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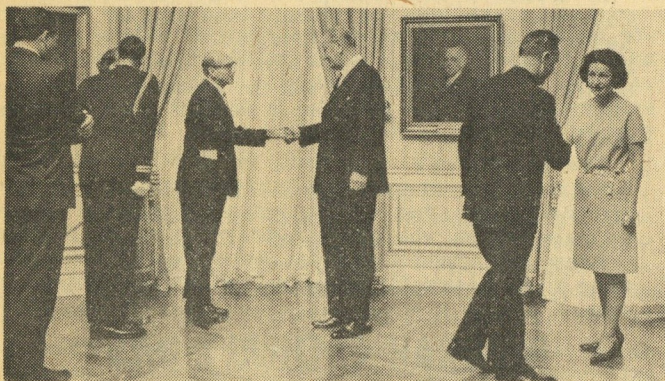
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Aid Sheltered Workshops: Convention

PRESIDENT JOHNSON SIGNS M.R. AMENDMENTS

On Monday, December 4, President Johnson, before some 200 representatives from all over the country, among them our executive director, J.T. Weingold, members of Congress and the President's Committee on Mental Retardation, signed the 1967 amendments to the Mental Retardation Facilities Construction Act, H.R. 6430.

The most significant part of the amendments, aid for initial staffing of community mental retardation facilities, is owned almost entirely to the valiant efforts of our Senator Jacob K. Javits.



President Johnson greets Jerry Weingold at signing of Mental Retardation Bill.

Under the existing authority in Title I of the Mental Retardation Facilities Construction Act of 1963 (P.L. 88-164), grants are awarded for the construction of university - affiliated clinical facilities for the mentally retarded and community facilities for the care of the mentally retarded.

A total of 106 construction projects for community facilities has been approved for funding. These will serve an estimated 12,500 mentally retarded persons not now receiving services. The total construction cost of these facilities is \$75.2 million, of which the Federal share is \$16.8 million. This program will continue until June 30, 1968, under existing authority.

The 1967 Amendments extend the mental retardation facilities construction portion till the fiscal year ending June 30, 1970, another two years. \$30 million is authorized for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969 and \$50 million for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1970.

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CONVENTION ADOPTS 19-POINT LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Broadening their consideration to take in everything from guardianship to tax laws, the delegates to the State Convention of the Association on September 30, 1967 adopted a 19-point legislative program.

The Convention also agreed that major emphasis would be given to four measures:

Elimination of parents' liability for reimbursement for patients in State Schools for the mentally retarded,

Support of sheltered workshops,

Drastic revision of the community Mental Health Services Act to highlight services for the mentally retarded,

Direct dealing with the Department of Mental Hygiene and the Housing Finance Corporation to help finance the agency's share of construction for mental retardation facilities.

In addition, a decision was reached to oppose once more, if it should be introduced, the bill changing the name of State Schools to State Schools and Hospitals.

The delegates also recommended a further study of the Social Services Law and the practices thereunder in regard to aid to the Totally Disabled and of the Insurance Law in regard to group health insurance plans.

One of the items receiving considerable discussion reflected the needs of many of the Chapters of the Association -- Aid to Sheltered Workshops. As a result, it was recommended that the Education Law be amended to permit the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to reimburse on a reasonable basis agencies operating sheltered workshops for workers not employable in competitive industry. It is visualized that this legislation would be similar to the state aid of up to \$2,000 per year, but for a lesser sum, under Section 4407 of the Education Law, which now permits the Department of Education to pay private agencies up to \$2,000 a year for the training of mentally retarded children who are not eligible or who cannot find a place in public education facilities.

Conversation with Adrian Levy, Assistant Commissioner of Education for Vocational Rehabilitation, indicate that the Department is willing to consider such legislation. Data has been forwarded to Mr. Levy and legislation is now being drawn by the Joint Legislative Committee for introduction at this session.

Another matter of deep concern to the Association was the matter of Guardianship for the mentally retarded and extensive legislation will be introduced for this purpose.

The full program follows:

A. GUARDIANSHIP

New legislation to effectuate the concept of a flexible system of guardianship for the mentally retarded. This system would comprise lifetime, standby and limited guardianships. Under it, the Surrogate's Court would be empowered to ap-

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BERNIE FINESON

I first met Bernie Fineson in 1949 at one of the giant rallies our New York City Chapter used to have at the Needle Trade High School in Manhattan.

At the end of the meeting, in the back of the room, a stockily built man with a slightly worried look, approached me and said, "My name is Bernie Fineson. I am a lawyer and a parent of a mentally retarded child. What can I do to help you?" And he gave me his card.

I recall telling my wife about this incident that night and the feeling of warmth I had because a human being had extended himself toward us and offered help at a time when we were afloat in a turbulent and hostile sea.

And how Bernie did help in the years to come. He was one of the architects of our first set of by-laws drawn together by a group of men and women one night at Julian Banner's house. He was for years chairman of our Legal and Legislative Committee, helping draft numerous pieces of legislation which later became part of the legal framework to help and protect the mentally retarded.

For five years he was the President of the New York State Association and under his leadership, we saw this organization grow to pre-eminence in the country, if not in the world.

I was in almost daily contact with him during those years and in all of the time that he was associated with the movement for the mentally retarded. Much has been made of his humor, but, for me, it was a source of unending wisdom and a calming influence in many desperate times.

It was not important that we always agree with each other: we respected each other's motives and opinions and invariably agreed on a course of action for the benefit of the children.

He was never too busy to talk to me. He was never too busy to accept an invitation to speak to a Chapter in some remote area in the State. He was never too busy to serve on a Committee, not as chairman, but as a working member. Nothing, absolutely nothing, took precedence over the mentally retarded and their problems.

On the Friday before the Monday when Bernie was operated, I was in the hospital recovering from surgery. When I learned that Bernie was in another hospital, I called him on the phone and we spoke to each other from our respective beds. He joked about the fact that the New York City Annual Dinner scheduled for the following evening, Saturday, could not possibly go on because he and I would not be there. I do not know about myself, but no gathering for me, dealing with the mentally retarded will be the same because Bernie is not around either to be there or to be consulted.

It will probably be years before I will stop reaching for the telephone to call Barclay 7-1616, Extension 538, to consult with Bernie.

To a warm human being and a real friend, farewell and thanks.

Jerry Weingold.

THE MOUNTAIN LABORED

The first annual report of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation is by now probably known to all working in this field.

After a year of many meetings, intensive work by staff and review of the programs for the mentally retarded throughout the country, the report gives us ten areas of need in vague generalities. Preambled to these ten points, is an enlightening but hardly new description of the unmet needs of the mentally retarded in many areas.

Nowhere, however, do we see any program for action on broad or narrow fronts to ameliorate these conditions. It is well to speak of the antiquated buildings which serve as warehouses for the mentally retarded, a phrase certainly not original with this Committee; what should be done about it, is nowhere indicated. It is well to speak of the fact that the classes for the mentally retarded in public school take care of about one-half of those who should be in them, but what to do about it, is nowhere indicated.

We must confess that we had hoped that there would be some analysis in depth of the deteriorating, and we use this word advisedly, legislative approach to the problems of the mentally retarded on a Federal level, and some indication of broad, if not specific, principles that must be observed by legislators and government everywhere.

We do not know exactly how this Committee operates, but we were deeply disappointed and concerned when this Committee met on the occasion of the last NARC Convention in Executive Session for several days, when almost all the leaders in the field of mental retardation were present for an open, broad and meaningful dialogue.

In brief, we see nothing that has been added by this Committee that has not already been done by President Kennedy's Panel on Mental Retardation. It would be a pity if the only value that this Committee would have, would be that of public relations and the sense that the Executive Branch of our government is still interested in the problem.

The Committee's opportunity for service is unlimited, but it must come to grips with hard facts to make decisions and suggestions that may be unpleasant to Congress and to many others who would rather let sleeping dogs lie.

Being an incurable optimist, we can only hope something more meaningful comes out of this Committee next year.

DEBORAH C. CHEREY DIES

The Association was deeply saddened with the passing, close on the heels of the untimely death of National President, Bernard M. Fineson, of Deborah C. Cherey on June 27th, 1967.

A tireless worker on behalf of the Association, Mrs. Cherey had long waged a one-woman battle on behalf of the mentally retarded in Putnam County. She had been the representative to the State Board of Governors from Putnam County since the Chapter's formation and had served for many years on the State Education Committee.

Mrs. Cherey was cited with a special award plaque at the Association's 1965 Convention in Saratoga Springs for her many years of outstanding service.

Association's President, James F. Reville, perhaps best expressed the feeling of the entire Association when he said, "The officers, Board of Governors and membership of the New York State Association for Retarded Children note with deep sorrow the death of Deborah C. Cherey, their co-worker and colleague for many years.

"Her untiring efforts on behalf of the mentally retarded have been an inspiration to all working in the field."

REVILLE RE-ELECTED STATE PRESIDENT

At the State Convention held at The Laurels Hotel and Country Club, Monticello, N.Y., September 29, 30 and October 1, 1967, James F. Reville, of the Welfare League, was re-elected president of the State Association for a third one-year term.

In accepting his third term, Mr. Reville referred to some of his hopes for the progress of the Association. Special emphasis was placed upon the tremendous improvement in the relationship between the Association and the State Department of Mental Hygiene in the area of Community Mental Health Services programs, and the plans which are being made to begin to upgrade institution conditions on an equally spectacular basis.



Honorable Stanley Steingut congratulates Jim Reville upon his return to office while Mrs. Clarence Wegman looks on.

Mr. Reville was installed into the office of president, together with other officers and new Board members, by the Hon. Stanley Steingut, member of the New York State Assembly and chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Child Care, at the State Convention Banquet, Saturday evening, September 30.

Those elected to offices along with Mr. Reville were Eliot L. Aronin, Vice-president, Southeast Region, Thomas A. Coughlin, III, Vice-president, Central Region, Robert J. Hodgson, Vice-president, Western Region Clifford Westfall, Vice-president, Northeast Region Miss Dorothy C. Bingel, Secretary Max W. Schachter, Treasurer

Another feature of the Saturday evening Banquet was an address, "Some Basic Issues in Providing Services for the Mentally Retarded," given by the new Deputy Commissioner for Mental Retardation of the Department of Mental Hygiene Dr. Frederic Grunberg.

The Convention itself, which saw over 260 registered making it the largest Convention we have had to date, included a Friday night panel on "New Programs for the Mentally Retarded under Federal and State Laws." Featured speakers were: Dr. Irving Ratchick, Mr. Sal Tavormino, and Dr. Anthony J. Pelone, of the New York State Education Department; Evelyn Perry and Assist. Commissioner David Baumbstein of the State Department of Mental Hygiene; and Miss Marion Martin of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the State Education Department.

Three workshops were held on Saturday afternoon, discussing issues of importance to the association. The panels, and their respective participants were:

1. Guardianship, Augustus M. Jacobs, Chairman; Hon. Benjamin Newberg, Surrogate, Sullivan County; Robert J. Hodgson, Chairman of NARC Guardianship Committee.

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GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS RETARDED CHILDREN'S WEEK

Again this year Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller honored the Association and all groups working on behalf of the mentally retarded in proclaiming the period of November 12-18, 1967, as Retarded Children's Week. In behalf of his recognition of our efforts we want to take this opportunity to share this message with all our readers. The Governor's message follows:

"Mental retardation is a heartbreaking problem that calls for cooperative efforts by State and community agencies, parents, teachers and voluntary organizations. The Department of Mental Hygiene, with its State school population steadily increasing, has strengthened its programs of education and training, increased personnel and stepped up recreational activities.

With dual emphasis on the improvement and expansion of services for the mentally retarded in the community and in State schools, New York State is in the forefront of those taking progressive steps toward comprehensive progress for the retarded.

The number of resident patients in State schools has been increasing at the rate of 500 to 600 patients annually, resulting in a need for an active building program. The decrease in turnover and the continued increase in resident patients are due primarily to the growing proportion of the more severely retarded, who, with modern medical care, are living longer. The State is making significant progress toward meeting this need.

In all these endeavors, the State welcomes the support and cooperation of community groups and the New York State Association for Retarded Children. We recognize their contributions and steadfast devotion to the cause of the mentally retarded.

While we can take pride in the progress made this year, we must look toward even further development of coordinated State, local and private efforts on behalf of the retarded in the years ahead. For this reason, it is fitting that we set aside this time to give due recognition to the problems of the retarded and efforts to meet their needs.

THEREFORE, I Nelson A. Rockefeller, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim November 12-18, 1967, as RETARDED CHILDREN'S WEEK."

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2. The Young and the Old Pitch In, Mrs. Anthony Iovino, Chairman; Miss Eileen Rhatigan, Smithtown Jr. Auxiliary; Miss Charlene Nolan, Huntington Jr. Auxiliary; Vincent Lombardi, State Department of Mental Hygiene; Elizabeth A. Hammond, R.N., Supervisor of Volunteer Services, Willowbrook State School.
3. New Approaches to State School Programming, Mrs. I. Epstein, Chairman; Charles I. Mc Allister, Assistant Commissioner for Mental Retardation, State Department of Mental Hygiene; Walter Schofield, Chief Program Analyst, Division of Mental Retardation, State Department of Mental Hygiene; Thomas A. Coughlin, III, Chairman Vocational Rehabilitation Committee, New York State ARC.

The Convention closing on Sunday was marked by a very special occasion, with Father Thomas Skinner, assisted by James D. Maroon of our Rockland County Chapter, conducting a Mass in honor of the memory of two former members of the State Board, Bernard M. Fineson and Mrs. Deborah C. Cherey, who died the preceding summer.

Plans are already under way for the 1968 Convention which will be hosted by our Monroe County Chapter in Rochester October 4, 5 and 6. It is hoped that members will begin making plans now to reserve those dates.

THE GREAT DALLAS JAILBREAK

The indefinite confinement of more than 800 "defective delinquents" in a Pennsylvania prison is under challenge by the Civil Liberties Union's Philadelphia affiliate. Since the spring of 1965, when this came to the attention of the Union, more than 100 of these - never convicted of a crime - have been released from the state prison at Dallas, Pa., but there has been no judicial decision as yet that the Defective Delinquent Act itself is unconstitutional.

The situation in Pennsylvania raises an issue of nationwide significance; namely, the right of a state to deprive a mentally-disabled person of his freedom without providing suitable care. In Pennsylvania the injustice is exaggerated in that Dallas is a full-fledged prison.

The Defective Delinquent Act of Pennsylvania provides that any male of 15 or over who is convicted of a crime or is adjudicated delinquent by a juvenile court may be sent to Dallas indefinitely if the court is satisfied - after an examination by a psychiatrist and a psychologist or by two qualified physicians "that the person thought to be mentally defective is not insane, nor can be classified as an idiot or imbecile... nor a psychopath nor an infirmity case, though in fact mentally defective with criminal tendencies." The Act nowhere defines "mentally defective" or "criminal tendencies." The commitment is indeterminate; the inmate will be released only when in the opinion of the institution "his mental condition has so improved as to warrant his discharge" and the committing court agrees.

Until about a year ago, the same situation could have been applied to New York State, even though New York State had special facilities for the so-called "defective delinquents" at Naponach and Albion.

According to Mr. Peter Preiser, Executive Director of the Governor's Special Commission on Criminal Offenders, the Correction Law has been amended so that in New York State there must be a definite sentence before commitment. As a matter of fact, the defective delinquents are now sent to Beacon Institution in New York where a program of psychiatric help and training is available to rehabilitate them to return to the community.

Until last year, however, the situation in New York was very similar to that in Pennsylvania with regard to the law, indeterminate sentences were very common and so-called defective delinquents remaining what in effect was a jail, almost for life.

Happily this is no longer the case.

Weingold Reappointed To Willowbrook Board of Visitors

Joseph T. Weingold, Executive Director of the State Association has been reappointed to a second term as a member of the Board of Visitors of Willowbrook State School. The appointment is for a new seven-year term which will expire December 31st, 1973.

As a member of the Board of Visitors, Mr. Weingold will share with his fellow members the responsibility to visit and inspect the institution at least once each month, submitting a report of findings on these visits and submit a detailed report of the results with suitable suggestions to the Commissioner annually.

Mr. Weingold's reappointment is a further extension of Governor Rockefeller's receptivity to parents of the mentally retarded on Boards of Visitors.

LETCHWORTH ACTS ON PAY SCALE EXPLOITATION CHARGE FOLLOW-UP

Officials at Letchworth Village have set machinery in motion to remedy alleged abuses of working patients charged by attorney Harry Edelstein.

Following these charges that patients employed outside of Letchworth village were being exploited by being paid less than the minimum wage of \$1.50 per hour, Dr. Jacob Schneider, Director of Letchworth Village, visited 9 or 10 patients and secured salary increases for the two so affected. He said that case workers will visit all of these other workers to be certain that they are not being exploited.

Dr. Schneider met with three representatives of State Department of Labor at Letchworth Village and agreed with the State officials to make certain of his facts on Edelstein's charges and try to boost wages where he finds them lagging.

Dr. Schneider explained that patients working for more than a year must be paid the minimum wage if they are not provided with room and board. If the patients are housed, he said, they must receive half the minimum.

The Labor Department considers the first year's work as rehabilitation, Dr. Schneider said. However, he suggested that the mentally retarded ought not to be regarded in the same manner as those recovering from disorders such as nervous breakdowns since they have no former trade to return to.

Dr. Schneider said that more important than the actual amount of dollars paid to the out-patients is the placement of the patients. He said it is most important to find people who will be concerned about the patients rather than simply adhere to the law.

The New York State Association for Retarded Children has been urging the Department of Mental Hygiene to consider the patients who are employed within the institutions on tasks that would otherwise have to be performed by outside labor as entitled to minimum wages under Federal and State statutes. According to the Federal Minimum Wage Law, such patients must be paid a Federal Minimum Wage of \$1.40 per hour.

DEPT. OF MENTAL HYGIENE ENRICHES SUMMER PROGRAMS

An enriched summer program for about 1,000 mentally retarded patients at five of the State Schools operated by the Department of Mental Hygiene was made possible last summer through grants under Title I of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Governor Rockefeller announced.

Approximately \$390,000 was divided between Wassaic, Newark, West Seneca and J. N. Adams, Rome and Sunmount for six week summer programs, various kinds.

These ranged from utilization of teacher assistants at Wassaic State School to a band program at J. N. Adams.

The programs also included assistants for a teacher of the blind retarded at West Seneca and a teacher of pupils with hearing problems at the same School.

Overcrowding Scored

In testimony before the Joint Legislative Committee in Buffalo, John F. Ciolino, General Chairman of the Erie County Chapter, called for an immediate crash program for the acquisition of existing facilities to relieve "the deplorable overcrowding of State Schools".

The following is Mr. Ciolino's statement which we think worthy of reprinting in full:

"Senator Conklin,

"As a member of the Institutions Committee of the State Association for Retarded Children and at the request of this Committee, I am present here today requesting a CRASH PROGRAM OF ACQUISITION OF EXISTING FACILITIES to relieve the deplorable overcrowding of State Schools, in particular Willowbrook, Rome State School, Newank and Letchworth Village.

"It seems ironic that in six months the State was able to locate 73 sites for Drug Addict Centers, many of which sites have existing facilities and since 1963 when the Mental Hygiene Facilities improvement Fund was established, very little progress was reported for the retarded in State Schools.

"As you are aware, overcrowding endangers the health and safety of thousands of institutionalized children. It hampers programs of recreation and training. It hinders in some respects, the filling of items of employment making it more difficult to fill vacancies, which in turn adds to problems for adequate care and comfort.

"Here in Western New York, even with the benefit of the New West Seneca State School which has taken transfers from Newark State School, the latter school still is OVERCROWDED with patients, totaling almost 3,000. The New West Seneca State School, in just over 3 years, has now reached 1,375 patients.

"The waiting list for direct admission to State Schools throughout the State, is enormous and growing. The need for a crash program is obvious. Every day of waiting compounds the problem. The parents of these children demand a solution, now - in 1967. The State Institution Committee, representing parents of children in these overcrowded State Schools, want action."

Sunmount Provides Outpatient Clinic

Dr. Oleh Wolansky, director of Sunmount State School for the mentally retarded, reported to the July meeting of the Franklin County Mental Health Board that Sunmount State School is organizing an outpatient clinic for the mentally retarded, to become operational in early September. Such a clinic would be a "first" for this type of services in the far north country.

An attempt was being made, through the cooperation of the Mental Health Board and the institution to spread information on the clinic to doctors, educators and other interested groups during the month of August in the hope that the clinic could be operating on an almost full-scale basis by this fall.

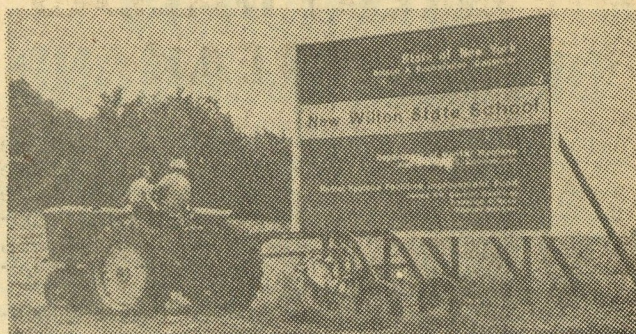
ANY COINCIDENCE?

In the Mental Hygiene News - May, 1967 two articles appear one under the other.

The first is "State Schools Permitted University Affiliations", and the second is "New Profession of Suicidology will be established - a federal grant."

Coincidence?

WE HAVE A SIGN ANYHOW



The sign isn't Hiding the School - Although site work for the proposed 500-bed Wilton State School for the mentally retarded has not yet started, the Mental Hygiene Department has erected a new sign on the site. The old sign said "site of new Rome State School". The \$10.9 million facility is scheduled for completion in late 1970.

Hepatitis Linked to Some Birth Defects

A Harvard Medical School physician has reported evidence that may link mongolism and other birth defects to acute infectious hepatitis.

Dr. Barbara Mella, an instructor of neurology at Harvard, said she had discovered that the agent that is thought to cause acute infectious hepatitis, believed to be a virus, can damage the chromosomes.

These are the bodies within each cell that contain genes that control heredity and the development of a child in the womb.

In her report to the American Neurological Association's annual meeting, in Atlantic City in June, Dr. Mella carefully avoided stating that there was a definite link between acute infectious hepatitis and mongolism, a serious form of mental and physical retardation.

"I don't believe that this (acute infectious hepatitis) could be the only cause of mongolism," she said, "but I do believe this could be one of them."

Other medical authorities attending the neurological meeting said the report was extremely significant.

It has been known that exposure of a woman to radiation or certain types of drugs during her pregnancy can result in her giving birth to a mongoloid or otherwise deformed child.

In addition, at least one type of virus, that which causes German measles, is known to produce fetal abnormalities.

"There may be important clinical applications in this report," Dr. Russell DeJong of the University of Michigan said.

On the other hand, Dr. John Enders, a professor of bacteriology at Harvard who won a Nobel Prize in 1954 for research that led to the polio vaccine, was more cautious about the possibility that hepatitis causes mongolism.

"There is no proof," he emphasized in a telephone interview from Boston. He added that "There is just a suggestion that is very uncertain at this moment."

Dr. Richard Masland, director of the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness said Australian scientists had reported several years ago that there had been a higher than normal number of mongoloid babies born there after an epidemic of infectious hepatitis.

CITATION TO DR. JACK HAMMOND

Dr. Alan D. Miller, State Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, has presented a special citation to Dr. Jack Hammond, director of Willowbrook State School, in recognition of his contributions in the care, treatment and education of the mentally retarded.

The presentation was made at the Quarterly Conference of directors of State Department of Mental Hygiene institutions, held at Kings Park State Hospital on Long Island, June 21 and 22.

The Distinguished Service Citation honors Dr. Hammond for his work at Willowbrook "where his compassionate understanding, dynamic resourcefulness and inspired leadership have been a driving force in creating a better life for his patients."

Dr. Hammond has been director of Willowbrook since June, 1964. In these three years, Commissioner Miller noted, the director has made major improvements in such problem areas as overcrowding and understaffing at the school.

These steps include use of temporary buildings and special pre-admission screening procedures to relieve overcrowding, plus special recruitment efforts and expansion of the School of Practical Nursing at Willowbrook to help overcome personnel shortages.

In addition, the Commissioner said, Dr. Hammond has introduced such innovations in the education of retarded children as an intensive therapy center for youngsters under 10 who are unable to participate in the regular education program; use of "talking typewriters"-- electronic teaching machines which have proved highly effective in teaching the retarded; and special summer enrichment programs.

HEADS COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR STATE SCHOOLS

David S. Baumstein has been appointed as Assistant Commissioner for State School Community Affairs in the Division of Mental Retardation of the Department of Mental Hygiene, according to Alan D. Miller, State Commissioner of Mental Hygiene.

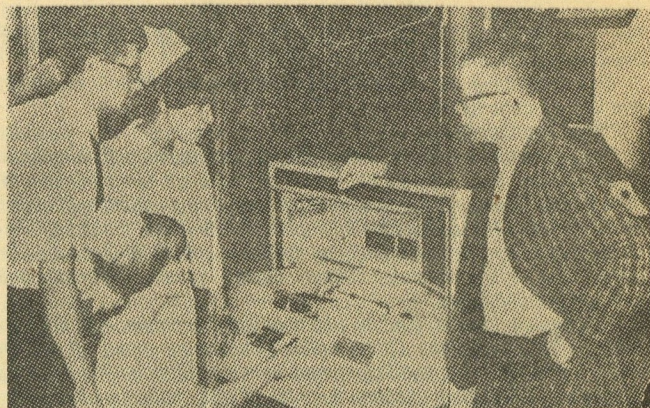
Mr. Baumstein comes to the new position in the Division of Mental Retardation from the Connecticut Office of Mental Retardation, where he was director of social work services.

Mr. Baumstein will work under Dr. Frederick Grunberg, Deputy Commissioner for Mental Retardation, in directing and coordination services for the retarded on both state school and community levels. His duties include developing closer relationships between the two, in line with the Department's policy of providing services close to the patients' home localities.

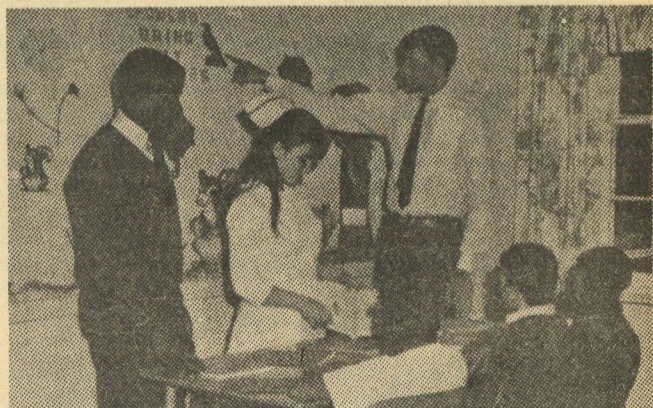
He will plan, direct and coordinate programs for the care and treatment of patients released from state schools who still require guidance and assistance, including implementation of a system of hostels, colonies, halfway houses and family care.

Mr. Baumstein is well remembered by our New York City Chapter and our State organization having been assistant Executive Director in the City Chapter from August 1956 to September 1959. He then served as Executive Director of the Greater Hartford ARC July, 1962, from where he went on to the Connecticut Department of Health.

COLLEGE STUDENTS WORK AT STATE SCHOOLS



A special teaching machine used to instruct retarded persons is shown to college students working this summer at the Syracuse State School. From left are John Sroka, Linda Mead, seated and Mary Geiss, three of eight students at the school, listening to Dr. Byron Ward explain how the machine works. Purpose of the student program financed by a Public Health Service grant, is to acquaint collegians with the field of mental retardation.



Students from Kalamazoo College in Michigan, who are completing a three-month work experience program in mental retardation at Syracuse State School, help young retardates to expand their horizons through reading.

P.K.U. TESTING SPREADS

Two years ago only four states had legislation concerning the test for PKU, (phenylketonuria). Now 39 States have laws pertaining to the screening of infants for this condition and the perfection of the measles vaccination - in some areas mass inoculations have been conducted against measles.

In New York State, the PKU program was initiated through legislation introduced by Senator William T. Conklin, chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Mental Retardation and Physical Handicap.

COMMUNITY RESIDENCE PROGRAM BEING IMPLEMENTED

After a series of meetings with the A.R.C.'s Community Residence Committee, the Department of Mental Hygiene in July, 1967 issued "Guide for the Preparation of an Application For Participation in the Community Residential Facilities - Hostels for the Mentally Retarded Program".

Copies of this may be obtained from the Department of Mental Hygiene in Albany, New York.

Under philosophy and purpose, it is stated, "As it is conceived in this legislation, a hostel is a place of permanent residence for from 15 to 40 mentally retarded men and women over 17 years of age, who are able to participate in a variety of community jobs or programs during the working day. It is usually a single dwelling or series of apartments not adjacent to or part of an institutional campus. Living quarters will have a homelike atmosphere. Residents will participate in all aspects of their living situation and personal care as far as they are capable."

The present plan for the use of the \$500,000 appropriated for construction is for the State to purchase and made ready or build three hostels this year. The locations will be announced by the Governor. The Department intends to enter into a contract with a community agency, in this case, the ARC Chapters for the operation of the facility with 50% of the cost to be met by the State.

RECRUITMOBILE FOR CRAIG COLONY



With the recruitmobile are (from left) Secretary of State John P. Lomenzo, Dr. Alan D. Miller, Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, and Dr. Vincent I. Bonafede, director of Craig Colony School and Hospital. The recruitmobile was used to go into the community to recruit staff, a highly successful operation.

HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY CREATED BY GOVERNOR

Governor Rockefeller has announced the establishment by Executive Order of a Health Planning Commission to coordinate and review health planning efforts among governmental and non-governmental agencies and organizations concerned with health services, facilities and manpower. The new interdepartmental commission is charged with formulating and continually updating a comprehensive state health plan.

The Health Planning Commission will take over all the functions of the Interdepartmental Health and Hospital Council which went out of business on June 30, 1967.

Mr. Edward Van Ness, formerly program assistant to the Governor, has been made Executive Director of the new agency.

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FOR RETARDED

Under Social Security's "childhood disability" provisions, lifetime monthly payments can go to a person age 18 or over who has been disabled by mental retardation- or other impairments- since childhood. Benefits can also go to the mother of the disabled child if he is in her care.

The Social Security Administration believe that some families with mentally retarded children who may be eligible for these benefits are not receiving them simply because they have not applied. All professional workers in the field, who are in touch with possible beneficiaries, are being asked to help in a program to get benefits to as many qualified persons as possible.

Ordinarily, children can't get social security benefits after age 18 (or age 22, if they are attending school full-time). But a retarded youngster may be able to receive benefits almost indefinitely under special provisions in the law. If a mentally retarded child is so seriously handicapped as to be "disabled", he may be eligible for payments for the rest of his life.

What's more, the mother of a disabled child beneficiary can also receive monthly benefits for as long as the child is in her care, regardless of her age or her child's.

If a retarded child is unable to handle his own money, as is frequently the case, the Social Security Administration selects someone else to receive the checks on his behalf and take care of the money for him. This is called a representative payee. Usually, this is one of his parents.

Currently, about 200,000 persons are receiving childhood disability benefits under the program. For more than 65% of these, mental deficiency is a major or contributing cause of inability to work.

If you know of any person who may qualify for benefits, suggest that he or his family get in touch with the nearest social security office.

SOCIAL SECURITY RAISES DISABILITY EARNINGS TEST

The "earnings test" that helps Social Security determine if a disability beneficiary can work has been raised to \$125 a month.

The Social Security disability program pays benefits only when a person is unable - in the words of the law - to "engage in substantial gainful activity." Now a beneficiary is usually considered to engage in substantial gainful activity if his job earnings average over \$125 a month. Formerly, this rough maximum was \$100 a month.

A person working in a sheltered workshop or comparable facility may possibly qualify for disability benefits even though he is paid more than \$125 a month. That part of his income that is not actually earned - the "subsidy" - is subtracted from the total. Thus he can conceivably be paid \$150 a month. If this includes a subsidy of \$50, he would actually be earning \$100 and would probably qualify for benefits.

This is of the utmost importance to the mentally retarded in sheltered workshops programs and should be noted carefully by all those conducting such programs.

DID YOU KNOW?

That a permanent workshop client, according to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, is worth only one-half of a Division of Vocational Rehabilitation trainee?

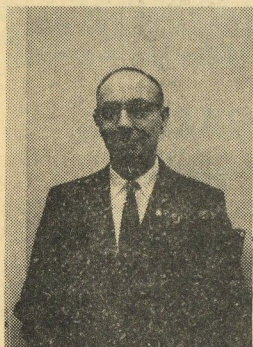
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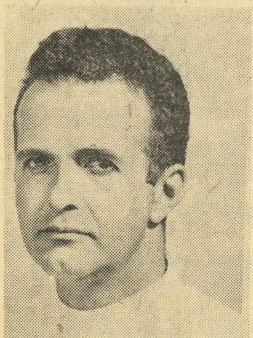
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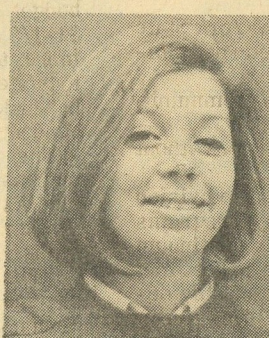
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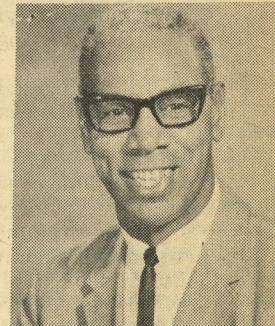
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For the third consecutive year, the Association honored at its Convention, winners of the Outstanding Employee Award in the various State Schools, and the two high school graduates who had submitted the best essays on the topic, "Mental Retardation - A Community Problem, A Community Challenge" during their senior year.

The awards were made at the Banquet of the Association's Annual Convention, Saturday evening, October 1, at The Laurels Hotel & Country Club, Monticello, N.Y.

As in past years, the awards to the Outstanding Employees consisted of a nameplate bearing the employee's name to be placed upon the plaque which the Association has given to each institution, an award certificate, and a check for \$50.

The high school essay awards were \$100 for the First Prize winner and \$50 for Second Prize.

By action of the Board of Governors, this will be the final year for the High School Essay Contest.

The essay contest was won by Miss Susan Schwartz of Yonkers, N.Y. Miss Schwartz, now a student at New York University, was attending Roosevelt High School in Yonkers at the time she wrote the winning essay.

Winner of the Second Prize in the contest was Miss Mary E. Conklin of Binghamton, N.Y. Mary, who graduated from Binghamton High School, has entered classes at Harpur College this past September.

In the Outstanding Employee competition which was, again, coordinated in the State Schools this year by Dr. George Etling, director of the Wassaic State School, the various employees came highly recommended by their fellows.

The Outstanding Employees were Mrs. Lucille Mackety, R. N., Craig Colony; Mrs. Alice M. Carlyle, Chief Supervising Nurse, Syracuse State School; Mrs. Janet T. Smith, Staff Attendant, West Seneca State School; Mrs. Pauline Rose, Clerk-Receptionist, Letchworth Village State School; Mrs. Lucile C. Reule, Senior Stenographer, Newark State School; Mr. Frank Crozier, Teacher, Rome State School; Mr. James Shirley, Staff Attendant, Sampson Unit; Mr. Dominic Setaro, Supervising Attendant, Willowbrook State School; and Mr. Thomas J. Ahearn, Electrician-Foreman, Wassaic State School.

Mr. Hirsch, chairman of the Scholarship & Awards Committee, commenting upon the presentation this year at The Laurels, stated "Each year it gives one renewed pleasure to be able to make this presentation to the employees who are recommended to us by the various State Schools. Their outstanding records are indicative of a sincere interest that goes beyond what one might expect from just an 'employee' and certainly are attributes which belong - as I feel we have properly named them, - to our outstanding employees."

NEW YORK CITY CHAPTER PRESENTS 10- POINT PLAN

At the 18th annual Dinner of the New York City Chapter of the State Association for Retarded Children, it was pointed out that the City of New York lacks sufficient services to meet the needs of the majority of its mentally retarded and there is little coordination, cooperation and collaboration between public and voluntary agencies concerned with these problems.

One evidence of this, is that although special classes for the educable mentally retarded has been mandatory in New York State since 1917, almost 1,000 children are on the waiting lists because of the lack of classrooms and qualified teachers.



AT THE NEW YORK CITY CHAPTER DINNER (from left to right) Anne Kraus, President, Dr. Howard Rusk, Senator William T. Conklin and Mary Switzer, Head of U.S. Social Rehabilitation Administration at the Annual Dinner of the New York City Chapter where Miss Switzer received an award for her services to the retarded.

To create a broad spectrum of services, the Association has prepared a plan based on the pertinent recommendations of the President's Panel on Mental Retardation and the recently completed New York State Plan for Mental Retardation.

The priorities under the 10-point plan are:

1. Establishment by the city of a separate agency for the mentally retarded with dynamic leadership, adequately budgeted and staffed with sufficient power to assure proper development of the broad-spectrum of essential facilities and services needed.

2. Immediate and full compliance with the New York State education law affecting school-aged mentally retarded children.

3. Immediate establishment of the first of 10 community mental retardation centers.

Claims that there are such centers already are without foundation.

4. Establishment within each borough and subdivision thereof of a complex of essential community programs for diagnosis, treatment and care to provide a continuum of care for all known retarded throughout their lifetime.

5. Establishment of small properly staffed, suitably designed, adequately programmed residential facilities within each borough within easy reach of the families concerned.

6. Full support of the Mayor in having the Community

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BUILDING PLANS AT RENSSELAER



Preliminary building plans of the Rensselaer County Chapter for Retarded Children are discussed at the site at Pinewoods Avenue by (from left) Francis J. Sheridan, associate architect in the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene; Mrs. Ernest Messier, chapter president; John J. McNulty Sr., chairman of the chapter's current building fund drive; James A. Mero, architect for the new facility, and Ernest Messier, chairman of the building committee. The structure in background will be raised

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Mental Health Board properly staffed and fully operated to meet the needs of the retarded.

7. Appropriate funding and budgeting of all these facilities, programs and services through the existing governmental structure so that the mentally retarded will receive fair and equitable consideration for their unmet needs in addition to more energetic attempts to obtain such additional state and Federal monies that may be available for facilities, programs and services, staffing and research needs.

8. Appointment of a Mayor's Commission on Mental Retardation to be composed of highly qualified professional persons and community leaders to advise the Mayor periodically and as needed on progress and to review yearly new goals and objectives.

9. Establishment of a public education staff to promote in professional and lay circles increased understanding of the mentally retarded and the city's program.

10. Full and complete support from the Mayor in the implementation of these proposals and sufficient financing for their implementation.

The program proposed by the Association is one that would require substantial financial expenditures. The budget of the New York City Chapter alone is more than \$1-1/2 million a year. The costs, however, would be more than offset by savings through reduced admissions to state schools for the retarded and in welfare payments by making the great majority self-supporting and independent in daily living.

The ultimate savings from such an investment were emphasized by Miss Mary E. Switzer after receiving the Association's Annual Humanitarian Award. Miss Switzer, Commissioner of Vocational Rehabilitation Administration, at that time said:

"The financial returns from vocational rehabilitation services for the mentally retarded have been clearly demonstrated many times in our own public vocational rehabilitation program. For every Federal tax dollar invested in such services, the rehabilitated individual pays back five dollars in Federal taxes alone."

DELAWARE ADDED, ESSEX SOON

The addition of Delaware County Chapter to the Association's family was marked by the presentation of the Chapter's Certificate of Recognition at the Delegates' meeting at the State Convention held at The Laurels Hotel & Country Club, Monticello, N.Y. September, 30th. State president James F. Reville presented the Certificate to Mr. Richard Moore, the Chapter's representative to the State Board of Governors. Mr. George Rossamando of Walton, N.Y. is the President of the chapter.

Materials have been received from a group headed by Mrs. Margaret Kolodzey and Rev. Paul Ives of Moriah, N.Y. which we expect will become the fifty-first Chapter of the Association, the Essex County Chapter. Dr. Laurence Northrup has been elected president of this group.

Through the efforts of both Mrs. Louise Cooke, former Central Region vice-president of Lewis County and members of the Chenango County Chapter, interest has also been shown in a Chapter in Madison County, and it is anticipated that the month of November will see a pre-organizational meeting held with a group there.

Additional interest has reached the Association offices recently from Orleans County in the far western part of the state, and there is some hope that before long we will be invited to participate in organizing a group in Franklin County in the far north. In the latter case, considerable interest in programs for the mentally retarded has begun with the opening of Sunmount State School as a facility for the mentally retarded with both our Clinton and St. Lawrence County Chapters putting considerable effort into the area, as well as the new members of Essex County showing interest there. We are hopeful that we will soon be able to report progress in a Chapter in that area.

SEVEN REHAB AGENCIES IN ONE CENTER MONROE COUNTY CHAPTER TO SHARE NEW QUATERS

The Al Sigl Center for Rehabilitation Agencies will be the headquarters for seven voluntary Rochester and Monroe County agencies that provide care, treatment and rehabilitation services to individuals with physical, mental or emotional handicaps.

The agencies to occupy the new Center are: Day Care Training Center, Inc.; Hearing and Speech Center of Rochester, Inc.; Medical Motor Service of Rochester and Monroe County, Inc; Monroe County Chapter, N.Y. State Association for Retarded Children, Inc.; Rochester Area Multiple Sclerosis, Inc.; Rochester Rehabilitation Center, Inc.; United Cerebral Palsy Assn. of the Rochester Area, Inc.

It is hoped that maintenance expenses in obsolete buildings now being occupied by the sharing agencies will be lowered considerably and that services to the clients will be greatly improved.

Although benefiting in many ways as part of the Center, each agency will remain completely autonomous and in control of its own program.

The estimated cost of construction and equipping the Center is \$3,800,000. Federal and State grants totaling approximately \$1,600,000., have been approved, and more may be obtained.

GROUND BROKEN FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY CENTER

A ground breaking ceremony earlier this year marked the start of construction of a community day training mental retardation center in Watertown, New York. It was attended by representatives of agencies and officers and members of the Jefferson County Chapter of N.Y.S.A.R.C., with a reception later at the Jefferson County Savings Bank.

Thomas A. Coughlin, Chapter President, and a member of the State Board of Governors, expressed appreciation to all who had contributed their efforts.



In the center foreground, Thomas A. Coughlin, chapter president, watches as George Eversfield, employed at the Sheltered Workshop operated by the chapter, wields the shovel.

A telegram of congratulations on behalf of Governor Rockefeller, signed by Earl W. Brydges, president protem of the Senate and Acting Governor at the time, was read. It said in part: "This important new facility will fill a long felt need in your County, enabling the Association's services for the retarded to be brought together in a central location and to expand the scope of those services."

A telegram of congratulations was also sent by Senator Robert F. Kennedy which said in part: "The mentally retarded are no longer doomed to a life of silent dependency. There is much to be done and it is with facilities such as these and the people who dedicate themselves to helping that the guidance and care necessary for the retarded to lead more constructive and fruitful lives is provided."

The facilities of Watertown mark the first construction upstate under Federal Law 88-164 - the Mental Retardation Facilities Construction Act - and the State Legislation.

Under these programs, approximately 2/3 of the construction is financed through Federal and State funds with the other third coming from the community.

The facility will include a sheltered workshop and a day training center for the mentally retarded.

RENSSELAER COUNTY CHAPTER WINS AD AWARD

Second - place citations have been awarded for two recent advertisements in The Record Newspapers as a result of judging in Niagara Falls by members of the New York State Advertising Managers Bureau, a group representing 95 percent of the state's daily newspapers.

The awards were in two categories of the five set up for judging.

The award for excellence in development of an original idea went to the Rensselaer County Chapter for Retarded Children for its seven - column ad kicking off its current building fund drive.

BROOME COUNTY CHAPTER FIGHTS 'SQUEEZE PLAY'

Speaking out boldly on an issue of importance to the mentally retarded, Jefferson F. Meagher, president of the Broome County Chapter of the Association stood at odds with the chairman of the Public Health Committee of the County Board of Supervisors, Fourth Ward Supervisor Richard M. Hill. According to a news release from Binghamton, the Association was called to a meeting of the Mental Health Board to discuss potential plans to construct a center for the mentally retarded. The Association's planning was recommended for delay because, said the Mental Health Board, consideration was being given to the building of a County Mental Health Center and they felt that the ARC's programs should be included in that complex and not proposed separately.

Mr. Meagher pointed up that he did not feel that the Association could wait 5, 6 or 10 years for a County project that might never come. He pointed out that the Association was not trying to be difficult but that at the present time it would be possible for the Association to provide 1/3 federal and 1/3 state aid through a contract for the building of such a center in Binghamton, which would mean actually bringing 2/3 of the cost of the program back in from outside Broome County rather than having the local residents responsible for the entire funding.

In addition, the Association had already made the request to the United Fund for capital construction funds in 1968 in order to be ready to begin building in 1969, if their project was approved.

It was felt by the State Office to be quite an admission, in print, in the story on Mr. Meagher's brave stand in which the director of the Community Health Board and several commissioners said "there is a theory in the Department of Mental Hygiene that mentally retarded persons should be treated separately from those with emotional problems."

The Association is opposed to placing services for the mentally retarded in mental health centers.

"The Federal Legislation," said Mr. Weingold, "clearly separates the two and we will keep it that way."

WHAT GOES ON?

ASKS CARMINE MANGANO

In a letter to Dr. Burton Giges, Director of Community Mental Health Board, Westchester County, Mr. Carmine Mangano, Executive Director of the Westchester County Chapter, pointed out that a committee of professional and lay people recommended that classes for the emotionally disturbed be conducted in the local school even though it will cost more money. But it would continue sending the retarded to BOCES which would not offer as much as they are recommending for the emotionally disturbed.

Administrative action should be taken "to ensure that emotionally disturbed or brain injured children are educated within local school buildings," Bedford central school district's Curriculum Council maintains.

The recommendations are highly questionable when it uses the following language. "Special education" is the term now in use to denote programs for emotionally disturbed and/or brain injured children, and does not refer to nor does the council study deal with, those programs for pupils who are mentally retarded or physically handicapped, nor with pupils "exceptional in some other respects."

It is a sad commentary on professional knowledge on mental retardation and the needs of the retarded, protests Mr. Mangano.

NASSAU COUNTY CHAPTER'S 14th ANNUAL ROSE BALL



NASSAU COUNTY CHAPTER'S 14th ANNUAL ROSE BALL held in June honored Presiding Supervisor Ralph G. Caso, right, with the presentation of the chapter's Humanitarian Award. Offering their congratulations are newly installed Chapter President Edward Licence and Rose Ball Chairman Mrs. Charles Merinoff. Over 1,400 people attended the successful event held at the New York Hilton Hotel.

MIDDLETOWN DAY TRAINING CENTER

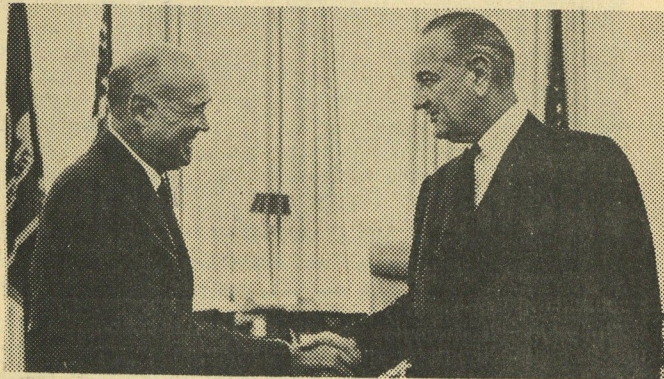


Plans are reviewed for a Day Care Center for retarded children to be located in Middletown. The Day Care Center would focus on preparing mentally retarded children to become more independent. Viewing the plans are, l-r, Dr. Elizabeth Most, State Consultant on Mental Hygiene, Ed Kelleher, newly appointed Executive Director of the Orange County Association for Help to Retarded Children, Frank Kovalsky, President of the Orange County Chapter for Retarded Children, Richard D. Youngs, Building Chairman of the Day Care Center, Dr. Alfred Wood, Director of Community Mental Health Services in Orange County, and Richard Foot, member of the building committee for the Day Care Center. Mr. Young and Mr. Foot represented the Middletown Jaycees who offered to erect the building for the center.

PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE MAKES FIRST REPORT

The first report of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation on the nation's progress and remaining great needs in the campaign to combat mental retardation has highlighted ten important areas of needs. They follow:

1. Mental retardation services must be available to more of the nation's people.
2. More effective and extensive manpower recruitment and training programs for work with the mentally retarded are needed.



Bernard Rosenberg, a member of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation, is greeted by President Johnson at a recent meeting at the White House. Mr. Rosenberg is a member of the Board and of the New York State Association for Retarded Children.

3. Fuller use of existing resources is a necessity.
4. More public-private partnerships in program development, services and research are needed.
5. A National Mental Retardation Information and Resource Center should be developed.
6. Basic research, training and application of research, rapid translation of research results into service program uses need continued encouragement.
7. Immediate, major attention should be given to early identification and treatment of the mentally retarded.
8. Social and institutional planning for the coming decade must take into account the special needs of the mentally retarded.
9. The legal status of the mentally retarded individual must be clarified and his rights guaranteed.
10. Lastly, we urge that everyone interested in helping the mentally retarded and combatting retardation give thought to imaginative ideas and approaches to make new advances possible.

The report shows that three-quarters of the country's 201,000 institutionalized mentally retarded patients are still living in buildings a half-century old or older, many of them "hand me down" tuberculosis hospitals or abandoned military installations. Half of all school districts offer no classes for pupils with special learning problems and needs. Every week 2,100 children are born who are or will become mentally retarded. They are being added to a group that already numbers six million.

In an editorial in the New York Times on September 1st, it is stated, "The growth in public concern that has been reflected in scores of new programs since 1962 is still insignificant in terms of the need. It is time to mobilize

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A ROLE FOR THE RETARDED

No, mental retardation is not the same as emotional illness.

No, these people are not injury prone or dangerous. No, they are not accepting sub-standard wages.

No, the mentally retarded will not molest any of the women employees.

These are the answers to common questions by prospective employees of the mentally retarded, according to an article by Elaine Wiesenfeld, Assistant Editor of Modern Maintenance Management.

According to the article, these questions reflect the ignorance of our society about mental retardation.

The article, pointing out how well prepared mentally retarded come to such jobs, quotes some employers such as Louis Lustenberger, president of W.T. Grant Company, who says "They don't mind working hard, have better attendance records, are more reliable, have lower turn over and show more loyalty."

"I don't think this loyalty comes from gratitude, but in being comfortable in doing their jobs well. They enjoy jobs others think are beneath them or are doing as a stopgap."

One manager of a metal plating firm, when asked why he hired the mentally retarded, said, "When you ask them a question that they can't answer - they simply admit it. The normal employee is usually embarrassed about his ignorance and covers up with time consuming diversions which usually cost the employer money."

FEDERAL AGENCIES REPORT ON EMPLOYMENT OF RETARDED

Thirty-four Federal agencies have made a total of 1948 placements of mentally retarded persons as of September 1, 1966, according to Edward F. Rose, Director, Employment Programs for the Handicapped, U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C.

Thirty-nine Federal agencies now have approved agreements to employ the mentally retarded of which only five agencies have failed to follow-up with the required activation.

The leading agency in the number employed has been the Post Office Department with 346, of which 341 have been placed outside of the District of Columbia.

Second in rank is the Treasury Department with 262; third is the General Services Administration with 244; fourth is the Veterans Administration with 230; and fifth is the Department of the Army with 207 placements.

In addition, nearly 28,000 mentally retarded trained by Federal, State, local and private agencies entered the job market this year (1966).

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more money and professional manpower to keep people from requiring institutionalization and to make sure that the institutions will not be snake pits when they do."

"It is significant," commenting on the editorial, said James F. Reville, president of the New York State Association for Retarded Children, "that the Times itself still has not been educated to the difference between mental retardation and mental illness. In the editorial, they speak of 'institutionalized mental patients'. It is time that some public education be done with newspapers as well as all others."

HEW REORGANIZED

Mary E. Switzer, Commissioner of the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration since 1950, has been appointed by HEW Secretary Gardner as Administrator for a new agency, Social and Rehabilitation Service.

This major reorganization of federal welfare programs merges welfare and vocational rehabilitation services in five bureaus of the new Social and Rehabilitation Service.

Rehabilitation Services Administration is responsible for programs aiding the handicapped, disabled Social Security applicants, crippled children, mentally retarded, and for services for the blind and the permanently and totally disabled. This was formerly the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration.

Childrens Bureau is responsible for studies and investigations of the status of children and the federal-state child welfare, maternal and child health and juvenile delinquency programs; for health services to school children and for family and child welfare services.

Administration on aging, is responsible for administration of the Older Americans Act and collecting and disseminating information on the status of Older Americans, and for services for the aged (including insurance and assistance beneficiaries), standards for services to OAA beneficiaries, and the Foster Grandparent Program.

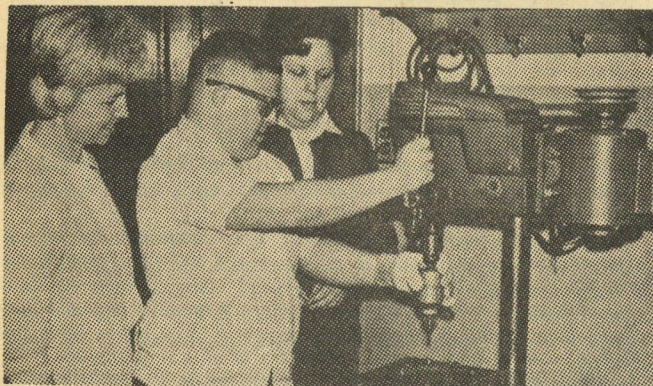
Medical Services Administration is responsible for medical assistance services by state and local agencies, included Title 19 programs.

Assistance payments administration is responsible for the money-payment aspects of public assistance programs—Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Old Age, Blind and Disability Assistance, and for the Administration of Work Experience and Community Work Training Programs.

The basic objective of the reorganization is to bring the rehabilitation concept exemplified by the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration into programs for the needy, disadvantaged children, the aged, and the mentally retarded.

It is hoped that rehabilitation philosophy and techniques that have proved so successful with the handicapped will be applied particularly to public welfare recipients, for disability and dependency usually go hand in hand.

THE FINAL OPERATION



Lawrence A. Zoladz puts a final touch on a drill-press operation at the Dunkirk Workshop of the Chautauqua County Chapter under the supervision of Mrs. Edward Andrews, left and Mrs. Robert Charlton.

HIRING THE RETARDED

Sky-Chef, Inc., (American Airlines) last January agreed to provide 300 job openings for mentally retarded young men and women over the next two years, according to the National Association for Retarded Children. Up to July of this year, some 35 have been placed in Sky-Chef units in Dallas, Los Angeles, Denver, Rochester, Nashville and other locations. Company policy is to credit the training reimbursement to the individual unit, as an incentive to employ the retarded.

Employment of the mentally retarded in industry is not a completely simple matter of finding a person and a job and bringing them together. According to Mr. Charles Winkler, manager of the Dallas unit, here are some considerations for employees, counselors and work supervisors:

"Prior to considering such a program, it is essential that certain preliminary contacts and arrangements be made. Working relationships should be established with responsible individuals in the various agencies, which will be furnishing the handicapped or retarded applicant.

Familiarization visits should be made, by parties on both sides, to representative facilities. Firm contacts should be established through which all referrals should be made. Instructors, or instructor and student group tours of the unit's facilities should be encouraged.

Decisions should be agreed upon as to which jobs within the unit are adaptable to the retarded or handicapped employee.

Prior to employment of each handicapped worker, this individual, accompanied by the social worker and/or instructor, should be introduced in a group meeting to the Unit Manager, Department Manager, and the proposed individuals' future supervisor.

After introduction of the first employee into the unit it is very important to quickly find him a working buddy. This seems to lend stability and confidence to the mentally retarded worker.

Continual follow up and training by the supervisor is absolutely necessary to insure the employee's understanding of his job and adjustment to the routine."

THE STORY OF SWEAT

A pamphlet, "A Chance To Help", has recently been published by the Division of Mental Retardation of the U.S. Public Health Service, describing the "Sweat" program.

According to the pamphlet, last year 700 students from high schools and colleges across the nation came to know intimately the joys and frustrations of working with what is perhaps the least understood group in America, when they participated in a vacation work program sponsored by the Mental Retardation Branch of the U.S. Public Health Service's Division of Chronic Diseases. Called SWEAT, for Student Work Experience and Training, the program consists of grants to enable institutions to give qualified and interested students a chance to work with the retarded in the hope that the students will choose this area of work in their professional careers.

Says the pamphlet "These six million are human beings who, through an accident of nature, came into a world that thinks too fast for them, much like an average man forced to make his life in a land of Einsteins."

"But the retarded can give as well as receive."

The pamphlet may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. The price is 25 cents.

NEW TEACHERS GROUP FORMED

Teachers of Mentally Handicapped Form State Association

More than 700 persons met at the Concord Hotel on November 2-5, 1967 in the Catskills to initiate the new organization of teachers.

This is the New York State Association for Teachers of the Mentally Handicapped.

According to a release from the Public Relations Committee of the Association, "This Association has its roots in the many county organizations that have been in operation in Special Education."

The organization came into being because of the feeling of the teachers that existing organizations did not focus enough on the teaching of the mentally handicapped in the classrooms their major interest.

After a series of meetings, the following purposes were evolved for the Association:

1. develop quality programs at the local level.
2. strengthen cooperative relationships with other professional groups who have related goals.
3. interpret to lay and professional groups, growth developments in the field of special education.
4. encourage and provide for professional growth of personnel.
5. encourage research and experimentation.

The phenomenal attendance at the first State meeting which celebrated 50 years of mandatory legislation for the education of the mentally retarded in New York State clearly demonstrated the need for an organization of this kind.

Plans are already underway for the second year's program.

CADETTE GIRL SCOUT TROOP ORGANIZED

Cadette Girl Scout Troop #172 of Ovid, New York, is to be complimented on their work under the leadership of Mrs. Claire Redditt, troop leader and Patricia Ryan assistant troop leader and Douglas Hamilton, supervisor of occupational therapy at Willard State Hospital for their willingness to assist in the formation of a Cadette Girl Scout Troop within the Sampson Unit of the institution.

Mrs. Hamilton gave a brief talk on mental retardation and about the type of patient the members of the Cadette troop would meet in dealing with the girls at Sampson. There will be 12 members in the institutions group initially with the members of the community group acting as "big sisters" to the other girls.

To help support the new troop, a money gift from the Court Seneca Falls of the Catholic Daughters of America, was given to the new group together with an initial deposit from the bank account of Troop #172.

The newly organized troop will be sponsored by the Willard Service Committee, composed of members of the Mental Health Association from the eight counties serviced by Willard State Hospital, and by interested volunteers and through the cooperation of Dr. Anthony Mustille, director, of Willard State Hospital, who gave permission for the establishment of the troop and personally expressed his appreciation to the girls of Troop #172, for their interest in the patients.

IMPLEMENTATION OF TITLE VI

The appointment of Dr. James J. Gallagher as Associate Commissioner to head the recently established Bureau of Education for the Handicapped was announced recently by US Commissioner of Education Harold Howe II.

In addition, the National Advisory Committee on Handicapped Children, authorized at the same time as the new Bureau of Education for the Handicapped was also set up.

The Bureau and Committee was established by Congress in 1966 amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (the new Title VI), to recommend improvements and provide vital support and guidance in the expansion of educational programs for the handicapped.

On a state level, this is being implemented through the Department of Education under the direction of Dr. Anthony Pelone. Sal Tavormino has been put in charge of this program. A State Advisory Committee is being formed. Your Executive Director, Joseph T. Weingold, has been asked to serve as a member of the Committee.

The Law emphasizes initiation, expansion and improvement of special educational services to handicapped children. The definition of handicapped children includes mentally retarded, hard of hearing, deaf, speech impaired, visually handicapped, seriously emotionally disturbed, crippled, or other health impaired children who by reason thereof require special education and related services.

Both public and non-public agencies must be involved in local planning for the expenditure of these funds. The financial intention here is to supplement, not supplant, current local efforts.

In testimony early this year before Congressman Hugh Carey, the Executive Director of the New York State Association for Retarded Children, Joseph T. Weingold, indicated that the bill was defective in that private non-profit organizations cannot participate except through school districts. The bill passed in that form, however, and may be a deterrent to the development of such services on a volunteer level in the community.

FORMER WASSAIC RESIDENT NOW HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

The work of Community League members has always been rewarded by seeing the smiles of the children, writes Dina Donohue, the chairman of Community-League-Wassaic Chapter Publicity Department.

Now, with the high school graduation of a former Wassaic resident, Community League's efforts have had a very wonderful award.

In this age of dropouts, she wrote, it is particularly heartwarming that a young man should have on his own initiative, gone to school at night after work to earn the high school diploma.

The former resident once wrote to members of Community League to thank them and said, "From the age of 5 to 28, I was at Wassaic State School. Now I am a changed man because a group of people got together one day and formed an organization - Community League - to help retarded children.

"I feel differently, think differently. I found myself before it was too late. To Community League I owe my greatest gratitude. I've been able to prove that a man's life can change. But he has to have someone - like Community League members - to give him just a little love. And after this experience, I've learned that with God, all things are possible."

STATE SCHOOL EMPLOYEES HONORED BY GOVERNOR

A first in the history of the Association was noted in June of this year when the winners of the Outstanding Employee awards presented by the Association to one person from each of nine different State Schools were invited, for the first time, to be guests at an annual luncheon given by the governor for other state employees who had earned an outstanding designation.



At the Governor's Luncheon, State Association President, James F. Reville (second from left) poses with honored employees, the Governor and Commissioner Alan D. Miller.

For several years, it has been the custom to invite those named as the "Psychiatric Aide of the Year" in the State Schools and Hospitals to a luncheon where special awards were given by the Association for Mental Health. It was, therefore, with considerable pleasure that the Association learned that the State School employees chosen by their fellows and honored by this Association would also be given an opportunity to be recognized at this luncheon.

State Association president James F. Reville was invited to make a presentation on behalf of the Association. A gold award pin was given to each of the employees present, as an addition to the individual award certificates, \$50 checks, and plaque nameplates which were presented to each winner at our 1966 Convention in Jamestown, N.Y.

In commenting upon the inclusion of the State School employees in this year's festivities, Mr. Reville stated that he felt it was a real honor to be included in the Governor's luncheon and that a great deal of credit needed to go to Dr. Alan D. Miller, Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, for recognizing the employees of State Schools and the honors which our Association affords, on the same plane with those given to others working in the field of mental health.

CHARLES MCALLISTER RECEIVES AWARD

Charles I. McAllister, a faculty member of Syracuse University's School of Special Education, and Assistant Commissioner since 1966 in the Department of Mental Hygiene of the State of New York, a good friend of the New York State ARC, was given an award by the Institute for Retarded Children of The Shield of David at its 21st Annual Cavalcade of Stars in Madison Square Garden, New York City on June 20.

The award given to Charlie in recognition of his thirty years of service in the field of mental retardation, read:

"His responsibilities for teacher training and comprehensive educational facilities in the state schools have resulted in a vast expansion in services for retardates throughout the state."

The entire Association joins in sharing the sentiments expressed in the award, which all feel are richly deserved. It couldn't have happened to a nicer fellow.

TONAWONDA GIRL WINS WEINGOLD SCHOLARSHIP

Miss Sandra N. Eiduson, a student at the State University College at Buffalo, and a resident of Tonawanda, N.Y., was this year's winner of the Joseph T. Weingold Scholarship, a \$500 award given for use during the junior and senior years of study in special education. Miss Eiduson, a fine student who has maintained a 3.68 grade average, has been very active in working with the mentally retarded since she began working with day camps in 1963. She has done some work as a volunteer assistant in the program of our Erie County Chapter and is also active in community affairs.



SANDRA EIDUSON

She was elected president of the New York State Federation of Student CEC in 1966 and was sent to a National Convention in St. Louis to represent this group. Perhaps the choice of Miss Eiduson is best reflected by the letter received from Dr. Horace Mann, director of special education at the college, which reads as follows: "Many thanks for your award to Miss Sandra Eiduson. We are proud of her, and feel your choice could not have been better. She is a bright young lady and is committed to this work with a passion."

Miss Eiduson joins Miss Judith E. Thorpe, a student at the State University at Geneseo as a recipient of the Weingold Scholarship for 1967.

RETARDED SCOUTS WIN AWARD

The Boy Scouts of Troop 12 of the Warren-Washington Chapter of the Association won an award for outstanding participation in a Boy Scouts Camporee held last May at Willard Mountain. Over 1,000 Boy Scouts from the area attended.

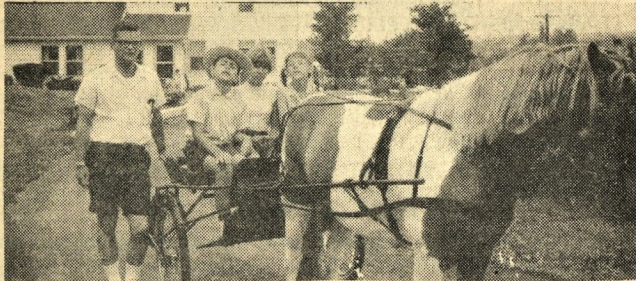
Arriving in the rain on a Friday evening, the boys pitched their tents at about 5 P.M. The Saturday program was highlighted by a camp fire conducted by the Order of the Arrow and a musical program provided by a 60-voice choir from Troy, called the "Sing Out Upstate" group. The program closed with the singing of Scout Vespers followed by the Scoutmaster's benediction.

On Sunday, the boys attended churches of all faiths and conducted a closing ceremony at about one in the afternoon. Each troop was awarded a participation ribbon, a number of gold stars, depending upon their rating in the competitive events.

It was indeed a pleasure to note that the blue ribbon for outstanding participation was awarded to a troop from within the Association.

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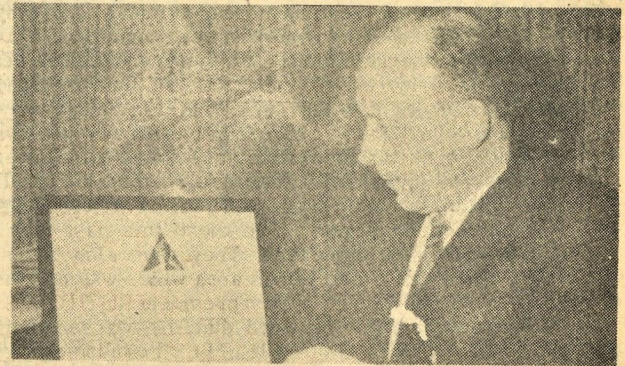
It has been an unusually long time between issues of our paper so that perhaps some of you have sent in Chapter News which will not be appearing because of the time lapse. We hope you will all forgive us and enjoy those items that we are able to bring to you here...Starting this month's issue, we bring you news of COMMUNITY LEAGUE-WASSAIC CHAPTER...must congratulate them upon the regularity with which news items have been received of recent date, some of which are reported elsewhere in the paper...they have a full slate of events scheduled for this fall, beginning with an outdoor show for the children (held on September 10) and following up with a second annual meeting of the LEAGUE to be held on the grounds of Wassaic State School...their clever flyer, which announced a new undertaking - enjoyed a cocktail hour for "social singles"...first drink is on the house and after that one pays his own, and the excess of contributions over first-drink costs goes to COMMUNITY LEAGUE...



FIELD TRIP COLUMBIA COUNTY I. to r. Camp Director
Mr. Shelly Evans, Billy Young and Linda Beaumont.

Received a nice long report from COLUMBIA COUNTY Chapter especially filled with news of its busy camp program this past summer, CAMP MOHICAN...This was the Camp's third season and it ran 6 weeks in duration with 28 campers...The Chairman was Joseph McCrudden, director of the Hudson City Youth Bureau. A teen-age club permits the Camp the use of its many-roomed building...Pleased to see that this year, for the first time, the Camp was supported through a Community Mental Health Board contract...More active than ever, the Chapter planned its annual dinner-dance for late October and anticipated holding an October rummage sale to raise funds...Moving right ahead in COLUMBIA...Received many fine pictures of the BROOME COUNTY annual dinner at which Stanley P. Davies was guest speaker...We feel their dinner booklet could become a model for small Chapters who don't feel quite ready to go into the large journal stage as yet...Those interested can contact the State office for a look at same...Ten Boy and Cub Scout Troops are selling Christmas bows for the Association's Workshop trainees. We hope this project works out successfully...BENEVOLENT SOCIETY's colorful monthly Newsletter continuing to come through regularly...Noted with interest the item from the September issue which indicated that another Pythian Lodge, #786, saw to it that the children at Willowbrook State School received 6,000 Good Humor Ice Cream pops this past summer...Maybe with all that melting ice cream we have some explanation for the slowness with which the wheels of bureaucracy sometimes turn...SCHENECTADY COUNTY to be congratulated upon the publicity they are receiving of recent date...We have collected no fewer than four very large newspaper stories in our files in the past few months, not to mention the monthly Newsletter and the Progress Report sent out each month by executive director Fowler Wilson...The Association was involved in helping a Polish family with an immigration case this past summer, to bring the 15-year old retarded son to this country...We note also that the Chapter has added a speech therapist to its staff

again, that they are taking about a seven-week day camp for next summer. Their workshop is also moving with over 7500 boxes of bows ordered according to the last report and some consideration being given to taking over a towel business for the Physical Education Department of the Schenectady School District...OTSEGO COUNTY CHAPTER writes through Mrs. Mary Jansen, Publicity Chairman, that they have been quite active and have held meetings to get the community interested in retarded children...Chapter planning a fund-raising project during National Retarded Children's Week...A booth was set up at the OTSEGO COUNTY Fair in Morris, N.Y. at which the Chapter sold candy and realized a profit of \$100...No one really need ask what SULLIVAN COUNTY CHAPTER has been doing for excitement of recent date; playing host to the State Convention was a big job which was very ably handled by the Chapter members...The Association's center of activities has moved, a bit further up the Quickway, now is located in the former school building at Parkville, N.Y. ...all this, we are sure, with an eye to extending services into DELAWARE COUNTY to help those there who have nothing off-the-ground as yet...That's co-operation...Much excitement from MONROE COUNTY over the progress being made on the new AL SIGL center in which the Association will be a tenant. The active Chapter has had a long struggle for adequate space and facilities for their programs and we certainly hope this will be the beginning of a solution to that problem...Could not leave news of



Robert H. Wagner cited at annual meeting.

MONROE COUNTY CHAPTER without mentioning that at the annual meeting of the Association a presentation was made to Bob Wagner, past president of the State Association, for his many years of service to MONROE COUNTY CHAPTER...Bob, we are sorry to be so late in mentioning your well-deserved honor; but, better late than never...NEW YORK CITY CHAPTER moving right along with all sorts of activities, running their usual parent education courses again, this year, some of the best around, we feel, and holding Open House in all their programs last spring for visitors interested in the projects of the Association...under the leadership of new public relations director, Narissa Nickel, they have also arranged a showing of Art of the mentally retarded in New York City...Another item which has been resting on our desk for a long time and is now finally reaching print is the fact that the Association is receiving a boost from the New York City Playboy Club. They started a new taste delight called a Poor Boy Sandwich, profits of which were earmarked for the Association. Isn't that a swell excuse for husband's arriving home late with Bunny fluff on their coats, to be able to tell their wives that they've been out helping the Association?...Seems to be somewhat of a scarcity in the usual volume of the WESTCHESTER COUNTY CHAPTER Newsletters in preparing for this event, but no scarcity of newspaper clippings on the activities of the Chapter. They acquired a station wagon last spring from the Exchange Club of

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White Plains which donated its annual Christmas fruit cake sale income to help purchase the vehicle - Our Thanks... Ran a Hole-in-One Contest at various Westchester golf courses, and of course, made everyone in the organization happy through the pictures of various Chapter officers receiving contributions from different groups, including the United Baptist Deacon's Union of Westchester and its auxiliary, and the Shore League of the Association. Thanks again for much good work...Hat's off to MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHAPTER on the fact that it is more lively than ever, presently publishing a monthly Newsletter...Had their October meeting in FULTON COUNTY, at the FULTON COUNTY Workshop, giving consideration to the possibility of creating a satellite workshop for MONTGOMERY COUNTY itself... Whoever would have thought that we were wondering, two years ago, if MONTGOMERY COUNTY was still alive? - They are alive, and coming on strong...It's good to have the office of WELFARE LEAGUE-LEITCHWORTH VILLAGE CHAPTER, swinging along regularly again. Their faithful secretary, Ruth Sadowsky, was out much of the early part of this year for very serious surgery; nice to know we can pick up the phone and get through to her again...By the time this paper reaches you, the LEAGUE's annual luncheon, to be held November 18th, will have been completed. We hope it's one of their most successful...The ONONDAGA COUNTY Newsletter also brings a report of a busy schedule from Chapter president, Al Cappuccilli. Among the accomplishments he discusses in the letter were an expansion of facilities for their activity center, increased fund raising under the direction of Fred Head for the Chapter's annual fund drive. An excellent membership dinner was held, and the Chapter's membership was increased. Programs continue as usual in ONONDAGA...ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER, under the direction of its new part-time executive director, Edward Kelleher, has opened a new office at 50 East Main Street in Middletown; on November 6 they are opening a third Day Training Center, in Port Jervis, N.Y., following a successful summer recreation program held there this past year for approximately thirty youngsters. They have also begun an auxiliary around the Port Jervis area which was of course encouraged for many years by past president RUTH GROSS... From the far north comes word that the Massena unit of our ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY CHAPTER has adopted a ward at the Sunmount State School where they have made pictures, drapes, etc., to make the rooms at the school a bit more



Charles "Corky" Sobel of Roslyn, New York proudly views the Volunteer of the Year Award presented to his mother Mrs. Morton J. Sobel, center, as Nassau County Chapter President Elliot L. Aronin looks on. Presentation was made at Nassau Chapter's annual Spring Luncheon & Fashion Show on March 8th at the New York Hilton Hotel. Close to one thousand women attended the glamour affair featuring the collection of Pauline Trigere and furs by Kahn Brothers & Pinto and jewels by Cartier.

pleasant - not that we're complaining, you understand, as Sunmount is one of our favorite facilities...Congratulations to the ladies for thinking of these children; we hope their interest in Sunmount, over that Franklin County line, may soon lead to stimulation for a local Chapter there...An interesting newspaper report from CHEMUNG COUNTY CHAPTER, indicating that 15 youngsters braved unseasonably cold weather to attend a corn roast, which they didn't mind at all since it was a victory celebration marking the successful completion of a garden by four members in the group. We understand they planted an acre of squash, corn, beans, tomatoes and flowers; they entered some of the flowers in a County Fair and received awards for four of the five they had entered. Just shows another area where our kids can keep up...Our thanks to Howard Allen of Elmira, who donated use of the land to this group...From CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY comes a note from Jim DePonceau, telling us that the Jamestown United Fund okayed a \$900 increase in their budget...Twelve retarded unemployables participated in a half-day workshop program in Dunkirk...35 youngsters went to Camp Cornplanter for one or more weeks...20-25 participated in the Jamestown summer recreational program...10-20 participated in the recreation program in the northern part of the county...and professional programs in the County are proceedings on a basis better than ever before...In addition, the Chapter's pre-vocational trainees are very happy that they have recently been awarded a contract drilling styrofoam for packing punches and folding boxes for the shipping department of the Ring Punch & Die Division of the Producto Machine Company in addition to previous contracts held for making pallets and hot box flats for greenhouses...Alfred Durivage, president of PUTNAM



Monticello Mayor Joseph N. Garlick, right, is shown the program of the state convention of the Association for Retarded Children by convention chairman Mrs. Ruth Bennett of Monticello and county association president Clarence W. Wegman of Woodbourne.

COUNTY CHAPTER and Mrs. Bertha Freydborg, chairman of the committee, have installed a bronze memorial plaque in memory of Mrs. Deborah C. Cherey in the sanctuary of Temple Beth Shalom in Mt. Kisco. The plaque was presented to the Temple by the PUTNAM COUNTY CHAPTER of the Association and Mrs. Cherey's many friends...SCHOHARIE COUNTY CHAPTER now also printing a regular monthly Newsletter...It indicated that their second summer camp was completed in August. They doubled enrollment at the camp this year...We join the Association in extending thanks to the Mental Health Board for cooperation and financial assistance as here, too, we had a contract under the

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Mental Health Board...It might be noted that Harry Donaghy, of Central Bridge, was given a good citizenship award by the SCHOHARIE COUNTY Community Action Program; Mr. Donaghy has long been an active member in SCHOHARIE COUNTY CHAPTER...Our thanks go out to the Beta Gamma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, which donated a new electric typewriter to the CAYUGA COUNTY CHAPTER of the Association. John Weems looks very official in the newspaper picture, observing it in operation...SARATOGA COUNTY CHAPTER again operating its Day Training Center and on the recommendation of the Bureau of Mentally Handicapped Children is lengthening the hours of the program, which the children seem to be bearing up under very well...They're also collecting favorite holiday recipes to be compiled for a Holiday Cookbook...GREENE COUNTY CHAPTER, one of our newest admissions, got started on the right foot with a summer recreation program which also had Community Mental Health Board support...A post card from Tom Kenny, president of the ONTARIO COUNTY CHAPTER announced that an adult training class will meet five mornings a week during the school year at the Chapter's new Day Training Center located in Geneva...They also write that in cooperation with the American Red Cross and the American Legion there were swimming lessons at the American Legion Post in Geneva this past summer for the mentally retarded...Won't attempt to chronicle all the activities of the NASSAU COUNTY CHAPTER beyond saying that Mrs. Morton J. Sobel of Roslyn was named the Association's Volunteer of the Year and she and her son Corky looked great in the many newspaper photographs of the event...CATTARAUGUS COUNTY enjoyed their usual fine dinner meeting which we were sorry no member of the State staff was able to attend for the first time in three years. Our thanks to Joey Abdo, Bob Hutchinson, John Donovan, Lance Steinhart and Stephen Barbaro of Olean, who ran a penny carnival in their neighborhood this past summer, turning over \$24.16 to the Chapter. Who says people can't be interested young in the problems of the retarded?...Once again, our WARREN WASHINGTON Chapter, combined with the United Cerebral Palsy Association of the Tri-Counties, Inc. to operate Prospect Programs, a summer day Camp Prospect...32 youngsters participated in the program. Wish we had space to print the fine letter which was sent along, indicating the interest and enjoyment by one of those who was a participant...We note with pleasure the many clippings passing over our desk from ALBANY COUNTY CHAPTER showing the additional support they have received from the community in terms of fund raising especially during their annual June fund drive. Our thanks to the SPEBQSA of Albany and the Capital Newspapers, for contributions to the Association during that period...Speaking of contributions, one overlooked in an earlier issue but very important to a smaller Chapter was the \$500 presented to the CHENANGO COUNTY CHAPTER by the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary of Norwich. CHENANGO is growing more active all the time on the upstate scene...did a real great job on the Holland Bulb sale this year and it appears to be a Chapter with a real future, which this money will help provide...Finally, let us close with our very active ROCKLAND COUNTY CHAPTER, whose monthly Newsletter has been most interesting...Most mention the fact that at the Association's annual dinner, a plaque was given to Jim Maroon, a long time worker in the Association. We like its inscription well enough to repeat it here: "Presented by Rockland County Chapter of the Association for Retarded Children with Esteem, Affection and Gratitude to James D. Maroon, A Man With a Vision and The Courage and Determination to Make It A Reality"... We join in those sentiments...Ramapo Auxiliary made a station wagon available to the Chapter...More and more of our

DR. TOBIAS APPOINTED

Dr. Jack Tobias has been appointed executive director of the Association for the Help of Retarded Children, New York City Chapter. Dr. Tobias first came to the AHRC in 1955 as a clinical psychologist and has most recently served as the Director of Programs and Research. During the



DR. JACK TOBIAS

1966-67 school year he held the position of Research Coordinator, Curriculum, Research and Development Center of the Department of Special Education at Yeshiva University.

Dr. Tobias received his Ph. D. in Clinical Psychology from New York University, Graduate School of Arts and Science. He has published extensively in professional journals and, in 1963, received the National Research Award of the American Personnel and Guidance Association. He is also a research grant recipient of the National Association for Retarded Children.

DR. ELENA GALL DIES

On May 25th, on her way home from teaching at Hunter College, Professor Elena Gall met her untimely death at the hands of an assassin.

Elena was a close friend to the A.R.C. and served a number of years on the professional Advisory Board of the New York City Chapter. She was instrumental in conducting a summer Special Education Program in Hunter College where the mentally retarded participated.

All those who knew her respected her for her professional integrity, admired her for her charm and wit, and were swayed by her professional diplomacy and good sense.

The retarded and all the handicapped have lost a dear friend in the death of Elena Gall.

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groups getting their own "wheels"...FUDGE of the Month Club going great guns up there with \$107.50 taken in during the month of September alone...The Chapter has its own social worker and a new psychologist, just to keep moving along, and on August 16th celebrated the second anniversary of their Day Center. Had a great picture of the director of the Community Mental Health Services enjoying a piece of birthday cake doled out by Chapter executive Mrs. Louis Dolan. Will close on the note that we wish we could get every Community Mental Health Board to eat out of our hands like that.

Ulster, Westchester Win NARC Membership Certificates

Two of the Association's Chapters were the winners in the NARC membership drive of last spring. Awards were presented at the NARC Convention in Portland, Oregon, to State president James F. Reville as a representative of the two Chapters, Westchester and Ulster Counties.

NARC has set up the award, in the form of a Certificate, to the Chapter making the most significant membership increase in each of five categories. For those Chapters, the groupings are:

Chapters 10-50 members; 50-100 members; 100-300 members; 300-1,000 members; Over 1,000 members.

Westchester County Chapter was the winner in the 300-1,000 category. Ulster won out in the next lowest category.

President Reville, in commenting upon the awards, said "We have always liked to feel that New York State held a place of leadership among the family of Associations for Retarded Children. We think that having our Chapters win two of the five awards given throughout the country, is indicative of the fact that we have not misplaced our feelings."

RECEIVE AWARDS



New York ARC Chapters honored for contributions to research. l. to r.: Tom Tucker, past president of NARC, Barbara Adams, NARC staff, Anne Kraus, president of the New York City Chapter, James F. Reville, president, New York State Association and Arthur M. Gasman, president of the Welfare League, Letchworth Village Chapter.

3 Ply School For Retarded

The first school building designed to combine three separate, but related, schools for the training of the mentally handicapped will be opened in September, 1968 in North Bellmore, Long Island.

The building for the trainable mentally retarded has been specifically designed to abandon the "institutional look heretofore associated with such buildings" a spokesman for the architects said.

Over 1,200 students will attend classes in the 184,000-square-foot structure. Cost of the building is estimated at \$4,862,000.

The three schools are for children suffering from related conditions of mental retardation, the emotionally disturbed, the brain injured and the multiple-handicapped.

Construction is being done by the Nassau County Department of Public Works.

Nassau County has pioneered in the public education of Trainable mentally retarded pupils.

Rosemary F. Dybwad International Awards Announced by NARC

Eight persons have received grants totaling \$6,000.00 from the National Association for Retarded Children to pursue studies of various services for the mentally retarded in other countries.

Helen Lee Gordon of Portland, Oregon received \$1,500.00 to help finance her three month tour of day care facilities for the mentally retarded in Denmark, Sweden and Israel this summer.

Leopold D. Lippman, Coordinator of Mental Retardation Programs, State of California, received \$1,400.00 in partial support of his study of public attitudes towards mental retardation in a number of European countries.

John P. Reneau, research audiologist at Central Wisconsin Colony and Training School, plans to use his grant of \$900.00 to help finance a visit to research centers in England, Holland and Denmark to observe the work being done in differential diagnosis of hearing problems.

Frances P. Connor, Ed. D., Chairman of the Department of Special Education, Teachers College, Columbia University, received \$500.00 to help finance her attendance at the Pan American Conference on Mental Retardation in Montevideo, Uruguay, May 6-14.

John Daniel Van Pelt, Librarian of the National Library of Australia and Editor of "Australian Children Limited" in Canberra, Australia was awarded \$1,500.00 to attend the national convention of the National Association for Retarded Children in Portland, Oregon.

Small grants were awarded to a number of others to help finance their attendance at the International Congress for the Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency at Montpellier, France in September.

Joseph T. Weingold, Executive Director of the New York State Association for Retarded Children, applied for a grant of \$2,000.00 to study the structure and financing of hostels for the mentally retarded in England and the Scandinavian countries. The Association felt that this study was important at this time in view of the Governor's program for the development of community residences for the mentally retarded throughout the State of New York. This application was rejected.

New Center For Handicapped

The U.S. office of Education has announced that Teachers College has been awarded a \$2 million grant to construct a comprehensive research and demonstration center for the education of the handicapped, the nation's first such center in special education. This projected facility, funded by the grant, will house long-range research programs for five types of handicapped children: the mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed, physically handicapped, visually impaired, and hearing impaired. Major foci of the center will be on identifying characteristics of the handicapped learner and of the learning task, and on developing educational methods and materials for improving instruction. The new center will be erected on the present site of Macy Annex.

Principal investigators for the new research center are Professor Frances P. Connor, Special Education Department Chairman, and Professor Leonard S. Blackman, Director of the Institute for the Education of the Handicapped.

GUTHRIE AND MAC CREADY DEFEND P.K.U. TEST FOR RETARDED

Dr. Robert Guthrie, one of the leading developers of P.K.U. test for detecting signs of a deficiency in newborn babies, has denied charges that the test resulted from inadequate research and leads to harmful treatment of infants.

In April, 1966, Medical Tribune, Dr. Robert A. MacCready director, Diagnostic Laboratories, Massachusetts Department of Public Health and chairman of the NARC public health committee, also denied these charges.

Dr. Guthrie made his observations in the Courier Express of Buffalo, after a Washington, D.C. political science professor ripped into the PKU program in testimony before a Senate subcommittee.

The professor, Dr. Joseph D. Cooper, claimed that the PKU program is based on "unseasoned research" and resulted in harmful misdiagnosis of children and treatment which caused some deaths.

"He (Dr. Cooper) is confusing the PKU test and the subsequent treatment of the disease," Dr. Guthrie said.

"The PKU test is a screening program, which tells a physician that further exploration of the possible disease is needed."

Dr. Guthrie compared the PKU tests, which indicate the possible presence of an inherited disease in children, to tests for diabetes.

"A simple examination which indicates the presence of sugar in the system does not mean the physician immediately orders insulin for the patient", Dr. Guthrie observed.

"It means that more tests are needed to confirm where there really is diabetes. This is the same with PKU."

"As far as the charges that the PKU program lacks diagnostic refinement, the disease has been known since 1936. We know what it involves. But it was not until the PKU test was developed in 1963 that we had a way of telling us when to explore the possibility of treating the disease," Dr. Guthrie said.

He explained that, without the PKU test, the only way of telling when a child has the disease is when there are definite signs of mental retardation.

"At that time, it is too late to treat the infant", Guthrie said. With the PKU test and early treatment, the mental defects can be prevented, he added.

Dr. Guthrie's test is mandatory in 39 states, including New York, where it was sponsored by Senator William T. Conklin, chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Mental Retardation and Physical Handicap.

"If he (Dr. Cooper) is implying that some doctors started children on the diet without subsequent confirming tests after the PKU, that may be so," Dr. Guthrie explained. "But that does not attack the validity of the PKU program. That is a failure of the doctor which can lead to harmful treatment of children."

"Our first concern is the rights of the child", Dr. Guthrie said. "And it is blurring the situation to confuse compulsory testing with compulsory treatment."

Dr. MacCready stated that it is difficult to question seriously the value of the PKU preventive treatment. In Massachusetts, for example, 36 cases have been detected in a population of approximately 354,000 newborns screened in the period July 1962 through February 1966. Twenty-nine of these cases have been diagnosed, treated, and followed at the Children's Hospital in Boston.

All of the children, whose ages range from 1 month to 3-1/2 years, are in good health. The I.Q.'s done, admittedly approximate, range from 80 to 138 with a median close to 100.

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Probably the most important part of the new amendments are the grants for staffing of Community Mental Retardation Facilities. This legislation adds a new grant program available to assist communities in the establishment and initial operation of facilities for the mentally retarded.

The grant program would provide for declining Federal participation to meet a portion of the cost of professional and technical personnel for initial operation of new facilities or for new services in existing facilities for the mentally retarded. Federal participation will be over a period of 4 years and 3 months with 75 percent Federal share for the first 15 months, 60 percent for the next year, 45 percent for the next year, and 30 percent for the last year.

Appropriation of \$7 million is authorized for the fiscal year 1968, the sum of \$10 million for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, and \$14 million for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1970 to enable the Secretary to make initial grants to facilities for the mentally retarded under provisions of this part of the Act.

Another new part to the Act, is a Title V Training of Physical Educators and Recreational Personnel for the mentally retarded and other handicapped children offered by Senator Edward Kennedy.

Under this, the Secretary is authorized to make grants to public and other non-profit institutions of higher learning to assist them in providing professional or advanced training for personnel engaged or preparing to engage in employment as physical educators or recreation personnel for mentally retarded and other handicapped children. Or as supervisors of such personnel, or engaged or preparing to engage in research or teaching in the fields related to the physical education and recreation of such children.

An important element in the Senate version which Senator Javits sponsored was the inclusion of the cost of land as part of the construction aid. Although this passed the Senate, it failed in conference with the House. It is hoped that NARC will make this an issue next year.

MEASLES CONTAGIOUS

Measles is the most contagious childhood disease. It is not a harmless disease but can kill or leave lifelong after-effects such as mental retardation or loss of hearing. A vaccine to prevent it is now available.

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The Massachusetts findings are considered to be in marked contrast to the expected result of severe retardation in a comparable group of untreated phenylketonurics.

Dr. MacCready went on to say that Dr. Cooper is largely concerned with the propriety of legislation that makes compulsory the screening of newborn babies for phenylketonuria. It is asked, "Why was it necessary in states with nearly 100% voluntary screening as in Maryland and Massachusetts to enact compulsory laws?"

"It should be noted, said Dr. MacCready, that at the time mandatory legislation was recommended, very, very few states had anything like 100% participation; indeed with repeated recommendations urging much wider use of screening programs on a voluntary basis only an estimated 20% of newborns throughout the nation were being screened for PKU."

"The phenylketonuria prevention program is an important prototype breakthrough that has been very much needed," concluded Dr. MacCready.

SEEN AT STATE CONVENTION



'Father Tom', Rev. Thomas Skinner, assisted by Jim Aaron conducts a Mass in Memory of Bernard Fineson.



Panel on "The Young and The Old Pitch in (l to r) Mrs. Jack Hammond, Eileen Rhatigan, Mrs. A. Lovino, Chairman, Charlene Nolan, Vince Lombardi.



Panel on New Approaches to State Programming: (l to r) Thomas Coughlin III, Walter Schofield, Shirley Epstein, Chairman, and Charles McAllister.



Nat and Belle Ganin, Brenda Schwartz, Majorie Reis and Martin Benett work registrations.



Saturday Morning Hon. Edward Bisland, Jr., Chairman Sullivan County Board of Supervisors welcomes the delegates while Augustus Jacobs, J.F. Reville J.T. Weingold and Ruth Bennett listen.



On the Dais Saturday P.M.: J.T. Weingold, Ruth Bennett, Mrs. Clarence Wegman, J.R. Reville.



Panel on Guardianship (l to r) Hon. Benjamin Newberg, Augustus Jacobs, chairman, Robert Hodgson.



Cattaraugus County Delegation: (l to r) Richard Hurley, Louise Simon, William Burdsall. Does Bill's smile indicate more than coke in that paper cup.



John Boyd (l) looks on as Jon Weingold shows Carol Bertrand where his Father sends her husband on the New York State Map.



Dr. Grunberg makes a point in his speech.

DIAGNOSTIC TEST MAY AID NEWBORN

A rapid test for detecting toxoplasmosis infection in newborn babies has been described by Dr. Jack S. Remington of the Palo Alto Medical Research Foundation and Stanford University School of Medicine.

The lack of a good diagnostic test has been a serious impediment to treatment of this parasite disease in the newborn. Toxoplasmosis in the newborn can be extremely grave, killing some victims in infancy and blinding, crippling or producing deafness or mental retardation in others.

Because the symptoms are variable and not limited to toxoplasmosis, the true cause of the victim's condition is easy to miss. In such a case the doctor is left without proper knowledge on which to base treatment.

The parasite is evidently extremely common. Many people appear to have antibodies against it, indicating that they have been infected at least once.

For most individuals, however, exposure to the parasite goes unnoticed. In those harder hit by the disease, the symptoms can be like those of pneumonia or even typhus fever.

The method is based on the characteristics of antibodies to toxoplasmosis parasites. Dr. Remington said the technique was being used in a study of 5,000 newborn infants in the San Francisco area to determine the frequency with which babies acquire toxoplasmosis before birth from their mothers. The test depends on the discovery, made just a few years ago, that the human fetus can produce at least one major type of antibody material and that this type does not pass from the mother's circulation to that of the unborn baby.

The test can be done in two hours. It detects antibody of this type, which is specifically directed against the toxoplasmosis parasite. The presence of the antibody shows that the newborn baby has already contracted toxoplasmosis while still in the womb.

The test uses three ingredients— a small sample of the baby's blood serum, a specimen of the parasite's substance, and animal antibody material known to react with the kind of antibody material found in newborn infants. The material from the animal is treated to make it fluorescent.

The three ingredients will clump together and be detected by the fluorescence if the baby has antibodies against toxoplasmosis.

MENTAL DEFICIENCY, NOT MENTAL ILLNESS

So much confusion exists between mental retardation and mental illness, resulting in many programs that do not benefit the mentally retarded, although well intentioned, that it is worthwhile to repeat, once more, that there is a difference between mental retardation and mental illness.

In a syndicated column, Dr. Joseph Molner, states "There is a world of difference between mental deficiency and mental illness. Mental deficiency means that the brain simply does not operate at full efficiency—mental retardation, from heredity, illness or injury.

Mental illness, however, can and sometimes does affect even people of very superior intelligence. It is an emotional illness. The ill person does not react normally to life and society."

CANNISTER DRIVE IN ALBANY



Volunteers carrying cannisters and placards like those held by Bernadine Russo of Albany conducted a house-to-house campaign for funds for the Albany Center for Retarded Children, Inc.

"MEASLES BITES THE DUST" CAMPAIGN

In a hard-hitting and concentrated campaign, "Measles Bites the Dust" the Health Department in the City of New York is trying to wipe out a serious disease. According to a Health Department official, "We can eradicate measles completely within the foreseeable future if parents take their preschool child to the family doctor or any one of the 97 child health stations in the City of New York for a measles vaccination. Just one shot will protect a child against measles".

5,000 "Measles Bites the Dust" car cards were installed in subways and buses through out the city and another 5,000 colorful 11x28-inch cards were displayed in welfare centers, health and hospital installations and other public buildings in the city.

That measles can be eradicated in New York City is clearly seen by the fact that there were 8,381 cases of measles in 1966 as compared with a normal expectancy of 25,000. The significant difference between the last three years and previous years is that just three years ago measles vaccination became available, and since then hundreds of thousands of children have been inoculated.

In 1966 approximately 140,000 children received protective measles vaccine.

Although great strides have been made in the drive to wipe out measles, complete eradication is not possible unless all parents cooperate and take their children to be vaccinated.

Senator William T. Conklin, Chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Mental and Physical Handicap, introduced legislation last year to make measles vaccination mandatory for every child before admission to public school.

"It is unreasonable," said Senator Conklin, "and a terrific waste of research resources to await voluntary compliance from parents. We have such a powerful instrument to prevent a dread disease of childhood, it is the duty of the state to impose a mandate for its use. The simplest way of doing this is to require the vaccination before a child is admitted to public school. I have every intention of introducing this legislation again and I hope that at this time it will be passed."

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point a guardian for a person certified as mentally retarded by two physicians. The proceeding could be brought at any time and the guardianship would not cease on the ward's reaching age 21 (lifetime guardianship).

Under the "standby" procedure, a guardian could be appointed at any time after the mentally retarded person reaches age 12, to assume his duties only on the death or disability of the ward's parents.

The limited guardianship would apply to mentally retarded persons of the age of 21 years or older who are capable of self support but who need some supervision particularly against being inveigled into making unwise financial deals; the guardian would handle all property of the ward other than earnings and his consent would be necessary for any contracts involving more than one month's earnings or \$300, whichever is greater.

All these guardianships might be of the person or the property or both.

The Association would be empowered to act as guardian of the person. We believe that these procedures would avoid the difficulties inherent in the present system of guardians and committees.



Jerry Weingold convincing Assemblyman Anthony J. Mercorella, member of the Joint Legislative Committee on Mental and Physical Handicap.

B. STATE SCHOOLS AND SERVICES

1. Elimination of parental liability for fees for children under 21 in the institutions operated by the Department of Mental Hygiene.

2. Requirement that at least one member of the Board of Visitors of each State School be the parent of a retarded child.

3. Enlargement of the powers of Boards of Visitors to investigate conditions at State Schools and complaints against employees and to include power to investigate charges against any employee (now limited to the director).

4. Elimination of the present upper age limit of 5 years in the law which permits the Department of Mental Hygiene to pay for private residential placement of children who are on waiting lists for State Schools.

5. Establishment of 10 comprehensive regional centers for mental retardation services to be operated by non-profit agencies under contract with the Department of Mental Hygiene.

6. Establishment of a separate Department of Mental Retardation in the Executive Department until the new Department be constitutionally permissible.

C. COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

1. Support of extensive revision of the Community Mental Health Services Act as introduced in 1967.

2. Amendment of the pertinent statutes to permit the Department of Mental Hygiene to deal directly with agencies on construction grants and like matters and the Housing Finance Corporation to permit loans for construction to be made directly to non-profit organizations.

D. EDUCATION AND TRAINING

1. Revision of the Speno-McCloskey Act which rewrote the

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CAUSE OF ANOTHER TRAGIC DISEASE OF CHILDHOOD

Public Health Service scientists of the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases at the National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, have pinpointed the cause of a tragic disease of children which causes victims to chew away their lips and fingers and leads to an untimely death.

Lesch-Nyhan disease, which is also marked by cerebral palsy, mental retardation and production of excessive quantities of uric acid, has been found by the scientists to result from deficiency of an enzyme involved in purine metabolism. Uric acid is a breakdown product of purines, building blocks of the body's heredity mechanism. Overproduction of uric acid in adults often leads to development of gout. In youngsters with Lesch-Nyhan disease, however, the excess production of uric acid is associated with brain damage and its victims seldom live beyond puberty.

The disorder was first described in two young brothers in 1964 by the two physicians for whom it is now named. Since that time more than 30 other cases have been reported, always in young boys. The disorder is believed to be transmitted through the mother only to her male children.

Over production of uric acid by Lesch-Nyhan patients led Dr. D.J. Edwin Seegmiller and his associates at NIAMD to seek a biochemical defect in the body's handling of purines. It was found that such patients are deficient in an enzyme of purine metabolism, hypoxanthineguanine phosphoribosyltransferase.

Without this enzyme the affected youngsters' red blood cells are incapable of carrying out two chemical reactions vital to the normal metabolism of purines. How the lack of this enzyme results in overproduction of uric acid has not yet been determined.

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provisions of the Education Law dealing with the handicapped to restore the specific protection that the mentally retarded had under the Education Law prior to this amendment.

2. Restoration to the Education Law of the provision (eliminated by Speno-McCloskey) requiring school districts having fewer than 10 retarded children to contract for their education with other schools districts, etc.

3. Amendment of the Education Law to require "receiving" school districts to contract with "sending" districts.

4. Restoration to the Education Law of the formula of State Aid which specifically reimbursed schools districts for the excess cost of operating special classes for the handicapped.

5. Amendment of the Education law to require the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to reimburse on a reasonable basis agencies operating sheltered workshops for workers not employable in competitive industry.

E. OTHER MATTERS

1. Amendment of the Tax Law to provide a tax credit for wages paid to handicapped persons.

2. Addition to the Public Health Law of a provision for mandatory inoculation of children entering public school, against measles.

3. Amendments to the Insurance Law requiring companies to issue life insurance policies to an aggregate limit of \$2,500 to mentally retarded persons otherwise insurable.

4. Amendment to the Insurance Law to extend Health Insurance coverage to require private companies to include handicapped dependents in family policies, as presently required of the "Blues".

5. Elimination of architectural barriers for the physically handicapped in all buildings built with state or local tax support.

REGIONAL MEETINGS STIR NEW INTEREST

The Association, for the first time in several years, held more than one regional meeting in 1967, with the Central Region joining the Northeast in having such an event this year. The new program for community residences proposed by Governor Rockefeller for the state was the topic of discussion in both meetings.

The Northeast regional meeting which was, once again, set up through the efforts of Clifford Westfall, regional vice-president, was held in Middleburgh with local arrangements being made through our Schoharie County Chapter for dinner and the meeting at the Middleburgh Methodist Church. Drawing almost 100 people, the North-



AT CENTRAL REGIONAL MEETING (left to right) Fiore Bronga, David Baumstein, Department of Mental Hygiene, Louis Cooke, Regional Vice-president, Dr. Kenneth Ford, Lewis County School Superintendent Thomas Coughlin, Jefferson County and Father Skinner.

east meeting heard Mr. Robert Wilbur of the State Department of Mental Hygiene, a social worker at Rome State School and Mr. Thomas Coughlin, chairman of the State Vocational Rehabilitation Committee and a member of the Community Residence Committee, discuss the program for community residences from the State's and the Association's points of view.

In commenting on the meeting, regional vice-president Westfall said, that he felt it was most successful and that "it generated enough interest that Chapters discussed community residences at their subsequent Chapter meetings."

Joining the Northeast Region in holding a regional meeting this year was the Central Region, with then-regional vice-president Louise Cooke setting up the meeting.

At the Central regional meeting, the topic of community residences was discussed with Thomas Coughlin the speak-

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ARC DELEGATE TO NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE



PROUD MEETING - Eileen Rhatigan (right) of Suffolk County Chapter stands with Mrs. Hubert H. Humphrey at the National Association for Retarded Children's first National Youth Conference on Mental Retardation in Portland, Oregon. More than 150 teenagers from across the country met to discuss volunteer work with the mentally retarded in a program co-sponsored by the federal government and the Association.

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er from the Association's point of view and David Baumstein, Assistant Commissioner for State School Community Affairs for the Department of Mental Hygiene, speaking on behalf of the Department.

Luncheon speaker in addition to these was, Fiore Bronga, a social worker with Lewis County.

Regional vice-president Cooke wrote that she, too, felt the regional meeting to be very successful. There were approximately 60 people in attendance and 12 of 15 Chapters in the region were represented.

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