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LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM VICTIM OF BUDGET FOUR BILLS PASSED — THREE VETOED

Out of a legislative program of 30 bills introduced through the Joint Legislative Committee on Mental and Physical Handicap (Dalwin J. Niles, R., Johnstown Chairman) only four bills passed both houses.

These bills were:

— Amendment to the Education Law to provide for the certification of special education supervisors (Niles-Suchin)

— Amendment to the Mental Hygiene Law giving the Boards of Visitors power to investigate charges of patient mistreatment against any employee by providing that each Board of Visitors of a State School shall have on it one parent of a retarded child (Giuffreda, Conklin, Niles-Steinfeldt)

— A bill to make public buildings and facilities accessible to physically handicapped persons (Niles, Gordon-Ginsberg, Suchin, Mercorella) — the Architectural Barriers Bill.

— And a bill to provide that the Dormitory Authority be empowered to construct and finance resident other health facilities for the Health Department (Niles, Conklin-Suchin, Stella)

Of these, the Governor has already vetoed the bill expanding the powers of the Boards of Visitors. This is the second or third veto of a similar bill.

This measure in almost the exact language is in the Recodification of the Mental Hygiene Law, but was opposed by the Department of Mental Hygiene according to the Governor's veto message which stated that the Boards of Visitors have ample power under existing law to fully protect the interests of the patient. It is the Governor's contention that this bill would needlessly and undesirably involve the Board of Visitors in day-to-day operations of State hospitals and schools.

A spokesman for the State Association for Retarded Children said, "that if investigation of charges of mistreatment against any employee (now limited to charges against a director only) means involvement of the Boards of Visitors in day-to-day operations of the institutions, then they should be so involved. We deplore the Governor's veto and feel it is a regressive step."

Of the other three bills, the Governor vetoed the certification bill and the architectural barriers bill (for the second time).

Falling victim to the strong conservative trend of the legislature and the very tight budget situation were important bills such as elimination of fees for parents of children in State institutions of the Department of Mental Hygiene; dropping the mandatory age for the education of handicapped children to three; increasing State aid for section 4407 to \$2500; increasing aid to the mentally retarded

DEPT. OF MENTAL HYGIENE ENJOINED FROM CLOSING STATE SCHOOLS CLASS ACTION BY PARENTS OF RETARDED

The decision of the Department of Mental Hygiene to close Gouverneur State School and Sampson State School and transfer all the patients from these two institutions to other institutions, now overcrowded, was disputed by Mrs. Willie Mae Goodman, the parent of a mentally retarded child at Gouverneur State School in a class action on behalf of herself and other parents of the mentally retarded residing at Gouverneur and Sampson State Schools, similarly situated.

In an order to show cause, in April of 1971, the plaintiffs move for a stay pending a hearing, against the discharge of any of the employees of the two State schools and the closing of either facility or transferring any of the mentally retarded residents from either Gouverneur Hospital or Sampson State School.

On May 14th Justice Xavier C. Riccobono, Supreme Court, New York County, ruled that the transfer of these patients would cause irreparable harm to them and that these parents had a right to sue, which was disputed by the State.

The State's defense was that these parents had no standing in court, and that irreparable harm would not result to the patients by their transfer. This was supported solely by an affidavit by Dr. Frederic Grunberg, Deputy Commissioner for Mental Retardation and Children's Services. It was the judgment of the court, however, "petitioners show that irreparable harm may ensue to her child and those children similarly situated if the Gouverneur Hospital and Sampson State School are closed." The court then enjoined the commission of the acts until such time "as the legislature shall enact the budget for the forthcoming year".

The appeal from this order by the State to the Appellate Division was dismissed by the Appellate Division and the stay continued. The State then moved for a reargument before Justice Riccobono and on reargument the Judge stated:

"Ordered that the defendants, their officers, agents and employees be, and there are hereby enjoined during the pendency of this action from taking any action in regard to closing either Gouverneur State Hospital or Sampson State School, discharging of any of the employees of either Gouverneur Hospital or Sampson State School or transferring of any of the residents of the Gouverneur Hospital or Sampson State School."

The court also found that "the legislature has specifically appropriated funds for the maintenance and operation of Gouverneur Hospital and Sampson State School."

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"THE PRICE OF EVERYTHING, VALUE OF NOTHING"

Installing the new officers and board of the Rensselaer County Chapter, Joseph T. Weingold, Executive Director of the New York State Association for Retarded Children deplored the recent budget cuts and their affect on the programs and institutions for the mentally retarded.

"The sick, poor, aged, mentally ill and mentally retarded," Weingold said, "are the ones hurt most by the budget cuts. People are attacked first."

Weingold told the group that the budget cuts have necessitated closing of two State institutions and the possible transfer of some 900 mentally retarded persons to the "already overcrowded" facilities in other areas of the State.

"It is this cavalier attitude," Weingold said, "which bothers me; the attitude of manipulating human life. It's like saying, 'the budget is cut, so we will transfer 900 persons from here to there' even though they may have lived there 10 or 12 years and are mentally retarded and 65 years old."

"It is like some obscene chess game," he said, adding that the management may be attempting to show how drastic the situation is by transferring "en masse" the residents to two institutions, a move contemplated by the legislature.

It makes no sense, he added, that the Department of Mental Hygiene is giving as little thought to the individual as the legislature may have been giving to the Department.

Describing life in a mental retardation institution, he said such terms as "ward of the state, care or concern of the State for the mentally retarded are fiction. Nothing could be further from the truth."

"These people are in institutions, I have seen little improvement in the institutionalized child's life in 20 years. There are still solitary confinement cells and persons sleeping on floors, without clothes as a means of punishment," he declared.

He said he was not cynical but that these were the facts under institutionalization. He said the future lies in the individual communities.

"We must," he said, "turn our efforts to the day-to-day living conditions of the individual who is mentally retarded. We must be concerned with how these people are to grow into persons with respect for themselves and with the community's respect for their humanity."

He said that an injunction had already been secured preventing the State from closing the two institutions and transferring the residents. He also stated that he was willing to go all the way to the Federal courts to appeal the case if necessary.

"I never thought it would come to this," he said. He added, "the only thing to do is use the laws themselves. We must protect the mentally retarded from the State."

In the business session of the meeting, Mrs. Edward Pattison was named President, Ernest Messier, Vice President, Mrs. Samuel Finelli, Secretary, and Joseph Killeen, Treasurer.

REASON OR AUTHORITY?

Editorial

The New York State Association for Retarded Children, Inc. and all its members were as deeply concerned as the Department of Mental Hygiene, its Commissioner and the Governor with the legislature's cuts in the budget as proposed by the Governor.

These cuts would go deeply into programs, we knew, serving the mentally retarded. We backed Commissioner Miller in all his efforts and even offered financial support to a radio program which he never pursued to try to influence the legislature to restore the cuts made.

When, however, the legislature finally acted and, as part of the cuts for the Department, stated that the Department should make general savings of 3½% for the Division of Mental Retardation and Children's Services (and it is important to note the Children's Services) the Commissioner proceeded to try to close down Gouverneur State School with 197 patients, and Sampson State School with almost 700 patients, transferring all of them to various institutions, Gouverneur to Willowbrook, and Sampson scattered throughout the State.

Protests from our Association to the Commissioner went unheeded and the order went out. There was no recourse to the parents other than the courts to try to stop this authoritarian move by the Commissioner.

Such action is only brought through desperation and inability to communicate with the powers that be. It was only after the law suit was instituted and was successful in the preliminary stages that a meeting was arranged with the Deputy Commissioner and some members of his department together with some representatives from this Association.

Although viable alternatives were presented, unfortunately in the eyes of the Department these visible alternatives affected the children in the small psychiatric units which come under the heading of "Children's Services" (as if the mentally retarded are not children) and, therefore, were unacceptable to the psychiatrists running the show.

At this point we don't know what is going to happen to the case. At this writing it has been argued before the Appellate Division, the parents having prevailed in the Supreme Court. It will certainly go to the Court of Appeals, perhaps further.

Whatever the outcome, it has posed the question that has been in everybody's mind: Is there really cooperation and a spirit of reason between the Department of Mental Hygiene and the New York State Association for Retarded Children and the parents whose children are to be served, or, in the last analysis, after all is said, is the Department going to say, "We have the authority, We don't care what you say, this is what we are going to do, whatever your wishes are."

It looks as if the latter is the Department's attitude. This is a pity.

It is a pity because it becomes evident that there is no such thing as an equal partnership between those who are rendering the services and those being served and their parents; it is a pity because all the talk of such equality and community participation is a fiction and not based on facts; it is a pity because services are going to suffer if the Department speaks ex cathedra and everyone else has to tremble.

We always have been ready to negotiate but only as equal partners and not as supplicants. If battle lines have been drawn it is the doing of the Department, not ours.

It is really too bad that the frustrations of running the Department with not enough money result in demonstrations of power against those presumably helpless to defend themselves.

HOLD THESE DATES — STATE CONVENTION

SEPT. 30 — OCT. 3 — BINGHAMTON

CLOSING OF SAMPSON MAY COST STATE \$1½ MILLION — SENATOR DAY

The following release was issued by Senator Theodore D. Day (R-Interlaken) on June 17, 1971, indicating that the State may lose in cash about \$547 million and \$900,000 in improvements they have made in Sampson, if Sampson should be closed to the retarded.

The release follows:

"In addition to the irreparable damage which could result to the patients with their proposed transfer from Sampson State School to another already overcrowded facility, the Department of Mental Hygiene may lose more than \$1 million in penalties and money spent for the improvement of the facility during the past 13 years," Senator Ted Day of the 49th District said today.

"Upon looking over a copy of the deed between the federal government and the Department of Mental Hygiene dated September 9, 1958, and filed in the office of the Seneca County Clerk on June 24, 1959, in regard to the transfer of the property on which Sampson State School is located, the property must be used continuously for a period of 20 years for "health purposes solely as a mental hygiene facility for the care and treatment of mental illness and for no other purpose," the deed states in part.

Should the department be successful in its efforts to close the facility at Sampson inspite of a statement this year prior to the passing of the State budget, by the commissioner, "that irreparable damage and even death might be a result of the transfer of these patients to another facility," the department may also be subject to about a seven-year penalty in the approximate amount of \$547,750.

The federal government gave Sampson Hospital to the Mental Hygiene Department specifically for use as a mental hygiene facility to be so used continuously and exclusively for 20 years. The value of the property conveyed to the department is listed in the deed as \$1.565 million, which amount could be written off at the rate of five per cent per year, or \$78,250 for each year of use. The deed further states that if the department does not continue to use this facility specifically for the purpose named, the department could be made to pay the federal government the balance due on the original conveyance.

Should the hospital no longer be used by the Department of Mental Hygiene, the department could be made to pay not only the seven-year penalty of \$547,750, but would also lose slightly less than \$900,000 which has been spent over the past 13 years for improvements to the facility. This would total more than \$1 million," Senator Day pointed out.

Early this spring, Supreme Court Justice Xavier Riccobono of New York County issued a restraining order forbidding the transfer of patients from Sampson or Gouverneur Annex of Willowbrook State School after New York County Attorney Murray Schneps, himself the father of a retarded child at Gouverneur, appeared in court to represent all of the parents and guardians of retardates at both facilities. The Attorney General argued that parents or guardians of children in State facilities did not have the right to sue the State of New York. The case was then reargued with Judge Riccobono early this month rendering his decision in favor of Attorney Schneps' clients.

Judge Riccobono's decision, according to Jerry Weingold Executive Director, New York State Association for Retarded Children, was based on the fact that irreparable damage might result to the retardates, many of whom have known no other home than these facilities for many years, and also the fact that legislative intent was not carried out by the department as far as cut-backs in the State budget were concerned.

Sampson State School cares for more than 700 retardates at an annual cost of about \$4 million could care for more than 600 more patients without overcrowding.

DEPT. OF M.H. TRIES TO BEAT THE GUN

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Recently, and just before the Appellate Division had refused the State's appeal in the case for an injunction against the State to stop them from closing Sampson State School, Craig Colony State School personnel arrived at Sampson State School under instruction to transfer 35 Sampson patients to the Craig Colony School in Sonyea.

The preliminary injunction barring the transfer of these patients to other schools was still in effect, however, but the Craig Colony personnel said they had been instructed to pick up 35 Sampson mentally retarded patients and their personal belongings for transfer to Sonyea.

Craig Colony personnel came in a truck and a bus. They left soon in the morning without the patients.

According to James McCabe, Assistant Business Officer at Sampson, the Sampson personnel had no idea the decision for the transfer of patients had been made. He blamed the mix up on bureaucratic lack of communication. He said the Department assumed the injunction against the transfer of patients would be lifted that morning.

In this connection the Schuyler County Council of Churches passed the following resolution:

"We are very deeply distressed by the inhumane action of the State of New York in cutting the budget in the area of providing the services that meet human needs. In most cases these persons are least able to personally protest. Specifically we are keenly concerned about the closing of the Sampson State School. This action will have the effect of "herding" these people back into other, already overcrowded State facilities. Such action on the part of our State Government is blatantly irresponsible. In the ten years that Sampson has been in existence it has provided positive direction and results in work with the adult mentally retarded. Closing the facility will reduce services to the present residents of Sampson as well as reduce services to the residents of other institutions where they will be sent. We are also deeply concerned about the cut back of all services to persons served by the State Department of Mental Hygiene.

We call upon all people to take a positive action in the form of letters, telegrams and phone calls to our Governor and State Legislators suggesting their immediate action in reconsidering this ill advised action.

Schuyler County Council of Churches,
Meeting of regular session April 26, 1971"

CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE?

No longer able to contain himself on the lack of publicity given to the law suit brought by the parents of children in Gouverneur and Sampson State Schools to stop the State from closing down these institutions and transferring the patients to already overcrowded institutions for the retarded, our Executive Director, Jerry Weingold had to write to various newspapers expressing his concern over this silence.

His letter to the New York Post, which appeared on Saturday, May 29th follows:

"Although we hear a great outcry that the budget adopted by the Legislature will cut food allowance for the poor to 90 cents a day, there seems to be a conspiracy of silence that the Department of Mental Hygiene has been appropriated 74 cents a day to feed the residents of the state schools for the mentally retarded and the patients in the state hospitals for the mentally ill.

There also seems to be a conspiracy of silence about the gallant efforts of parents in a class action to enjoin the Department of Mental Hygiene from closing Gouverneur and Sampson State Schools. That would transfer almost 900 mentally retarded to already overcrowded institutions.

The Department of Mental Hygiene must be stopped from using human beings as chess pieces in some obscene administrative game."

BUDGET CUTS HIT SERVICES FOR RETARDED

Budget cuts made by the legislature in the Department of Mental Hygiene budget and the budget of the Education Department have hit programs for the mentally retarded especially hard.

The only program that has escaped these drastic budget slashes has been the 4407 program which has been funded at the same level as last year, \$12 million for approximately 6000 pupils.

The Department of Mental Hygiene Budget was cut by \$34.3 million from the Governor's request of \$629.9 million.

Although this represented an increase of \$59.6 million over 1970-1971, Commissioner Miller pointed out at a public hearing of the Joint Legislative fiscal committees on February 24, 1971, this was a whole-the-line budget, since the increase was just enough to cover mandated salary increases of \$40 million and other mandated expenditures of \$19 million including increased operational costs.

The final legislative appropriation for the Department was \$595.5 million which represented a \$34.1 million cut in the amount recommended by the Governor. Although this represents an increase of \$25.2 million over the Department's adjusted appropriation of \$570.3 million for 1970-71 the apparent increase needs to be reviewed in the light of the nearly \$60 million increase the Department needed just to stay even in 1971-72.

According to Dr. Miller, to comply with the budget reductions the Department must lay off a total of 2,839 employees and lose another 820 positions through normal attrition during the remainder of the fiscal year.

According to Miller, two State schools for the retarded (which will be discussed elsewhere in this issue) and the partial closing of four State hospitals for the mentally ill and the closing of two children's units will have to be affected.

The closing of the two State schools will affect 900 patients, whereas the closing of the two children's units will affect about 45 patients.

It is noteworthy that the Department of Mental Hygiene generates more income than any other Department in State government. It receives, from medicare, medicaid, third party payments, the patients themselves, and parents almost \$200 million a year so that the expenditures by the State must be the figure stated above less the \$200 million that is received from other sources apparently not being given credit for in the budget. The budget as passed indicated quite directly where the Department is expected to save money. In these indications was a 3½% cut (\$6.7 million) in the general operations of the Division of Mental Retardation.

The Department of Mental Hygiene has interpreted this to mean that they can close down two State schools, Gouverneur and Sampson entirely and transfer the population in a body elsewhere. This is being resisted by the State Association for Retarded Children and the parents who have filed a class action against the Department. This will be described elsewhere in this issue.

At this writing CSEA has agreed with the Governor that there will be no more firing but that the savings will be through attrition and retirement. Nevertheless, programs must suffer, children now receiving inadequate nutrition will receive less, four research units have been closed down, and so on, and so on.

BIAGGI WANTS U.S. SURVEY OF DENTAL CARE FOR RETARDED

Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-Bronx) called for a federal survey to determine the extent of dental care needed by the nation's six million mentally retarded and to create clinics to treat them where needed.

The Bronx Democrat-Conservative said estimates showed only about 5 per cent of the retardates had adequate dental care now.

DON'T MISS THIS CONVENTION

WHY CLOSE THE STATE SCHOOLS ARE RETARDED EXPENDABLE

The decision of the Department of Mental Hygiene to close Gouverneur and Sampson State School was questioned very strongly by the State Association for Retarded Children at a meeting with Dr. Frederic Grunberg, Deputy Commissioner for Mental Retardation and Children's Services and representatives of the Department of Mental Hygiene.

It was pointed out that the Children's Psychiatric Units are part of the Division of Mental Retardation and Children's Services, since this last year, and, therefore, the Children's Psychiatric Units were subject to cuts in order to affect the savings that the legislature had dictated for the Division of Mental Retardation and Children's Services.

It was pointed out, for example, that as against the 197 patients at Gouverneur and the almost 700 patients at Sampson, at the Bronx Children's Psychiatric Hospital there are only 21 patients with 157 staff, and a budget of \$1,650,825. These patients could be walked across the campus to Bronx Hospital, which has about 650 patients and 1450 staff and be cared for extremely well. The answer to this was that the Bronx Hospital did not have a Children's Unit.

It was further pointed out, for example, that West Seneca's Psychiatric Unit for children had only 23 patients with a staff of 123 and a budget of \$1,512,734.

There are other Children's units that could be mentioned such as Hudson River Unit with 39 patients, 9 staff; Kirby Unit or Marcy with 36 patients, 38 staff; Rochester Unit 40 patients, 7 staff, and Sagamore with 181 patients and 274 staff.

But even without these there are also four State Schools that have no patients, but do have staff and budgets. These are Broome State School, no patients, 4 staff, \$176,498 budget; Monroe, no patients, 15 staff, \$264,313 budget; Oswald Heckt, no patients, 8 staff, \$472,946; Westchester, no patients, 3 staff, \$210,465.

It is the claim of the Department of Mental Hygiene that although there are no patients and the State Schools are not built, the staff are performing functions in the community with the mentally retarded. This, it seemed to the representatives of the Association, was a duplication or a replacement of the community agencies' obligations in these communities at budgets far in excess of what the community agencies would be spending and at a time of budget stringency should be considered in lieu of transferring 197 patients from Gouverneur to overcrowded Willowbrook or from Sampson to other overcrowded Institutions.

The Department of Mental Hygiene representatives gave no answer to this proposal and apparently it was refused.

REFUSES TO "CULL THE HERD"

When it looked like the recent budget cuts affecting Harlem Valley State Hospital at Wingdale, N. Y., might result in the transfer of some of her geriatric patients to other hospitals, Dr. Josephine Evarts, a 70-year-old GP facing the prospect of mandatory retirement took action. "I didn't do anything," said Dr. Evarts, "I just talked."

She was quoted in the press as refusing to evaluate which of her 250 patients, ranging in age from 75 to 95 would be able to endure a bus trip to another hospital.

"I am not trained in cruelty to the weak and aged and suffering," she was quoted as saying, "but now I am called on to cull the herd — ship out those who might possibly survive a trip to the Canadian border — keeping the weaker ones for a shorter trip to Utica."

That never happened. When one of the hospital buildings was closed down her patients were transferred to other buildings at Harlem Valley.

"It would have been an outrage, a damn outrage, shipping people all over the state at the age of 85 or 95," Dr. Evarts said.

She believes in speaking one's mind. "I'm not one to think you should do what the bureaucrats tell you to do," she said, "A lot of this kind of thing should be done."

SENATOR RIBICOFF INTRODUCES CHILD ADVOCACY BILL

Senator Ribicoff (D. Conn.) introduced the National Child Advocacy Act (S. 1414) on March 30, 1971. It was referred to the Committee on Finance. The measure is intended as an initial step in establishing a national child advocacy system by funding 10 to 20 pilot projects in various geographic regions across the United States. The Advocacy programs would include attention to the mental health and mental retardation needs of children. The child advocate would fulfill a dual role:

1. He would be the "link between the child in need and the program which fills that need."
2. He would be an "overseer of all children's programs."

The Act would establish a President's Council on Child Development, charged with developing a national children's policy and recommending legislation to implement the policy.

The President's Council "shall encourage" the establishment in each state of a Governor's Council on Child Development. According to the bill, this body should:

- survey the needs of the state's children
- serve as the state's child advocate for its children
- develop a state plan for meeting the needs of its children
- review action taken by appropriate state agencies
- assist Neighborhood Offices of Child Advocacy (NOCA) located within the state.

There is a great deal more on Neighborhood Councils and detailing of duties of each Neighborhood Office on Child Advocacy. These include:

- assessing the needs;
- publicizing NOCA's existence and services;
- counseling families with children needing assistance;
- purchase services, if necessary;
- provide training facilities for interested professionals and para-professionals

The major criticism of the measure, according to Mr. Weingold, is its failure to provide the legal apparatus necessary in order to bridge the gap between the services already mandated by many, many states and the failure of the various agencies of state and local government to fulfill their obligations in providing such services.

"Without such a legal apparatus representing the child in need and its family, all the rest is make-weight and certainly no different than the bills introduced by the Joint Legislative Committee for an Information and Referral and Follow-up Service which many private agencies are now giving."

The fact of the matter is, continued Mr. Weingold, "is that the Act does not go far enough and this is a golden opportunity for a hit to the heart of the question — enforcement of the child's legal and human rights".

WAGNER — O'DAY AMENDMENTS PASSED BY CONGRESS

The amendments to the Wagner-O'Day Act to extend the provisions to other severely handicapped individuals who are not blind was enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives.

On June 7th, the House of Representatives unanimously passed the amendment with 306 in favor, no votes against it. The bill was also passed by the Senate on June 9th.

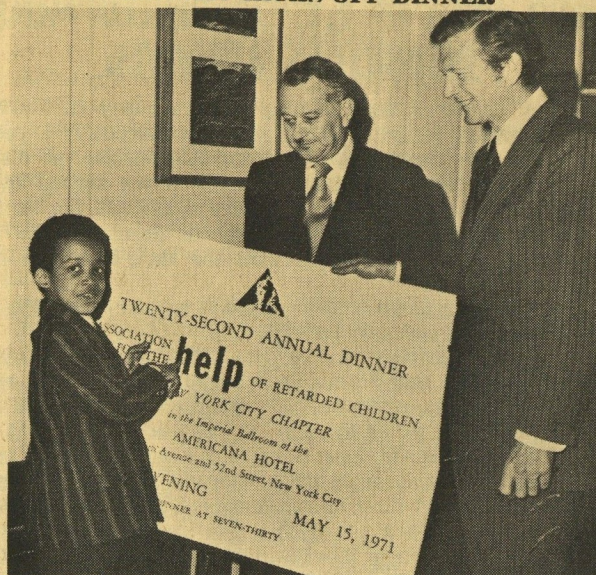
This legislation, which was five years in making, expands the provision of the original Act to benefit severely disabled persons in addition to the blind. This legislation will provide government work to qualified workshops on a priority basis.

In fiscal 1967 sales to the government by the workshops for the blind reached \$28 million. This legislation represents a significant step forward for the workshop movement.

The major protagonist for the bill in the Congress was our own Senator Jacob Javits.

It is hoped that the President will sign this into law soon and that implementation will then follow.

LINDSAY KICKS OFF DINNER



Mayor John V. Lindsay receives a king size (30 x 40 inches) ticket from Michael Gainey, 8, for the 22nd Annual Dinner Dance of the Association for the Help of Retarded Children. Looking on is I. Joseph Harris, Executive Director of the Association.

HALF M.R. OF SCHOOL AGE NOT RECEIVING EDUCATION IN U.S.

It is estimated by authorities that one-half of school age mentally retarded in this country are not receiving education services and that some states are educating less than 15% of their retarded citizens.

This data was obtained from a questionnaire that was sent out by NARC to each state education agency in order to obtain information on 1. what types of school classes provided for retarded, 2. the legal status of the classes, 3. number of students enrolled, 4. enrollment criteria.

According to the report approximately 722,000 retarded students are enrolled in school classes during the 1970-71 school year which accounts for approximately 35% of the anticipated school age educable retarded and 43% of the estimated number of potential trainable mentally retarded in the U.S.

This enrollment total is several hundred thousand below other estimates by agencies such as the Bureau of Education for the Handicapped which reports in 1968 an enrollment of 1,254,000 retarded students. This discrepancy, however, would actually be greater if one considers that at least 18 states classify non-retarded (borderline intelligence) students as retarded.

More encouraging said the report, was the finding that the number of states with laws mandating the provision of classes for mentally retarded persons increased since 1963. Apparently 22 states have laws mandating classes for the educable and 20 have similar laws pertaining to the trainable.

New York State has had mandated education for the educable since 1917, and for the trainable since 1961. It is evident, however, that there are a number of school districts which do not yet provide special classes even under a law mandating them. Efforts of the Association to get legislation passed that would remove roadblocks such as the requirement that there be 10 or more children who can be grouped "homogenously" have been unavailing. Last year such a bill passed the Assembly but did not get out in the Senate; this year it got out in the Senate but was killed in the Assembly.

Did we hear someone say — the old Army game — ask the editor?

**STATE CONVENTION — BINGHAMTON
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CARRY OVER OF F.Y. '71 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES APPROVED

As a result of the meeting last February in Durham, N. H., to which Joseph T. Weingold, our Executive Director, was a delegate chosen by Governor Rockefeller, to discuss the Developmental Disabilities Act, a letter signed by all participants was sent to the Secretary of H.E.W., Richardson, asking that the service money from the fiscal year 1971 be carried over to fiscal year 1972 as the time is too short to implement the law.

Permission had already been given to carry over the construction money for 1971 to 1972.

In a long awaited decision, the HEW General Council's Office has ruled that States may carry forward their entire fiscal 1971 allotments under P.L. 91-517 through fiscal year 1973. Under this interpretation of congressional intent, the states will have until June 30, 1973 to obligate their entire fiscal year 1971 allotment. HEW intends, however, to revert to the language of the original authorizing statute in future years. In New York State, with a mini grant (whatever that means) of \$17,500 the agency designated to carry out the action is the Department of Mental Hygiene. The final state plan for 1971 has been submitted to the regional office.

It is interesting to note that the Act speaks of a State Advisory Committee who should be involved in the process of drawing up the plan. Time, however, was so short that this plan was drawn up with no community participation whatsoever in New York State, and we dare say in other states. The plan, however, is subject to revision when such Advisory Boards are set up.

Although the regulations for the Act were promised for April, at this writing in June, no regulations have been forthcoming as yet.

FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR RETARDED IN DOUBT

The House Subcommittee on Appropriations for the Department of Labor and Health, Education, and Welfare chaired by Congressman Daniel Flood of Pennsylvania has by this time completed taking testimony from Administration witnesses on items other than education.

At the present time the prospects for increased aid for mental retardation are not too bright. The 1972 request for implementing the Developmental Disabilities Act is \$11.2 million, the same as for 1971. This is lower than any appropriation that was made under P.L. 88-164 although it is supposed to cover more services. It is estimated that at least \$40 million will be needed to fund this Act at a minimal level. Under the \$11.2 million New York State receives something under \$800,000 half of which is supposed to cover construction and the other half for staffing grant services, etc.

Under the hospital improvement program and HIST there were \$8.3 million for fiscal 1971 and only \$6.5 million requested for 1972 and with no prospects of increase.

As for staffing grants the money requested is merely for continuation and not for new grants as these are supposed to come out of the existing \$11.2 million for the whole country.

Vocational Rehabilitation, which received \$503 million for services part and \$518 million in 1972 needs at least \$575 million to \$600 million to continue services at anywhere near the level they are supposed to be. There seems little prospect that this will be granted.

Under rehabilitation there is also considerable worry that there will be little, if any, money for training rehabilitation personnel and research demonstration.

In all, it is not a very hopeful picture in spite of all protestations that the administration wishes to help the handicapped.

HODGSON SETS 'EM STRAIGHT

State ARC President, Robert J. Hodgson, was placed in an uncomfortable position recently when the National Association newspaper, "Mental Retardation News", came out with an article discussing the 1971 NARC budget written by National's Executive Director, Philip Roos.

In the Article, Dr. Roos spoke glowingly about the expansion of the NARC budget but then added a paragraph on New York State which read as follows:

"On the debit side, however, is New York State's continuing lack of support and possible failure to pay membership dues, accounting for approximately \$100,000 less income for 1971 than originally projected. This deficit would not need to be amortized, and new strategies would not be necessary, if this income were forthcoming."

In response to many angry comments about this from members of the Chapters, President Hodgson sent the following letter to Dr. Roos on June 8th:

I think your statement in Mental Retardation News concerning New York's 'continuing lack of support' is misleading to the membership and I feel that in all fairness New York's side of the current impasse should be presented.

The facts are as follows:

For at least five years, New York attempted to work out an agreement with NARC under which NY ARC would guarantee a Plan B amount to NARC which would be substantially in excess of what NARC had been able to collect from individual chapters. In 1967 such an agreement was entered into providing for payment by NY ARC of \$60,000 for 1968 and 1969. This agreement was voluntarily put into effect by New York for 1967 and represented an increase of \$13,000 over that paid by individual chapters in the previous year. In 1968, this agreement was fully met and in 1969 New York again voluntarily increased the amount by \$6,000 to a total of \$66,000. Total New York payments for support and membership for 1969 were \$89,000 or \$15,000 more than paid by any other state, including California.

For 1970, NY ARC offered an increase of \$6,000 in both guaranteed amount and the expected amount with a further \$6,000 increase for 1971. Thus NY ARC was prepared to pay in 1970 \$72,000 in support plus over \$24,000 in dues or a total of \$96,000. The NARC Board agreed to the amount offered for 1970 but only on condition that \$80,000 be paid for 1971, a further increase of \$2,000; and a firm agreement be made to 'escalate' at a rate of 10% to 15% per annum to the so-called 'quota minimum'. Since the doubling of dues in 1972 alone will increase NY ARC payments by \$25,000 per year, if it was fiscally impossible for the NY ARC Board to commit itself to increases of 10% to 15% in addition to the increase of over 25% represented by the increase in dues.

NARC then advised NY ARC and all of its chapters that no Plan B agreement was in effect and that the State Association and all chapters were now under Plan A. As a result of NARC's action, support payments from New York dropped from the \$72,000 expected to \$5,050 received from the State Association and four of its chapters who were able to meet Plan A requirements. NY ARC did, however, collect and transmit over \$24,000 in dues although realizing that no voting rights would accrue. Thus NY ARC paid a total of over \$29,000 to NARC in 1970 and received but 11 convention votes.

For 1971 the New York Board of Governors has offered to pay to NARC guaranteed support of \$72,000, an increase of \$12,000 over the amount guaranteed for 1969, plus approximately \$25,000 in dues or a total of \$97,000, again in excess of that anticipated from any other State unit.

This offer has not been discussed by the NARC Board but individual members of the Board have indicated that it will be unacceptable until NY ARC pays the balance of its Plan B proposal for 1970. The New York Plan B proposal, however, was rejected by the NARC Board and the New York Association and its chapters were placed under Plan A by NARC. There is no way that NARC can now reverse itself and claim any legal or moral liability of NY ARC under a Plan B proposal which was rejected by the NARC Board.

BE THERE! — CONVENTION — TREADWAY INN

MARY MCCARTHY, PIONEER, DIES

Mrs. Mary Dodge McCarthy, 77, of 1701 Meadowbrook Drive in Syracuse, widow of Frank C. McCarthy, died on May 17th at her home.

Mary, as we affectionately knew her, was one of the great moving forces in the development of the Onondaga County Chapter and services for the mentally retarded throughout the State.



MRS. FRANK C. MCCARTHY

She was a member of the Board of Directors of the State Association for many years, on the Board of the Onondaga County Chapter, of which Frank was a founder. She was also a member of the Board of Visitors of Rome State School, later served on the Board of Visitors of the Syracuse State School through appointments by Governors Averell Harriman and Nelson Rockefeller.

She was also a former advisor to the Joint Legislative Committee on Mental Retardation and a member of the Institutions Committee of the New York State Association for Retarded Children.

In 1964 she was presented the Elizabeth Ann Seton Award by the College of Mt. St. Vincent in Yonkers for her outstanding work with retarded children. Francis Cardinal Spellman made the presentation.

We salute the memory of Mary McCarthy in the words of her own Onondaga County Chapter as "an active and inspiring leader in implementing the growth and development of the Chapter." . . . and to which we add, and the development and the growth of services for the mentally retarded everywhere.

RETARDED SUCCESSFUL AS WEIGHT WATCHERS

The success of a Suffolk County weight watching class for the mentally retarded should eliminate the idea that such handicapped individuals cannot function on their own away from formal direction.

The idea for the class originated with Mrs. Norma Pitcher, coordinator of adult services for the Association for Retarded Children in Suffolk County. "There was an obvious need for it," Mrs. Pitcher told Weight Watchers. "Eighty-five per cent of the 135 retardates we were working with were from 10 to 100 pounds overweight.

However, running a weight-watching class for retardates appeared in all respects to be an enormous task. Although the 16 members of the class range in age from 18 to 39, most of them could not read or write.

Sister Ann Joyce, of Seton Hall Catholic High School, Patchogue, herself a 62 pound loser on the Weight Watchers diet, was recruited to lead the group which met at the Sayville Center. She used visual aids for her classes, chiefly charts with drawings and cut-out pictures of food that should or should not be eaten. "Legal" foods bore the legend "yes"; those not "legal", "no-no".

In addition to the tremendous weight losses (one female student lost 55 pounds), the program had other beneficial effects. As the dieters started to lose weight, they viewed the tangible results of their efforts and began to have greater confidence in themselves.

AT LAST SCHENECTADY STARTS DIGGING

Although skies were gray, June 3rd was a bright day for members of the Schenectady County ARC. The occasion was a ground-breaking ceremony at their new building site on Hamburg Street in Rotterdam, just on the outskirts of Schenectady.

After a few opening remarks by the president of the chapter, Dave Lewis, the participants in the ceremony were introduced, and photographs were taken of white-collared "diggers".



BREAKING GROUND IN SCHENECTADY. L. to R. Joseph T. Weingold, executive director, State ARC; Dr. Ellen F. Birchall, ass't comm., Albany Regional Office, DMH; David Lewis, president, Schenectady ARC; John Kirvin, Rotterdam supervisor; Peter Knauss, DMH, ass't dir., functional programming; Carl F. Sanford, Schenectady County manager; Ronald Gates, executive director, Schenectady ARC.

Among those officiating at the ceremony were — Jerry Weingold, representing the State Association; Ronald Gates, Executive Director of the Schenectady Chapter; Dr. Ellen F. Birchall, Dr. Anne Brown, and Peter Knauss, all from the N.Y.S. Department of Mental Hygiene, and officials of Schenectady County and the Town of Rotterdam.

Also doing their part with the official shovels were, Matthew Wessels, 3½, who is a future school candidate, and Lawrence Valachovic, 3, to help get the school ready for his older brother Matthew, 5.

While representatives of the many agencies turned over the "first shovelfull" of earth, much progress was evident in the background on the construction contract which was officially only two weeks old. Initial grading and excavation were completed, and footing forms were in place ready for pouring of the first concrete the following week.

As the construction proceeds, Schenectady members are scratching their heads and busily trying to think of a suitable name for the new center, spurred on by the additional incentive of a \$25 bond first prize.

The new center is on a six acre site. The 23,000 square foot center will have six classrooms, a workshop, and an administrative section.

The approximately \$700,000 project is financed by federal and state grants of about one-third each, and by a mortgage for a balance with the New York State Housing Finance Agency.

SWIMMING FOR THE RETARDED

The Fulton Montgomery Community College Swim team, according to their release in April, was going to try to set a New York State record for continuous swimming by a junior college team. The team's goal is 50 hours of non-stop swimming.

The purpose of this "swimathon" is to raise money for a sorely needed new building for the Lexington Training Center, in Fulton County. The swimathon will be modeled after national telethons in which talented persons donate their services to bring attention to worth-while organizations.

We have not yet heard the results of this swimathon, but we hope that the swimmers did not all get water logged.

GANNETT FOUNDATION AIDS RETARDED

A \$20,000 check to help the Westchester Chapter, New York State Association for Retarded Children, Inc., modernize and expand its main facility was presented to the Chapter by the Frank E. Gannett Newspaper Foundation, Inc.

WELCOME GIFT



Miss Patricia O'Connell, director of public relations of the Westchester Chapter, New York State Association for Retarded Children, Inc., holds check for \$20,000 given the chapter by the Frank E. Gannett Newspapers Foundation, Inc. At left is Thomas P. Dolan, president of Westchester Rockland Newspapers, Inc. who acted in behalf of the Gannett Foundation. At right is Robert L. Meltzer, chapter president.

"This is like a gift from heaven because it was so unexpected," Robert L. Meltzer of Rye Town, president of the Chapter said in receiving the check from Thomas P. Dolan, president of the Westchester Rockland Newspaper who acted in behalf of the Gannett Foundation.

Mr. Meltzer explained that the money will go toward the \$1.5 million reconstruction of the chapter's facility at 121 Westmoreland Avenue, White Plains. The group, which works with adults and children, now uses only two of the six floors of the building it owns. The modernization program will let it use the other four.

When the building is renovated, some 55 retarded children using leased classrooms at Temple Beth El in New Rochelle will be transferred to the White Plains site. The chapter also conducts school in Katonah, also in leased quarters and has a workshop in Yonkers.

At present, some 150 persons get vocational training and do work under contract to private firms at the Sheltered Workshop at the Westmoreland Avenue building.

BOB SANSONE TO SUFFOLK COUNTY CHAPTER

Robert Sansone has been appointed as Executive Director of the Suffolk County Chapter according to an announcement of Reginald Minor, President of the Chapter.

Bob, as he is known to most of us, has been associated with the Chapters of the State Association, and the State Association in a number of capacities.

His early rehabilitation experience was with the retarded at Willowbrook State School as an occupational therapist, rehabilitation specialist and special education teacher.

For a number of years he was director of education for the Nassau County Chapter, AHRC, and more recently has served as program analyst and mental retardation consultant for the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene, New York City Office.

Since 1968 he has also served as NYS ARC In-Service Training Coordinator for teaching personnel working in 4407 programs.

We welcome Bob to our official family and look forward to many years of cooperation and service together.

RENSSELAER ADDS POOL TO FACILITY

Joe Killeen, treasurer of the Rensselaer County Chapter, on the bulldozer and Ernie Messier, vice-president, at the transit, lead a large volunteer work force in the excavation project preparatory to the installation of a commercial swimming pool on the site of the Pinewood Center for the Retarded.



Joe Killeen, treasurer, on bulldozer; Ernie Messier, V.P., at the transit.

Mrs. Lois Theophel, chairman of the summer program, arranged for a local contractor to provide men and equipment — gratis — for the excavation. The Sea Bees, a division of the United States Navy, will assemble and install the pool.

Part of a federal grant was used to acquire the pool at cost price. It will be an integral part of the six-week summer instructional program planned for the Center.

IT'S IN THE BAG

Fowler Wilson, Executive Director of the Tompkins County Chapter of the Association for Retarded Children Adult Day Center, has been eager to have projects which would be profitmaking as well as giving sheltered employment to his clients.

The idea of packaging birdseed — a process that has many steps of several different skill levels — has been on his mind for some time. He talked to the management of Egan's IGA about his idea and was encouraged to have a bright package designed.



This is the final product: Super-Seed!

After Wilson had done the spade work of finding a source for the seed, designing an assembly line, finding sales outlets and having the package designed, the clients were ready to go to work.

The seed source was Saltonstall Farm and after that had run out of seed, Wilson turned to a feed wholesaler in North Dakota.

The 17 clients who are now working on the project turn out about 350 packages a day which are sold by eight grocery store chains at prices competitive with nationally advertised brands of birdseed. Orders continue to come in.

"Last week," Wilson reports, "we sold 4,000 two pound packages." He is now working on stockpiling bags for the fall orders.

HERBERT KATZENBERG, SURELY CANDIDATE FOR VOLUNTEER EXTRAORDINARY

Activity — the secret to remaining young — is an oft repeated, little followed formula, but Herbert Katzenberg, of Mamaroneck, proves it really works.

A retired businessman in his late seventies, Mr. Katzenberg has found a second career in the volunteer arm of the Westchester Chapter of the Association for Retarded Children.

During the last decade, he has raised more than \$250,000 for the WARC, served as its president for more than six years and has found dozens of needed contracts for the organization's workshop.

As a result of his efforts, he was recently honored at the "Friends of the Retarded Ball", sponsored by the WARC, the first recipient of the organization's "Friend of the Year" award.



Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Katzenberg, (R), chat with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meltzer, after receiving the "Friend of the Year Award" of the Westchester Association for Retarded Children. Honored at the first annual Friends of the Retarded Ball at the White Plains Hotel, Mr. Katzenberg was WARC president for seven years and director for three. Mr. Meltzer is president of the Association.

The start of his volunteer work in this area, he says, was wholly accidental. After he retired in 1960 as a manufacturer of women's blouses, his wife suggested that he do some volunteer work for Mobility, a workshop for the physically handicapped in New Rochelle.

When the workshop closed the following year, he helped sell its equipment to the WARC and became interested in obtaining contracts "for the many young people there who had no work to do."

"My work with the WARC has benefitted me as much as, or more than, the agency," Mr. Katzenberg said. "A lot of retired men should do this. They can be a tremendous help to other people and in doing so help themselves."

Mr. Katzenberg became president of the WARC in 1962 with the intention of filling only the six-month unexpired term of his predecessor, but stayed on the job until 1969. During his tenure, the budget was increased from \$140,000 to \$600,000 and the number of clients served by the agency more than doubled.

Although he is approaching 80 and recuperating from a recent cataract operation, he shows no signs of slowing down. He works full time in the WARC White Plains office and attends several evening meetings a week as a member of three committees and head of the fund raising committee.

Despite all his volunteer work, Mr. Katzenberg still finds time for personal interests. He is an amateur musician, a member of the Beechmont Tennis Club and the Westchester Figure Skating Club and also enjoys walking, swimming and sailing.

Mr. Katzenberg and his wife Adelle, a portrait painter who also has worked with handicapped youngsters, have taken numerous trips abroad visiting Israel, Greece, Italy and Scandanavia.

Residents of New Rochelle for 38 years, they moved in 1959 to their present home at 931 Fairway Lane. They have three children and eight grandchildren.

DREAM COME TRUE REALIZED AT ARC GROUNDBREAKING SCHOHARIE STARTS BUILDING

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the new training center for retarded children on the Middleburgh-Schoharie Road.

Mrs. Herman Klahr, chapter president, in her welcoming remarks, stated that after six years of hard work by the many people connected with the project this was a dream come true for the chapter. Harry Donaghy, attorney and board member of the chapter thanked Zigmund Slezak and



Hard at work breaking ground for the new center for retarded children are left to right Maurice O'Connor of O'Connor Associates, Mrs. William Southard, director; Mrs. Herman Klahr, chapter president; Victor DePaolo of DePaolo and Sons and Dr. Franz Konta, president of the Schoharie County Mental Health Board.

other members of the Department of Mental Hygiene who worked diligently to obtain the necessary funds and without whose assistance this project would not be so close to reality today. Mrs. William Southard, director of the day training center in Cobleskill, remarked that this was just a beginning. Not only would there be programs for the children but eventually programs for the young adults and older adults.

The actual building process will start about June 1st with completion estimated about October 1 and possibly sooner.

O'Connor Associates are the architects; DePaolo & Sons of Schenectady, the contractor and Sanford B. Sheben, consulting engineer for the center.

Among the many present were Dr. and Mrs. Franz Konta, Dr. Duncan Best and Mrs. Jean Williams, representing the Mental Health Board; Dr. Seeley M. Phillips and Herbert Mapes; Maurice O'Connor of O'Connor Associates; Victor DePaolo and Tom Baxter, General Manager of DePaolo & Sons, general contractor; W. Robert Arnold, clerk of the works; Orlo Nichols, member of the building fund committee and officers and directors of the Board of Schoharie County Chapter for Retarded Children.

DIOCESE AIDS LEWIS COUNTY

Bishop Stanislaus Brzana of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg, which includes Lewis County, has presented \$3,000 from funds gained through the New York State Knights of Columbus sweepstakes to aid the Lewis County Chapter, of the Association.

Through the program each Bishop in the State of New York is allocated \$10,000 by the Knights of Columbus to donate to charitable organizations.

The presentation was made at a D. of I. breakfast hosted by members of the Knights of Columbus.

The State Association through its Chapters has been aided in other areas through gifts of the various Bishops from funds raised by the Knights of Columbus in a crusade for the mentally retarded.

MEMBERSHIPS SURGE AGAIN

Chapters of the New York State ARC again showed their tremendous interest in membership during the 1971-72 membership push as 16 chapters exceeded the membership goals set for them by the State Association. With most of our large Chapters meeting or surpassing their goals the State wide goal of 27,885 does not look impossible for the year. It certainly appears that we will surpass our 1970-71 membership total, and, for the first time in the Association's history, go over a membership of 25,000.



Mrs. Florence Fitzgerald, center, chairman of the Cortland County Board of Supervisors, and Mayor Morris Noss, right, receive memberships in the Cortland County Chapter of the Association for Retarded Children from Wilson Macintire, left, chairman of the 1971 membership campaign.

A number of our upstate chapters made the most significant gains, percentage wise, in membership but all who reached or surpassed their goals are to be congratulated.

The following is an alphabetical listing of those Chapters who reached or surpassed their assigned goals by the end of June:

CHAPTER	GOAL	NUMBER OF MEMBERS
ALBANY	225	284
CATTARAUGUS	75	100
CHEMUNG	260	306
DELAWARE	90	138
GENESEE	110	114
JEFFERSON	400	473
MADISON	250	255
MONTGOMERY	110	121
NASSAU	6400	6440
NEW YORK CITY	5000	5021
OTSEGO	110	123
PUTNAM	110	162
RENSSELAER	250	291
ROCKLAND	400	454
STEBEN	75	76
WILLOWBROOK	1100	1115

HOSTEL FOR PLATTSBURGH

The Clinton County Chapter had a busy night on April 26th when representatives of the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene discussed the proposed location of the Clinton County ARC hostel. The proposed building, a duplex at 93-95 Boynton Avenue in Plattsburgh will accommodate 10 co-ed residents.

It is hoped that the building will be purchased and made available to the residents within a nine or ten month period.

Chapter Executive, Steven M. Goldstein, adds the pleasant note, "I am happy to report there hasn't been any adverse sentiment concerning the project. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Plattsburgh unanimously support the project."

At the same meeting that the hostel discussion took place, the Chapter reported that they were happy to have as a special guest speaker David Schulman, who has been making appearances throughout the State on behalf of our Y.O.U.T.H. — A.R.C.

OUR NORTHEAST REGION MEETS

The Northeast Regional meeting of the New York State ARC was successfully held Saturday, June 5th, at Wilton, N. Y. Hosted by the Saratoga County Chapter, representatives from nine of the thirteen counties in the region met at the Wilton State School.



L. to R. Mrs. Pat Maynard, President, Clinton County Chapter; Mrs. Ernest E. Messier; Dr. Emanuel Rechter, Director, Wilton State School; Miss Helen Hogan, Director, Saratoga County Chapter.

The weather afforded everyone the opportunity to tour the school from building to building in a relaxed manner. The school setting, in the foothills of the Adirondacks, is very impressive. Tours of ten persons per guide were conducted from 3 to 4:30 p.m. An informal coffee hour followed with thirteen staff members from various departments available for discussion.

A delicious turkey dinner was served to over one hundred individuals in the dining hall by very gracious and pleasant resident waitresses.

A narrative slide presentation was made prior to a business meeting held in the recreation hall. Dr. Emanuel Rechter, director of the state school, addressed the group.

This year's meeting was a follow through on a suggested three year plan whereby the regional meeting would be held in a county in the southernmost part of the Northeast Region (Columbia County — 1970); midpoint (Saratoga County — 1971) and hopefully a northern county site for 1972.

DUTCHESS COUNTY ADMITTED

At the meeting of the Board of Governors of the New York State ARC, held on May 1st in New York City, the Dutchess County Chapter was admitted to the family of the New York State Association for Retarded Children, Inc. The admission of Dutchess makes them the 56th member in the State organization.

In commenting upon the admission of Dutchess County Joseph T. Weingold, Executive Director of the New York State ARC, said, "It is a special pleasure to see a Chapter of the Association formed at long last in Dutchess County. In the early years of the Association there had been several attempts made to form parents' groups there, but for one reason or another the groups that gathered never affiliated with us. The admission of Dutchess marks the last major urban area in the State that was previously without a Chapter of the Association. We are certainly very glad to have Dutchess County with us."

Officers of the new group are: President — Frank Pessia; Vice President — Robert Cardascia; Recording Secretary — Mrs. Haroldine Keeler; Treasurer — Mrs. Helen Palmatier.

The admission of Dutchess County leaves only four Counties of New York State without a Chapter of the Association.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE URGED

Increased recognition of the two year associate degree program is encouraged by James B. Conant. He faults the four year bachelor degree programs as unnecessary for some students and for many jobs. He suggests more purposeful higher education with emphasis on learning and knowledge rather than on credits and degrees.

Y.O.U.T.H.

SUFFOLK YOUTH SET UP SCHOLARSHIP

June 1971 will mark the beginning of a new scholarship program being started by the YOUTH of Suffolk County Chapter. With the approval of the County YOUTH Council and the Suffolk County ARC Board, plans have been made for each junior auxiliary to voluntarily support a scholarship fund with a minimum contribution of \$50.00 per year according to their desire and ability to help finance the award.



CATHY AVOLESE

Eligibility for the scholarship will encompass the following: 1) that the person be entering college for the freshman year in the fall; 2) that they will be pursuing a course of study that will lead to a career in a field related to mental retardation; 3) that they will have already served the retarded through membership in a local junior auxiliary; 4) they must complete the Chapter's scholarship application which must be submitted together with two letters of recommendation, one from the school which should be signed by the principal and guidance counselor and one from the local junior auxiliary signed by the president and adult advisor.

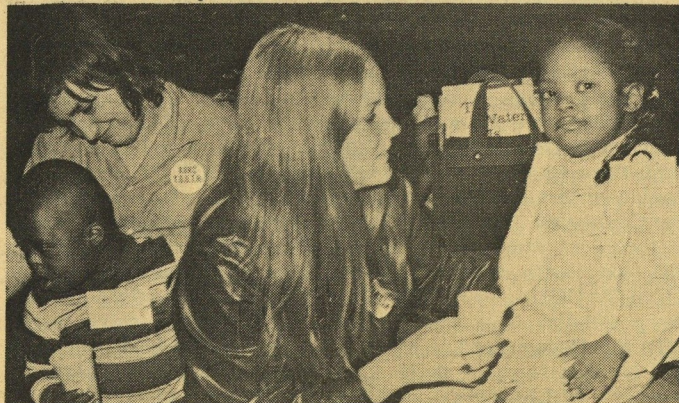
There are two awards, for those entering a two year college and those entering a four year college.

The scholarship for the two year college recipient is \$200.00 per year for the two years. The award for the four year college provides the recipient a total of \$1,400.00, \$500.00 in each of the first two years and \$200.00 in the last two.

Recent word was received that the first scholarship winners have been chosen and that Cathy Avolese was the winner of the four year award and Mae Terriquez was the winner of the two year award from Suffolk County Chapter.

Congratulations Cathy and Mae and best of luck in the coming years.

QUEENS YOUTH HELPS



Kicking off the summer season, the Association for the Help of Retarded Children's Queens Youth Group took 30 youngsters, on a one-to-one basis, on an outing to Cunningham Park, where they picnicked and had a community sing.

STUDENTS SACRIFICE

Students from the State College of Cobleskill recently went hungry one evening, because they chose to give the price of their dinner to the building fund of the Schoharie County Chapter of the New York State ARC. As a result of their voluntary fasting, a check exceeding \$600 was turned over to John McGiver, honorary chairman of Schoharie County ARC's Building Fund Drive.

How did it happen? A group of students on the College Union Board decided to promote the concept of brotherhood by a series of events called Thursday's friends. Under the chairmanship of Barbara Burger, students were asked to give up one evening meal in the College dining hall to help the retarded children's fund. Douglas Long, director of student activities, said that the response was great.



John McGiver receives a check exceeding \$600 from Cobleskill College student Barbara Burger at the annual awards night at the college. Rev. Franklin Wright, Cobleskill ARC chairman, looks on, with Mrs. Herman Klahr of Schoharie, who is chapter president. Mrs. Klahr, in turn, presented the entire student body a certificate of award for their generous act of brotherhood and social concern.

SENIOR GIRLS SCOUTS HIKE FOR WAYNE COUNTY CHAPTER

The Senior Girl Scouts of Savannah-Clyde, Troop 150, sponsored a "HIKE FOR THE HANDICAPPED" Saturday, June 5th, with all proceeds to be donated to the Day Training Center in Lyons. A group of 90 started out from Savannah School at 8 a.m. and hiked 14 miles to the Wayne County ARC Day Training Center in Lyons. The group consisted of the Senior Girl Scouts, their leader from Savannah Mrs. Wright and students from grades 7-12 that were recruited by the scouts. Each hiker was responsible for securing their own sponsors and most of them were able to get several.



L. to R. Becky Wright, Judy Hill, Gigi Burke, Dawn Henry.

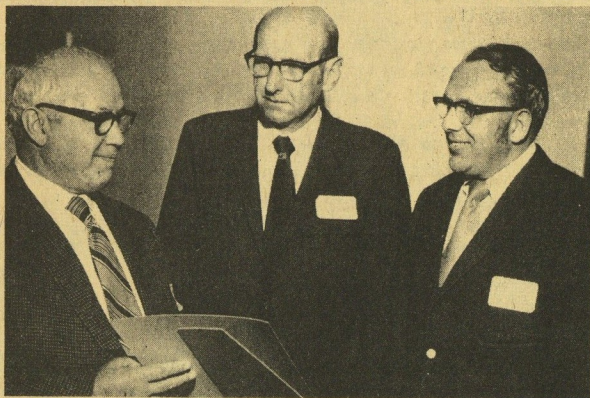
We are pleased to report that each and every hiker completed the entire 14 mile hike. The proceeds from the hike are expected to total more than \$800, which will be used for new equipment for the Day Training Center.

The Scout Leaders for Troop 150 are Mrs. Robert Wright, Savannah, and Mrs. Clifford Skinkle, Clyde. The Senior Girl Scouts have 16 members.

IMPORTANT EVENT — STATE CONVENTION

Chapter News

It says somewhere in the Good Book that the last shall be first. Let's start off this issue then, with news of the last Chapter added to the State roster, DUTCHESS. A most enthusiastic group have held monthly meetings since their initial gathering in March. It looks as if they may well be sponsoring a summer day camp in the county this, their first summer. Raised just short of \$500 on their first fund raising event, a little raffle. Off to a good start in DUTCHESS . . . CAYUGA COUNTY CHAPTER had their annual covered



Jack Procino, (L), general chairman, discusses plans to solicit funds from local business and industrial firms with vice chairman Harold Weaver, center, and B & I chairman C. Alan Bouley. Funds will be used for the purchase of the Camp by the Cayuga County Association for Retarded Children and to renovate camp buildings for use beyond the summer season.

dish supper in May for their annual meeting. The speaker was Mr. Alan Pike of the Department of Mental Hygiene who discussed with the Chapter the many plans they have been making for a building. They are trying hard to raise a needed \$150,000 for the purchase of Camp Columbus where they will again be operating their summer program this year. CAYUGA to be commended for their participation in the community concern being expressed over the proposed closing of Sampson State School. We noted with pleasure that they took their youngsters to the "Up With People" show in Syracuse. Sounds like an excellent way to make the mentally retarded a part of the community . . . NEW YORK CITY CHAPTER enjoyed a very fine annual dinner on May 15th. As usual, they were fortunate to have an outstanding emcee in Barbara Walters of the NBC Today Show. Two awards were given to those who have been outstanding in service to the Chapter, the Annual Humanitarian Award to the Most Reverend Francis J. Mugavero, Bishop of Brooklyn and Queens, and the Public Service Award to Dr. I. Ignacy Goldberg, Professor of Education, Teachers College, Columbia University. We also note that the QUEENS O.D.C. is expanding, and a great deal of activity on the part of NEW YORK CITY CHAPTER's YOUTH groups . . . The June 6th meeting of WELFARE LEAGUE at the Mary Davidson School at LETCHWORTH VILLAGE must have been a most enjoyable afternoon. The LETCHWORTH VILLAGE Band provided music, there was an address by Dr. Wolansky and members of the staff, and the presentation of special certificates to 25 year employees. It is also reported that one of the new services that WELFARE LEAGUE provides for their residents and visitors is free bus transportation from the cottages to the clubhouse on weekends. The opportunity to have some refreshment in pleasant surroundings for those visitors who do not have cars has been greatly appreciated by them as well as the residents who want a change of scene from his or her cottage. WELFARE LEAGUE has throughout the years built all of the wading and swimming pools at LETCHWORTH VILLAGE. At the present time due to the

cut-backs of the State budget, they were informed that LETCHWORTH VILLAGE would not be able to provide the personnel necessary to supervise the swimming pools, with the result that WELFARE LEAGUE is supplying the funds necessary for the staff in order that the pools may be utilized this summer. Plans already appearing in the LEAGUE Letter for the Annual Luncheon which will be held November 13th, 1971 at the New York Hilton. Good luck with that, WELFARE LEAGUE . . . MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHAPTER reports having held an open house June 12th and 13th at Liberty House, their new center. The clients from the workshop were there to demonstrate their work to the visitors. A good way to let the community know what you are doing . . . Thanks in order to Delaware Valley High School students who collected \$45 for our ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER . . . Speaking of collections, we tip our hats in OTSEGO COUNTY to the Fraternal Order of Eagles who presented a check for \$1,000 to that Chapter. Must be the most money they've ever had. We must also tip our hats to the Clark Foundation which donated \$250.00 toward the Chapter's 1971 Fund Drive and the Women's Association of the Cooperstown Presbyterian Church which donated \$600.00 toward their summer day school expenses. These are real friends. OTSEGO COUNTY CHAPTER helped in the functioning of their regional meet of the New York State Special Olympics which was held on the State University campus in Oneonta. Should also mention the contribution received from the Oneonta Council of the Knights of Columbus. Must be the best shape OTSEGO COUNTY has ever been in financially . . . SUFFOLK COUNTY's "Communicator" getting to be not only the best looking but the biggest newsletter in the State. The February issue, for instance, was 19 pages long. Just an indication of the work being done in SUFFOLK COUNTY . . . WAYNE COUNTY CHAPTER reporting on their annual Volunteers Banquet, which we think is an excellent idea. Mrs. Mildred Peters of Newark was the volunteer with the most hours of service to her credit, some 200 hours of volunteer help. That is certainly terrific. Chapter apparently is going to receive the proceeds from a Little Britches Rodeo to be held Saturday, July 31st and Sunday, August 1st. Very good to see these new areas coming in to help . . . ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER welcomes a new executive director, Mr. Peter Young. Pete sent a fine letter to all of his local newspapers thanking them for past publicity and indicating his interest in continuing to work with them in the future. Thought it was a very well done bit of public relations. He also writes that the Chapter is planning a summer program throughout the County. It will include recreation and craft activities, swimming instruction, field trips and regular classroom training. Programs will operate in all three centers in the County. It looks like a profitable but busy summer for ORANGE COUNTY . . . ONTARIO COUNTY's "Chapter Notes" coming out monthly and in colors certainly getting to be a much more exciting sheet with the passage of time and as the Chapter develops additional programs. Like many other Chapters, ONTARIO was active with its local special olympics which were held for the first time in Geneva. The ONTARIO COUNTY American Legion once again sponsored a picnic for all the retarded in the County on June 19th. Chapter reports 60 people involved in their last recreation program picnic. The workshop buzzing along with contracts from three local industries . . . CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY CHAPTER very excited about the possibility of a new building. We are all working hard with the Department of Mental Hygiene in the hope that we will be able to move in to these bigger and better quarters soon . . . ALLEGANY COUNTY CHAPTER had an interesting article in the Wellsville Reporter as a follow up to their annual Sports Banquet reported last issue. It seems that the event, one of the Chapter's outstanding attractions each year, had brought out an Irish tenor to sing in 1970. The 1971 Sports Banquet was treated to the presence not of an

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Irish tenor but of an Irish wolfhound, a prize winning dog brought by a friend of Mr. Charles Shine. From the size of him, we hope he didn't get loose in the kitchen . . . SCHE-NECTADY COUNTY CHAPTER has just broken ground on June 3rd for their new building. We understand from Executive Director Jerry Weingold who was present, that the whole program of the Chapter is moving forward by leaps and bounds. He was very impressed with all the programs being undertaken under the direction of executive director Ron Gates. We are sure that there will be interesting pictures of this ground-breaking somewhere in this issue of O.C.V. Congratulations, SCHENECTADY . . . HERKIMER COUNTY CHAPTER working hard to try and acquire a contract from their Mental Health Board for services which they are ready to provide. As so often happens in the beginning of such contracts, they are having some difficulty getting their Mental Health Board to move. We have no doubt, however, that they will certainly get the program off the ground, as we do not believe that they have ever failed at anything they have undertaken. HERKIMER busy planning their annual summer camp in addition to their annual



PACK #76. Herkimer County Chapter planting 15 scotch pines at the Salada Foods Warehouse as their participation in Project SOAR.

door-to-door fund raising campaign. Father George Greene was chairman of the Iliion portion of their fund drive and with the help primarily of the community's young people turned over a check for \$685.16. Publicity Chairman, Mrs. Beverly Liddle, writes that the Chapter would be pleased to have a picture of their local cub pack #76, both boys and girls, appear in the paper — and we will oblige. This was taken while they were planting 15 scotch pines at the Salada Foods warehouse on route 5 as their participation in project "SOAR". Looking forward to bigger and better things with their YOUTH group after a three day visit by David Schulman and a day with Anne Burgess and young people from Columbia County . . . ONONDAGA COUNTY CHAPTER reports that they planned a special recognition awards dinner on May 7th to express gratitude to outstanding persons and community leaders. Congressman James M. Hanley was the principal speaker. One special award was given to the director of the New York State ARC, Joseph T. Weingold. Tours of the new center are averaging three a week. Among those coming through are community groups and organizations, other agencies, high school and college students. The O.T.C. in the Center now has a ceramics department, and has developed a brief brochure of its own to take to local industries. A group called "Friends of the Retarded" (FOR) who assist the Association in fund raising, just contributed \$10,000 to the Center's program — terrific. This money was raised by the presentation of the Ice Follies and we understand they have signed up to sponsor it again in 1971. That's great news from ONONDAGA . . . BENEVOLENT SOCIETY writing up their plans for a night at the races. We



L. to R. are: Mrs. Jan Burt, vice-regent of the Low-ville Daughters of Isabella, Mrs. Mary Mattis, regent; Vincent Murphy, Potsdam, director of the Northern New York Conference, K. of C., Mrs. Louise Cook, treasurer of the Retarded Children's group, Mrs. Betty Lee Tyner, a director of the Retarded Children's group, Rt. Rev. Msgr. James Luker, pastor of St. Peter's who made the actual presentation on behalf of the Bishop, Ronald Pominville, director of the Northern New York Conference, K. of C., Neil McAvoy, Madrid, New York State lecturer chairman, K. of C. The presentation was made at a D. of I. breakfast, hosted by members of the K. of C.

hope that all their horses came in first . . . ALBANY COUNTY CHAPTER writes that they will be conducting a summer camp for approximately 60 youngsters. It will take in children from 3 to 21 years of age. It may be helpful to know that the educational realm of the camp is to orient to the concept of movigenetics, which may be defined as activities and exercises which will enable the child to develop a self image. A difference from the usual classroom type thing . . . MADISON COUNTY CHAPTER reporting a very busy program including a new summer program, speech therapy at their Eaton Center, and an adult recreation program. In addition, the staff not only attended the In-Service Training sponsored by the Association but also has spent some time visiting at the Onondaga ARC Center recently . . . Our best wishes to Mr. Arthur Dawson who has just recently left the employ of our BROOME COUNTY CHAPTER. BROOME of course, was the busiest of all our Chapters with special olympics as they were assisting in the State-wide meet which was held at Harpur College. I was especially impressed with the extract from the California Council for Retarded Children's paper which BROOME COUNTY published in their June 1971 issue. It discusses one of the problems when parents in an organization don't get along. Perhaps you could acquire copies of this by writing BROOME COUNTY CHAPTER, but meanwhile I think the last sentence is worth thinking about. It reads, "Please . . . don't yell until you talk, don't talk until you think . . . and don't think until you think OF THE CHILDREN." . . . GENESEE COUNTY CHAPTER was the recipient of \$1,000 from the Genesee Motorsport Club which conducted a rally day for more than 30 cars. That should help with the new programs which are being planned in GENESEE . . . the newsletter of DELAWARE COUNTY CHAPTER getting longer each month and filled with more interesting news of programs being started there. DELAWARE, too, working very hard on getting a YOUTH group organized and the group would appear to be giving a good deal of attention to the Chapter's summer recreational program . . . Ed Tangney, Director of our PUTNAM COUNTY CHAPTER, has certainly put his public relations background to good use with the slide presentation which has been prepared for PUTNAM COUNTY CHAPTER. We were privi-

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14 WASSAIC CHAPTER BROADENS HORIZON SEEKS COOPERATION OF WESTCHESTER, PUTNAM AND ULSTER CHAPTERS

On Sunday, May 16, 1971, Community League — Wassaic Chapter held a meeting of special significance at the Wassaic State School. The League has always recognized as one of its major weaknesses the fact that its base is in New York City while the object of its activity, Wassaic State School, is situated many miles away in Dutchess County. In an attempt to narrow the gap in formulation and financing of programs and the implementation and supervision of them, this unusual meeting was held. Representatives of Putnam, Ulster, and Westchester Chapters were present and over 150 people attended this first trial for a closer relationship among the Chapters near the School.



Mr. Chandler Bliss of Volunteer Services, Albany Office, DMH, addressing conference.

The meeting was conducted by James Hanifer, Vice-President of Community League. In addition to the greetings by President Michael Styler, and a State of the School report by Dr. George F. Etling, its Director, there were short but trenchant addresses by Eugene Laughery, Executive Director of Westchester Chapter and Patricia O'Connell its Public Relations Director; Edward Tangney, Executive Director of Putnam County Chapter; Daniel Leahy of Ulster County; Marjorie Young, Director of Volunteer Services at Wassaic; and Chandler Bliss, Assistant Director of Volunteer Services from the Department of Mental Hygiene in Albany.

There will be a follow-up meeting of the four Chapters in October, again at Wassaic, where our upstate members have a better opportunity to participate. By that time, hopefully, some carefully planned, specific, joint endeavors will be launched.

An Association of Chapters is good, the cooperation of Chapters is better, the understanding of the inter-dependence of community based and institutional oriented Chapters is best. It is one of Community League's primary goals for the immediate future.

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eged to see this at a recent meeting in Dutchess County at which Mrs. John Adelhardt, wife of the Chapter president, gave the program. It was an excellent presentation to which Mrs. Adelhardt's vitality and interest added a great deal. We didn't want to let it go by, however, without giving Ed a pat on the back for what we knew must be his deep involvement in the preparation of the slides and materials. Perhaps some chapters in the area would be interested in getting in touch with PUTNAM COUNTY CHAPTER to see the program . . . Last but not least, we would like to mention some of the work being done by the NORTHEAST REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE. One piece of bad news, that being that Gertrude Van Dusen has resigned as Chairman of the group. We all owe her a great deal for the time that she gave in making this a hard working group. Certainly one of the very difficult tasks is to pull together people from many areas to work together, but we certainly feel that Gert did it. We shall not mention all of their work or individual projects but just want to say that we think that the Northeast Regional Institutions Committee has certainly become an important part of service to the mentally retarded among our Association.

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Sub-Contract mail area St. Lawrence ARC representative. Approximately 1/3 of the Chapter Workshop's Activities.

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in the community from 50 — 75 per cent; making debt service and interest a reimbursable item under the Community Mental Health Services Act; and a revision of the Criminal Code with regard to ability to stand trial for a mentally retarded person accused of a crime.

There are many others in the program that also fell by the wayside, including the revision of the Mental Hygiene Law, the Recodification, on which so much time and effort was spent by the Joint Legislative Committee on Mental and Physical Handicap.

This bill passed the Senate, but was held up in the Rules Committee in the Assembly but did not come to the floor for a vote.

The Joint Legislative Committee on Mental and Physical Handicap was continued for another year with an appropriation of \$75,000.

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The New York State Association for Retarded Children, Inc. has intervened as an amicus curiae (friend of the court) and has asked the Department of Mental Hygiene to meet with it to discuss viable alternatives.

Although a number of alternatives given to the Department which would involve the transfer of about 120 emotionally disturbed children to existing State hospitals that are not overcrowded, the Department insists on transferring 900 mentally retarded persons to overcrowded Willowbrook and other overcrowded State Schools for the mentally retarded. According to Murray B. Schneps, attorney for the plaintiff, this is an historic case, involving a decision that parents of mentally retarded residents in State Schools have a status before the courts on behalf of their children, where the health or safety of their children is threatened.

"In addition," said Mr. Schneps, "in effect the court is deciding that the Department of Mental Hygiene does not have the absolute right over the bodies of the patients in the State Schools. The right to do what they want is limited by the directives of the legislature, who, in this instance have clearly delineated by line item that they want Gouverneur and Sampson State Schools to remain open. If any savings are to be made as directed by the Department of Mental Hygiene, they must be across the board for all institutions in the Division, certainly along the lines that would do the least harm to the least number of patients."

"In addition," said Mr. Schneps, "we feel strongly that there is a constitutional question here on equal protection of the laws for the mentally retarded in comparison to other handicapped within the Department of Mental Hygiene and within the same categories in the Department of Mental Hygiene."

The plaintiffs with the support of the State Association, intend to carry this case to as high a court as possible to prevent this kind of arbitrary and capricious action."

At this writing the Appellate Division has overruled the Supreme Court and the stay is vacated.

"Our only recourse," said Mr. Weingold, "is to go to the Federal Courts to prevent this outrage."

1971 STATE CONVENTION A MUST

The State Convention takes place this year September 30th through October 3rd, at the Treadway Inn in Binghamton. It is probably one of the most important Conventions in our existence as the State Association.

The impact of the budget cuts, the actions of the State Department of Mental Hygiene in implementing such cuts, the watering down of the Division of Mental Retardation, the ambivalence concerning the Developmental Disabilities Act and many other things make it imperative that the leadership and as many members as possible attend this meeting.

Probably as important as any will be the In-Service Training session on programming, funding, and other details that again will be under the direction of Jerry Weingold, Executive Director.

The tentative program follows:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. — Registration — \$3.50 —
MAIN LOBBY
8:00 p.m. — Meeting of the Board of
Governors — ENDICOTT ROOM.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 9:00 a.m. — Registration — all day,
MAIN LOBBY
9:00 a.m. — 12:00 Noon — Board of Governors Meeting
Continued — ENDICOTT ROOM
12:00 Noon — LUNCHEON
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. — TOURS — \$1.00
A. Broome County ARC
Workshop
B. Local Museum
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. — In-Service Training Session for
Executive Directors and Presi-
dents — Chairman, Joseph T.
Weingold — JOHNSON CITY
ROOM
6:00 p.m. — DINNER
8:00 p.m. — Convention Convenes —
JOHNSON CITY ROOM
BUSINESS SESSION —
A. Roll call of Chapters
B. Report of the President,
Treasurer, Executive Director
and Committee Chairmen
C. Report of Board of Governors
Meeting
D. Appointment of Committees
1. Resolutions

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2. Convention Sites — 1973
3. Others
- E. Election of 1972 Nominating
Committee
- F. Election of Officers and
Governors
- G. Other business
- H. Good and welfare

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 8:00 a.m. — Buffet Breakfast available —
Restaurant
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. — Registration — MAIN LOBBY
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon — Business Session continues —
JOHNSON CITY ROOM
12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. — LUNCHEON — JOHNSON CITY
AND BINGHAMTON ROOMS —
\$4.00
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. — CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS
1. State Institutions — "Promises,
Promises", Mrs. Israel Epstein,
Chairman
2. "A New Look at Guardian-
ship", Mr. Robert J. Hodgson,
Chairman
3. Youth — "A How To Do It
Session", Miss Anne Burgess,
Chairman
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. — RECEPTION — POOL SIDE
(TRIPLE CITIES BALLROOM
FOYER in case of inclement
weather) Dutch Treat
7:00 p.m. — BANQUET — TRIPLE CITIES
BALLROOM — \$7.50
10:00 p.m. — ENTERTAINMENT AND
DANCING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 8:00 a.m. — Religious Services
10:00 a.m. — Meeting of Newly Elected Board
— ENDICOTT ROOM
12:30 p.m. — Adjournment

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The St. Lawrence County Chapter, under agreement with the State Association, is doing all the mailing of O.C.V. and maintaining the membership lists at its Workshop in Hermon, New York.

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TROY STUDENT WINS AWARD

Miss Donna J. Warnoch, a resident of Troy, and a student at Mount St. Mary College in Newburgh, N. Y., was the latest winner of the Joseph T. Weingold Scholarship. The award, which will be for the 1971-73 school years, will be in the amount of \$250 for both her junior and senior years.

Miss Warnoch, a lifelong Troy resident, graduated from Catholic Central High School in Troy. She has been carrying a "B" Average in her college subjects and has been quite active in working with the mentally retarded.



DONNA WARNOCH

Her correspondence with the New York State ARC indicated that she was urged to consider a career in teaching the handicapped by her high school guidance counselor, a decision she stated, "I have never regretted." Since beginning her college studies at Mt. St. Mary, Miss Warnoch has been tutoring both mentally retarded and normal children on a one-to-one basis, has observed numerous classes for educable and trainable retarded, and has served as a teacher's aide in a special class.

Several letters of recommendation were received on behalf of Miss Warnoch by the Association, but perhaps her character was best exemplified by Mr. James V. McEnery, Chairman, Department of English, of her school, who mentioned not only her scholarly approach to subjects, her industry and careful planning, but said in his letter, that she was a student "capable of carrying on the tradition of your scholarship."

Miss Warnoch will be the recipient of a Weingold Scholarship during the coming year together with Ruth McCullagh of the State University College of Buffalo, who was the 1970 - 1972 winner. Miss Warnoch is the second student from Mount St. Mary to win the Weingold award, the very first award having gone to a student at that school some five years ago.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR RETARDED IN DANGER

The budget cuts for the Department of Mental Hygiene included not only the institution, but the State share for community services as well. In addition, the budget of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the support of long-term mentally retarded employees in sheltered workshops was cut drastically, imperilling the program.

Local assistance in the Department of Mental Hygiene, meaning assistance for community mental health and mental retardation programs was cut about 10%, a total of about \$67 million, less than the present expenditure. This represents approximately a 5% cut in the operational fund and will mean that much less service unless it is picked up by local government, which heretofore has contributed very little to the mental retardation program.

An additional cut was \$500,000 for the acquisition or construction of hostels, a program which has been limping along since its inception because of lack of funds and bureaucratic hangups. There is, however, a roll over from 1970-71 which may ease this problem somewhat.

Even more serious is the cut in the budget for long-term employment of the mentally retarded in sheltered workshops. Last year's appropriation of \$1 million was less than requested, but was accompanied by a promise that the money spent in excess of \$1 million would be provided in a deficiency appropriation at the end of the year. According to the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, \$1,138,000 was spent. In the last quarter 1100 mentally retarded adults were being served. If carried out to the end of the year at \$1250 per worker, it would mean an expenditure of \$1,375,000.

A much larger expansion was envisioned, however, and the Governor requested \$2,700,000. The increase of \$1,700,000 was cut out entirely from the budget and the community agencies were told by Senator Anderson to look to the red feather agencies, local and federal government.

Unless funds are found to supplement the \$1 million appropriated, the funding of this program is in grave danger even to support the agencies at their present level of expenditure for the same number of clients.

In addition to these cuts, the capital construction cuts were extremely drastic. \$10,863,000 was cut from the request of Bronx County State School, \$7,950,000 from the New York County State School, and a little over \$20 million was cut out by repealing the measure which provided for a new State School in Nassau County.

It would take more than this whole issue of O.C.V. to go into the ramifications of the budget cuts.

The above is some idea of what we will have to live with in the community for this coming year.

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