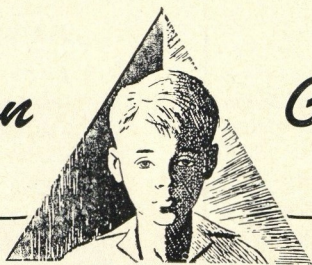


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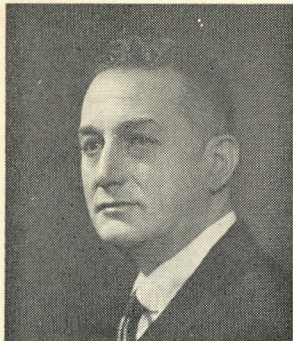
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS AT ANNUAL DINNER

**President NYC Board of Education Honored for Community Service;
Two Others Receive Awards in Fields of Medicine and Education**

The presentation of the Association's awards for outstanding contributions on behalf of the mentally retarded, which has become an annual feature of our Dinner, provided the high point of the gala affair celebrating the Fifth Anniversary of the AHRC on Saturday, May 22nd in the Grand Ballroom of the Astor. Recipients were Col. Arthur Levitt, newly elected President of the New York City Board of Education, in the field of community service; in the field of medicine, Dr. Leo Kanner, head of the Children's Psychiatric Service of Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore and director of the Harriet Lane Home for Children of the same institution, and in the field of education, Professor Chris J. De Prospro of the Department of Education at the City College of New York.

Col. Levitt has proved himself a staunch and active friend of the Association since the day that he presented to the Board of Education a resolution calling for the

formation of a special committee to consider the educational needs of so-called "uneducable" children, or children with an I. Q. below 50. The committee is now functioning under the chairmanship of Deputy Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jacob Greenberg. Pending publication of the results of this investigation, Col. Levitt prevailed upon the Board to adopt the resolution granting space to three AHRC classes on the premises of P. S. 84 in Brooklyn.



Col. Arthur Levitt

The new Board of Education President is extremely active in civic and communal life. His wife is a teacher in the New York City School System.

Dr. Leo Kanner is a pioneer in the field of mental retardation, having been one of the first to bring the areas of psychiatry and pediatrics into close relationship to each other. As he said in his speech, by "Being George" or the one to pick up where others left off, he innovated many projects, among them, in 1930, the first children's psychiatric unit to be established in conjunction with a pediatric department. Known as the Harriet Lane Home for Children, this unit at Johns Hopkins Hospital has since become one of the principal international teaching centers in child psychiatry.

Professor of pediatrics and psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Kanner is the author of a modernized reclassification of mental retardation, entitled "Miniature

Textbook of Feeble-mindedness" and of many other definitive treatises.

Another true friend of AHRC is the recipient of the



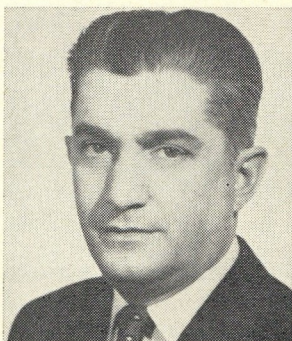
Dr. Leo Kanner

award in the field of education, Professor Chris De Prospro, of City College. A member of the AHRC Board of Advisors, his entire professional career has been taken up by work in the field of retardation. Starting as a teacher in the CRMD classes, he became a supervisor of the CRMD Bureau prior to his appointment to the Department of Special Education at City College. He is Educational Consultant at our Flower

Fifth Avenue Clinic, and serves in the same capacity at the just-opened Developmental Center for Retarded Children at the Nassau General Hospital in Mineola, L. I., a project of our Nassau County Chapter.

Chris De Prospro is a fellow and former vice-president of the American Association on Mental Deficiency, a member of the International Council for Exceptional Children, the

Experimental Society for the Study of Education, and the New York State Planning Council for the Exceptional. In addition, he serves as Book Review Editor for the American Journal on Mental Deficiency, and is the author of an annotated bibliography on the subject. He has conducted numerous conferences and workshops, one of the most recent of these being the Woods School Conference on Exceptional Children which was conducted in conjunction with Tulane University.



Prof. Chris J. De Prospro

AHRC can truly be proud to number amongst its friends personalities such as these, and it is a measure of its growth and development during the past five years that it is able to enlist the sympathies and energies of these leaders in their respective fields. It is to be hoped that these achievements will be regarded as a portent of things to come. The first five years are but a beginning!

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Another Sheltered Workshop

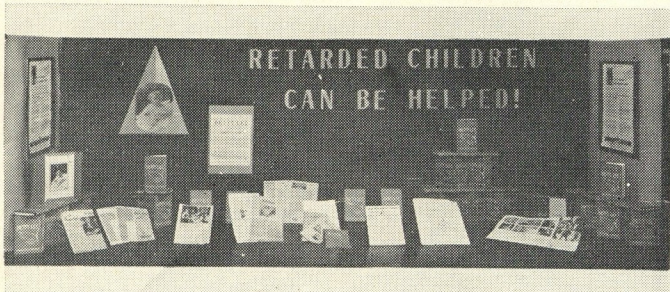
The second AHRC Training Center and Workshop has opened its doors!

Hardly 18 months after the inauguration of the first of these projects for young adults in Brooklyn, the Manhattan one is in operation at 303 Fourth Avenue, New York City. So far, five young people are at work in the spacious quarters on the fourth floor, sorting, mailing, doing things to leather and plastic, much in the same manner as they are doing at 724 Nostrand Avenue.

Dan Daniels, erstwhile Production Instructor in Brooklyn, is the Supervisor of the Manhattan-Bronx Training Center. The corps of volunteers was again headed up by Alice Pearlstein, who brought the value of the experience gained in the operation of the Brooklyn Center to bear on this project.

The sprawling character of the city made it necessary to open another Center to service more realistically Bronx, Manhattan and Queens trainees. Even this additional resource will not relieve our waiting lists, but AHRC can proudly view its achievements in this field to date. We look forward to a string of Sheltered Workshops and Training Centers dotting the five boroughs, the counties, and eventually the State.

MacMillan Uses AHRC Theme Window Display



The Macmillan Publishing Company, in promoting their book "Betty Lee" by Charlotte D. Tucker, did a window around the theme "Retarded Children Can Be Helped!" Using AHRC material, the display conveyed our message in clear, visual terms.

Miss Mary Heagney at the Macmillan Bookstore, 60 Fifth Avenue, reported quite a demand for our pamphlets and copies of OCV. Which is further proof of the fact that the AHRC creed is gaining ground and that the number of our friends is ever and steadily increasing!

FIFTH ANNUAL DINNER OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

Astor Ballroom Filled to Capacity

Five years of growth and development were commemorated by more than 1200 AHRC members and their friends who stretched the walls of the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Astor on Saturday evening, May 22nd, at the Annual AHRC Dinner.

Preliminary reports indicate that the affair grossed over \$45,000 thanks to the intensive fund raising and advertising campaign for the Dinner Journal carried out by our energetic members.



Judge Birdie Amsterdam

Our guest speaker was Judge Birdie Amsterdam, who has counted herself a friend of the Association since she made her moving appeal at the Roosevelt Testimonial Dinner. The task of introducing the numerous honor guests fell on the capable shoulders of Toastmaster John Henry Faulk, who entertained us admirably in his well known Texas drawl. The Invocation was delivered by the Rev. Irving S. Pollard of St. Bartholomew's, and the Blessing by Rabbi Max Zucker of Passaic, N. J.

Others of our friends gracing the dais were Mrs. Pearl Vos, Drs. Emily Burr and Arthur Foxe, the Hon. Neil Lieblich, Professor Maurice Fouracre, Dr. Joseph Wortis, Mrs. Charles Elias, Assemblyman Samuel Roman, Dr. Benjamin Kramer, Dr. Lawrence Slobody, Mrs. Paul Jacoby, Professor Louis Rosenzweig, Mrs. Murray Buxbaum, Dr. Jacob Greenberg, Mrs. Edna Baer, State Senator Earl Brydges, the Hon. Morris J. Solomon, Mrs. Edward Werner, the Hon. Seymour Halpern, Miss Olive Biggar, Mrs. Mabel Lasker and the Hon. Julius Gans.

Our thanks, of course, go to our able and hardworking Dinner Committee, headed by Chairman Joseph Gitter, whose labors over many months insured the successful climax. The composition of the various committees was as follows:

Borough Chairmen and Coordinators—Arlyne Bernstein, Seymour Bieber, Sy Chicquor, Emil Goldstein, George Greene, Sig Harris, Leo Jacobs, Annette Karson, Nat Kuris, Burton Loewer, Ruth Seinfeld, Sidney Werbin.

Finance Committee—Sylvia Schachter, Max Schachter, Irving Shiller.

Journal Committee—Maxwell Herman, Chairman; Julian Banner, Eddie Fliegel, Sol Hulnick, Mac Kallor, Jean Katz, Evelyn Shulman, Sol Stich, Paul Westerkamp.

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SCOUTING PROGRAM GROWS

Thanks to the wholehearted cooperation of the Greater New York Councils of the Boy Scouts of America, the chartering of AHRC-sponsored Troops and Cub Packs is continuing apace.



Albert Kratky, Assistant Scoutmaster with the boys of Troop No. 322, Queens.

Scout Troop No. 322 received its flags and charter at an impressive affair on May 24 on the premises of the Pfc. Sidney H. Hirsch Post 90, Jewish War Veterans of the U. S., Jamaica. Among those attending were Judge Edward Thompson, President of the Queens Council, B. S. A., Charles Rosenfeld, Commander of Post 90, J. W. V., Harry Gertz, donor of the Troop Flag, Earl Allyn, Scout Executive for Queens, Scoutmaster Albert Kratky, Howard Kamen, Organizer on behalf of AHRC, and Bernie Fineson, Rudy Hornumuth and Mac Herman, to mention only a few.



Left to right: William A. Stumpp, Bronx Borough Scout Executive; Sidney Rosenzweig, Charles Campana, Mrs. Leah Schiff, Den Mother; Mrs. Jean Bloom, Moe Bloom and members of Cub Pack No. 207, Bronx.

On June 11, Cub Pack No. 207 was chartered at P. S. 33, Jerome Ave. and Fordham Road, Bronx. In attendance were Bronx Borough Scout Executive William A. Stumpp, Pack Committee Chairman Morris Bloom and, representing the AHRC, Bernie Fineson and Charles Campana, among others.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

The regular payment of dues by members is necessary to help finance the projects of the Association. Don't forget, 50 cents of your dues goes to the National Association.

**Dues Are \$5.00 Per Year Per Family.
Be In Good Standing.**

AHRC CHAPTERS BACK NATIONAL RESEARCH

Sullivan County Host to Convention

Delegates from 19 Chapters and New York City journeyed to the Laurel Country Club at Sackett Lake in Sullivan County on May 1st and 2nd for the Spring State Convention of the AHRC. More than 150 delegates and friends heard Dr. Arthur Pense, Deputy Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, speak on the history and development of State Institutions.

The growth of AHRC was dramatically brought out as Chapter after Chapter gave a report of new schools, new social groups, plans for workshops, and above all—public education and understanding.

One of the highlights of the Convention was a resolution to the effect that all Chapters would contribute to a central fund for research on a national level (Upper Hudson Chapter has already sent in \$50 and New York City AHRC has voted \$500).



From left to right, seated: Malvin Cohen, Hyman Mintz, Joseph T. Weingold, Ruth Bennett, Dr. Arthur Pense, Julius Cohen and Bernard M. Fineson. Standing: Clarence Wegman, Kenneth L. Rutherford, Elliott Doan, the Rev. William Wilkins, Benjamin Newberg, Dr. William Crawford, Mildred Dolac, Edward Penzer and Nathan Gainen.

AHRC State Conventions are always full of serious business, but this time we succumbed to the social program planned by our hosts, Sullivan County Chapter. All we could do was to make sure that the cocktail parties and entertainment were sandwiched in between business sessions. Besides the research resolution, other important decisions were as follows:

RESOLVED that the Convention go on record as being in favor of the Fund Raising Drive of the National Association for Retarded Children, and that all local chapters that can are encouraged to participate in whatever way they are able.

RESOLVED that the state organization shall seek to change the present ruling concerning the admission of children with an IQ under 50 to the public school and that, if these efforts are not successful, the matter be brought to a legal conclusion.

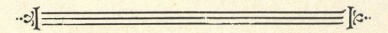
It was voted that the next Convention be held in Schenectady this Fall.

NARC ANNUAL CONVENTION

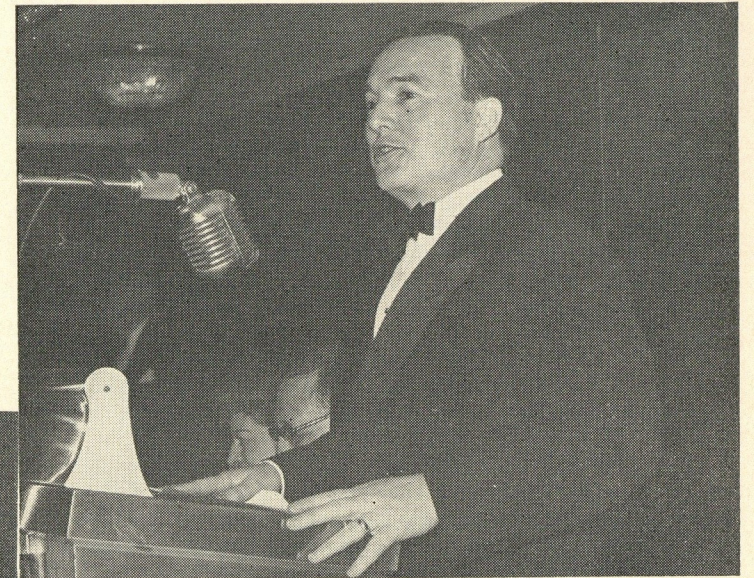
The Annual Convention of the National Association for Retarded Children will take place at the Somerset Hotel, Boston, Mass., on October 21 through 23.

For further information, write to the Boston Association for Retarded Children, P. O. Box 1136, Boston 3, Mass.

5th ANNUAL DINNER SCENES



Left to right: Mrs. Arthur Levitt, Col. Arthur Levitt, Mrs. Elizabeth O'Daly, Principal of P.S. 84, Brooklyn, where AHRC classes are housed; Hon. Neil Lieblich, member, Board of Directors, New York Jewish Child Care Council and Joseph T. Weingold, Executive Director, AHRC.



John Henry Faulk, Toastmaster

ard M. Fineson presenting award to Chris J. De
t Professor of Education at the City College of



President Bernard M. Fineson presenting award to Dr. Leo Kanner, Director of the Children's Psychiatric Service, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md.



President Bernard M. Fineson presenting award to Col. Arthur Levitt, President of the New York City Board of Education.

Left to right: Dr. Lawrence B. Slobody, Director of the Clinic for Retarded Children, Flower-Fifth Avenue Hospital; Dr. Benjamin Kramer, Director of Pediatrics, Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn; Mrs. Kramer.



Left to right: Mrs. Shirley Hulnik, Mrs. Joseph V. Shostak, Joseph V. Shostak, Executive Director, Shield of David Home; Mrs. Edna Baer, Executive Director, New York Jewish Child Care Council; Mrs. Dora Banner.

Minna Bober, member, AHRC Board of Directors; member, AHRC School Committee; Mrs. Paul C. Fahney, Director of Distribution, Greater; President Bernard M. Fineson.



Public School Spaces Asked For AHRC Queens Classes

The Queensboro Federation of Mothers' Clubs, Inc., an affiliation of Mothers' Clubs, Parent-Teacher Associations and Parents' Organizations covering the Borough of Queens, overwhelmingly adopted a resolution at their Convention at the Hotel Statler on May 19, 1954, calling on the Board of Education to make available public school space for classes that may be operated by the AHRC in Queens for trainable children not eligible for public school. This resolution was sparked by Mrs. James J. McGuire, Chairman of the Health and Safety Committee, and by Mrs. John Mastoris, member of the AHRC. It was presented by Mrs. Bernard Senie, Chairman of Resolutions, and Mrs. Sophie Luchs, President of PTA P. S. 163, Queens.

This active support of a civic organization such as the Queensboro Federation of Mothers' Clubs is welcome indeed and speaks volumes for the acceptance our children are finding.

Copies of this Resolution were sent to Dr. William Janzen, Superintendent of Schools, and to all Members of the Board of Education. We hope that such space will be obtained in the Fall so that Queens may have this much needed service.

Cunningham Women's League Continues AHRC Support



President Bernie Fineson meets Bess Meyerson, Maria Riva and Mrs. Edythe Frank, President of the Cunningham Women's League for Handicapped Children at Annual Spring Luncheon, Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, May 15, where the Cunningham Women's League gave \$6000 to AHRC and a similar sum to United Cerebral Palsy of Queens.

"Children Limited" by Purchase Only

We have received many inquiries from members regarding "Children Limited," the National newspaper which has heretofore been distributed gratis to AHRC members.

By decision of the NARC Board of Directors, "Children Limited" is no longer distributed free to members of local affiliates of the National Association.

If you do not subscribe directly to "Children Limited" (\$1 per year, apply to 129 East 52nd St.) you may buy single copies from the office at 25c each.

High Incidence of Mental Retardation In Cerebral Palsy

The importance of mental retardation in cerebral palsy is being more and more confirmed by the work of professionals.

At the conference of the American Association on Mental Deficiency held in Atlantic City on May 18-22, Arthur S. Hill, Educational Director of the New York unit of United Cerebral Palsy noted in an address to the group that "we may accept the fact of intellectual handicap in 50 to 70 per cent of the known instances of cerebral palsy." In commenting on the usually accepted school procedure of putting cerebral palsied children into classrooms for the crippled, Mr. Hill went on to say that "to place him in a group of children with varied crippled conditions—or even with other cerebral palsies—often may be analogous to placing a blind child with a group of deaf mutes." As reported by the New York Times of May 21, the conference was told that, while cerebral palsy is not synonymous with mental deficiency, many victims are mentally handicapped, and therefore the disease must be of major interest to specialists in mental deficiency.

An article on "Intelligence Levels in Cerebral Palsied Children" by Leslie B. Hohman appeared in the October 1953 issue of the American Journal of Physical Medicine. It is an evaluation of the first 600 consecutive case records of the children referred to the Cerebral Palsy Hospital of the State of North Carolina. According to the publication "Exceptional Children," which mentions the article in its March issue, Mr. Hohman "subscribes to the conclusions of Miller and Rosenfeld that at least 75 per cent of all cerebral palsied children are below average in contrast to 20 per cent of the normal population, and at least 50 per cent are seriously retarded and mentally defective. A reevaluation of the whole treatment and education program in the light of these facts is urged."

**Registration For A H R C Parent
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ANNUAL DINNER—(Continued From Page 2)

Ticket Committee—Jack Bakshy, Charlotte Donnelly, Jack Frank, David Gimbel, Rose Horowitz, Lillian Pasternack, Seymour Rubin, Sol Stich, Murray Watskin.

Dinner Book Committee—Jesse Becker, Sy Cohen, Charles Dembow, Lee Frank, George Horowitz, Miriam Jacobs, Meyer Newman, William Pasternack.

Floor Committee—Irving Krakoff, Chairman; Martin Alenick, Florence Alpert, Jack Bakshy, Elaine Blau, Mac Bloom, Florence Dash, Charles Dembow, Ann Greenstein, Helen Gumberg, Frank Helfman, Lydia Hershkovitz, Peggy Holzman, Rose Horowitz, Lillian Isaacson, Helen James, Sidney Leviton, Minnie Lichtenstein, Betty Lincoln, Mrs. Arthur Maisel, Henrietta Margolis, Betty Mastoras, Evelyn Mont, Ruth Oloff, Rose Ossin, Lily Pasternack, Marie Pesch, Ray Puser, Margaret Riva, Margaret Rosenberg, Mildred Rudes, Syd Safer, Flo Schwartz, Jean Serebin, Dorothy Shapins, Bea Winerman.

Reception Committee—Dora Banner, Arlyne Bernstein, Minna Bober, Mildred Fineson, Anne Gitter, Frances Goldstein, Frances Greene, Rita Harris, Peggy Holzman, Shirley Hulnick, Belle Jacobs, Jean Kallor, Annette Karson, Rose Krakoff, Fania Kuris, Ruth Loewer, Rose Nussbaum, Alice

AHRC CHAPTERS SPONSOR CLINICS

The years of educating our professional friends to the need of clinics for the mentally retarded are beginning to bear important fruit. Within the space of a few months, two clinics have been opened on Long Island.

May 1st saw the official opening of the AHRC Coordination and Development Center at Nassau Hospital, Mineola, L. I. This is the first clinic of its kind in Nassau County, and is unique in its approach to a cradle-to-grave program. In addition to the diagnostic and treatment facilities offered, plans call for their integration within the existing resources now available within the community, such as public schools, social agencies, vocational rehabilitation and adult advisement. The waiting list at present numbers over 300.

The staff is as follows: Dr. Alan A. Jaques, Director; Robert W. Mackreth, Assistant Director and head of Social Service; Dr. Eugene A. Stanchi, Chief, Medical Diagnostic Division; Dr. Martin Singer, Chief, Psychology Division; Dr. George R. Krupp, Chief, Psychiatry Division; Professor Chris J. De Prosio, Educational Consultant. Other Division consultants are: Drs. Lisgar B. Eckardt and John W. Shepard, Neurology; Dr. Kenneth B. Brown, Ear, Nose and Throat; Dr. Eugene Buckley, Eye; Drs. James Dick and Allan A. Rubenstein, Endocrinology; Dr. P. A. Robin, Radiology; Dr. Phillip DeWolfe, Surgery; Dr. Otho C. Hudson, Orthopedics; Dr. Ray M. Bowles, Urology; Dr. Raphael Tardera, Dentistry; Dr. David L. Lerner, Allergy; Dr. Richard A. Durham, Pathology; Dr. Leonard R. Rubin, Plastic Surgery.

The Clinic for Exceptional Children of Suffolk County was opened by the Suffolk Chapter of AHRC on June 9th at Huntington Hospital, Huntington, L. I. It is a free diagnostic clinic, for which the Huntington Hospital has agreed to provide laboratory facilities at a minimum charge. Available to all residents of the county, the clinic will be held on alternate Wednesdays.

The staff of specialists, headed by Dr. J. Walter Jacoby, Clinic Director, consists of: Dr. I. Melbourne Greenberg, Neurology and Neuro-Surgery; Dr. E. Raymond Goodrich, Orthopedic Surgery; Dr. Irving Kagen, Pediatrics; Dr. Max Kimbrig, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat; Dr. Sidney Merlis, Psychiatry; Dr. Joseph Walsh, Dentistry; Dr. Leonard Schwartz, Psychology; Mr. Charles A. Stillings, the Northport School psychologist and Mrs. Dorris Schapiro, Speech Therapy. Social service workers are provided by the Women's Auxiliary of Huntington Hospital.

Parents and Handicapped Children Invited To College Summer Course

Western Carolina College, in the small rural village of Cullowhee, N. C., has set up a curriculum this summer in special education in the areas of Retardation and Speech Correction. A most interesting innovation is contained in their prospectus which reads:

"Parents of a handicapped child are invited to come with the child to summer school. Such parents are admitted on the same basis as regular students in the College. They pay the regular summer school fees and sign up for courses which may be taken either for credit or for non-credit. The parent should take at least one course related to the child's difficulty.

"Parent and child may live in the dormitory, where special quarters are provided for their benefit. The child pays room and board, plus \$10.—tuition. An organized recreation program will be provided for the children in the afternoon and evenings."

We think that this shows a great insight into the problems of the handicapped child where frequently parents need education more than either the child or the teacher.

Frank C. McCarthy Honored

Onondaga School Named for Chapter Pres.

Frank C. McCarthy, President of the Onondaga County Chapter, who not only takes such an active lead for AHRC in Syracuse, but who has helped to start AHRC chapters in Broome, Chemung, Oneida-Herkimer, Ontario and Fulton Counties, has been honored by the action of his Board in having the Chapter-sponsored School named after him.

A fully equipped, six-classroom building complete with gym and a hall, was turned over to the Syracuse Chapter by the action of the Lyncourt School Board. The Onondaga Chapter Board then took the further step of naming the School after its President. We can't think of anyone more deserving of this honor!

Book Review

Clemens E. Benda: Developmental Disorders of Mentation and Cerebral Palsies

565 pp. Grune and Stratton, New York, 1952, \$12.75

Reviewed by Joseph Wortis, M. D.

Director of the Division of Pediatric Psychiatry,
The Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn

The book represents the most complete and ambitious attempt in recent years to give a medical account of all the diseases, defects and conditions which cause mental retardation or cerebral palsy. In contrast to so much of the recent scientific literature which concerns itself only with problems and techniques of training and management, this book gets down to fundamentals by describing and discussing the conditions of the brain and nervous system which give rise to these handicaps. Dozens of different types of defect or injury are described, ranging from incomplete development of the brain during the embryonic stage to chemical disorders which affect brain function or damage brain tissue. A unique feature of the book is its combination of clinical histories with actual pathological findings at autopsy, interpreted from a broad and sound point of view and enriched by a command of the scientific literature. Dr. Benda has had the unusual opportunity and equipment to pursue all of these approaches simultaneously over a long period of years. Basing his conclusions on the study of 250 post mortem examinations, he reaches the important conclusion that every patient with a severe mental inadequacy is suffering from some physical brain deficiency, some "organic brain syndrome." At the same time he recognizes that the existence of such a handicapping defect makes it especially necessary to provide appropriate and adequate training for such individuals, and an excellent chapter on the psychologic problems of the intellectually inadequate is contributed by Catherine E. Chipman of the Fernald School.

Among his many sound judgments and conclusions may be mentioned: his recognition of the serious inadequacies of psychological tests as a measure of retardation, his recognition of the significant overlap and frequent identity of what is sometimes called psychosis and sometimes retardation, his de-emphasis of the importance of heredity, and his general emphasis on the importance of prenatal fetal disorders and their relationship to the health of the mother.

A book of this scope is bound to have minor errors. Dr. Benda is much too friendly to the discredited Beck-McKhann operation for revascularisation of the brain, and misses some pertinent references. The book is rather negligent of the important area of brain chemistry. Other experts still disagree with Benda's understanding of mongolism. But these points are unimportant compared with the successful completion of a monumental work which is certain to remain a standard text and reference book for years to come.

Letters To The Editor

Gentlemen:

At your dinner held at the Astor, I pledged \$5.—I am enclosing a check for the above amount, and wish to have it applied toward membership in your organization.

As a teacher of a L. I. Q. class, I have been closely following the work of your organization, and wish to state that it is the most gratifying task ever undertaken.

If there is any way I can be of help, please notify me, and you will have my full cooperation.

God Speed you Well in a task that has no equal.

Sincerely yours,

ESTELLE B. KING, P. S. 93

Man. L. I. Q.

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Dear Mr. Weingold:

We were pleased to read in yesterday's Times of the pilot study which is to be conducted at Camp Poyntelle on how mentally retarded boys and girls adjust to a regular camp program.

If you will be making any reports available at the end of your study, we would deeply appreciate receiving a copy. Of special interest to us is the fact that the retarded will be living in units with campers of normal intelligence.

Our experience in our camps has been primarily with the physically handicapped child, and the pioneering work you are doing will help point the way to us for future action.

All good wishes for great success in this study.

Cordially yours,

(Miss) JOAN L. CARTER,

Adviser, Scouting for the Handicapped

Program Development Division

Girl Scouts of the United States of America

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Dear Mr. Weingold:

The teachers of the Albany-Troy A. H. R. C. Schools send to you and through you to the members of your committees our sincere thanks for your warm welcome and cordial hospitality during the recent conference in New York. We are agreed that the meetings were most stimulating and helpful in many ways. We wish to congratulate you for successfully organizing and conducting a most comprehensive and constructive program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Louise M. Stern

(Mrs.) Bernice Blattberg

(Mrs.) Dorothy Reissig

(Mrs.) Hazel Berns

(Mrs.) Victoria Loker

Dear Mr. Weingold:

Once again you have been of invaluable assistance to us. Your very detailed letter and "Projects Manual" were a great aid in estimating a budget for our proposed shop.

We are much encouraged by the success of your own shop and the rapidity with which you have been able to expand.

Thank you again for your very informative letter.

Very truly yours,

DENA L. SKALKA

North Essex Section

National Council of Jewish Women

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Dear Mr. Weingold:

. . . I have just read the excellent March-April issue of "Our Children's Voice." Congratulations to all the wonderful work done by the AHRC and you personally. In a relatively short period of time you came to interest wider circles of humans in this our question than one could have dreamed of, let us say, 10 years ago.

Thank you again for all this, as mother of a retarded child.

Sincerely yours,

MIMI FLOCH

139 Payson Ave.

New York 34, N. Y.

College Offers Parent-Education Course

Brooklyn College, through its Adult Education Division, is offering a course entitled "Problems of Handicapped Children and their Parents" beginning in October. Meeting Monday nights from 8-10 p.m., the course is designed to help answer individual questions concerning rehabilitation and to give parents a greater understanding of the diagnostic and treatment problems underlying the care of a retarded child. Problems will be taken up individually and in group discussions.

There are no formal requirements. Anyone interested in handicapped children may register. Registration should be made now in person or by mail to: Adult Education, Brooklyn College, Bedford Ave. and Ave. H, Brooklyn 10, N. Y. for Course No. A 50.5. The fee is \$10.

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