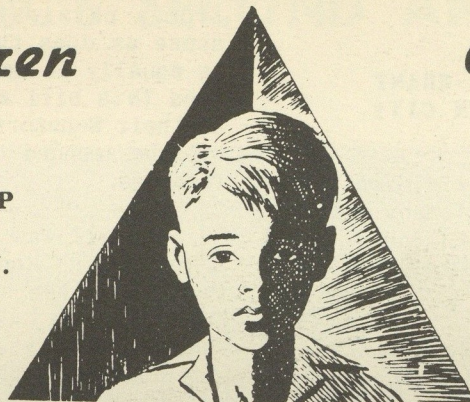


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HUNGERFORD HONORED AT AHRC'S SECOND ANNUAL DINNER

Richard H. Hungerford, Director of the New York City Board of Education's Bureau for Children of Retarded Mental Development, pictured receiving a special award "for outstanding contributions in the field of education on behalf of the mentally retarded." The award was made at the AHRC's Second Annual Dinner held recently at the Hotel Astor.

Association President Nathan Feder declared, "This is not only an award to Dick Hungerford; it is a recognition of the Hungerford program for the C. R. M. D. The AHRC and all other parent organizations in New York recognize the vision, the selfless devotion to the mentally handicapped which that program represents. And parents of the retarded everywhere are indebted to Mr. Hungerford for the great contributions he has made to the literature and methodology of special education. Our children can have no greater or more devoted friend."

Mr. Hungerford is a past president of the American Association on Mental Deficiency, and a member of the Advisory Board of the AHRC.

CLASSES FOR RETARDED TO BE STARTED SOON

JOSHUA ORPHAN AID MAKES FUND GRANT FOR FIRST AHRC PILOT CLASS IN CITY

The first pilot class for retarded children in New York City not eligible for CRMD classes will be started shortly, thanks to a grant of \$5000 to the AHRC by the Joshua Orphan Aid, a philanthropic women's organization of New York.

This pioneering venture in the education of retarded children was announced on June 4th, 1951 by Mrs. Stella Binder, president of the Joshua Orphan Aid. The first class will bear the name of the Joshua Organization, AHRC officials have announced.

The overwhelming need for such experimental classes was presented to the members of this philanthropic group by Executive Director Joseph T. Weingold, who was aided for over a year in the presentation of this project by AHRC member Dora Banner and Gertrude Hilton, a member of the Joshua who is described by Mrs. Banner as "one who saw this great need from the beginning."

"The Joshua Orphan Aid, in taking this great forward step on behalf of the mentally handicapped is proud to continue its basic tradition of aiding the less fortunate -- especially those who are usually by-passed by most philanthropists," President Stella Binder declared. "These retarded children whom we wish to help have especially touched our hearts...in that they have for so long been neglected, and in a sense, orphaned by the world at large."

Registration for the retarded who will attend the first classes is completed and children from the various boroughs are now being psychologically tested; prior to admittance into the classes.

INCLUSION OF RETARDED UNDER FEDERAL AID PROGRAM DEMANDED

The AHRC, the American Association on Mental Deficiency, the American Parents Committee, and other groups throughout the country are urging that the mentally retarded be included in a proposed program of federal aid for handicapped children.

A bill to "enable the states to make more adequate provision for special services required for the education of physically handicapped children of school age and for other purposes" was recently introduced in both the Senate and House of Representatives. Introduced as Senate bill S1463, and in the House under HR4136, it specifically refers to the various forms of physically handicapped, and includes cerebral palsy in that category. Spokesmen for the interested groups

point out that the mentally retarded child suffers from a physical handicap in exactly the same sense as does the victim of cerebral palsy, and is equally in need of, and entitled to the services this bill would provide. They have written to their Senators and Congressmen asking that the bill be amended to include the words "and mentally retarded."

The bill was introduced in the Senate by Senators Hill, Humphrey, Lehman, Murray, Neely, Pastore, Aiken and Morse. It was referred to the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, of which Senator Murray is Chairman; and from there to a sub-committee under the chairmanship of Senator Lister Hill.

In the House, the bill was sponsored by Representative Augustine B. Kelly and referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, of which Representative Graham H. Barden is Chairman.

Hearings will be held before the above-named committees, and time has been requested by the AHRC and the other organizations to appear before them to urge the amendment.

The AAMD has engaged in correspondence with the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults, who were instrumental in the introducing of the bill, asking them to back the amendment.

AHRC officials urge that every member write to Senator Lehman and the Congressman in his district, demanding their support of the amendment.

TO NON-MEMBER READERS WHO WISH TO CONTINUE RECEIVING OUR CHILDREN'S VOICE

Recent increases in the prices of material and printing, together with a sharp rise in circulation, have greatly added to the cost of getting out each issue of this newspaper.

Therefore, if you are not a dues-paying member of the AHRC won't you help us defray the cost of preparing and sending you OUR CHILDREN'S VOICE by mailing One Dollar to OCV - AHRC - 31 Madison Avenue, New York City? (This would cover one year).

Otherwise we may have to discontinue sending you the paper.

Many thanks to those who have already sent the dollar.

...The Editors

AT THE AHRC'S SECOND ANNUAL DINNER



NATHAN FEDER, AHRC PRESIDENT, REVIEWS YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENTS OF ASSOCIATION
IN OPENING ADDRESS



DR. LAWRENCE B. SLOBODY, DIRECTOR OF AHRC CLINIC AT FLOWER-FIFTH AVENUE
HOSPITAL, RECEIVES AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IN MEDICINE

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION HOLDS REGIONAL CONFERENCE

PRESIDENT FEDER TELLS OF AHRC ACTIVITIES; MORE THAN 8,000 MEMBERS ENROLLED IN NATION

The National Association held a Regional Round Table Conference of parent groups of the north-east section of the country on May 26 in the auditorium of the National Cash Register Company in Radio City, New York. Nearly 90 representatives from parent groups in 11 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada were present. With Lee J. Marino, 1st vice president of the association in the chair, addresses were made by several group presidents, including one by Nathan Feder, AHRC president, and others, setting forth current activities and problems of their members.

AHRC was represented also by 1st vice president George Hirsch, 2nd vice president Eugene Gramm, executive director Joseph T. Weingold, and board member Woodhull Hay, who is the national secretary.

This meeting was the first regional gathering of the National Association, and the discussions enabled the representatives to express their views not only on matters facing their own groups, but to learn some of the problems and plans of the National Association on a country-wide level.

A large map of the United States was displayed showing the location of member and nonmember parent groups in various sections of the country, numbering a total in both classes of well over 100; and in addition to recollections, each delegate was given an envelope to take home with him containing copies of the program and pieces of literature published by the National Association of local groups.

The national secretary made a report of the activities and progress of the association since it was formed last September.

Further details on affairs of the National Organization will appear in a forthcoming issue of Our Children's Voice.

WEINGOLD TO READ PAPER ON EMPLOYMENT

AHRC Executive Director Joseph T. Weingold, has been invited to read a paper on "A Parents' Organization Interprets the Employment Needs of the Mentally Retarded In The Community" at the Rehabilitation Section of the New York State Welfare Conference to be held at the Hotel Statler in Buffalo, N.Y. on November 13th, 1951. While there, he will also meet with the AHRC Erie-Niagara Chapter.

PARENTS TAKE ACTIVE ROLE IN A.A.M.D. NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 75th Annual Meeting of the American Association on Mental Deficiency held at the Hotel New Yorker, New York on May 22nd through 26th was marked by increased parent participation.

Consisting of medical, educational, psychological, and other authorities concerned with mental deficiency (as well as interested laymen) the A.A.M.D. convention dealt with the various aspects and problems relating to the care, treatment and training of the mentally retarded.

AHRC President Nat Feder headed the Reception Committee which played host to national A.A.M.D. delegates at a reception at the AHRC offices on the evening of May 23rd.

Gene Gramm handled public relations matters as Chairman of the A.A.M.D. Convention Publicity Committee. Various parents panels at the convention consisted of representatives from the AHRC, The Welfare League for Retarded Children, The Benevolent Society for the Aid of Retarded Children and other parents groups.

Nat Feder's paper: "The Clinics of the Association for the Help of Retarded Children", presented at a panel meeting, was prominently covered in the New York Times.

Addresses at the convention included speeches by Pearl S. Buck and former President Richard H. Hungerford, who passed over the presidency of the A.A.M.D. to the President-Elect, Dr. Edward J. Engberg of Fairbault, Minn.

AHRC BOARD VOTES IN FAVOR OF STATE COUNCIL OF PARENT ORGANIZATIONS TO AID RETARDED

At a recent meeting of the AHRC Board of Directors, the idea of a council, coordinating activities of the various Parents Groups in New York State relating to mental retardation, was favorably received.

According to the plan, The Association for the Help of Retarded Children, The Welfare League for Retarded Children, and the Benevolent Society for the Aid of Retarded Children would all be represented in a council (together with any other similar parents' groups in New York State) which would strive to coordinate legislative and other broad activities without infringing on the autonomy and independence of each member organization.

Nat Feder, George Hirsch and Dave Weiss of the AHRC have been meeting with representatives of the above named organizations and with former AAMD President Richard H. Hungerford to work out details of the plan. Further details will be announced in a future issue of Our Children's Voice.

**EDITH GRAMM'S ARTICLE TO BE REPRINTED
IN OCTOBER ISSUE OF A. A. M. D. JOURNAL**

The article "Peter Beautiful", Edith Gramm's personal story of her child which appeared originally in the magazine: THE WOMAN will be reprinted in the October issue of The American Journal on Mental Deficiency, which is published by the A. A. M. D. at P.O. Box 96, Willimantic, Connecticut.

Requests for copies of the original article had been coming in to Mrs. Gramm from various parts of the country. If sufficient requests come to the Connecticut office, it was announced, the Journal may offer a special inexpensive run-off of the article. Otherwise, the Journal costs thirty-five cents per copy.

**SOCIAL GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR OLDER CHILDREN
IN FULL SWING UNDER PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE**

The Social Activities program for the older retarded children in the AHRC has been proceeding according to plan under the chairmanship of Mrs. Alice Pearlstein and her associates, Mrs. Evelyn Leckhart and Mrs. Gottlieb.

Professional guidance of these activities is now under way. Fred and Corinne Guggenheim have been engaged to lead the group in the Bronx. Mr. Guggenheim has had group experience in camps and Ys, and is a major in Psychology. He is especially interested in the field of mental retardation. Corinne Guggenheim has taken the courses to qualify as a CRMD teacher and is an accomplished musician.

The Social Group in Brooklyn has been meeting at P.S. 181 on Thursday evenings. A program for a Parents Discussion and Guidance Group was started there by Rudolf Hormith, psychiatric social worker at the Morris J. Solomon Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Mentally Retarded Children. The contents of these discussions stem from the problems raised and are said to include: (A) Parental attitudes toward the child, (B) Ways and Means of dealing with: attitudes of relatives, neighbors and the community, behavior problems, social conformity, sexual questions, extreme dependence on parents, etc. This group is under the professional guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Fishman.

The Crafts Teen-Age Class in Brooklyn has completed the first year of work under the guidance of Mr. Jay O'Brien of the Institute for the Crippled and Disabled, and Miss Ryszcz, his assistant. The retarded children involved here have shown marked progress in social adjustment, it is reported. This class has disbanded for the Summer.

Chairman Alice Pearlstein urges the various parents involved in this program to keep in contact with a view to such summer activities as outings, etc.

**AHRC INDUSTRY COMMITTEE TO
SEEK EMPLOYMENT FOR ADOLESCENT
AND ADULT RETARDATES IN N.Y.**

An AHRC Industry Committee, under the supervision of Board Member Carl Rappaport has been formed to prevail upon various industries to hire older retardates who are trained and qualified to hold jobs.

Mr. Rappaport has issued a call to all interested readers of Our Children's Voice to write him, c/o AHRC 31 Madison Avenue, New York and volunteer for service on this committee.

"Vocational training of our retarded children has little meaning unless we can get industry to provide jobs for these youngsters," Mr. Rappaport declared. "To do this, we'll need a vigorous, active committee, ready to do one of the most important jobs that has yet challenged the AHRC."



MAYOR IMPELLITTERI AIDS AHRC DRIVE

Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri, shown receiving poster used in recent AHRC campaign from nine year old retarded youngster who inspired it. At right is AHRC President Nathan Feder.

**ALL-STAR TELEVISION SHOW, OTHER TV
AND RADIO PUBLICITY REPORTED BY AHRC**

**ACTIVITIES ALSO INCLUDE FEATURE
STORY BY DOROTHY BARCLAY OF "TIMES"**

The AHRC, during the past few months, has received extensive and varied publicity through television, radio and newspaper articles, according to a report by Eugene Gramm, 2nd Vice-President and Chairman of the Association's Publicity and Public Relations Committee.

Outstanding among these activities, according to Mr. Gramm, was an all-star television show on May 22nd. Telecast on the entire Dumont network from 10 to 11 P.M., the presentation featured such notables of the entertainment field as Imogene Coca, Herb Shriner, Bill Bailey, Connie Sawyer, Cy Coleman, the Crosby Sisters, Judith Evelyn, the Honey Dreamers, Robert Q. Lewis, Hy Gardner, and Larry Best.

Miss Betty Furness, famous screen and television actress, was mistress of ceremonies. In addition to introducing the performers, she interviewed Dr. Lawrence B. Slobody, Director of the AHRC's clinic at Flower-Fifth Avenue Hospital, and Ann Greenberg, AHRC Corresponding Secretary, on various aspects of the problem of the mentally retarded child.

Mr. Gramm termed the response to this show, both in terms of funds donated and awakened public interest as "gratifying in the extreme." He also voiced the Association's gratitude to all the performers who donated their time and talent "in accordance with their profession's tradition of unselfish and generous devotion to the cause of the afflicted;" and expressed appreciation for the help of Mr. Leonard Levin and his associates at Benton & Bowles advertising agency for their assistance in arranging the show. In addition, he cited the valuable aid of Mr. James L. Caddigan of the DuMont Network; and radio star Barry Gray, who repeatedly publicized the show on his nightly broadcasts over station WMCA.

Mr. Gramm himself appeared on another television show, the Margaret Arlen program on WCBS-TV, on May 30th, Miss Arlen, whose radio interview of Mr. Gramm in 1949 resulted in a tremendous listener response, devoted almost her entire program to discussing with Mr. Gramm the problem of mentally retarded children, and the AHRC's program.

Other television and radio publicity activities included the appearance, during June, of Ann Greenberg on WJZ-TV interview; and of AHRC Executive-Director Joseph T. Weingold on radio station WEVD. Mr. Weingold participated in a panel-discussion program devoted to the mentally retarded child, and parent-group activities as exemplified by the AHRC.

Mr. Gramm also cited, in his report, extensive newspaper publicity in recent months for the AHRC.

Most important in this field, he declared, was the full-page feature article by Dorothy Barclay in the "New York Times" of Sunday, May 27th. Miss Barclay devoted her entire weekly "Parent and Child" section in the "Times Magazine" to the activities of the AHRC and other groups working for the mentally retarded.

"In view of the tremendous national and international circulation of the 'Times'", Mr. Gramm stated, "and the millions of readers of Miss Barclay's authoritative writings on all phases of child rearing, we feel that this article constitutes a significant contribution to the cause of the retarded everywhere."

The Dorothy Barclay story was arranged by David Weiss, 4th Vice-President of the AHRC and a member of its Publicity and Public Relations Committee.

**AHRC ANNUAL DINNER TERMED
AN "OUTSTANDING SUCCESS"**

The second annual dinner of the AHRC held at the Astor Hotel on Sunday evening, May 20th, was deemed "an outstanding success" by Dinner Chairman Mac Kallor, who publicly voiced thanks to the various committees and individuals in the AHRC who "labored to make the event even more auspicious than last year's dinner."

Among the speakers at the dinner were Honorary Dinner Chairman Justice Ferdinand Pecora and Aaron L. Jacoby, who was Toastmaster. Both are sponsors of the AHRC.

Special awards were presented in the fields of education and medicine to Mr. Richard H. Hungerford and Dr. Lawrence B. Slobody, respectively. Pearl S. Buck, who was not present, also received an award for her role in the cause of aiding the retarded.

(Dinner pictures on Page 3)

**ALL A. H. R. C. MEMBERS ARE INVITED
TO NATIONAL CONVENTION AT GRAND RAPIDS**

All A.H.R.C. members who wish to attend the national convention of the National Association of Parents and Friends of Mentally Retarded Children -- to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan in September are cordially invited to participate. This was announced by Mr. Woodhull Hay, secretary of the national organization.

"Of course," Mr. Hay stated, "the A.H.R.C. cannot afford to finance the traveling and other expenses of more than a few delegates, but since every A.H.R.C. member is also automatically a member of the national organization, there is every good reason why A.H.R.C. members can and should attend this important national meeting." For further information, members are invited to contact Mr. Hay. His address is: P.O. Box 85, Wall Street Station, New York 5, N.Y.

DONATIONS OF CLOTHING, TOYS WELCOMED FOR RETARDED CHILDREN IN STATE INSTITUTIONS

Ed Fliegel, who has been extremely active over the past two years in collecting and distributing clothing, toys and other items for the retarded in state institutions, has issued another appeal to his fellow AHRC members.

Anyone who has soft harmless toys, or clothing for children and adults which is in good usable condition, or other material, which might be useful to the patients of the state institutions for the retarded, is asked to contact Mr. Fliegel by writing to him at AHRC, 31 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Those wishing to make their donations directly to Letchworth Village, are advised to contact Mr. Harry Rollins, 92 Front Street, New York City. (He represents the Welfare League for Retarded Children, Inc.) Those wishing to donate to Willowbrook should contact the representative of the Benevolent Society for the Aid of Retarded Children, Inc. -- Mrs. C. Giltmore, 3466 Fish Avenue, Bronx 67, New York.

Referring to these two parents organizations, a spokesman for the Institutions Committee of the AHRC stated, "It should be clearly understood that we of the AHRC look to these and other organizations concerned with the welfare of the institutionalized child, as being of primary importance to those retarded in the custody of the state. It has never been, and shall never be our intention to compete with these organizations in any way. When it comes to serving and helping the retarded in state institutions, we could never begin to duplicate or equal the kind of job they do. Our purpose with regard to these groups, should be in trying to give them all the possible assistance that we can muster without encroaching on their functions and without any attempt to crowd them from the limelight which they deserve. Anyone who does otherwise represents neither the interests of the AHRC nor of retarded children."

MEMBERS ASKED TO NOTIFY OFFICE OF ADDRESS CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS

The A.H.R.C. office has requested that all members who have changed their addresses recently, notify the office of the new address, so that mailing lists and records can be corrected. Such notification should carry both the old and new addresses.

Members who are receiving two mailings, one of which is being forwarded from a previous address, are asked to call this to the attention of the office.

DONORS TO AHRC SEND RETARDED CHILDREN TO CAMP

18 needy retarded children are being sent to camp this summer by the AHRC through scholarships grants provided by the following:

Esther Baila League
Ladies Auxiliary of Freedom Lodge
Ruth Kirzon League
Sarah Starkman League

Camp Arlen, run by Mrs. Rae Seares, and Camp Pine Grove, run by Mr. and Mrs. Syd Weinman, have provided special rates to enable the children to enjoy three weeks of summer camp life, each.

Camp Waterford, run by Mrs. Rita Saunders, gave three scholarships to AHRC children -- two full scholarships and one for two weeks.

The Board of Directors of the AHRC, on behalf of the entire organizations have issued the following statement to the donors of these camp scholarships:

"Words are inadequate when it comes to express the warm and heartfelt gratitude the AHRC feels for the generosity of the Esther Bailas...the Freedom Lodge...the Ruth Kirzons...the Sarah Starkman League! The retarded who come from destitute families are indeed America's *under under* privileged. To give them a summer of pleasure, of valuable associations and training...and to give their parents this blessed respite is truly philanthropy in its purest essence!"



EDITOR'S NOTE: This poignant picture of a retarded child was sent to us by his parents. We reprint it because we believe the camera has unforgettably captured here the heartbreaking loneliness and sadness of all society's lostlings -- our "forgotten children."

RUDOLPH FRIED, DIRECTOR OF BAILEY HALL, DIES AS RESULT OF AUTO INJURIES

Rudolph Fried, director of Bailey Hall School for retarded children, died on June 21st from injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Mr. Fried had spent many years in the training of mentally retarded children, and was responsible for the development of methods widely recognized as being among the most advanced in the field.

George Hirsch, 1st vice-president of the AHRC and chairman of its Education Committee, declared, "The mentally retarded everywhere have lost a devoted and valuable friend in the passing of Rudolph Fried. He was a sympathetic and sincere friend of this Association. On behalf of all of us in the AHRC, I extend our heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family, and to his associates at Bailey Hall."

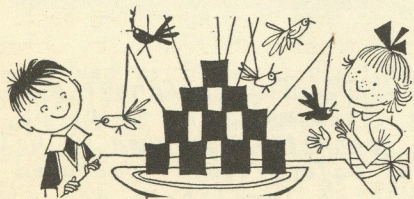
Two of Mr. Fried's co-directors at Bailey Hall, it was learned, have made donations to the AHRC in his memory. They are Miss May Jean Robins and Miss Sara Weinberger.

OHIO PARENTS CELEBRATE STATE LEGISLATION PASSAGE GENE GRAMM A GUEST SPEAKER IN CLEVELAND

The parents of retarded children in the state of Ohio met last June to celebrate the passage of state legislation which will provide training classes for retarded youngsters heretofore without education of any kind.

Eugene Gramm, Publicity Chairman and 2nd V.P. of the A.H.R.C. was a guest speaker by special invitation of the Cuyahoga County Council for Retarded Children in Cleveland.

Gramm hailed the passage of the legislation as "a forward step for the whole nation". He also praised the idea of parents groups in various states exchanging guest-speakers. "Parents are interested and eager to hear what other parents in other states are doing," he stated. "Along with the doctors and other professionals, it is my hope that the A.H.R.C. will follow the example of Ohio and invite parents from various parts of the United States to come and speak to us."



CAN YOU SPARE A TOY FOR A RETARDED CHILD?

(See page 7, col. 1)

SHELTERED HOME STUDY-COMMITTEE ASKS THOSE INTERESTED TO WRITE TO OFFICE

Those parents who may be interested in buying cooperative ownership into a non-profit Private Institution which would serve as a "permanent home" for their youngsters are asked to write Mr. Joseph T. Weingold, Executive Director, AHRC - 31 Madison Avenue, New York.

This project, which has been in the discussion and study stage for the past year would require that a group of parents of retarded children each invest a sum of money to buy an estate, or other property, where their children would be cared for at a nominal fee for the rest of their lives. As a pilot project, this "home" would attempt to evolve standards of care, treatment (and possibly, training) now unequaled anywhere. Under consideration in this connection, is a possible "insurance plan" which would cover the retarded child's tuition after the death of the parents. One of the difficulties encountered, it was pointed out, is finding a group of youngsters mentally and psychologically compatible with each other and with a given program of training.

With the resignation of Eugene Gramm as Chairman of this Study Committee, a new chairman is now being sought.

REGISTRATION OPENS FOR AHRC'S THIRD ANNUAL PARENT-EDUCATION COURSES.

Registration for the 1951 Fall series of Parent Education courses given under the AHRC's auspices is now under way.

These courses are a must for every parent who is interested in learning about the medical, educational, psychological, sociological and family aspects of his or her problem.

In addition to the lectures by distinguished professionals, the courses include discussion groups for the participating parents. It is expected that the coming series will also include motion pictures depicting the training of various types of children.

Members interested in enrolling are asked to send their names and addresses to: Parent Education Course, AHRC, 31 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y.



DR. LLOYD N. YEPSEN

(Advisor to the A.H.R.C.)

A native of Princeton, Illinois, but has been associated with welfare, psychological and educational work in New Jersey since 1921.

The A.B. Degree received at Carthage College, Carthage, Illinois; M.A. (1924) Ohio State University; Ph.D. Ohio State (1931) Ll. D. (honorary) Carthage College.

For about ten years, Dr. Yepsen was engaged in psychological research at the Training School at Vineland, New Jersey. In 1929 he was invited by the Chilean Government to become advisor to the Minister of Education in Chile. In connection with his work there he set up the first school for the mentally retarded and established the first psychological clinic in that country. Because of the outstanding nature of this work, the Chilean government conferred upon Dr. Yepsen, the decoration, "Order of Merit."

He has been a member of the faculties of Miami University, Newark University, Rutgers University, Temple University, and at present is a member of the graduate faculty of New York University. For two years prior to return to service with the Department of Institutions and Agencies, he was Assistant Professor of Education, School of Education, New York University.

He has written extensively in the fields of education and psychology and is a member of a

number of scientific organizations. He is Past President of the American Association on Mental Deficiency and at the present time he is Executive Vice-President of the Association and Editor of the American Association on Mental Deficiency News. He is also Secretary of the International Congress on Mental Deficiency, and Treasurer of the Correctional Education Association. He has been Chairman of the Conference of State Psychological Associations and a Past President of the New Jersey Psychological Association. He is a diplomat of the American Board of Examiners in Professional Psychology, holding a diploma in Clinical Psychology.

As an authority in the field of mental deficiency, his advice is sought throughout the country. He fills many speaking engagements throughout the United States. During recent years he has been active in aiding parents of mentally retarded children to organize parents' groups, and has assisted in their planning. Before the formation of the Morris J. Solomon Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Retarded Children, he lent a hand in presenting the need for this project to members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Solomon Sunshine organization. He was also one of the first of the professionals to recognize and address the A.H.R.C.

The A.H.R.C. light shines on our good friend Dr. Lloyd N. Yepsen who, this year is celebrating his 30th year of activity in the field of mental deficiency. We wish him good health and great success in many more active years to follow. And that is a good wish toward retarded children everywhere!



CLINIC NEWS NOTES

Dr. M. Falkenstein has been added to the staff of the clinic for retarded at Flower & Fifth as Pediatrician...Mrs. DeMarco, formerly Psychiatric Social Worker at Flower & Fifth clinic has left to join the Youth Board and her place has been taken by Miss Elise Morris...Dr. I. W. Karlin, Coordinator of the M. J. Solomon Clinic for the Retarded at Jewish Hosp. has been appointed Asst. Professor of Speech at Brooklyn College...Dr. Joseph Wortis, eminent Psychiatrist and author has become head of Pediatric Psychiatry at B. Jewish Hosp. He is closely connected with our clinic. Through his efforts, Asst. Supt. of Schools Joseph C. Noethen has been added to the Clinic Advisory Board. Those in the know claim Mr. Noethen has some plans for the education of retarded children which may make history!

CHAPTER REPORTS

ERIE-NIAGARA CHAPTER

Mrs. Constantine Yeracaris, Director of Therapy and Education for the Erie-Niagara Chapter has advanced a second eight year old boy from the play therapy program to the tutoring unit. One of these boys was formerly at the Newark State School.

Plans are being made to facilitate the efficient operation of this chapter as it increases in size.

Committees are being formed to carry out three main objectives. First, it is necessary to expand present facilities. The program for retarded children can best be carried out in one centrally located building in Buffalo. It is desirable that the first floor provide sufficient space for two play therapy rooms, tutoring room, parent therapy room, cloak room, and bathroom. Second, adequate care of the playrooms must be provided. The committee for this purpose will consist of parents who can make necessary repairs in the playroom, who can repair broken toys and who are able to purchase materials, toys and equipment for the playrooms at the lowest possible cost. Finally, continuous work will be necessary to assure passage of the urgently needed legislation to help retarded children in New York State. This committee will work in close cooperation with A.H.R.C. officials in New York City, and will include members who are able to contact legislators in western New York. This committee will also include a speaking unit of members who will be able to give short informative talks to organizations who are interested and who may give their support to this chapter.

To best determine the talents and assets of the membership, a detailed questionnaire has been given each parent to fill out. In this way, it is hoped every member will take an active part in the work of helping all retarded children.

WESTCHESTER CHAPTER

The Westchester Chapter of the A.H.R.C. will hold the final meeting of the season at 8:30 Friday evening, June 15th, at the Central YMCA in White Plains. Mr. Joseph T. Weingold, Executive Director, will be the speaker of the evening.

The School opened by the Westchester Chapter of the A.H.R.C. in February, under the directorship of Mr. Bernard Schneider, now has five classes with 34 children in attendance. A new teacher, Miss Alice S. Maram, joined the staff on April 2nd. It is anticipated with the new term which begins on September 1st, that at that time additional children will have been tested and further classes added.

As we send this to the "Voice", our first Bridge Party is being planned for Friday evening, June 8th at the Parish House in Pelham. The Westchester Chapter of the A.H.R.C. is sponsoring this party for the benefit of the School's Transportation Fund. A committee of eight members of the P.T.A. with Mrs. B. Gagliano of Larchmont as Chairman, are making the arrangements.

SULLIVAN COUNTY CHAPTER

The regular meeting of the Association for the Help of Retarded Children was called to order by the President, Mrs. Bennett, on Monday, May 7th, at the Monticello High School. In the absence of the Secy., Mrs. Sawitch, no minutes were read.

Correspondence from the National Association was read. This included a letter informing us of the report of the National Nominating Committee. The elections will be held during the annual convention on September 6, 7, 8, 1951. There was also a letter extending an invitation to our chapter, to attend the "Northeast Regional Round Table" to be held on May 26th.

Mrs. Bennett reported on the general meeting which she attended in New York on April 4th. A report was given by our President on her talks before the Knights of Pythias of Fallsburg, and Mountandale P.T.A. A report was also given on the newly formed County Council for Retarded Children. This group will consist of various civic, religious and other organizations. To date the members are: Elks Club of Liberty, Monticello Kiwanis Club, Knights of Pythias of Fallsburg, and the Ladies Aux. of the B'nai B'rith of Fallsburg.

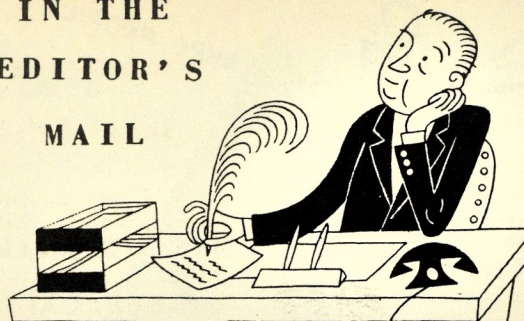
Tickets for the forthcoming play from which we are to receive the proceeds, were then handed out to the membership who were urged to sell as many as they can. A fund raising affair for the summer was discussed and it was decided that our next meeting would mostly concern this subject. A discussion was then held on planning a class or workshop for the older children in our group. This topic will be worked on further in the fall.

Elections were then held: the present officers were all re-elected, with the addition of Goldie Vapnek as Corresponding Secy.

Our guest speaker, Mr. Charles McKendrick, Asst. Supt. of the Woodbourne Correctional School, was then introduced. He gave a very interesting talk. He traced the history of the public's attitude towards retardation through the ages up to the present time.

IN THE EDITOR'S

MAIL



Dear Mr. Feder:

I am deeply grateful to you and to the Association for the citation you awarded me at your annual dinner. I am grateful on the one hand because you honored me knowing me; and it is "sweet indeed to be honored in your own land."

I am most grateful, however, because I am sure that, in the deepest sense, the honor really is a principle - the principle that most retarded children can become self-respecting, law-abiding, reasonably happy citizens through the cooperation of pupil, parent, and teacher. And thus the honor in this case is to all the staff in the Bureau itself and in the field, who sincerely have dedicated themselves to the implementing of this principle. Therefore, I really thank you for all of us you have so generously recognized.

Your friend,

Richard H. Hungerford
New York City

Dear Sir:

I appreciated very much your letter inquiring about the speech I delivered this fall at the meeting of the United Cerebral Palsy Associations, Inc.

You are, of course, quite right that 75% of the mentally retarded are capable of rehabilitation. In fact, the notes from which I gave my talk in New York show that I pointed out that "retardation, faulty speech, and muscular impairments, which since Biblical days were regarded as indication of mental involment now are known to be educable problems..."

It is quite apparent that if facilities both educational and vocational are available, a great number of persons who are mentally or intellect-retarded are capable of rehabilitation, almost to the point of self-management and adjustment....."

Sincerely yours,
Leonard A. Scheele
Surgeon General
Federal Security Agency
U.S. Public Health Service
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Will you please print this letter in our paper. I am one of the boys in Mrs. Pearlstein's Arts and Crafts class and in the club. I really enjoy the class and the club. We have so much fun and good times. I appreciate everything that Mrs. Pearlstein has done and is doing for me. Mrs. Pearlstein is not only a mother to her own two children but is a mother to all of her children who are in her Arts and Crafts class and in the club. I hope I will see this in our paper. Thank you.

Philip Grubman,
Brooklyn, New York



Dear Sir,

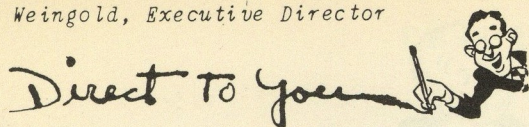
Prior to my taking up residence in St. John's some seven months ago, I was Fund Raising Chairman for the Long Island Chapter of the A.H.R.C. My interest in the program has not waned and as a matter of fact, I am at present trying to foster a program up here.

There is little with which to work and I am mapping out a series of newspaper articles which, I hope, will stir the parents out of their lethargy...

I have before me the March-April issue of Our Children's Voice and was sorry to learn of the failure of the Resolution for State-Wide Study of retarded to become law...there is similar proposed federal legislation for child study of which I assume AHRC is cognizant. Life these days is one mass of pressure groups. I see no reason for...pussy-footing policy when it is so obviously barren of needed gains.

Thank you for your kind indulgence.

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) C.A. Sager
St. Johns, Newfoundland



In this the last column before the summer I should like to summarize some of the activities of the AHRC and talk a little about future plans. With the growth of the organization the activities of the office have increased enormously. Whereas before we dealt with dozens of calls and requests a day, now we receive hundreds during the week. But with all this we are continually concentrating on our program and definite progress has been made.

Organizationally, last year saw the exciting birth of the National Association of Parents and Friends of Mentally Retarded Children and our own chapter expansion upstate. We participated actively in the Mid-Century White House Conference for Children and Youth. We tried our wings by taking a booth at the Women's International Exposition and our Television show of May 22 is known to all. We received community acceptance by being admitted as a participating member to the Greater New York Fund.

The projects previously begun expanded, as the Clinic at the Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital, and last year saw the beginning of the Morris J. Solomon Clinic at the Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn. Our Parent Education courses were continued and grew and a definite program was drawn up for the Social Groups for older children which all have professional guidance and leadership now.

We feel that all this is but the beginning and plans have been made for the immediate and more distant future. In a previous article we wrote about the classes for children not eligible for public school. We are pleased to report that these classes will be a reality this fall. We don't say that all the children will be in them, but a definite start will be made. We have had over 300 applications for classes, and all the children are being tested (by six psychologists). We hope that all tests will be completed before the Summer is over. Then, screenings will begin by an Admissions Committee. We hope, too, that space will by then be available in one or more community centers. Elsewhere in this issue you will read the exciting news about a \$5000 grant for the first class which will bear the name of the Joshua Orphan Aid. The program for older children will also be expanded to take care of some of those not now in groups and we hope to have 5 such groups before the end of the year. And last, a definite start will be made to build up a fund to begin a Sheltered Workshop for retarded children.

We have had failures, too, as, for example, Assembly Resolution #93, but we shall try again. Nothing is easy for our children, as we well know, but what little we have already done is an indication of what the future can hold. We look forward to a year of great expansion and realization of at least another point in our overall program.

AHRC PROFILE

No. 4

MRS. ABRAHAM

(REBECCA)

NOBLE

(3rd Vice-President)



MRS. NOBLE AND DAUGHTER, TINA

Born June 15th, 1898...One of nine children... Migrated to America in 1911. Now a mother of six children, the youngest of which (Tina) is retarded.

The first publicity article which contributed so importantly to the development of the AHRC as a statewide organization was a story in the New York Post -- about Tina and Mrs. Noble.

Mrs. Noble served as AHRC Program Chairman, Publicity Chairman, Board Member, Co-Chairman of Fund Raising in the Bronx and on the Membership Committee...Then, on the Speakers' Bureau, she addressed women's organizations, parents groups, etc., and was one of those instrumental in winning financial support for medical fellowships at Flower & Fifth Hosp. by this means. Campaigned also on behalf of Summer Camp scholarships for the retarded in subsequent speaking engagements before charity-giving organizations. To hear her heart-stirring appeal is to melt before her.

She has aided the AHRC in numerous other ways as a tireless worker and an inspired dreamer dedicated to all of the retarded -- regardless of race, creed, color, or age. For her warm, mellow philosophy -- her sincerity and selfless endeavors she has more than the respect of the AHRC. She has our love...Noble is the name for our third vice president!



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