role

## Christmas For Kids

### Jay Jackson Makes Christmas Merrier for Retarded

Jay Jackson, famed radio and TV personality and Chairman of Christmas for Kids, presented AHRC with a check for \$600.

Mr. Jackson and his illustrious committee including Milton Caniff, Carl Caruso, Guild Copeland, Fred Raphael, Chet Stewart and Pete Routellotte, and Christmas for Kids sponsors, Steve Allen, Vincent Andrews, Ken Banghart, Bud Collyer, Steve Elliot, Faye Emerson, Filmways, Inc., Arlene Francis, Robert Klaeger, John K. M. McCaffery, Ted Bergman, Ted Brown, Garry Moore, MPO TV Films, Inc., Frank Simms and Reeves Sound Studios, conceived and carried out a Christmas program that is the essence of true brotherhood.

The title in the literature sent out by the organization "String along with us, we're on our way to a Merrier Christmas for Everybody," is indicative of the idea.

It continues "Christmas for Kids. Tired of hearing that old chestnut 'It's the thought, not the gift, that counts,' we think we've found a way to make both the thought and the gift count—a way you can conveniently take care of your Christmas shopping (sitting right where you are now) for many of your friends. It's a three-way gift that will give you and your friends the satisfaction of making a worthwhile gesture in the true spirit of Christmas, and bring to a less fortunate child a share of needed Christmas happiness."

The pamphlet lists twelve children's organizations in alphabetical order (we're first) with amounts from 5 to 25 dollars at the head and a description of what each denomination will do for a child.

The organization pays all expenses so that every cent that is given goes to help kids.

AHRC sends Jay Jackson and his co-workers every good wish and heartfelt gratitude for their enlightened selflessness.

## Retardation Linked to Body Chemistry

### Boston Research Provides Possible New Clue to Retardation

According to a Boston researcher, as many as 10 percent of the mentally retarded may suffer from inherited body chemistry conditions. Dr. Richard S. Paine said that it was virtually certain that these people might be helped if discovered in time, thanks to the accelerated progress in biochemistry.

He said, "Potentially, about 10 percent of the retarded will probably be found to have deficiencies in their body chemistry which causes their mental slowdown." Five per cent of mental deficiency has already been traced to chemical causes and research is still under way.

Chemically caused retardation, according to Dr. Paine, is due to recessive genetic factors—conditions passed from parents to children only when both parents have a tendency toward the condition.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 1—Social Group—Bklyn., Nutritionist speaks to parents, P.S. 241, President St. and Classon Ave., 8:30 P.M.
- 2—Bronx Borough Meeting, Dr. Katherine Lynch, CRMD Bureau, Schiff Center, 8:30 P.M.
- 9—Brooklyn Borough Meeting—Dr. Joseph Wortis—Hotel Granada, 8:30 P.M.
- 9—Pearl Party, Mrs. Owen Cheatham, Chairman, Hotel Plaza, Dinner-Dance.
- 11—Queens Borough Meeting, Sylvia Grace, Speech Consultant, Hotel Sanford, 8:30 P.M.
- 11—Manhattan Borough Meeting, Talkathon—Beacon Hotel, 8:30 P.M.
- 14—Luncheon for Mesdames Weinberg and Geismar, Bob Olin's Restaurant, 12 Noon.
- 14—Donor Party, Bess Myerson Hostess, Gramercy Park Hotel, 4:30 P.M.
- 29—Dinner for Dr. Zuckerman, Belmont Plaza—Tickets, Henry A. Mallon, 17 Hickory Hill Road, Eastchester, N.Y.
- Mar. 1—Bronx Borough Meeting—Sylvia Grace, Speech Consultant—Schiff Center, 8:30 P.M.
- 8—Brooklyn Borough Meeting—Dr. Gunnar Dybwad, NARC Exec. Dir.—Hotel Granada, 8:30 P.M.
- 10—Queens Meeting—White Elephant Sale—Letchworth Film, Sanford Hotel, 8:30 P.M.
- 31—Ben-Hur Theatre Party, Tickets, Mrs. Laura Lesser, 430 East 20 St., New York City.

#### Social Activity Groups

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turn Ball in the YMCA at 63rd St. Events still in the planning stage include a city-wide carnival to raise money for AHRC; a bowling league with clubs competing for a prize; and two weekends, one in January at Camp Ray Hill in Mount Kisco, another on April 8, 9, and 10th.

#### Miscellaneous

The Flushing League for the Retarded is thinking of sponsoring a group in the Queens area for retardates under 16—The Edenwald School and the Moshulu-Montefiore Community Center, both of the Bronx, may sponsor a program endorsed by all three groups. This would help meet the needs of adolescents in the Moshulu-Longwood area of the Bronx. Five youngsters from that area, who participated in the AHRC summer day camp program, are interested—The Edenwald School is also exploring the possibility of having youngsters from their institution participate in this group with youngsters who live in the community. Mr. Rubenstein believes this might be a rare opportunity for social intercourse between retardates who live in a school and those who live at home under the auspices of a community agency such as the Moshulu-Montefiore Center.

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