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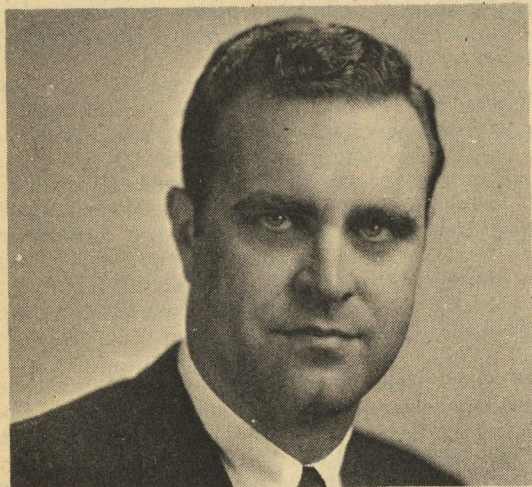
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TRI-COUNTIES HOSTS

The 1973 Convention of the New York State Association for the Retarded Children will be held at the Hyatt House, Washington Ave., Albany, N.Y. The Convention will be hosted by the Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady County Chapters with this 24th Annual State Convention extending from October 11th through the 14th.

In addition to the usual highlights provided by the Convention's business sessions, workshops, tours and In-Service Training, the Convention Committee has attempted to formulate new ideas in Workshops and operating procedures that



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will be a surprise and a delight to attending guests and delegates. Dr. Alan Miller, Commissioner, N.Y.S. Department of Mental Hygiene, will make the welcoming address at the convening of the convention, and one of the attractions will be the main speaker at the banquet, Mr. Fred J. Krause, Executive Director of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation.

Prior to his present position, Mr. Krause served as Deputy Executive Director and also as Program Specialist for PCMR.

For eight years he held the position of Executive Director of the California Council for Retarded Children. In addition to these administrative duties, he helped plan and implement state and community programming for the retarded. He also assisted in legislative planning for California's MR program.

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TRAINABLE AT 3

In one of the most significant breakthroughs in education for the mentally retarded in New York State, a bill was passed to amend Section 4406 of the Education Law, which deals with children with I.Q.'s under 50 (trainable), to permit such school districts to have special classes from the age of three up.

This in effect means that a school district may start such classes from that age and if it does it will be receiving state aid which it could not in the past. The bill was introduced by Senator Leon Giuffreda (R-Suffolk) and was signed by the Governor into Chapters 871 of the Laws of 1973.

The New York State Association for Retarded Children has for years, on the basis of research done throughout the country, urged the legislature to drop the age for public education of the handicapped to at least three. The Association stated that all indications are that the younger these children are brought into free public education the better they can finally adjust.

An offshoot of this bill, according to legal opinion, is that if a school district does not begin such a class when it is able to do so under law, the parents of such child may then apply for funds of \$2,000 to educate such a child in a private school — 4407 of the Education Law.

The fact that this bill is permissive is in keeping with what had happened in the past. All legislation for the handicapped has started out by being permissive, and, on proving itself, has become, after a few years, mandatory.

OTHER BILLS VETOED

Two bills of importance in education were also vetoed by the Governor. These are a bill which would have permitted appeals from the decisions of the Commissioner of Education to the Courts in certain cases. At present under the Education Law anyone aggrieved against any part of the education complex may appeal to the Commissioner of Education. The law states that the Commissioner of Education decision shall be final and cannot be appealed to the courts.

Although there are some who believe that this is unconstitutional, depriving a citizen of a right to appeal to the courts, nevertheless this has been a fact in New York State for many years. This bill tried to remedy that but the Governor vetoed it. The reasons are really too insignificant to mention.

Another bill vetoed by the Governor was one that would create a twelve man advisory council on the handicapped to the Commissioner of Education.

Although there was no provision that parents of the handicapped be on such an advisory committee, the Association supported this bill. It was vetoed. The first bill was introduced by Senator Farrell and the second by Senator Pisani.

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EDITORIAL

In this issue of Our Children's Voice there are an inordinate number of articles concerning the brutality of employees in the state schools for the mentally retarded against some of the residents.

We are firm in our belief that this is a horrible thing and this conviction of ours is shared by Commissioner Miller and most of the people working in the Department of Mental Hygiene.

How it is handled, however, is quite a different matter. Usually the directors, with a few notable exceptions are most wary of bringing charges or punishing severely those who are accused of such crime. This may be because they are afraid of irritating the union or worried about morale in their institution or both. But the fact remains that a helpless person has been hurt; that someone in the employ of the Department of Mental Hygiene has done it; and something should be done about it.

An instance of what we are talking about recently appeared in one of our state schools downstate where a female attendant was accused of kicking a female adult patient in the pubic region leaving severe bruises in that region. The attendant confessed to guilt and yet the only punishment meted out by the director of this institution was lowering from grade 9 to grade 7 of this attendant.

The reason "we must temper justice with mercy" said the director.

Who is tempering the severe bruises that the adult female has received? What guarantee is there that this will not be repeated? What difference does it make whether it be repeated or not — it was done; it is a crime and must be punished severely by immediate dismissal. Anything short of this is condoning immoral and illegal and quite disgusting actions.

MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION SERVICE PLACES LAWYERS IN STATE SCHOOLS

Under the recodification of the Mental Hygiene Law the Mental Health Information Service now has the responsibility and the duty to protect the rights of the mentally retarded, previously limited to the mentally ill only.

The Mental Health Information Service is an arm of the judicial system with each Judicial Department having a head of a mental health information service who's duty it is to inform the patients of their rights, receive complaints, and to protect them, as it were, vis-a-vis the state. In order to accomplish this, each director of a mental health information service has asked for more funds and more staff in order to place lawyers right in the state schools.

Your Executive Director met with various directors of the Mental Health Information Service in the four departments together with the presiding justices of the Appellate Division in each department in order to present the program for expansion of the duties and the services that the Mental Health Information Service could render.

We have met the greatest cooperation from the Mental Health Information Service and have hope, that they will be a valuable arm to protect the rights of the patients.

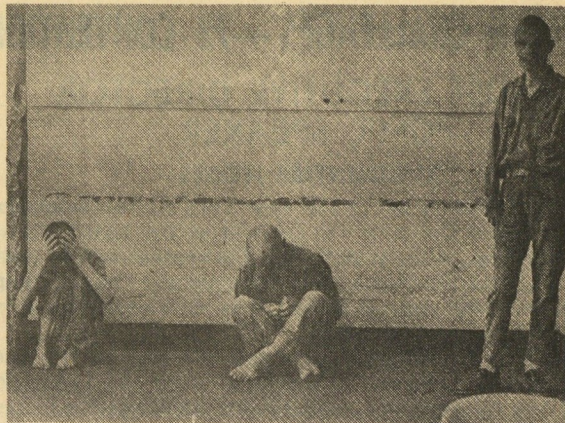
TWENTY HELD UPSTATE IN PATIENT ABUSE

UNDERCOVER AGENTS WORK AT ROME STATE SCHOOL LEADS TO ARREST OF EMPLOYEES

The State Police arrested 20 employees of Rome State School in May on charges of abusing dozens of the institution's mentally retarded residents. Four other employees are still being sought.

The arrests came as a result of a four month investigation by a state trooper who worked as an undercover agent at the school, according to Richard D. Enders, the Oneida County District Attorney. He stressed that school administrators requested the investigation and had cooperated fully.

Both the state police and Mr. Enders refused to specify how the victims — all male ranging in age from 7 to 75 — had been abused.



Patients in the "T" building, a men's residence hall at the Rome State School where five of the indicted attendants worked.

According to Harold Wolfe, Assistant State Mental Hygiene Commissioner, the 22 male and two female employees charge in the sealed indictments brought by the Oneida County grand jury were immediately suspended by the school.

The 24 employees were all charged with endangering the welfare of the child or an incompetent, a misdemeanor that carries penalties of a maximum of one year in jail, three years probation or a fine. We understand now that the 24 Rome State School employees were back to the payroll recently but were sent home shortly after they reported to work.

Civil Service regulations state that employees may not be suspended more than 30 days without a hearing. Dr. Buchholz said those hearings were not held because he felt it would be inappropriate to hold hearings before the trial.

Even if free of criminal charges they must still be subject to disciplinary action by the school according to Lawrence D. Maxwell, Deputy Director. It is interesting to note satisfactory ratings such as "maintains and enhances patients sense of self-dignity in interactions with patients or residents."

When asked how the indicted employees could have received satisfactory ratings and still have been accused of abusing patients or not reporting cases of abuse, Maxwell attributed to a "see nothing, hear nothing, say nothing attitude" among the supervisors who made out the reports.

Incidents such as this do not enhance any feeling of security that parents may have about their children in the state schools.

On the other hand the concern of the administration and the follow up by the district attorney are encouraging signs which will boost the morale of those employees who are doing an excellent job and may be tarred with the brush of those who are not fit to take care of people who need help and care as much as the mentally retarded.

GOVERNOR DELIVERS VETO - VETO

GOVERNOR SIGNS "UNIFIED SERVICES" BILL

In a ceremony at his New York City office, Governor Rockefeller recently signed Assemblyman Wertz' bill amending the community services section of the Mental Hygiene Law.

This bill gives each county the option of formally developing a plan for delivery and financing of all mental health, mental retardation and alcoholism services to people in the participating community. Under this the state and local community will share the cost of providing these services both in and out of the institution. For example, if there are a certain number of residents from a county in a state facility either a state hospital or state school who were there less than five years the county will pay a certain amount of money for the maintenance of these people in the institutions. The state in turn will pay the major portion of community programs.

This bill will be so-called "joint planning" but in effect this is just planning by the Community Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Boards, the Department of Mental Hygiene and the director of a facility of the Department of Mental Hygiene if there is such a one serving that county. There is a great deal of talk in the bill about input by community agencies but these community agencies do not have any veto power over the bill.

Although the bill is effective immediately the earliest that counties can take advantage of the plan is July 1, 1974 in New York City and Jan. 1, 1975 for other counties.

Under the fiscal formula the net cost of providing state services to the residents of each county is combined with the net cost of operating the county Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism programs to form what is called "aggregate operating costs".

The aggregate costs (exclusive of residents who have been in state institutions continuously for five years or longer on April 1, following approval of the first plan for a county) will be shared by the county and the state with the state paying:

- \$10.00 per capita for the first 100,000 population;
- \$ 5.00 per capita for population in excess of 100,000.
- 80% of the costs in excess of the two preceding amounts up to \$13 per capita aggregate costs;
- 65% of the aggregate costs in excess of \$13 per capita.

The county would pay the remainder.

(Explain, someone).

The state would continue to pay 100% of the capital costs of local facilities from one-third to one-half of the non-federal share.

A five-year phase-in period is provided to reduce fiscal impact on the local government and the state. In the first year there would be no additional cost to the county. In the second and subsequent years, any increased cost to the county will be phased in at 20% increments until the full cost is met.

If all counties were to join the unified services program at the same time, the increased costs to the state after a five-year phase-in would be \$16.7 million annually based on present program levels.

Under the unified services formula, 43 counties would pay less. New York City would pay \$10.3 million less and 14 counties would pay more.

Local governments may elect to retain the present system of providing services.

The New York State Association for Retarded Children objected strongly to the bill as originally written not because it felt that a great opportunity to redress the imbalances that existed between services for the mentally ill and mentally retarded was missed. As a matter of fact in the original bill a county that did not opt to go into this plan was penalized

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DELIVERS ONE TWO PUNCH

In keeping with the Governor's practices throughout his administration, he vetoed two of the important measures that were sponsored by the New York State Association for Retarded Children. These were: (1) the bill to amend Section 4407 of the Education Law, to raise state aid from \$2,000 to \$2,500 (Conklin-Margiotta) and (2) the bill to allow interest on that part of rental paid to a mental retardation service company that represents the interest on the HFA mortgage to be a reimbursable item (Conklin-Margiotta).

The reason for the first veto was that there was no appropriation in the bill. It is our understanding both from Senator Conklin and Assemblyman Margiotta that the Education Department was to fund this in the sum of \$3½ million and be reimbursed in the deficiency appropriation next legislative session. A positive note in the veto is that the Governor seems to indicate there may be an administration measure along these lines because he has asked Education and Mental Hygiene to look into the costs of operating these programs.

The second bill was vetoed also because there was no appropriation, but the imbalance between the failure to get reimbursement under this system and the absolute right to reimbursement when a building is built by a private builder and rental is paid to him is not dealt with at all. Furthermore, an appropriation is not necessary in such a bill because the funds would come out of aid to localities under the Mental Hygiene budget for community services.

Both bills were sponsored by a number of legislators including the entire Westchester contingent.

BILLS THAT FAILED TO COME OUT OF COMMITTEE

The three bills representing a new approach by the State Association, a bill to create a separate department for mental retardation (Schermerhorn-Riccio); the bill calling on the commissioner of mental hygiene by March 1974 to come up with a plan to change the face of institutions in New York State (Conklin-Steingut); and finally the bill to create an ombudsman for all the handicapped (Conklin-Steingut) all failed to come out of committee.

In addition, a whole series of bills such as eliminating parents liability, amending the insurance law to permit the retarded to be dependent members of family plans, amending the Civil Rights Law to include the handicapped, mental and physical, eliminating homogeneity from the Education Law for creation of classes, a bill to reduce the age of admission to 4407 classes to 3 and a number of others — all failed to clear committee.

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at the rate of about 2% a year of state aid until 10% was taken off state aid and this would affect the contract agencies as well even though they had no input into the county decision. In a revised edition of the bill Assemblyman Wertz eliminated this penalization.

The Association feels very strongly (1) that there is nothing in the bill which forces the counties to do anything for the retarded they don't want to.

(2) although there must be a plan that each county must submit, such a provision exists even now and still we see services for the mentally retarded struggling to get off the ground. As a matter of fact, even such a mild bill as calling for a public hearing by the local mental health boards 30 days before the plan is submitted was vetoed by the Governor in 1972.

We can only wait to see how Unified Services will carry out the rather rosy predictions of the Department of Mental Hygiene.

WILLOWBROOK: CUSTODY MONEY, NONE FOR HABILITATION

The following is mostly an extract from an article in the Staten Island Advance, S.I. dated June 10, 1973 written by Joan Mortyka.

"While the 'last great excuse' for not providing adequate care and services has traditionally been lack of dollars, Willowbrook State School can't use it. The money is there.

Yet even with Willowbrook administrators using virtually a free hand in money matters, the 'Last Great Disgrace' is there, too.

According to Willowbrook director, Miodrag Ristich, all efforts at the institution are now being directed at complying with the recent federal court order.

Ristich's interpretation of the order is that Willowbrook must provide "safekeeping" of the residents and so the emphasis is on custodial care rather than habilitation.

"We find ourselves having to strain resources to have the bare minimum for safe custody," Ristich said. "The court order doesn't mandate habilitative services. The most pressing thing now is to give decent custodial care."

He added, "with all the money in the world we couldn't do much within the next two months to provide habilitation."

Willowbrook's defensive efforts in complying with the court order come during a transition state in the institutions history.

While Willowbrook increased its staff size, it also attempts to keep pace with trends by returning patients to the community and thereby reducing its population.

In keeping with the belief that large institutions are dehumanizing and deny adequate care the current thinking in the field of mental retardation is that the retarded can rise to a higher level of functioning if they receive individualized rather than institutionalized care.

The major thrust is towards habilitation.

Yet, at Willowbrook administrators see the court order as demanding "safe keeping". Willowbrook has traditionally been a custodial care institution and the intense criticism it received last year exposed its ineffectiveness in even providing minimal custodial care.

... more than 600 Willowbrook residents so far have been moved to other state facilities, but according to Arrow Robidoux, chief of the community services unit at Willowbrook, there is now a slowdown in transfers since the other facilities are rapidly filling.

In commenting on this article a spokesman for the Association for Retarded Children stated that if money is not the problem now, what is the problem in getting things in shape at Willowbrook? Furthermore, added this spokesman Judge Judd has reserved decision on the right to treatment and we hope that when a full scale trial is held the right to treatment and habilitation will be established and then where will Willowbrook be?

We still do not see the massive effort necessary to turn Willowbrook around 180 degrees.

HOW DOES NEW YORK STATE RANK IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

The latest rankings for the various parameters of residential care in state institutions for the mentally retarded for fiscal year 1971 have just been issued by Dr. Edward Eagle who has worked in this field for many years. The basic data was supplied by the Division of Developmental Disabilities, Rehabilitation Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare in 1973. The ranks are for (a) Maintenance Expenditure, (b) Full time Personnel, (c) Least number of deaths (d) Total admissions and (e) Net releases alive from the institutions. New York State ranks 17 for maintenance expenditure; 20 for number of full time personnel, 40 for least number of deaths, 45 for total admissions and 42 for net releases alive from the institutions.

WILLOWBROOK AUDIT ASSAILS EMPLOYEES

"Employee indifference", poor supervision and frequent absences and tardiness have contributed to poor care at the Willowbrook State School, State Controller Arthur Levitt reported recently.

Levitt issued an audit by his staff that had focussed, in July and August of 1972, on a single building of the giant Staten Island institution. His aides called the structure, building 20 "a microcosm of all that is wrong at Willowbrook."

On a number of occasions they found many of the Building's residents naked. Sometimes all were naked. "On two of these occasions," the auditor said, "we noted one attendant reading a newspaper and another sleeping in a chair."

They blamed the patients' condition on the apparent "indifference of the ward personnel and the supervisors."

For a period of weeks Levitt's staff dropped into the building unexpectedly days, nights or weekends. In time they found the attendants more conscientious, the building cleaner and the residents were more often clothed.

But they stopped the unannounced visits and concentrated on other matters. A month later they found the poor conditions returning. They cited their experience in urging Willowbrook's top administrators and officials of the Department of Mental Hygiene to make frequent inspections and maintain regular supervision.

Building 20 is an overcrowded facility for adult males. "The most upsetting observation was the feces and urine on the walls and floors of the dormitories, hallways and bathroom facilities," the auditor said.

"The stench that pervaded parts of the building was overwhelming. Vermin were crawling throughout the building."

The 82 employees in building 20 had accounted for more than 200 days of unauthorized leave and 140 instances of tardiness, the auditor said. More than 60 items, including 34 broken windows required repair. (According to Joseph T. Weingold, a member of the Board of Visitors of Willowbrook State School there is only one glazier for the whole institution).

Levitt's aides said that a number of major improvements in the facility have been made in recent months. These include tougher discipline of employees, the introduction of periodic evaluation of residents and the reduction in the number of residents.

NEW SCHOOLS MAY EASE ROME OVERCROWDING

Several new state schools for the mentally retarded now in various stages of development may prove the answer to overcrowding problems at Rome State School.

"If we could keep the present number of employees here and reduce the resident load, it would help greatly," Mrs. Mary Ellen Burkle, president of the School's chapter of the Association for Retarded Children said.

She said there are approximately 800 residents at R.S.S. for example from the geographical area now being served by the new Syracuse State School.

"If Syracuse took even half of this number," Mrs. Burkle said, "it's easy to see how it would help us here."

She said units in Broome County and Albany are now being developed would also draw on geographical areas which are not the responsibility of R.S.S.

Syracuse S.S. has about 700 beds Mrs. Burkle said and she is not certain about the capacity of the other two schools.

According to the New York State Association for Retarded Children, Rome State School is about 40% overcrowded.

According to information received by the State Association, some \$5 million is being siphoned off from other institutions budgets to be a loan to Willowbrook, including a considerable sum from Syracuse S.S. as one of the "new" state schools. This does not seem to hold out much hope for R.S.S.

MENTAL HYGIENE CONTRACTS WITH UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY

Teams of rehabilitation specialists will work with residents of Willowbrook State School under terms of a \$144,000 contract between the United Cerebral Palsy Association and the Department of Mental Hygiene.

Teams of physical, occupational, speech and hearing specialists initially will concentrate their efforts in a demonstration project at two adult and two childrens' buildings at the Staten Island facility but eventually the program will be expanded to other buildings to provide services to patients living in foster-care homes.

The teams will also train Willowbrook personnel to use new techniques to meet the needs of multiple disabled persons, according to Dr. Alan D. Miller, State Commissioner of Mental Hygiene.

The New York State Association for Retarded Children has over a year ago offered to operate buildings 6 and 20 at Willowbrook State School under contract with the Department of Mental Hygiene with the Department of Mental Hygiene contributing no more than it now spends gross per capita for the residents in those two buildings. This offer made before Health, Education and Welfare investigating committee and repeated to the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene has been ignored by the Department.

THE NEW QUEENS STATE SCHOOL

The public education section of the Office of Communications of the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene in the Spring of 1973 issued a newsletter describing the Queens State School.

The Queens State School serves the mentally retarded in the borough of Queens with a population of about 2 million people. Emphasis is on providing services, according to the newsletter, not available in the community and conducting an intensive program to increase the number of professionals in the field of mental retardation. Programs can be roughly divided into two categories called

1. **Residential** — There are three locations for this program. Two are fully active and the third is expected to be activated in the fiscal year 1973-1974. The major facility contains all administrative offices and some of the centralized services. It is located in Corona and serves as a residential facility for 150 mildly and moderately retarded. Some of the residents receive their training intramurally by voluntary agencies based in the communities, sheltered workshops, occupational training centers, and occupational day centers. All residents, regardless of their extra or intramural training are under group psychotherapy, recreation therapy, speech and hearing therapy, behavior modification therapy and if needed, individual psychotherapy and pharmacotherapy.

The second residential facility is located on the grounds of Creedmore State Hospital and expects soon to have a population of 140 residents. These adult residents are severely and profoundly retarded, multiply handicapped, non-ambulatory and require total care. This program emphasizes physical therapy, occupational therapy, sensory stimulation, behavior modification and speech and hearing therapy.

The first facility, Howard Park, when opened will serve 160 residents from 5 to 18 years of age. Here also programs will stress physical medicine and rehabilitation, occupational therapy, recreational therapy, behavior modification and speech and hearing therapy.

Parenthetically, Howard Park facility was promised originally to the parents of the mentally retarded in Gouverneur State School in Manhattan when it was decided that Gouverneur should be phased out, but apparently a real tug of war is going on with regard to this.

2. The second program is called Outreach. One of the top priorities of Queens State School is community services involvement. This is being implemented through the community service unit consisting of three divisions each serving a specific catchment area in the county. Currently there are

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DUMPING CONTINUES, ARC CHARGES

Incidents of inappropriate placement of mentally retarded in community residential facilities, mostly foster homes, continue to erupt in various parts of the state.

As recently as June of this year, Thomas A. Coughlin, III, Executive Director of Jefferson County Chapter and chairman of the Institutions Committee of the State Association complained to Dr. Richard L. Francis, Director of Sunmount State School concerning such a placement.

Tom Coughlin charged that the home in which this person had been placed was not, in his opinion, a competent family care setting. The woman who had run the place and had placements before had to be terminated because of verbal abuse of the clients.

He continued that the person who made the placement was well aware of the situation and had removed the former clients himself.

The Jefferson County Chapter was never consulted about this placement and was asked for post-institutional plans after the fact.

In his letter Mr. Coughlin states "this agency (Jefferson County Chapter) has willingly accepted over 45 family care residents in our program, and in the majority of cases they have been after the fact acceptances and take the form of a fait-accompli. We do not wish to transform our relationship into one of an adversary nature, however, the attitude of your staff is forcing this on our agency."

He goes on to state that in the future placements within the service area of the Jefferson County Chapter must be appropriated and if enrollment in their program is part of the post-institutional plan the permission of the chapter must be obtained in advance of any transfer from the school.

This is exactly the plan that was offered to the State Department of Mental Hygiene; namely, that every plan must include where the person is going, who is going to supervise, what post-institutional programs are needed, who is going to provide them, how they are going to be paid for, and all this must be agreed to by the agencies. So far the state has not responded to this suggestion.

The situation, if we need corroboration is further demonstrated by the fact that Newark State School officials have ordered retarded school residents removed from the family care program in the Walworth area. The removals were on the basis that the family care agency was not giving proper care to the residents. They have had weight loss, marked controversial antagonism between school officials and the operators of the residents and a number of other incidents.

We believe it is a reflection of the protests that have been made by the community including our own Association about inappropriate placements.

A spokesman for the Association said that this has resulted from the pressures from the administration to get them out of the institutions and show a decreased population, a panic response to the criticisms of the conduct of the state institutions, especially Willowbrook.

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750 cases known to the unit. Each division has a specialized team of several social workers, community mental health nurse, and several paraprofessionals. The goal of the community services program is to provide comprehensive services for the client and his family which offer preventive aspects and alternatives to institutional placement.

The Corona unit in the Queens State School has a day center for 60 profoundly retarded children between the ages of 5 and 21, who cannot receive any specialized training in available facilities in the community. Here the main emphasis are behavior modification, activities of daily living, and recreational therapy. Another rehabilitation day center caters to the needs of 100 moderately and severely retarded 21 years or over in a prevocational, educational setting with behavior modification etc.

Further information may be obtained by writing to Dr. Bernard Tesse, director, Queens Developmental Services, 37-10 114th Street, Corona, N. Y. 11368.

JUDGE JUDD'S DECISION AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

A penchant decision by Judge Orin Judd of the Federal Court in the case of New York State Association for Retarded Children against Rockefeller has ordered Willowbrook to do the following:

1. Prohibit seclusion with violations of disorder punishable by contempt of court proceedings and not simply by Civil Service procedures.
2. Immediate hiring of additional ward and attendants to effectuate a ratio of one staff member for every nine residents on each of the first two shifts.
3. Immediate hiring of at least 58 more nurses.
4. Immediate hiring of 30 more physical therapists (Judge Judd fixed the starting salary of \$12,000 for such therapists since Willowbrook has not been able to hire any because of the low salary offered).
5. Immediate hiring of 15 additional medical doctors.
6. Immediate hiring of "sufficient" recreation staff.
7. Immediate and continuing repair of all inoperable toilets.
8. Entering into contract with an accredited hospital for the care of acutely ill Willowbrook patients.
9. Furnish the court with periodic reports and the progress made by the Department of Mental Hygiene in meeting these requirements and any hindrance by other state officials of the Departments court ordered efforts.

In addition, Judge Judd ordered indoor and outdoor recreation five days each week weather permitting; clarification of the ratio of one to nine in ward attendants.

The Department has asked for an extension of time to June 30th to implement Judge Judd's full order, and then the hearing was brought up and the deadline to fix toilets was not kept nor were the other orders carried out entirely.

There was some talk of contempt proceedings for those responsible for carrying out the orders but more important than all of this was the Judge's reservation of the decision of claims made by the plaintiff on the constitutional right to treatment and equal protection.

Thus, this issue is still alive in the case.

We understand that the Justice Department has made an application which has been granted to intervene as Amicus Curiae when the main trial begins early next year. The Justice Department was most helpful in the Alabama case in Wyatt against Stickney.

NEW CARE CONCEPT OUTDISTANCES DESIGN

When Wilton State School in Saratoga County was started in 1969 its estimated cost was \$11.9 million. The cost has risen now to \$23.6 million with the project still unfinished. But what is more important is that since the concept of Wilton was first conceived, the philosophy of care has outdistanced the school design.

According to Dr. Emanuel Rechter, director of the Wilton State School, the new school was originally conceived for the care of moderately retarded individuals. Because of this it provided dormitory-like units of grouping of four bedrooms with two residents assigned to each room.

However, in the past few years the philosophy of caring for the retarded has changed so drastically that most of those for whom the buildings were originally designed are now living in the community.

Therefore, the residents left to occupy the new quarters are those who are severely and profoundly retarded and probably have little hope of ever returning to the community.

The goal of Wilton has been or will continue to be to place as many of its residents as possible in the community.

"It must be understood that we cannot do this for everyone," Rechter said. "But, if we can lift them an inch then we can hope that we may be able to lift them another inch."

BRUTALITY CLAIMS AT WASSAIC TO BE PROBED

The State Department of Mental Hygiene has been asked to investigate charges of brutality against retarded residents at Wassaic State School. One employee already faces brutality charges which will formally be filed next week. The information was brought to the attention of Assemblyman Benjamin P. Roosa of Hopewell Junction who said information was given to him that there was brutality in building M, at the institution.

That information already being acted upon by the school's administration may lead to the suspension of one long time employee on charges he struck a retarded resident some weeks ago.

Acting director Richard Merges said, "there appeared to have been at least one instance of physical abuse by an attendant and Merges said formal departmental charges may be brought against individuals as a result of the investigation.

The rules of the Department of Mental Hygiene forbid attendants from striking or physically abusing residents of the school unless they are acting to protect themselves or another resident who is being assaulted.

Merges said the instance in question involved a moderately retarded adult man and was witnessed by two other employees on the ward at the time.

Merges noted that mentally retarded individuals may testify against employees who abuse them, but "they usually don't say anything about it."

The State Association has urged the Department of Mental Hygiene to include in its regulations concerning the human rights of the mentally disabled a provision that where such charges are made of brutality against a patient or a resident that patient or resident should be represented at the hearing of the accused in person and by parent, guardian or counsel if so desired. There should be a confrontation. This has not been accepted yet by the Department of Mental Hygiene and the opinion of the Association is a violation of the civil and human rights of the retarded.

"SHOCKSTICKS" DEFENDED AT WILTON

"The use of electrical stimulation is absolutely proper!" Dr. Emanuel Rechter, Director of Wilton State School told the Times Record of Troy, New York recently.

The director noted that the wrong impression resulted from the common belief that what was practiced at Wilton State School was electric convulsive treatment, a means of treating patients by inducing convulsions — and this simply was not the case.

The electrical stimulation that was practiced at Wilton employs use of a small battery device in which a patient's arm or leg is touched "and it doesn't hurt a little bit", the director said, adding that this is necessary for effect.

In the year and a half since this practice was initiated only three residents were involved. There are two females under treatment at this time, age 17 and 33. The treatment is used to prevent the females from physically abusing themselves and possibly causing serious harm or self-inflicted injury.

This is generally one of the methods used in the "behavior modification".

Dr. Rechter added that the use of the instrument is done under controlled conditions and is practiced within the requirements of the Joint Commission of Accreditation for Hospitals. Included in the review committee are two outside psychologists and representatives of the Saratoga and Warren-Washington Counties, ARC. These are involved parents of children at Wilton State School. In addition written permission is obtained from the parents for the patients involved in the treatment program, it was asserted.

The new regulations on the human rights of the mentally disabled takes a very dim view of electrical stimulation at this time, labeled by many as "cattle prods".

A STRANGE CONCEPT OF ADVOCACY

Recently we have received in our office a pamphlet issued by the Central Western Region Task Force on the Education of the Handicapped. This Region includes Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates. The pamphlet deals with advocacy in education for the handicapped and purports to be the position of the Board of Regents of the State of New York. The opening sentence states, "We, the Board of Regents of the State of New York, assume the responsibility to champion the cause of individualized education for the handicapped."

The booklet is a position paper which in effect says that the Board of Regents through the Boards of Cooperative Educational Services and the City School Districts will be the advocate for all these (handicapped) children. It lists what an advocate can do and essentially it is an implementation of the Education Law. What seems strange to this Association is that the Board of Regents and the Commissioner of Education will have the responsibility of implementing and seeing to it that all school districts implement the Education Law to be acting as an advocate when in fact they have the legal power to force these services. We heartily subscribe to the statement that they must seek out and locate any child that is not being given the help he needs and give him that help.

What disturbs us is that the advocacy program stops short of actual legal enforcement of the rights of these children in the public schools.

Their statement "our commitment is to care for every child" — and then with the slogan "Advocacy can do it!" leaves us rather unsatisfied when this advocacy does not go the whole way; namely, to legally force the school districts to do what they are supposed to do.

FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW WHAT A LEARNING DISABILITY IS

"The term learning disability in some (school) systems is becoming a catch-all for every child who is not a superior student. There are only so many children who are truly suffering an identifiable disability, to an extent which requires special education as defined in our law. To use the limited resources in our public schools for children who are mildly affected, rather than serving the child who is seriously disabled, is to cheat a handicapped child of his right and maybe his future."

This is by Francis A. McElaney, Chief of the Bureau of Pupil Personnel, Special Education Services, State Department of Education.

Any comments?

SURROGATE COURT PROCEDURE ACT AMENDED

A bill introduced by Senator Barclay and Assemblyman Crawford at the request of the Association for Retarded Children to amend the Surrogate Court Procedure Act regarding guardianship of mentally retarded persons was passed and signed by the Governor (Chapter 469, Laws of 1973). This bill provides that (a) an application for guardianship may be made by one parent and the other parent if not joining may be cited. (b) application may be made by any interested person and the parents or surviving parent must be cited. (c) when it appears to the satisfaction of the court that a parent or parents not joining in or consenting to the application has abandoned the mentally retarded person the court may dispense with his consent or citation. (d) when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the court on the certification of the certifying physicians or physician and psychologist that the mentally retarded person is not capable of understanding the proceedings by reason of the degree of his retardation, the court may dispense with his presence. (e) application for a standby guardian may be made not only by the parents, but by a guardian. In other words, if at least a standby guardian becomes actual guardian, he or she may in turn apply for a standby guardian.



Swim-a-thon participants Bill Juteau and John Pumilio, Frankfort mayor (front) chat prior to the mayor's plunge into Herkimer County Community College's swimming pool. Both men took to the water in support of Herkimer County Association for Retarded Children fund-raising event. Juteau swam 300 laps for donations he solicited from area residents and Mayor Pumilio took a dip after Frankfort residents pledged more than the required \$100. In the background, Joe Teso, (1) Frankfort campaign captain, and Randy Soffer, ARC executive, check events in the pool. The drive reached its goal of \$12,000.

A FOLLOW UP ON THE TROST DECISION

What has happened to the retarded girl, 17, who Family Court Judge, J. Douglas Trost of Buffalo, said should be placed somewhere where her explosive behavior could be controlled.

Well the inter-agency state committee appointed by state administrators to cut tape in placing retarded children that are delinquents met for a third time in June still trying to solve its first case.

The members are still unable to find a school willing to accept a 17 year old girl with an intelligence quotient of 52. Originally neglected, she has lived most of the last 16 months in the county girl's detention home. The home is designed for brief stays prior to family court trials.

The child came to public attention in 1972 when family court Judge J. Douglas Trost was unable to place her in a school that could control her explosive behavior.

"There has to be someone who will do it," said Miss Dorothy McCabe, coordinator of programs for the handicapped in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

The Erie County Social Services Department, Child Welfare Service has been unable to find a foster home, even at higher than usual rates.

Johnnie B. Wyley, consultant to State Youth Division charged that the Black community has many competent families able to care for such children who are not aware that a need for a foster home exists.

"I don't think the girl is retarded enough to be locked up for the rest of her life," said Mr. Wyley.

All this is a mish mash for this poor 17 year old delinquent retarded girl who needs a place to live.

No one wants her — what will happen to her — who's responsibility is it?

All these questions have been in existence for a long time but Judge Trost's decision has brought them out into the open. Will it be solved? We doubt it.

8 THE INSURANCE TRUST AGAIN AVAILABLE

The Parents and Friends of Retarded Children Insurance Trust, which was made available to the membership of the New York State Association for Retarded Children one year ago has once again opened its enrollment for those parents and friends of the mentally retarded who would be interested in up to \$40,000 of low cost group term life insurance.

The program, which was developed to provide a replacement for those New York State residents who were no longer eligible for the NARC Protection Plan has completed its first year of operation with 272 insureds, with almost \$4 million of insurance in force.

The enrollment period will be open until October 15th to provide those who did not take advantage of the program in 1972, a chance to join in 1973.

Because of the very good experience provided by the trust in 1972, one of the features of the 1973 program will be a reduction in premium, not only to those who already belong to the Trust but to those joining for the first time.

While generous reductions are available, in all amounts of insurance, we are listing here a sample reduction which would be rates based upon a \$10,000 policy.

AGE	SEMI-ANNUAL OLD RATE		NEW RATE	
	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
20-24	\$ 12.20	\$ 7.40	\$ 9.80	\$ 6.90
25-29	12.90	7.80	10.40	7.30
30-34	14.20	8.50	11.30	8.00
35-39	18.10	10.80	14.50	10.20
40-44	26.70	16.00	21.30	15.10
45-49	41.10	24.70	32.90	23.20
50-54	64.00	38.40	51.20	36.10
55-59	99.50	59.70	79.60	56.20
60-64	149.70	89.80	110.80	84.50
65-69	226.80	136.10	181.40	128.00

A brochure and application form for the insurance is included in every copy of O.C.V. and we urge all those interested to take advantage of the program immediately.

TOMPKINS AND DUTCHESS COUNTIES APPEAL TO COMMISSIONER

The continued refusal of the community mental health boards of Tompkins and Dutchess Counties has forced our chapters to appeal directly to Commissioner Alan Miller for contracts under the Mental Hygiene Law.

Once before, two years ago, Tompkins County had such appeal and received such a contract. Last year, 1972, the county did fund the Tompkins County Chapter, but in 1973 the shenanigans started all over again. The last information we have received, the Commissioner has signed a contract until July 31st with the Tompkins County Chapter in the hope that the county will enter into a contract for the balance of the year and in 1974. In the event this does not occur, the indications are that the State Department of Mental Hygiene will continue to fund the program but only on a 50-50 basis and without any county money.

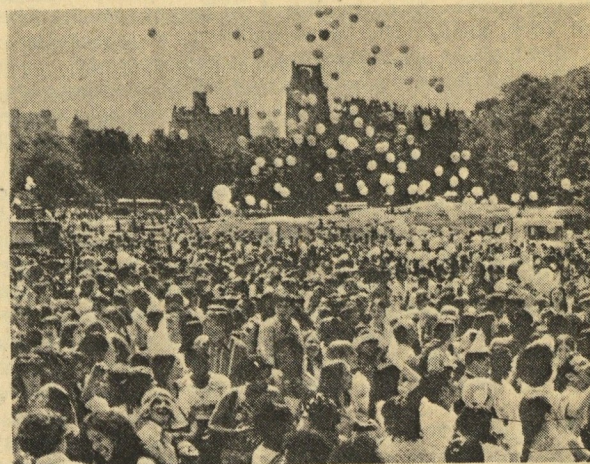
In Dutchess County the dispute is on whether we are duplicating services or the existing rehabilitation agency has never served the severely or profoundly retarded adult. This has resulted in an impasse which could not be resolved even with our executive director trying to persuade the mental health board and finally an appeal has been made to the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene for a direct contract. It is interesting to note that the program of the ARC in Dutchess County has been approved by the Department of Mental Hygiene, Wassaic State School and O.V.R.

Parenthetically we might mention that the unified services bill does not seem to deal with the problem such as the refusal of a county to enter into a contract except as it now exists in the law by appeal to the Commissioner.

50,000 — CENTRAL PARK FOR- ONE-TO-ONE

Nearly 20,000 retarded children and adults attended the second annual One-To-One festival in Sheep Meadow, Central Park in May. The volunteer "friends" outnumbered the retarded "guests" by almost 2-1.

About 3000 residents of state schools joined with the others in the 130 activities and attractions. On the speakers'



Balloons signal start of One-to-One Festival.

stand was Mayor Lindsay and other officials at the opening ceremony lead by Geraldo Rivera of WABC T.V. who originated One-To-One efforts in 1972 with the cooperation of our New York City Chapter, Benevolent Society and Catholic Charities.

Although the atmosphere was a little strained at the beginning with the guests and friends eyeing each other apprehensively, the ice was broken when one resident walked over to a volunteer and hugged her.

Although the final tally is not in yet funds raised from the evening concert and during a special telethon on WOR will surpass last year's of \$400,000 to establish community residences for the retarded.

Last year's funds were distributed to four organizations — Benevolent Society, Willowbrook Chapter, New York City Chapter, Catholic Charities of Brooklyn, and a small women's organization called Women's Organization for Retarded Children. Each received \$62,500. Catholic Charities, due to the unoccupied nunneries available has funded one hostel and our New York City Chapter is in the process of getting a building acquired by the state on East 5th Street.

Efforts to ascertain what is happening to this year's funds so far have been unavailing.

ARC GOES TO BAT FOR INSTITUTION TEACHERS

A response to a letter from a teacher in one of the state schools, the New York State Association for Retarded Children intervened with the Commissioner of Education to express the concern of the teachers for treatment as teaching professionals in any contract signed with the Civil Service Employees Association.

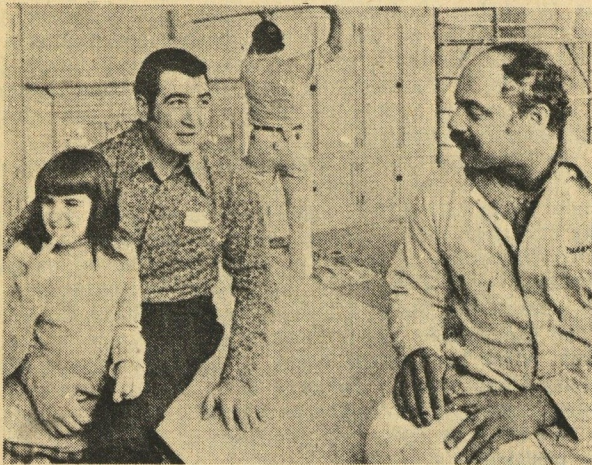
This concern was duly noted and it is the contention of the Commissioner that the teachers have been treated differently than in the old contract.

We are happy to note that our efforts have been appreciated by the teacher who brought this to our attention, Mr. Donald T. Myers of Rome who wrote:

"In concluding, I would like to again express my deep gratitude to you for the constructive help you offered me and the letters you wrote out of consideration for me. I regret that I cannot have the pleasure of meeting you personally to express my sincere appreciation." Respectfully, Donald T. Myers, Institution Teacher IV.

COMMUNITY HELPS SUFFOLK COUNTY BUILDING

George Karadenes is a man who believes it's only natural to help your neighbor. But he also knows that sometimes this sentiment needs a little prodding. George Karadenes' daughter, 10-year-old Nancy, is enrolled at the Lincoln School, in the Huntington Station, a School operated by the Suffolk County Chapter of the State Association.



George Karadenes (1) with daughter Nancy. Rick Newton looks on.

About one year ago when the Lincoln School moved into an old building with a leaky roof and drab interiors, Karadenes decided to be in searching for help to rennovate it. He went out looking for professional volunteers and convinced a roofing-supply firm to provide material at a nominal cost.

"The school doesn't charge anyone tuition", Karadenes said, "and that was my biggest selling point."

Then he found Rick Newton, a painting contractor and a member of a trade association. Newton in turn gathered other members of the association and weekends and after work they repainted the inside of the building. All this appeared to amaze Bob Sansone, the Executive Director of the Chapter. "We saved \$6,000 on the painting alone," he said. "But the kick is having the community pitch in to help the kids."

TO UPGRADE REHABILITATION OF THE MENTALLY RETARDED

The state's Mental Hygiene and Education Departments are cooperating on a plan to upgrade rehabilitation services for the mentally handicapped, Governor Rockefeller's office recently announced.

Under the agreement the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation is stationing 45 additional counselors, supervisors and supporting staff members in state schools for the mentally retarded.

In addition to helping improve programs in the state facilities the counselors also will continue to supervise the patient after he has returned to the community, the Governor said, thus trying to complete the rehabilitation process.

BILL TO CREATE CIVIL SERVICE JOBS SIGNED

One of the better measures passed and signed by the Governor was a bill to permit all municipalities to create up to 100 civil service jobs for the mentally retarded.

In past years some bills were introduced to permit certain municipalities including New York City and Yonkers to set up such jobs. This enlarges it to permit all municipalities to do it. The bill was introduced by Assemblyman Bell and Senator Schermerhorn.

AT THE COMMUNITY LEAGUE LUNCHEON



At the Annual Luncheon of Community League, from left to right, Michael Styler, President, Community League, Mrs. Leo Fixler, Leo Fixler, guest of honor and New York City Comptroller Abraham Beame.

NASSAU, NEW YORK CITY, CHENANGO PACE STATE

GOAL BEATERS SET RECORD

Chapters of the New York State A.R.C. have once again shown their concern for involving those concerned with the mentally retarded as we streaked to our 11th consecutive year of membership increases. As of this writing (Aug. 15) our 1973-74 membership figure was 27,454 as compared to 26,976 for the entire 1972-73 membership year. Three small Chapters have yet to report, and several others are expected to submit additional lists of substantial size.

Although a few individual Chapters slumped badly, a record 13 Chapters have already surpassed their 1973-74 goal, one more than in all of 1972-73. Pace setters in this increase were Nassau County Chapter and New York City Chapter, who continue to astound us by their gains in membership, even though their past successes find them facing a great challenge each year. Nassau County, the nation's largest Chapter increased from a membership of 6650 to 7176; New York City went from 5850 to 6286.

Among the Chapters whose members are not counted in thousands, three really super efforts were turned in by Chenango County, which went from a membership of 42 to 206, surpassing its goal by more than double, Chautauqua County which went from 130 to 321, over 150% of its goal and Sullivan County, which increased from 321 to 502.

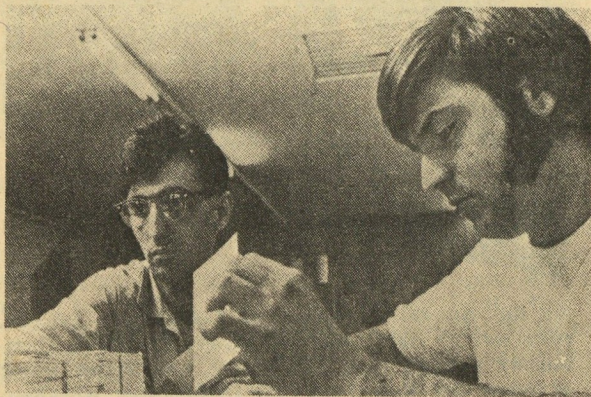
Chapters who have surpassed their membership goals are:

Chapter	Goal	Membership	Chairman
Albany	300	319	Susan Lord Elizabeth Phillips
Chautauqua	200	321	—
Chenango	100	206	Doris Lyons
Columbia	275	305	Mrs. Wm. Young, Jr.
Genesee	150	163	Janet Braaten
Herkimer	110	117	Leona Perkins
Jefferson	500	500	Irene Hamilton
Nassau	6650	7176	Dot Ganin
New York City	5850	6286	Irene Platt Edward Garvey
Saratoga	200	203	—
Schenectady	400	422	Bella Stuart
Steuben	150	161	Mary Shutt
Sullivan	350	502	Miriam Lewin

In addition, the following Chapters are within easy reach of their goals — Clinton has 195 — goal 200; Cortland: 109 — 130; Fulton: 87 — 100; Onondaga: 582 — 600; Warren-Washington: 84 — 100; Wayne: 140 — 150 and Willowbrook: 1264 — 1275.

NEW WORKSHOPS FOR THE RETARDED APPROVED AND IMPLEMENTED

We are pleased to report that the sheltered workshop in Putnam County is now under operation and the Rockland County workshop has been approved by OVR and is part of



Putnam ARC participants assemble Foley Industries phone book. George DiGrandi and Bruce Koopman develop earning power.

the contract with the mental health board.

Both of these have been sometime in developing, but now offer an absolutely essential service for the retarded adult if they are to remain in the community and develop to their potential.

CAMP CATSKILL RUNS FOR SECOND YEAR

Camp Catskill will be servicing 480 (last year about 450) severely and profoundly retarded children and adults this year. There will be more severely retarded people than last year and more with multiple handicaps. There will be five on wheel chairs, several with cerebral palsy and many on crutches. The camp provides not only a recreational experience but special help in the development of living skills. The camp proposes to serve those campers who may be excluded from other camping programs because of their degree of retardation.

Operated by the New York State Association for Retarded Children, it is directed by Carl Calkins, Ph.D., candidate in special education at George Peabody, who has run camps for the retarded and emotionally disturbed. The instructors and counselors all have had experience with the retarded in camping situations or otherwise and there is a maximum of supervised instruction with approximately a two to one ratio and in many cases a one-to-one. There will be a staff of about 100.

About 180 of the campers are taken from the state institutions (Willowbrook, Letchworth Village, Wassaic and a few others) and the remainder from the communities in New York State. New York City Chapter alone will be sending almost 150 to the camp.

The camp operated three — three-week sessions, ages 5-12, June 28 — July 17; ages 13-20, July 18 — August 8; and ages 21 and up, August 11 — August 30.

This year again the Association received a grant for \$35,000 from Developmental Disabilities and a contract for the first time from the Department of Mental Hygiene for \$42,000 to operate Camp Catskill. The budget is well over \$100,000 some of which will be paid by fees from those able to pay. No one is refused admission because of inability to meet the fee.

The resounding success of last year's Camp Catskill brought a flood of applicants from all over the state so that a considerable waiting list had developed and some who sent their applications in too late were unable to attend.

For this, the Association is deeply sorry and can only hope that we will open more camping facilities in the future.

NEW PROGRAMS WELCOME NEW DIRECTORS

Having obtained their first Mental Health Board Contracts to provide services, two additional Chapters of the Association have added their first Executive Directors to head up programs over the summer months. Franklin County Chapter has named Mr. Michael Robson as Executive. Mike came to Franklin County from Chemung County where he was Workshop Coordinator for the ARC Chapter there. His first months on the job have been spent finding a suitable location for the opening of programs for Franklin County residents. It is anticipated that a Day Training Center will be operating in September with a program for adults to begin shortly thereafter.

In Delaware County, a program for Pre-Schoolers which had previously been carried out as a home tutoring service, is now being formalized, together with an adult program by that Chapter's first Director, John W. McHale. A graduate of the University of Scranton where he received an M.S. in education, with a major in Rehabilitation Counseling, John has worked the State of Pennsylvania at State Schools and in the Corrections Department prior to service in the U.S. Army. After leaving the Army he served with our Broome County Chapter since January 1971, having served as Program Director there for the past year.

We welcome these two "Members of the Family" to their new positions.

NEW WESTCHESTER PROGRAM

Westchester County Chapter reports that a special committee has been formed to help families with Downe's Syndrome children through talking with other sympathetic parents who previously faced the same problem.

According to the report the committee has already worked with five such families. At present there are 35 member families in this new upper Westchester group and a resource library has been set up as well as a referral services to the many sources of professional help available locally.

The report also states that an upcoming project is the creation of a curriculum of special activity with Downe's Syndrome babies from birth to two years.

This report is made to solicit from our readers some reaction to this creation of a special group for Downe's Syndrome or mongoloid babies.

Editorially it seems to us that any parents of any kind of young mentally retarded children deserve the same kind of person-to-person talk from other sympathetic parents and that this should not be necessarily on the basis of etiology only.

If this is carried to its logical conclusion we would have a special committee for every type of retardation of which we understand there are at least 200 some odd with medical reasons.

JOURNALS PRINT ARTICLES BY WEINGOLD AND HODGSON

A real spate of articles came out of the Association and were printed in various journals in the last few months.

Three articles appeared written by Mr. Weingold, "The Rights of the Retarded", "A Parent Speaks", and "Institutions of the Future or the Future of Institutions". The first article appeared in "Mental Retardation", April 1973 and the latter two in a special issue on mental retardation of "The Journal of Clinical Child Psychology", Winter 1973.

A very scholarly article by Robert J. Hodgson, "Guardianship of Mentally Retarded Persons: Three Approaches to a Long Neglected Problem" appeared in the Albany Law Review, Vol. 37, #3, 1973.

All these articles are available (for a small price) from the State Association.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES GRANTS AWARDED

A total of \$767,540 in federal funds has been awarded to 18 local public and private agencies to operate programs for persons handicapped by mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy or other neurological diseases by the New York State Council for Developmental Disabilities.

The council also awarded funds for the continuation of 19 programs which were approved and funded last year. Since the program began in 1970, the council has awarded a total of 50 grants totalling \$2.4 million.

The grants were made from funds allotted to the state under the Federal Developmental Disabilities Act of 1970.

The ARC chapters who received funds are Delaware ARC, \$20,000 for preschoolers; Franklin ARC \$18,200 for preschoolers; Orange ARC \$19,775 for infant and preschoolers; Oswego \$25,900 to expand services to preschoolers; Wayne \$1,527 to purchase language development equipment; Westchester ARC \$45,000 for infant and pre-schoolers, and New York State ARC \$24,000 to provide a program coordinator for ARC services to the retarded. This is identical to the grant made the previous year to U.C.P.

FUNDS PROVIDED FOR EXPANSION OF HOSTEL PROGRAM

The Division of Mental Retardation and Children's Services, it is reported by Dr. Judith H. Rettig, Assistant Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, has received \$750,000 in the budget in capital funds for fiscal year 1973-74 for the acquisition of construction for hostel facilities. These are the first capital funds the Department has received for the hostel program in three years.

So far according to Dr. Rettig, the Division has authorized a search for property in three counties: namely Suffolk, New York and Chemung. It is their intention to buy, remodel and equip a facility in each of these counties under contract with the local chapter of the New York State Association for Retarded Children to operate the hostel.

The Department anticipates it will have enough remaining funds to acquire three or four additional facilities and priorities for these have not been established.

The Department has received \$830,000 in hostel operating funds this year, about twice the sum received last year. "It is our plan," writes Dr. Rettig, "to fund 22 hostels now in operation and to enter into 15 additional contracts."

MEASLES EPIDEMIC PREVENTED

New York City health officials said that a massive vaccination program has largely prevented an expected measles epidemic among young children this year.

The Health Department's statistics show 798 cases of measles for the period between September 1, 1972 and May 11, 1973. There were 2,795 cases during the same period in 1970-71 the previous peak measles year. Measles epidemic generally occur every two years.

More than 31,000 children received free vaccinations in the City this year under the emergency program and thousands more were immunized by private physicians.

One dose of measles vaccine protects a child for life from this disease which can have serious side effects. Medical practice dictates that children be immunized sometime near their first birthday, but many children in ghetto areas receive no early medical services.

CONGRATULATIONS DR. WORTIS

The Association takes this opportunity to extend congratulations to our good friend, Joseph Wortis, M.D., who was recently appointed professor of psychiatry at the School of Medicine, Health Sciences Center, State University of New York at Stony Brook. We know that all who have known Dr. Wortis join us in wishing him the best of luck in his new position.



The local Chapter of YOUTH, the junior volunteer group at the Pinewoods Center for the Retarded, sponsored a dance at the Naval Reserve Center for young people and adults who attended classes at the center. Left to right are Miss Leeann Shyne, Bill Normandin, Miss Lou Ann Laft, Alan Laft and Mike Vischner.

SUPPLEMENTARY A.D. CONTINUED

A considerable amount of concern has been expressed around the transfer of Aid to the Disabled from Social Services to Social Security as dictated by P.L. 92-603 known as the Social Security Amendments of 1972 or H.R. 1. These were described in the last issue of O.C.V.

Under the new law the mentally retarded (as well as the physically handicapped) disabled will be entitled to social security payments if single of \$130 a month. They will require disability terminations and re-determinations by O.V.R. as for all others on the same program. In addition, a person can earn up to \$1,020 without losing any other Social Security income payments. Above this level his payment is reduced 50 cents for every dollar he earns above \$1,020 until the break even point of \$4,140 is reached.

Under the present system of Aid to the Disabled the local department of Social Services with state aid has supplemented the federal share to a considerable degree. In the hostels for the mentally retarded, Social Services pays \$10.95 a day. In addition, Social Service picks up most if not all of the tuition in the private schools for the mentally retarded that has been licensed or approved by the Department of Mental Hygiene within the State.

The question then arose with the Department of Social Services whether this supplementation will continue.

We are pleased to report that an omnibus bill S. 6551; A. 8059 was passed in the legislative session and signed by the Governor and according to a letter from Edward W. Maher, executive deputy commissioner, Department of Social Services, "Our Department will supplement above the federal level of \$130 as originally intended."

DR. GEORGE JERVIS RETIRES

After many years of service as director of the Institute for Basic Research in Mental Retardation, Dr. George A. Jervis has retired.

In honor of the 70th birthday of our wonderful friend Dr. Jervis, friends, scientific associates and employees at the Institute gathered at a symposium, cocktail party and dinner.

Presentations at the symposium included "the contribution of neuropathology to research in mental retardation" by Dr. Wolfgang Zeman, professor of neuropathology at the University of Indiana, School of Medicine.

Words of appreciation are not adequate for the services that Dr. Jervis, when indeed the mentally retarded felt they had few friends and their parents even less, has rendered to the cause of mental retardation. His contributions especially in the field of PKU, amino acid deficiencies and mongolism are landmarks in the progress of science in trying to solve the enigma of mental retardation.

All of us in the Association wish Dr. Jervis a long and fruitful life in retirement where we are sure he will be working harder than he ever did on his job.

Chapter News

ALBANY COUNTY CHAPTER welcomes new Executive Director Mr. Martin Rubin. One of his first acts was to encourage the formation of a Professional Advisory Board which, we must add, is loaded with really quality people. Noted with interest the story about the little stuffed toy "Sly" being sold by the Chapter. Have sold over 1000 at the various area hospitals so far. Albany also coming out with a new, handsome Newsletter. Everything on the move in Albany . . . A big thanks to the Olean Eagles for their contribution to the **CATTARAUGUS COUNTY CHAPTER's**



Mrs. Susanne Ryan, education supervisor of the ARC, and Jake Zegers, ARC administrative assistant, on right, accept a \$1,000 check from Mrs. James Harris, Olean Eagles Auxiliary president, while "Two Ton Tony" Galento, looks on.

Rehabilitation Center. The help was certainly welcome after the problem with the last year's flood . . . **CAYUGA COUNTY CHAPTER** enjoys another successful season of their Camp Columbus. Looks like there may be the possibility of a Recycling Center being developed by Cayuga County Chapter . . . **CLINTON COUNTY** in the full swing of things in their new building. Have made arrangement for the Clinton-Essex Bookmobile to stop twice a month for the use of clients at the workshop. Sixty-two clients being served in the Chapter's program . . . **CORTLAND COUNTY CHAP-**



At the annual Cortland County Dinner (L to R) Morris Ross, Mayor, City of Cortland; Mrs. Lewis Fitzpatrick, Jr., Dinner Chairman; Walter Conklin, Toastmaster and Editor of the Cortland Standard; Joseph T. Weingold, Executive Director; and Wilson MacIntire, President, Cortland County Chapter.

TER had Executive Director Jerry Weingold as the speaker at their annual dinner May 22nd . . . **DELAWARE COUNTY CHAPTER** participated in a Canoe Regatta . . . **DUTCHESS COUNTY CHAPTER** — Coming out with the Newsletter entitled the Dutchess Hopeline. No doubt, because they are hoping for the Mental Health Board Contract . . . Noted the retirement of Mrs. Catherine Seeberger, a teacher of trainable retarded for many years. Mrs. Seeberger was one of the founders of current Dutchess County Chapter, and we wish her well on her retirement . . . Ellen Maroun, President of **FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAPTER** and Esther Futterman, the Treasurer have been asked to serve on the Advisory Board for the Foster Grandparent Program at Sunmount State School — and both have accepted. Two baby carriages were donated to the Foster Grandparent Program by the Chapter recently . . . **HERKIMER COUNTY CHAPTER** writes to say that the Adult Training Center now has an enrollment of 34 clients. During the weekend of May 4-6, a

Swim-A-Thon was held and resulted in just over \$12,000 in pledges. Over 200 area students took part in the event. Many thanks to Paul Nigra, **FULTON COUNTY's** Executive Director for his helpful suggestions . . . Suggest that anyone interested in a hard hitting but well written article contact **NASSAU COUNTY CHAPTER** and ask for a copy of the May Newsletter in which Executive Director Helen Kaplan discussed what cut backs in Legislation were doing to the retarded. It's really very well put. A great deal of thanks go to the "Silver Liners" a group of former Eastern Airlines stewardesses. Through their willingness to perform as models, arrangements were made for a plane to be donated by Eastern Airlines, gifts by several other firms, and an afternoon of "Fashions in the Sky", a two-hour flight showing fashions from Saks Garden City was arranged. Over \$3,000 was raised for **NASSAU COUNTY CHAPTER** . . . Girl Scout Troop #2-597 was recently formed for retarded girls in Brooklyn we learn from **NEW YORK CITY CHAPTER**. **NEW YORK CITY CHAPTER** has also picked up the idea of having a Column in Spanish for their members . . . Many thanks to the Utica Rotary Club whose handicapped persons committee, turned over checks worth \$537 to our **ONEIDA COUNTY CHAPTER** . . . Welcome to Dr. Nicholas Collis new Executive Director of **ONONDAGA COUNTY CHAPTER**. The Chapter further writes "A new community advisory board has been formed to help the Chapter with fund raising. Consisting of a dozen prominent Syracusans, the board's first project will be to enlist business and professional support through annual corporate memberships in the **ONONDAGA COUNTY ARC**. Dues will be \$500 annually. The Chapter is running a summer school program and a summer day camp, with one week of residential camping. The new Chapter president is Thomas J. Goodman, succeeding Tom Scholl who served two years in the past. Goodman is well known for his work with other community agencies, in-service training sessions, public speaking, facilitation of group process and organization of educational administration communication. He is president-elect of the New York State Federal Chapter Council for Exceptional Children and a member of the Education Committee of the New York State Association of Child Care Agencies. He is also a member of the County and State Mental Health Associations . . . **OTSEGO COUNTY CHAPTER** running their Summer Day Camp again this year. A Bicycle-A-Thon is going to be held in Oneonta on August 4th. The goal is \$10,000. Sounds like an excellent project . . . **OSWEGO COUNTY CHAPTER** got a write up in the Oswego Valley News with regard to their most interesting Pre-School Program. We are hoping to hear more about that from Executive Director Betty Vaught at the State Convention . . . **SCHENECTADY COUNTY CHAPTER's** Summer Day School ran from July 9th to August 17th. The **YOUTH** group presented the May Program to the Chapter. President Carroll Stowell one of our Presidents who indeed provides a written report to the Board annually — enjoyed reading it . . . **SCHOHARIE COUNTY CHAPTER** getting ready for a door to door fund raising campaign. Very grateful to the students of the New York Agricultural and Technical College at Cobleskill who held a Carnival for Charities including the Chapter with a goal of some \$4,000 . . . **STEUBEN COUNTY CHAPTER's** new President, Ronald Medrud cites the need for a sheltered workshop as his greatest concern for **STEUBEN COUNTY**. Much work being done for this goal right now. Family picnic was held June 24th for **STEUBEN COUNTY CHAPTER** . . . **SUFFOLK COUNTY CHAPTER** announces the appointment of Michael Osarchuk to succeed Mr. Jack Bryant as the Coordinator of the Chapters Early Intervention Program. The Chapter indicates that they still have some openings in the Early Intervention Program for this fall . . . Many thanks from **SUFFOLK COUNTY CHAPTER** to UNICO, an American-Italian Service organization who treated nearly 200 clients to a movie and lunch at McDonald's . . . Chapter working on a 2nd and 3rd hostel . . . **WAYNE COUNTY**

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again had their delightful Volunteer Banquet on May 19th. It was an opportunity to honor many hard workers who gave



Roger H. Butts, seated center, director of the Wayne County Mental Health Board, puts his signature on a new program for handicapped in the county. Joining in on the announcement are: Margaret B. Rogler, Newark State School director, and Barbara Pyle, seated left to right; and Robert S. Olson and Gerald P. Meyer, director of the Wayne County Mental Health Clinic, standing left to right.

their time during the year. The Chapter has also been very much involved in their new workshop program which they are moving forward in cooperation with Newark State School . . . WELFARE LEAGUE-LEITCHWORTH VILLAGE CHAPTER announced their Annual Luncheon for November 17th. Hope it will be its usual fantastic success . . . WESTCHESTER COUNTY CHAPTER recently was the recipient of the prototype walking doll donated by members of the Lower Westchester Council of the Telephone Pioneers of America. The money was earned by the Telephone Pioneers through cake sales. The doll is intended as a teaching aide for 3 to 5 year old children . . . Last but not least, a sad but true observation in the Newsletter of WILLOWBROOK CHAPTER which tells us FBI agents are going to monitor WILLOWBROOK's compliance with a court order on attendants, recreation and repair of toilets. What a shame that this is the only way to be sure these youngsters have proper care . . . Thank goodness that the members of the Benevolent Society can still reach out for one another, helping all with their willingness to try to arrange for the sharing of the rides between families with children at Willowbrook. We hope it is most successful.

HOW MANY ARE NOT RECEIVING SERVICES?

In a very revealing statement in the congressional record of June 28th, statistics are set forth to show how many handicapped are not receiving services in the various states. The statement made by Senator Humphrey was in support of S. 2095 "Educational services for handicapped children."

The statistics show that 4½ million handicapped children of school age are excluded from public schools in America. "These children constitute about 3/5ths of all school-age handicapped children in the United States — an incredibly high proportion who are being isolated and denied the opportunity of education to which every child has a right under the laws of the several states," said Senator Humphrey.

Charging that the executive branch of the government is indifferent to the plight of the handicapped since the request is only \$37½ million of the \$220 million authorized by Congress, Senator Humphrey urged a number of measures to force the states to do what they should be doing if they are going to get federal money.

For example, one of the provisions is that a parent (including any person standing in loco parentis) of a handicapped child within the jurisdiction of a local educational agency receiving federal financial assistance in violation of a certain section may institute a civil action in an appropriate district court, etc. If the court finds such agency is receiving federal financial assistance in violation of such sec-

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A LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

As is known to our readers, the New York State Association for Retarded Children intervened as amicus curiae in the case of Traber against Feinstein and Merchant against the director of Rome State School. In both of these cases accusations of brutality were made against employees of the state institutions. The hearing officer imposed a fine, but the director fired the employees. Whereupon the employees through their union went to the Supreme Court to be reinstated on the claim that the punishment was too severe and cruel. The Supreme Court reinstated these two, but the attorney general was persuaded to appeal to the Appellate Division where there was a reversal of the Supreme Court decision and finally in the case of Traber against Feinstein to the Court of Appeals which upheld the Appellate Division.

In a gracious letter from Ms. Winifred C. Stanley, Assistant Attorney General who handled the case to Mr. Weingold she states; "Your cooperation in filing a brief of amicus curiae in behalf of the State Association for Retarded Children, Inc. is deeply appreciated."

PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE REPORT, "ISLANDS OF EXCELLENCE"

OMITS NEW YORK STATE

We did a considerable burn when we saw the copy of Mental Retardation-1972 Report of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation. It spoke of and illustrated a number of islands of excellence, but, lo and behold, not one came from New York State.

Unable to contain himself our Executive Director wrote to Fred Krause, who is getting to expect letters like this, that we could not conceive how some of the projects of New York State could have been left out of Islands of Excellence when dealing with programs for the mentally retarded in the United States.

"I sometimes feel that Willowbrook," wrote Mr. Weingold, "has obscured the enormous development of community programs that we have in this state."

Fred's answer was that he was sorry that they could not include every good program throughout the country. What we are saying is that they left out the best, those in New York State.

JERSEY LOWERS AGE FOR PARENT PAYMENT

The New Jersey Association for Retarded Children, Inc., in its publication "News Notes" stated the following:

"New Jersey has lowered to 18 the age of institutionalized retarded persons, when relatives who are financially responsible for their care will no longer have to pay. As before, the age of the legally responsible relatives must be at least 55. Approximately three years ago, when the new State law was implemented, the age of the retarded person was set at 21 for that provision of the statute to apply.

Also established in the legislation was a uniform fee schedule that county adjusters would use to judge what a family would pay for the support of its retarded child. That schedule and the entire concept of institutional fees in New Jersey are now being re-examined by a sub-committee of the New Jersey Association for Retarded Children."

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tion the court shall order the commissioner refrain from granting or continue such assistance until such time as such assistance will no longer constitute a violation of such section.

Comparing the situation of those not being served with the children of Sparta who when handicapped were left on a mountainside to perish, he quoted statistics to show the number unserved from the ages of 0 to 21 in the year 1971-1972. For New York State, for example, his statistics show that 221,219 were served and 151,592 were unserved. The source of these is the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Y.O.U.T.H.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

S.H.A.R.E. (CATTARAUGUS COUNTY) —

The Share group sponsored a Special Olympics Victory Dance at the A.R.C. Rehabilitation Center on June 29th.

Members were asked to volunteer their services for a field trip to the Little Valley Fair on July 30th for Special Class children.

Members 14 and over were also asked to volunteer as counselors for Day Camp, August 6th-17th.

Kathy McBride reminded members and their friends that help was needed to man the A.R.C. booth at Lincoln Park Sunday afternoon, July 8th, during the Miss New York State Pageant Parade, and also at the Olean High School July 11th, 12th and 13th.

We have collected over \$800.00 to date of the Marathon Pledges.

Those that volunteered for Day Camp were honored at a luncheon at the Castle, August 22nd. Also honored on that day will be Ed Bazow, past President; Tim McBride, for having the most pledges, \$214.00; and Lance Blade for running 198 miles in the three marathon runs, making him our champion marathon runner.

L.A.R.C. (COLUMBIA COUNTY) — Walk-A-Thon

The Columbia County Chapter held its third annual Walk-A-Thon on May 5. Approximately 250 people started out at 7 A.M. to walk a course of 27 miles.

It was a brisk cloudy day and everyone feared it would rain but the clouds held back until that night.

High school teachers, nurses, a hospital administrator, welders, family care parents, clients at the workshop, students and members of the Chapter's Youth Group all banded together for a common goal. The Columbia County Sheriff's Department provided an escort the entire distance.

The Hudson Army National Guard was represented and Rick Scalera of Company C, 204 Engineering Battalion was the first person to finish the course, jogging the last three miles, Rick collected an additional \$127 while on a two weeks active duty at Camp Drum, Watertown.

Each walker had found people to pledge varying amounts of money for each mile walked. Some walkers had over 50 sponsors. Money is still being collected and is estimated to come to over \$8,000.

The Northern Columbia County Jaycees assisted in the undertaking and the Jaycees set up the rest stations in vans that followed the walkers every inch of the way. A barbecue was provided at the end of the route and 55 walkers went the entire distance.

(NASSAU COUNTY) —

The Nassau County Chapter honored the more than 7000 Nassau Teenagers who participated in this year's teen drive for retarded children, at a great spread on the grounds of the Association in Brookville. The teens had mounted an intensive campaign of door bell ringing and selling chances on a car as well as sharing their time with the people they worked to help — retarded children.

The approximately \$60,000 raised by the young adults will be used to construct an occupational day training building at the AHRC Center. This new building will accommodate 250 severely and profoundly retarded adults too impaired to function at the vocational training center.

The entire county operation was chaired for three years by Mrs. Joseph Gunther and WABC radio disc jockey Bruce Morrow, honorary chairman.

The big coke and chips party on the grounds and under a tent on the 18 acre center featured a rock concert by Chubby Checkers and his band and by a volunteer teen rock band, "Clearlight". Mr. Morrow served as the Master of Ceremonies and also presented awards for outstanding service.

(M.A.R.C.H. — PUTNAM COUNTY) — It really started to come together for our group when our adult advisor and

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STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE SET

The Fifth Annual New York State Y.O.U.T.H. — A.R.C. Convention will be held at the Towne House Motor Inn, Rochester, New York, September 21, 22, and 23, 1973. The Convention theme is "Together We Can". By combining our talents and ideas, together we as youth can unite to become a strong organization dedicated to making a brighter world for the retarded.

Among the featured speakers will be Dr. Robert Audette, Director of the Walter E. Fernald School in Massachusetts, originator and former director of the Tennessee Human Rights Campaign, and Dr. Robert Guthrie, famous for his work with PKU and lead poisoning.

Activities of the convention will include a "Meet Your Candidate" session Friday evening, General Business Meeting and election of officers for 1973/1974 Saturday morning, informative and functional workshops and brainstorming sessions conducted by professionals in the field of mental retardation Saturday afternoon, a formal closing banquet and entertainment Saturday evening. An exhibit of paintings done by retarded persons for the N.Y.S.-A.R.C. 1973 Christmas Card contest will also be a highlight of this year's Convention.

The proposed schedule follows:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

- 3:00 p.m. — All Day Registration — \$3.25
- 5:30 — 8:00 p.m. — Board Meeting
- 8:00 — 10:00 p.m. — "Meet Your Candidates"

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 9:00 a.m. — 12 Noon — Business Session
Election of Officers
- Noon — Lunch (Special lunch will be available at hotel)
- 1:30 — 2:30 p.m. — Brain Storming Sessions
Music, Arts/Crafts, Gym/Swim
Outdoor activities
- 2:45 — 3:45 p.m. — Workshops (will be repeated twice)
- 4:00 — 5:00 p.m. — 1. Dr. Robert Guthrie — "Prevention of Mental Retardation — Role of YOUTH"
- 2. Special Olympics — representative from the Kennedy Olympics and latest N.Y.S. Olympics film
- 3. Publicity and Fund Raising — conducted by professionals in the field.
- 6:30 p.m. — Buffet Banquet
Speaker — Dr. Robert Audette
- 9:00 p.m. — Movies, swimming, etc. at Al Sigl Center

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 9:00 a.m. — 12 Noon — Meeting of Newly Elected Board

Y.O.U.T.H. GROUP NEWS — (Concluded)

I attended our first South East Regional meeting headed by Carolyn Fetter. Although it was a long, hot, bumpy train ride from Putnam County to Grand Central Station we felt we had gained so much that we would double our pains to do it again.

Although there were only two other representatives (from Suffolk County) in attendance we gathered so many fantastic ideas for YOUTH group activities that I was bursting with enthusiasm all the way home on the train.

Since that meeting we have planned a week-end camp-out at a local park and a family picnic-in addition to our usual social activities which include Saturday morning bowling and monthly social gatherings. We have also scheduled a "March for PARC" (a twenty mile walk) for October 28.

I encourage every YOUTH group to send a representative to the next regional meeting. I am starved for new ideas and I long to share ours with you. —Michele Norgren

President of M.A.R.C.H.

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Workshops will be concurrent and will be repeated so it is possible for those who are interested to attend two of the three sessions offered.

The tour will consist mainly of numerous and continuous tours to the O. D. Heck Facility at Schenectady. There will be audio visual tours of the Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady Chapter facilities, or if there are sufficiently interested groups, individual trips to the chapter homes will be arranged.

The theme of the 1973 Convention is "CHANGING CHALLENGES" which we are sure properly classifies the current times. We anticipate a good attendance and urge those attending to complete the registration form below to assure themselves proper accommodations.

Another Highlight of the Convention will be the installation of Officers, which will be done by Mr. Joseph Tholl. Joe is one of the early members of Capital District Chapter, as the Albany-Rensselaer group was called in those days, and was the Chapters second President in 1952, a position he held on several occasions thereafter. He also served for a number of years as the representative from Capital District Chapter to the State Board of Governors.

The Convention schedule follows:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1973

4:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m. — Registration — \$4.00
Convention Lobby
8:00 p.m. — Meeting of the Board of
Governors — Executive Rooms

FRIDAY, OCT. 12, 1973

9:00 a.m. — All Day Registrations
Convention Lobby
9:00 a.m. — 12:00 Noon — Board of Governors Meeting
Continues — Executive Rooms
12:00 Noon — Luncheon — Open
1:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m. — TOURS — \$1.00
Continuous Tours O.D. Heck
Facility, Schenectady, N. Y., also
audio visual tours of Chapter fa-
cilities: Albany, Rensselaer and
Schenectady
2:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. — In Service Training Session —
Regency Room. Opened to every-
one — directed by Jerry Wein-
gold: TOPIC — Interrelationship
between Staffs and Board of Di-
rectors
6:00 p.m. — DINNER — Open
8:00 p.m. — Convention Convenes —
Regency Room
BUSINESS SESSION

SATURDAY, OCT. 13, 1973

7:30 a.m. — 9:00 a.m. — Open breakfast in main dining
room or Continental Breakfast
— Hugo's Lantern Tavern

ADVANCE REGISTRATION — CONVENTION

NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CHILDREN INC.

ALBANY, N. Y.

OCTOBER 11 — OCTOBER 14, 1973

TO: ANN AND TONY TESSITORE
3238 McDonald Ave.
Schenectady, N. Y. 12304

I wish to register in advance for the following events. My check/money order for \$_____ is enclosed.
(Please make checks payable to Tri-County Convention)

Registration	\$ 4.00
Tour — OD Heck	1.00
Luncheon — Saturday, Oct. 13	4.75
Banquet — Saturday, Oct. 13	7.50
TOTAL	\$17.25

9:00 a.m. —	2:00 p.m. —	Registration — continued Convention Lobby
9:00 a.m. —	11:30 a.m. —	Business Session Continues — Regency Room.
12:00 a.m. —	1:30 p.m. —	LUNCHEON — \$4.75 Four Seasons Room
2:00 p.m. —	3:15 p.m. —	Concurrent Workshops — First Session
3:30 p.m. —	4:45 p.m. —	Repeat — Second Session

1. "Testing — Testing: One, Two, Three" —

Saratoga Room

Moderator: David Lewis — Schenectady Chapter

Speaker: Dr. Frank Valluntino and Staff —
Albany Center for Learning Disabilities

2. "Partners in Progress" —

Programs & Problems — Executive Room

Moderator: Henrietta Messier — Rensselaer Chapter

Panel: Representatives from Eleanor Roosevelt Develop-
mental Services and ARC. An Overview of the "new
institution," O. D. Heck Memorial School — Eleanor
Roosevelt Developmental Services: its intent and pur-
poses with an exploration of its relationship to ARC.

3. Communications:

The Message; The Media; The Motivation

Moderator: Ms. Eleanor Pattison —

Plantation Room A & B

Speaker: Mr. Paul H. Elisha, Director of Public Rela-
tions, NYS Dept. of Mental Health

A down-to-earth, "how to" demonstration of good public
relations in all areas of media. Representatives from
the press, T.V. and radio will participate. Visual aids,
plus a kit for each participant will enrich the value of
this workshop for all chapters.

6:00 p.m. —	7:00 p.m. —	RECEPTION — Dutch Treat Regency Room
	7:15 p.m. —	BANQUET — \$7.50 Four Seasons & Plantation Rooms
10:30 p.m. —	?	Entertainment and Dancing

SUNDAY, OCT. 14, 1973

7:30 a.m. —	9:00 a.m. —	Continental Breakfast or breakfast in main dining room.
	Religious Services —	A list of local churches will be made available by the Hyatt House
	9:45 a.m. —	Meeting of Newly Elected Board — Executive Room
	12:30 p.m. —	Adjournment

NOTE: All hotel reservations should be made directly with ALBANY HYATT HOUSE, 1375 Washington Ave., Albany, N. Y. 12206

16 1973 CHRISTMAS CARD SALES OPEN

The ARC 1973 Christmas card sales program is already underway. Many chapters have selected Christmas Card Chairmen and sample designs have been sent to every chapter.

Our 1973 cards, in addition to providing a fine opportunity to support the mentally retarded, have several advantages to the customers. Based upon our excellent 1972 results, we have been able to price the designs done by our mentally retarded artists at a lower rate than in 1972. The first prize card which was designed by Wayne Race, of Columbia County will sell in boxes of 25 cards at a price of \$3.95, a reduction of \$1.00 for a single box from last year.

The other two winners done by John Merchant of Sullivan County and Robert Harrison of Rome State School will be priced at 50 cards for \$5.90 which doubles the selection available at that price over last year.

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Special Award Winners

These designs were created by a retarded person especially for this program



CARD NO. B3793

Woodland scene with small animals and angels decorating tree. White envelope.

Joy is the little things, Snowflakes, Kind Words and Children's Eyes.
25 for \$3.95



CARD NO. A3803

Brightly colored snow scene with children and snowmen. White envelope.

May Happiness Brighten Your Holidays and Remain with You throughout the New Year.
50 for \$5.90



CARD NO. A3813

Decorative stained glass design embossed in full color. White envelope.

Wishing you all of the Joys of the Season and Happiness in the Coming Year.
50 for \$5.90

CARDS — (Concluded from Previous Column)

Everyone is urged to get their orders in early because the first indications are that the designs by our retarded artists will be an early sell out this year.

If you cannot find the information you desire on cards from the local chapter of this Association feel free to use the convenient order blank below for ordering or information.

TO: New York State Association for Retarded Children, Inc.
175 5th Ave., New York, N. Y. 10010

Please send me name and address of local card chairman _____

A brochure and order form for cards _____

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Never mind the brochure. Please send cards by the retarded artists. (without imprinting).

No. Boxes	Style & Price	Message
_____	Card No. B3793 Woodland scene with small animals and angels decorating tree. 25 for \$3.95	Joy is the little things, Snowflakes, Kind Words and Children's Eyes.
_____	Card No. A3803 Brightly colored snow scene with children and snowmen. 50 for \$5.90	May Happiness Brighten Your Holidays and Remain with You throughout the New Year.
_____	Card No. A3813 Decorative stained glass design embossed in full color. 50 for \$5.90	Wishing you all of the Joys of the Season and Happiness in the Coming Year.

Your Name _____

Address _____

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