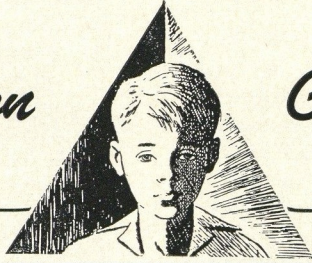


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Retarded Children



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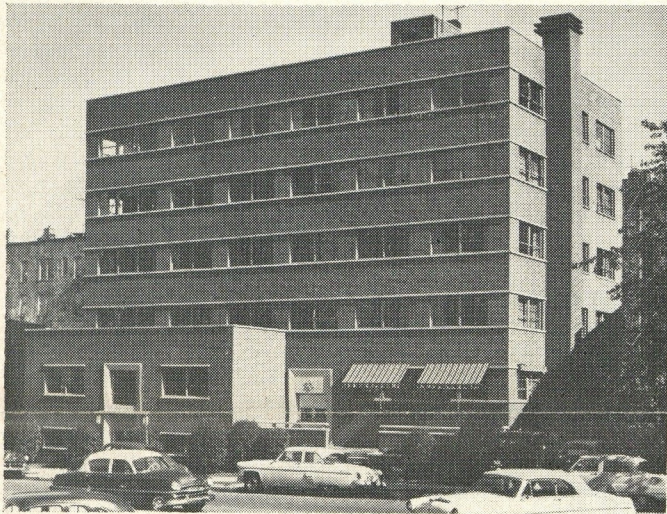
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NEW SERVICE FOR RETARDED CHILDREN OPENED

Shield of David Sponsors New Facility



Shield of David Home

On August 1 of this year the doors of the Shield of David Home at 1800 Andrews Avenue, Bronx, were opened, offering mentally retarded children and their parents a unique service in the community.

The program includes a centralized service to which parents can turn for help, beginning with a diagnosis and evaluation of the problem both of the child and the family. After such evaluation there will be an interpretation to the family and the application of such finding in planning a total program for the child and the family. In addition, direct services to the child are offered to implement such plans. These services include speech therapy, elementary social group experiences, training in the activities of daily living, etc. Classes will be set up for these purposes. For the families, aid will be rendered in providing counselling and management help, together with home training courses for such parent groups.

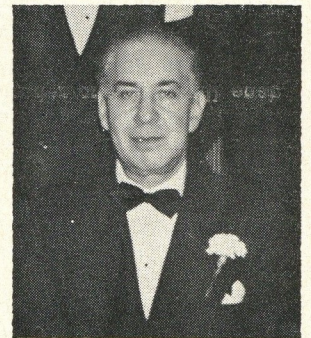
The Institute for Retarded Children will accept the following groups of children: 1. Children aged 4 to 7 years, who appear to be potentially acceptable for Public School special classes, and for whom some pre-school training is desirable, 2. Children aged 4 to 12 years who do not appear to be admissible to the Public School special classes, and therefore need an intensive form of therapeutic and educational program, and 3. The parents of children from birth to 4, who require case work services, home training

programs, parental guidance and planning.

"It is hoped that this will accomplish many things," stated Joseph Shostak, Executive Director of the Shield of David. "In the first place, it is hoped that some of the long waiting lists at the other clinics will be relieved, but in addition we feel that these services under one roof will enable us to go much further with the child and the family. It provides a sure bridge between planning and implementation."

The Shield of David Home for Girls was established in 1921. During the past 33 years it has served thousands of orphaned and little homeless girls, bringing them up in an atmosphere and environment of home, avoiding the institutional regimentation of living. In 1949 a new five story building, embodying the finest and most modern principles of construction was erected by the Shield. The Home consists of separate apartment dwellings, each with its own dining room, kitchen, bedrooms, study rooms, etc. Ample provision is made for recreation rooms, classrooms, medical facilities and outdoor playgrounds and play terraces.

Finding its facilities not being used to capacity, the Shield began a survey to find out what great unmet needs of children there were in the community that it could serve in addition to the initial program. Although many worthy causes were presented, the needs of the mentally retarded stood out in almost every report. "This was so obvious a fact," stated Mr. Joseph L. Greenberg, President of the Shield, "that our Board of Directors authorized immediate exploration of how our building and facilities could best serve the mentally retarded. In cooperation with the Association for the Help of Retarded Children, the present program was set up. Housed in the Shield half-million dollar building and with the carefully selected staff, we know it will be productive of many benefits to the retarded children of this city."



Joseph L. Greenberg

The program is being wholly financed by the Shield of David and co-sponsored by the AHRC. A member of the New York Jewish Child Care Council, the Home was

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Mentally Retarded Children CAN Be Helped by Boy Scouting

by Earl R. Allyn,
Director of Activities

Greater New York Councils, Boy Scouts of America

When Howard Kamen of the Queens Division of the AHRC first approached me regarding the feasibility of organizing a Boy Scout Unit composed entirely of mentally retarded boys, I could only offer the total resources of the Greater New York Councils to assist him, but our experience in dealing with this type of an organization was nil. We first discussed the possibility of using parts of both the Boy Scout program and the Cub Scout program in order to reach the mental age level of the boy. In discussing this thought with Dr. Ben Locke, psychiatrist with the VA and a Scouter, he was of the opinion that all of the boys would be able to do the regular Boy Scout program if we gave them the chance.

The three of us constituted ourselves as a team for the organization of a Troop in Queens. After four meetings with the parents and in many instances with the boys present, during which we oriented them in what Scouting was and what it could do for boys, we then applied for a charter which was granted to the Association for the Help of Retarded Children of New York, and given the number of 322. The Scoutmaster is the father of one of the boys and members of the committee are all parents of mentally retarded boys. During the brief time since the Unit was organized, the Scouts have all been able to learn the lengthy Scout Law and the Scout Oath. Fingers that found difficulty in coordination were soon made to form the Scout sign. The major difficulty in teaching the boys to shape their hand in the Scout sign was with the parents and not with the boys. The parents would attempt to protect their boy from the efforts, but Dr. Locke was able to encourage the parents to let their boy try—and the net result was a tremendous feeling of accomplishment to the boy when he succeeded in doing this job.

It is our feeling that the uniform of the Boy Scouts of America gives these young men a great stride forward toward the feeling of belonging and being a part of the tremendous organization that up to this time had not been available to them. From my own observation, every member of this Troop will profit by his great enthusiasm and will continue to do the things that Scouting has to offer as good Boy Scouts.

We of the Boy Scouts of America have a warm feeling of satisfaction in knowing that what started out as an experiment has proven to us and to parents of mentally retarded children that our program is one that can be adapted to the mentally retarded, and we stand ready to assist in the organization of as many Units and of as many types as are requested by the parents of these fine young men.

First Oneida-Herkimer School

Ten month's after the start of the Chapter, Oneida-Herkimer announces the opening of a school in a school building secured from the New Hartford Board of Education. The school will be located in Washington Mills, one mile south of Utica.

Elliott Hunt, President of the Chapter, reports that they are already up to capacity and have a long waiting list. Lest anyone remark, what is so wonderful about starting a school after ten months, we hasten to point out that this school is starting with four teachers. This, we are sure, is just the beginning for these active counties.

DONOR DOINGS

With the start of the 1954-55 Social Season upon us, things are beginning to hum among our Donor Groups. Some of the plans are already completely formulated, some of them are still in the blueprint stage. Here are those that were reported to us as set:

CUNNINGHAM WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN started off with their Installation of Officers and Executive Board on September 21 at the Hollis Hills Jewish Center. John Henry Faulk, star of CBS Radio and TV, was the installing officer. Presentation of a playlet "Sound of Sunday" and—of course—the serving of refreshments, rounded out the evening. Next on the agenda is their Donor Luncheon on October 2 at the Hotel Statler, followed by the Fashion Show and Social Meeting (with Eloise McElhone as Mistress of Ceremony) on October 19, Card Party on October 27, Paid-up Membership Party on November 16, and the Annual Christmas Party for CP and our children in December. Quite a schedule, that!

LADIES' AUXILIARY, MORRIS J. SOLOMON SUNSHINE FUND has set October 20 for a Luncheon and Theatre Party as the opening salvo of the fund-raising campaign. Locale of the Luncheon is the Terrace Room of the Plaza Hotel and the play is "On Your Toes." Another matinee is planned for November and a Bazaar for the first week in December. Moreover, it is our pleasant duty to report that the Ladies contributed \$300 towards floor linoleum in the Morris J. Solomon Clinic Rooms. We felt like moving in, too!

GERTRUDE VOS CHILDREN'S FUND is planning a Luncheon and Card Party for October 20th at the Sachs Auditorium in the Bronx and a Donor Dinner for December 7 at the Hotel Empire. Also, a Fall Rummage Sale for which rummage is needed—Contact Sarah Vos DA 9-8746.

LADIES' AUXILIARY, LOUIS FLEISCHMANN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY is definitely set for its 30th Anniversary Dinner Dance on November 21 at the Pelham Health Inn.

And on November 13th, LENA INVALID AID is giving its 60th—yes—60th Anniversary Dinner Dance and testimonial to their President Emeritus, Lillian Segall.

Oh, THEODORA where is news, where is news. And JOSHUA, too.

NEW SERVICE FOR RETARDED

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greatly aided in this development by the indefatigable work of Edna Baer, Executive Director of the Council. Dr. Helen Wallace, Director of the Bureau for Handicapped Children of the Department of Health and Dr. Lawrence B. Slobody, Head of the Theodora Clinic for Retarded Children at Flower Fifth Ave. Hospital also gave much of their time and efforts.

Under the guidance of Dr. Harry D. Pasachoff, Chief of Pediatrics at Morrisania Hospital, a staff of the highest professional caliber is being assembled. Some of those already engaged are Miss Elsie Siff, Psychiatric Social Worker, Miss Donal B. Lithauer, Clinical Psychologist, and Miss Ruth Mallison, a specially trained teacher and group worker. When completed the staff will include a Psychiatrist, Speech Therapist and others in addition to those named.

Applications for admission to the Institute may be made by written application to the AHRC or directly to the Shield of David Institute for Retarded Children.

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Joan and Jim

McConnell and Family



The following, I am informed by Jim are some of the highlights in a rather hectic career. Joan's point of origin was Fort William, Ontario, Canada, with Lake Superior on one side and surrounded by gold, silver and nickel mines and huge forests on the other three sides. Temperature goes down to 48 below. Educated in the Canadian schools and with effort (writes Jim) mastered the English language. Migrated to New York at the age of 22 by way of Minneapolis. She is one of thirteen children.

Jim was born in Minneapolis where temperature goes down to 38 below. Educated, he says, to some extent in the public schools of the state and the State university. Moved to New York in 1935. Joan was his secretary in the same company for three years when he married her and subsequently has taken dictation from her (he writes).

Have two daughters, Susan, 14, and Margot, 12. Susan is at the head of her class in first year high school. Margot, born at the same hospital and with the same obstetrician, is a mongoloid. Let Jim tell it. "Probably the full realization of what this meant did not come to us," he writes, "until she approached school age. During her earlier years she was treated the same as her sister and given the same course of training. The time and patience required to train her, of course, was many times that of her sister. However, today those hours have been productive, as she is a thoroughly adjusted and socially acceptable youngster but she has the moments of obstinancy and mulish stubbornness of her old man."

Margot has attended a special class in the public school in Hauppauge, L. I. since 1950, one of the few classes that accepts a child of low I. Q. And that is part of the story of Joan and Jim McConnell.

They first heard of the AHRC in Carle Place, Long Island, where the Long Island Chapter was formed. Jim was the first President and Joan Corresponding Secretary until 1952 when they moved to their present home in Smithtown, Suffolk County. In January they organized the Suffolk County Chapter and again assumed the same offices. Thus they are the only members of AHRC who have organized two Chapters and served as officers of both.

And now they must move to New Jersey where King Merritt & Co., security dealers, of which Jim is Vice President has moved its offices. The work of Nassau and Suffolk Chapters accomplished is due in great part to the untiring efforts of the McConnells, pioneers in AHRC. He says they want to rest, but I know we will be addressing them soon as President and Corresponding Secretary again.

MEET OUR CHILDREN

"We are sending you a snap-shot of our little girl who is seven years old now, and is able to climb alone on the sliding pond," writes John Milano of Long Island City.

"We wished to have her picture placed in our newspaper."

"Her name is Olga Milano. She was born June 20, 1947 at Bronx Maternity Hospital. Her retardation is due to a birth injury. She is unable to chew her food or eat by herself yet. Rides a bicycle and does quite a bit of talking. We are unable to place her in any school as yet. We understand there is none for her. She loves music."



Olga Milano

We hope that some day soon there will be a school for Olga and the many like her.

Please send us pictures of the children so the world may learn to know that above all they are children, children who need help.

**Registration Still Open For
Parent Education Courses and School
for Mothers**

MANY MORE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED

Once more, this year, the Association sent needy mentally retarded children to camp for a three week period.

Increased funds contributed by the Sarah Starkman League, Esther Baila League, Womens Kew Gardens League, Mary Mann Society, and the Temple Club enabled us to grant scholarships to 46 boys and girls. Over 100 applications were received and only the lack of funds prevented us from sending more. Donations for this purpose totaled over \$5000, with more than half coming from Sarah Starkman League.

Eleven of the children, all from CRMD special classes in the public schools, were sent to Camp Poyntelle in an experiment which, we believe, will have wide significance for other organization camps for normal children. The others were sent to Camp Arlen, Pine Grove, LeeMar, Avalon and Rugby Day Camp.

The need and value of camping for the physically handicapped have long been recognized. The camping program of the AHRC and the other parents groups merely illustrates once more that the needs of the mentally retarded children are the same as those of all children, plus, and that providing these experiences for them is necessary and rewarding.

We look forward to the day when organization camps interested in camping for the handicapped will turn their attention seriously to camping for the mentally retarded.

**AHRC Projects Featured in
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HAVE YOU VOLUNTEERED?

Chapter News

(Much is going on in the AHRC chapters all over the state, but we wish to devote most of this section to some of the newer members of the family. One of the chapters has put their development in diary form. The record is typical of what is happening all over the country and the courage and determination of the parents to help themselves. Editor)

Diary of Fulton County A. H. R. C. 1953-1954

MAY 10, 1953

Well tonight was the night! After what seemed like many months of endless phone calls, visits, letters, etc., we finally completed arrangements for our ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING. We, a handful of interested folks, approached the evening with mixed emotions—excitement, fear, worry and joy too. The anticipation proved no greater than the realization and our efforts were crowned with success. About 150 people gathered at the Blvd. School to see what we were up to. We all listened avidly to the speakers headed by Mr. Weingold and before the evening was over, the Fulton County A.H.R.C. was born—Then began the growing pains.

JUNE 10

Our first meeting! How we waited with bated breath to see how many prospective members would show up. Ten eager people arrived at the Y.M.C.A. and we began to plan—

JUNE 24

Another big "first." (Even the weather was with us.) Our first fund raising activity—A Garden Tea. We needed money to start the nursery class and we raised \$150 in the garden of our Fund Raising Chairlady's home.

JULY 7

We will never, but never, forget the five little ones, each tightly clutching Mamma's hand on the first day of school. Of our 12 members, 5 parents had children under 7 years and this first class was for those children. We fixed up the nursery room of the Jewish Community Center in Gloversville with begged and borrowed items and two professional teachers on a volunteer basis. We meet two afternoons a week.

AUGUST 11

We now feel secure in our future, so we have applied for Chapter Status in A.H.R.C. We have 14 members.

SEPTEMBER 25

Today we gave a party for the children in the special class (50-75 I.Q.) of our Public School. We are trying to reach those parents and interest them in our work. 20 children and a few parents enjoyed the refreshments and puppet show.

OCTOBER 20

Today we moved our school to rooms at the Freemont Street Methodist Church. Our group has two sessions—Monday afternoon for all of the children (7) and Thursday morning for the 3 older, who are 10, 11, and 15 years. We have three teachers on a one dollar per hour salary.

NOVEMBER 9

Through our efforts we organized a meeting of all the School Principals in the entire County, to discuss the formation of classes for the 50-75 I.Q. children outside of Gloversville. There is no such class and great need.

CHRISTMAS

Lots of parties, for us, by us, etc.—all happy and successful. We have launched a fund raising letter campaign.

JANUARY 27, 1954

A very big day for us. We have all worked very hard, but it was worth it! We have just netted \$600 as a result of a wonderful Card Party.

FEBRUARY 10

A very, very big day for us—We have moved our school to the magnificent kindergarten room in the new Park Terrace Public School Building. The public is being forced to take notice of us. We are beside ourselves with joy—Our room is ideal. We have purchased good equipment. We have nine children composing two classes, each meeting twice a week. We have three teachers receiving \$2.00 per hour, two volunteers, and volunteer transportation for our children.

FEBRUARY 14

Today we started something new—A social group for the five girls in the special class at the Public School. They meet once a week to talk, cook, play games, etc. They will really have fun.

MARCH 20

Today we made some more money and publicity. The local chapter of the Barbershop Quartette Society put on a benefit performance and we received a share of the profits—\$166. This is the first group to undertake raising money for us.

MARCH 24

The parents of the children in our school have formed a P.T.A. They want to help with school problems—Also decided to charge \$1.50 per week tuition.

APRIL 12

We will send 2 delegates to the convention at Monticello—

FOR THE FUTURE—Full time professional teacher and 5 day a week school. Establishment of a library. Arrangement for a Psychiatric Advisor to our chapter.

Snow Balls In August For Nassau Chapter

A snowball fight on a hot August night is a cooling thought. Well, this became a reality one Saturday night that month at a block party in Levittown.

The snowballs were made and stored in a freezer by the children of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Sanderson who remembered about them just in time. They were sold to raise funds for the Nassau Chapter, and so the snow ball fight. The party with food donated by local supermarkets, broom dances, etc. was a cool success.

Chickens, Chickens, Chickens

More than 1000 broilers were processed during the "Help the Retarded Children" barbecue put on to aid the Cayuga County Chapter school. The barbecue was put on by the Grange League Federation of Auburn and some of the poultry was donated by 4-H Club boys and girls. A profit of some \$700 was made.

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BORO BUZZINGS

Boroughs are buzzing like beehives with planning activities now that the cold weather seems to have really started. Big effort of the New York area will be directed—we hope!—towards the Big November Campaign for Retarded Children all over the nation and the exploitation of the effects that this will have locally.

The BRONX is all set for its Annual Card Party on Thursday, October 28th at the Elsmere Hall. Chairmen (or should we say 'chairgirls') are Sarah Raynor and Fania Kuris. Jean Katz is treasurer, and over-all Program Chairman for the whole borough is, of course, the omnipresent Sylvia Schacter.

BROOKLYN'S Annual Card Party and Bazaar will be held on Wednesday, November 17th, at the Menora Temple, 50th Street and 14th Avenue under the able chairmanship of Lee Frank. Subscription is \$1.

QUEENS is planning a Card Party for early December. That borough is really rolling up its sleeves in preparation for the fund drive that is to follow National Retarded Children's Week, with special emphasis on the door-to-door campaign.

Of CITY-WIDE interest is the A.H.R.C. Luncheon and Fashion Show on November 15th in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Pierre. The show will be produced by Lester Gaba, and both Mrs. Robert Wagner and Arlene Francis have promised to attend.

The first Outdoor Can Campaign in our history is set for November 22 through 24, and the Thanksgiving March (door-to-door) for the evening of November 23. The Port Authority has given us permission for our volunteers to solicit from November 29 to December 12.

Those are the plans. How effective and far-reaching their results will be is up to each and everyone of our members, our friends and well-wishers. On all our combined efforts depends the reaction of the public and the community. Public opinion forces the hand of the legislator, the professional, the researcher. And in this way the impossible dream turns one day into reality!

ALL-DAY RADIO MARATHON FOR CLINTON CHAPTER

The Plattsburgh Kiwanis Club's Committee for the Underprivileged Children sponsored an all day radio appeal over Station WIRY in May for the benefit of the building drive of Clinton County AHRC.

Kiwanians with large badges picked up contributions that were phoned in. All talent was local, with a number of parochial and public high school bands and glee clubs participating. The goal of \$4000 was oversubscribed and the chapter is now in the process of planning a building for the school and other activities.

CLINIC FOR PUTNAM

The Children's Clinic, sponsored by the Putnam County Chapter, AHRC, was dedicated at the Mahopac Hospital on August 27th. The clinic is patterned after those at the Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital and the Jewish Hospital in Brooklyn.

Although organized only six months ago as a chapter, a small group of parents led by Sylvia and Russell Mahar have been working hard on the problem. The beginning of the clinic so soon after the organization of the chapter speaks for the grand job that was done.

The clinic will service Putnam, Northern Westchester and Dutchess Counties.

Overnight Hikes and Outings For the AHRC Scouts



60th Precinct Coordinating Council Outing for AHRC Scouts

Overnight trips, hikes and outings seems to be getting to be a very usual thing for our children. Who would have thought a few short years ago that our Cubs and Scouts would conduct themselves in such exemplary manner on these occasions that our Packs and Troops are rapidly becoming the pride and joy of the whole Scouting Organization?

Pioneers in the overnight hike department were Cub Pack No. 529 (Brooklyn) with their trip to Camp Alpine, N. J. on the weekend of June 5. But let the Report of Assistant Cubmaster Melvin Benefield tell the story:

"In planning for the overnight trip, we found that there were not enough cars available to accommodate all, so some of the Scouts and Dads went up by bus. I appointed Mr. Camanati to be in charge of this group. The bus arrived at camp at 9 a.m. The Scouts had cleaned the cabin and campsite by the time the rest of the group arrived, which was at 10 a.m. All seemed glad to be out in the open air.

"The equipment was then unpacked and facilities inspected. After inspection, different games were played until lunchtime. The Scouts were having such a good time, they were reluctant to stop playing when chow was ready. However, the menu of tomato juice, corned beef sandwiches, milk and cake was a good persuader."

The high spot of the day, after a steak dinner and K. P., was the campfire and songfest in the evening. The next day there were religious services in the morning, and camp broke about 2 p.m.

"The most repeated question was 'when is the next hike?' " the report continues. "From this I judged that this overnight — which is the first one for these boys — was a huge success."

On June 19-20, Scout Troop 422 (Queens) made its first overnight trip. High officials from the Boy Scout Organization happened to be at Camp Alpine that weekend, and were so impressed with our boys that—in their own words—any A.H.R.C.-sponsored project will henceforth be of special concern to them.

And on September 18, the 60th Precinct Coordinating Council, a community group, gave our Scouts an outing at Coney Island, which they hope to turn into an annual affair. Hot dogs, French fries, crackerjack, lollipops were for free, as was the police-escorted bus provided by the Council. All the rides at Steeplechase were on the house. The only questionable thing about the event is 'who had a better time—the boys or the accompanying grown-ups?' The grateful thanks of the Association go to the 60th Precinct Coordinating Council and all those who made this possible.

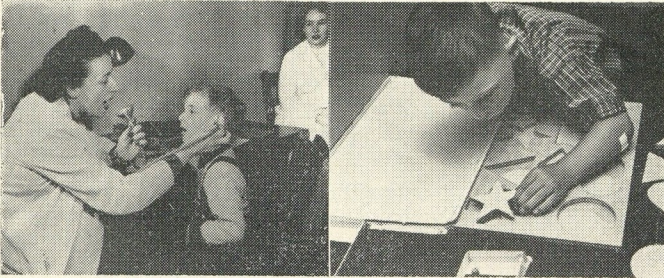
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PROJECTS FOR THE RETARDED OF

Recent inquiries from our membership indicate that there are a number of projects operated or sponsored by the Association with which many members and others are unfamiliar. To enable those interested to understand our work and avail themselves of these services, these projects are now being listed and described.

1. CLINICS

The Association contributes to the support of 2 clinics in New York City and co-sponsors a third. The two clinics receiving AHRC financial support are the Morris J. Solomon Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Retarded Children at the Jewish Hospital in Brooklyn and the Theodora Clinic for Retarded Children at the Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospital in Manhattan. Both these clinics have waiting lists of more than a year each.



The age limit in Brooklyn is 14. The age limit at Flower Hospital is 11. These ages apply to the date of application. If the child is under these ages at that time, he will be accepted into the clinic when his turn is reached regardless of his age upon acceptance. The Brooklyn clinic will take residents of Brooklyn only, except when the child is mongoloid under the age of 4. Children of this type and age are accepted from anywhere for a special research project. The Flower Hospital will accept children from anywhere except Brooklyn.

Applications may be made through the AHRC or directly to the clinics. Clinic fees are set by the clinics and the Association has no part in that. Fees at Flower Fifth are on a fixed basis, with due consideration for inability to pay. Fees at Brooklyn Jewish are on a sliding scale, with the same consideration. No one is refused admission because of inability to pay.

The services include a full diagnostic workup, treatment where indicated and possible, parental guidance and help in planning, speech therapy, some group work with the children on a very limited basis and follow up.

The third service under this heading is the Shield of David Institute for Retarded Children at the Shield of David Home, 1800 Andrews Avenue, Bronx. Applications may be made through the Association or directly to the Institute. The services are for children from birth to 12.

The Institute provides diagnosis and evaluation of the child, interpretation, parent guidance and direct services on a limited basis, such as management help, social group experiences, speech therapy, pre-school classes, etc. The Institute is wholly supported financially by the Shield of David. The Association acts in an advisory capacity.

Admission is by application in writing to the AHRC or directly to the Institute.

2. SCHOOLS

The Association operates two day schools, one located in public school space in P. S. 84 Brooklyn, Stone and

Glenmore Avenues, the other the Joshua School in the Bronx at 2438 DeVoe Terrace.

These classes are primarily for children who are ineligible for public school placement because of low intellectual functioning or for other reasons, as too young, socially immature, etc. Children are accepted from age 5 to 14 for initial admission.

Admission is by application to the Association only.

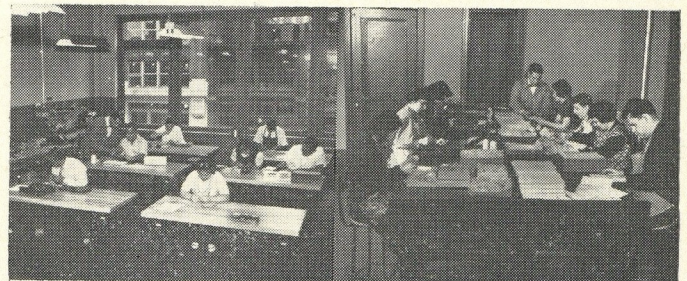


The classes are in session from 9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. daily on the same days as public school classes are in session. Transportation is provided by station wagons and bus where the parent desires it and it is feasible. Children bring their own lunch. The school provides juices, etc., for mid-morning snacks.

Fees are as follows: \$5.00 for initial testing. If accepted, the tuition is \$50 per month plus \$17.50 per month for transportation. These are the maximum fees. The Association provides scholarships where needed, upon confirmation by a case worker and the Scholarship Committee. No child is refused service because of inability to pay, within the limits of the Association funds.

3. TRAINING CENTERS AND SHELTERED WORKSHOPS

The Association now operates two Training Centers and Sheltered Workshops, one at 724 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, and the other at 303 Fourth Avenue, Manhattan. At present the Brooklyn Workshop is staffed by a supervising teacher, a teacher and a part time social worker. There is also a consulting psychiatrist. Capacity is 24 workers. The Manhattan Workshop, now staffed by one super-



vising teacher, will expand to the same capacity and staff as the Brooklyn Workshop.

The purpose of the facility is to provide a training and work situation for adult mental retardates, aged 18 and over, after their schooling is over, in a sheltered environment. The optimum aim is placement in industry, if possible; if not, then to provide a sheltered working situation as for the physically handicapped.

ERATED OR SPONSORED BY AHRC

Admission is by application directly to the AHRC. No applications will be accepted at the Workshops. The time spent at the workshop approximates a work day after an initial training period. No transportation is provided and workers provide for their own lunch. A tuition fee of \$35 per month is charged, with provision for scholarship in the case of inability to pay all or part of this amount. It is to be noted, however, that as soon as possible even during the training period the trainees receive wages for the work done. All effort is made to train by performing commercially valuable operations.

4. RECREATION SERVICES

As part of its program, the Association provides numerous recreational services on a group basis. No program, whether for young or adults, is complete without provision for recreation, making friends, use of leisure time. Deeply aware of this, the Association program in this direction is continually expanding, serving public school children (CRMD) and those whose education has been terminated by the schools. This program now consists of groups for the younger child (scouting), teenagers, adults, and camping.



a. SCOUTING AND PROGRAMS FOR THE YOUNG

The Association now sponsors Cub Pack No. 529 in Brooklyn for CRMD boys, 8 to 14, Cub Pack No. 207, Bronx, for the same type of children, and Boy Scout Troop No. 322 in Queens for boys, 11 to 16, in the public school special classes.

In addition there are the following recreation programs for younger children; Group for Girls, 7 to 12, from special classes in public school. This is co-sponsored by Senior Girl Scout Troop 4-217, Queens. It meets on Saturdays.

An Arts and Crafts Group for teen age boys and girls, 13 to 17, meeting Saturdays in Brooklyn.

A Teen age group for boys, 13 to 16, co-sponsored with Bronx House, meets Saturdays at Bronx House.

A teen age group for girls, 13 to 16 will meet Saturdays at the Joshua School in the Bronx.

Admission is by application in writing to the AHRC.

b. SOCIAL GROUPS FOR ADULTS

The groups now serve 122 young men and women throughout the city. There are 2 Bronx Groups, meeting at Walton High School one evening a week, 1 Manhattan Group meeting one evening a week at the Godmothers League, 1 Manhattan Group co-sponsored by the Educational Alliance, 2 Brooklyn Groups meeting at the High School for Home Making, 2 Queens Groups, and 1 Canteen in Brooklyn.

These serve mentally retarded from 17 and over under the supervision of trained group leaders. Social workers

are attached to each of the groups. Admission is by application in writing to the AHRC only. Fees are \$10.00 per year.

The Canteen serves those individuals who have shown in the groups that they can function without this social supervision of group leaders. It is staffed by volunteers.

c. CAMPING

The Association provides scholarships for a limited number of mentally retarded children for three weeks of camping each.

Applications must be made directly to Camp Committee at the AHRC offices. Children aged 5 to 16 are eligible for consideration.

5. GENERAL SERVICES

a. PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM

Each year, in accordance with the demand, the Association conducts a series of lectures by various authorities for parents of mentally retarded children.



In addition there is a School for Mothers of children under 6 to consider problems of training and management.

Admission is by application to the AHRC.

b. INFORMATION SERVICE

A complete service of information on all facilities, private and public, for the mentally retarded in New York State is available to any one who asks for it.

c. CONSULTATION SERVICES

The staff of the Association includes a social worker available on a limited basis for parents who require some guidance and counseling which cannot be obtained through other community facilities.

d. COORDINATION SERVICES

As a state association we assume responsibility for coordinating the activities of our chapters throughout the state in addition to operating the program in New York City. Our staff is available to all agencies and groups to aid in any endeavor for the benefit of the mentally retarded.

e. THE AHRC

Perhaps one of the most important functions the Association performs is to provide the opportunity for parents and interested persons to meet with each other as members of a group such as this. Here they can find others with the same problems and join together with them to try to find solutions by direct service projects, legislative efforts, and stimulation of public interest through a program of public education.

Anyone can join a committee that fits his interest. There is a CRMD COMMITTEE for those interested in children in the special classes of the public schools, an INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE, a LEGAL and LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, FUND RAISING, MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE and others.

Any member of the Association is eligible to serve on these committees. Membership dues are \$5.00 per year per family.

AHRC Projects - Staff Changes

The extent and speed of growth of the A.H.R.C. is exemplified by the staff changes and additions that have taken place in recent months.



Mira Eitingon

Mira Eitingon was named Director of Publicity at the beginning of the summer. She had previously done radio publicity for station WMCA, and her prior editorial experience in the news, entertainment and fashion fields has provided her with many contacts and 'ins' into those territories. With the active cooperation of A.H.R.C. members and friends, these can be exploited to the greatest benefit of the Association.

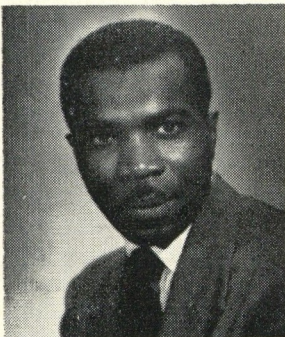
Our new Director of Schools is Mrs. Julia M. Long, who comes to us equipped with 24 years' experience in teaching, the last six of which were spent in C.R.M.D. classes at the Girls' High School in Brooklyn. Mrs. Long is a graduate of Danbury State Teachers' College, Danbury, Conn., and of Columbia University. She is taking the place of Mrs. Jane Patterson, who is retiring temporarily to a life of domesticity in Ohio. All our good wishes go with Mrs. Patterson, now Mrs. Sergeant, who served our children's needs so ably and devotedly for two years.



Julia M. Long

Other new teachers appointed to the Joshua School are Jean Wander and Mrs. Ilse Schrott; and Evelyn Schoenfeld to the Brooklyn classes in P. S. 84. New speech therapists are Mae Matler and Phyllis Rooder.

The Brooklyn Workshop and Training Center has a new Supervisor. He is Jesse Perry, holder of an A. B. in Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania and of an M. S. in Psychological Services from City College. He did a Psychological Internship with the Department of Institutions and Agencies of New Jersey and has engaged in advanced work in Educational Psychology at New York University. Mr. Perry has worked as a resident counselor with emotionally disturbed boys and has taught elementary, CRMD and classes for Cerebral Palsy children at P. S. 135.



Jesse Perry

David Steinberg has been appointed School Psychologist for the growing A.H.R.C. classes. He received both his B. S. and his M. S. in Education from City College in New York and is working on his Ph. D. at New York University. He has a heavy background in clinical psychology, psychological testing and play therapy.

GIL HANKE, NARC PRESIDENT, DIES

On July 19th, in Grand Rapids, Mich., Gilbert A. Hanke, president of the National Association for Retarded Children, died of an acute illness. In taking over the office of president left open by Gil Hanke's passing, Martin F. Papish of Philadelphia, 1st vice president, sent a letter to all national affiliates in which he wrote, "In a very real sense, he gave his life for the cause of retarded children. Thousands of our members have heard him speak compellingly on his favorite theme . . . Few, however, have seen the full breadth of his devotion, of his tireless application to all phases, large and small, of our increasingly complex activities . . . We can be grateful that he found so much personal happiness in giving so freely of himself to a great cause."

Planks For Mentally Retarded Included In Platforms

The platforms of both political parties in New York State include planks for the mentally retarded for the first time in their history. This is a major recognition of the problem and bodes well for future legislative efforts.

The Republican Party plank pledges the continuation of experimentation in the field of mental retardation. It was included through the efforts of President Fineson. The Democratic Party held open platform hearings this year in Buffalo, Syracuse and New York City. Bob Sager appeared in Buffalo and Mrs. Frank McCarthy spoke in Syracuse. When Jerry Weingold showed up in New York. Mr. Finletter, Chairman of the Platform Committee, informed him that they knew all about mental retardation from the previous splendid presentations.

The next step is legislation and we must leave no step untaken to follow our more progressive sister states of New Jersey and Massachusetts who have already gotten more important legislation this year.

HEREDITY FACTOR WEIGHED IN RECENT STUDIES

Findings Suggest Low Percentage Inherited

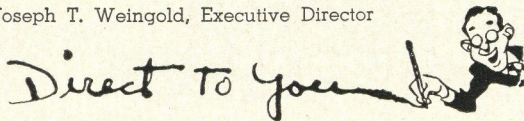
In recent studies, brought to the public's attention in Dr. Herman N. Bundezen's newspaper column, the inheritance factor as the cause of mental retardation was found to suggest a smaller ratio than previously credited.

Of 419 children handicapped by mental retardation, cerebral palsy and epilepsy, only one out of six cases had a heredity basis. More than half were shown to have suffered injury at birth.

From this study, Dr. Bundezen pointed out the importance of protecting infants from handicapping damage at the time of birth. Prevention of such harm has been a source of intensive examination and various methods have been tried to decrease the number in regard to the many hazards of labor, the dosage of excessive sedatives and heavy anesthetics during delivery, indiscriminate use of instruments and unchecked complications of the pregnancy.

Recognition by the medical profession that the heredity factor may not be the dominant cause of permanent defects has directed their efforts to more study and full examination of these long disputed enigmas.

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In the last issue of *Children Limited*, the National Association newspaper, the editor asks the question: With 4,500,000 retarded individuals in this country, why are so comparatively few parents of the retarded members of the various parents groups? He suggests not only lack of publicity, but even in the case where there is a lot of publicity it is not geared to reach the parents.

This may be true, but I humbly suggest that it reflects slightly an ivory tower point of view. Those of us who work closely day after day with the parents in the various groups know there is another, even for cogent reason that can only become evident from this daily contact with parents coming for advice, counseling and help. The AHRC has had a counseling, information and coordination service for almost two years. It is used by every agency in New York City and many throughout the state. Last year alone we processed over 2,400 inquiries and referrals, with over 500 personal interviews in the office. Should not most of these have resulted in membership? Is there any better publicity than telling the parents face to face? Oh, we got members, but not in the numbers suggested by these figures.

Why? We feel that the answer to that question is in one of the letters we received from an inactive parent last summer. "I have," he writes, "for the longest time received mail from your organization, but because of the fact that not too much was done for the children involved I did not pay too much attention. However I see and read that some good results are starting to show fruit, and I should like to become a member. I also have a son who is mentally retarded, has attended low IQ classes when he was younger and also was at Letchworth Village for almost a year. He is 20 years old now."

"He reads and writes quite well," the father continues, "and I now realize that only with everyone's help can sometimes what we think is impossible, really be accomplished. Won't you please send me the proper information on how to go about in becoming a member in your worthy cause?"

Here lies much of the answer to the question asked. Only when he feels that there is a service established that can benefit his child does this parent want to become a member. Why, it would have been the most elementary kind of enlightened self interest for him to have joined us long ago to work for the establishment of that facility. It might have come much sooner. And even now, may I point out, he speaks of becoming a member in "your worthy cause." Whose worthy cause is this if not his own?

Yes, this is much of the answer to the question: why don't more parents join the parents groups. Too many are waiting to see what will be set up for the benefit of their children. Too few realize that only by working apparently for the other fellow's child are they hastening the day when their own child will be helped. Too many are preoccupied with limited interests.

It is a human failing, but if we do not recognize that it exists we will forever be baffled by an apparent lack of interest on the part of parents. It is a mistake to think that they have no interest or that they have not heard of AHRC. They have a great interest, but it is in their own children only. Words alone will not win them; nor should we who have worked long in this cause reject or look down on them. Deeds are the answer. Not shadow boxing, but accomplishments for the children.

International Experts Report On Mental Retardation

The Joint Expert Committee of the Mentally Subnormal Child, consisting of representatives from many countries, held a conference in Geneva in February, 1953. The Committee was convened by the World Health Organization (WHO) with the participation of United Nations, ILO, and UNESCO.

The Committee adopted as their guiding principles two enunciated by the Joint Expert Committee on the Physically Handicapped Child. They are as follows:

"Every child has the right to expect the greatest possible protection against the occurrence of preventable physical or mental handicap before, during, and after birth."

"Every child also has the right to develop his potentialities to the maximum. This implies that all children, irrespective of whether or not they suffer from mental or physical handicap, should have ready access to the best medical diagnosis and treatment, allied therapeutic services, nursing and social services, education, vocational preparation, and employment."

The report costs 25 cents and can be obtained from the Columbia University Press, International Document Service, 2960 Broadway, New York 27, N. Y.

CLINIC STAFFS ACTIVE IN PUBLICATIONS

Many of the papers read by members of the staffs of the Theodora Clinic at Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital and the Morris J. Solomon Clinic at the Jewish Hospital in Brooklyn have been printed in professional journals, interpreting what they are doing to professionals and the community.

The paper by Dr. Joseph Wortis of the Jewish Hospital, "Towards the Establishment of Special Clinics for Retarded Children," appeared in the January, 1954, issue of the *American Journal on Mental Deficiency*. A discussion of the paper from the parents organization's point of view by Joseph T. Weingold appeared with it.

Howard R. Kelman's article, "Parent Guidance in a Clinic for Mentally Retarded Children" appeared in the December, 1953, issue of *Social Casework*. Mr. Kelman is the psychiatric social worker at the Morris J. Solomon Clinic. Another article by a member of that staff is "A Language Guide for the Parents of Retarded Children" by Millicent Strazzulla, speech therapist. This appeared in the July, 1954, issue of the *American Journal on Mental Deficiency*.

Drs. Margaret Giannini, Elkan Snyder, Harold Michal-Smith and Lawrence B. Slobody of the clinic at Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital collaborated on the article, "A Home Training Program for Retarded Children" appearing in the March, 1954, issue of *Pediatrics*. Dr. Grover F. Powers, Chairman of the National Association's Scientific Research Committee, wrote the introduction.

Reprints of the first three articles are available from AHRC. The last article may be obtained from the Clinic for Retarded Children at Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital, 1 East 105th Street, New York City.

HAVE YOU VOLUNTEERED ?

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JANE PATTERSON (An Editorial)

About two years ago it became evident that the classes operated by the Association needed a full time administrator and director. Naturally we thought in terms of an ideal for such a job, but in a field so new and experimental we did not have a wide choice. One of the applicants was a young woman whose major experience had been in early childhood education. Her warm personality, her interest, her professional keenness made her stand out. In spite of other, much more lucrative offers in the field of education for normal children, she accepted our offer and joined us in the fall of 1952. Now, after two years on the job, Jane Patterson has married and is leaving us to join her husband in Cincinnati.

Our choice indeed turned out to be a most happy one. Confronted with a most difficult administration problem, harrassed by lack of adequate space for more than a year, faced with not only the necessity of learning about these children but training teachers, too, she met every challenge with good cheer, ability and dedication to the children. Nor did her day cease with the end of school. She carried her message to civic groups in person, appeared on radio and television and gave of her evenings and holidays to the parents without stint.

There are things that no money can buy. Devotion and belief in the children, faith in their ability and unflagging determination to prove that they can be helped are some of the qualities we had hoped to find in the director of the classes. In Jane Patterson we found these in great, great measure. And with them the ability to get along with people, not only those who believe in the cause but also those who don't.

Although leaving us, we know that she will never any more be able to remain out of this field. To the parents of Cincinnati we say: You are being presented with a rare and unique opportunity, that of having Jane Patterson helping you and your children.

Jane, Godspeed and . . . thanks.

—J. T. W.

Teachers College Completes Three Workshops For Teachers

Thirty-seven teachers of the mentally retarded from as far west as California, as far south as Florida and even from Cuba attended three workshops at Teachers College this past summer.

Two of the workshops concerned themselves with the so called "educable" children, those eligible for special classes under the state law, and one for the so called

NINE "GRADUATE" FROM AHRC CLASSES

When school opened September 13th, six boys and three girls who ordinarily would never have sat at a public school desk were part of the new crop of students. They were pupils of the AHRC classes who had "graduated."

Although 900,000 children start classes this school year as a matter of course, the unusual situation of these nine children concerns the fact that they were, until now, regarded as ineligible for the special classes of the New York Public School system because of severe mental retardation. For this reason, they were a part of the pilot classes run by the Association in the Joshua School in the Bronx and P. S. 84 in Brooklyn.

Three years ago these children were deemed "uneducable" by the CRMD Bureau for reasons of emotional or mental immaturity, lack of social adaptability, and unconstructive attitudes. Attendance of from 1 to 3 years at the AHRC pilot classes has enabled them to reach the point where they meet the standards required by the Public School system for attendance in special classes for the mentally retarded.

"Thousands of mentally retarded children are excluded from special classes in public schools because they have been deprived of early group experiences and training," said Joseph T. Weingold, Executive Director of the Association. "Our program clearly shows that many of these can meet the standards of special classes if they receive such training. Retarded children can indeed be helped."

Are we proud of our "graduates"? What do you think!

"trainable" children. Teachers in the first two workshops were Mrs. Nell White, Supervisor in the CRMD in New York City, and Mrs. Jean Ferraro, teacher in special education in New Jersey. Miss Grace Rourke, Supervisor of the "Low IQ" classes in New York City public schools, was the teacher of the class for trainable children and Dr. Francis P. Connor, of Teachers College taught the theoretical aspects of the problem.

Others who participated in the program were Dr. Elizabeth Kelly, Director of Special Education in Newark, N. J., Charles McAllister, Supervisor of Education for the mentally retarded for the State Department of Mental Hygiene; Miss Rosalind Blum, who did the testing; and Dr. Merrill Hollinshead of New Jersey.

As part of its program for stimulating recruitment of teachers to the field, the Association co-sponsored the workshop for trainable children, paid for half the expenses including transportation, and supplied most of the children for the course.

A number of experts addressed the students during the term, including Dr. Samuel Kirk of the University of Illinois. An indication of the interest that educators are taking in this important and growing field was the number of people from other departments at Teachers College, such as administrators, etc., who observed at the workshops.

"The enthusiasm of the teachers who attended these workshops," remarked Dr. Maurice Fouracre, Head of Special Education at the College, "was a revelation. I hope that they take that back to their communities. We need teachers desperately in this field and Teachers College will play its part to stimulate people to enter it."

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Col. Arthur Levitt Chairman of New York City Drive

Plans Made for Public Education and Fund Raising Campaign

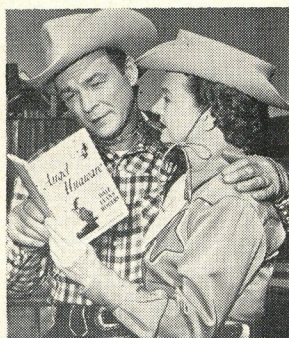
Col. Arthur Levitt, President of the Board of Education, and a driving force in efforts to get more and better facilities for the mentally retarded, has accepted the Chairmanship for the the New York City Fund Raising and Public Education Drive in connection with National Retarded Childrens Week, it was announced by Bernard M. Fineson, President of the Association.

Parent groups throughout the country will co-ordinate their efforts during this period in a program of fund raising and public education. President Eisenhower has already indicated that he will issue a "Presidential Endorsement" of National Retarded Childrens Week. Dale Evans and Roy Rogers, themselves the parents of a retarded child who died, are the National Co-Chairmen of this week.

AHRC is taking the lead in the New York City area and many counties throughout the state to bring to the public in a most forceful manner what this problem means to the community and what can be done to help, in funds, in understanding, in programs. Using material developed by the committees of the National Association, a full scale educational campaign is planned.

Here are some of the things that we are going to do in this city. 5000 car and bus cards are going to be put up in the subways, buses, Staten Island Ferry, L. I. Railroad and Grand Central trains, 8000 posters will be distributed by the Boy Scouts for display in retail stores.

100 outdoor locations have been donated once more



Roy Rogers and Dale Evans



Col. Arthur Levitt

by General Outdoor Advertising Co. for large billboards.

11,000 cannisters and backboards will be distributed throughout the city for coin collections.

The week of Nov. 14-21 will be devoted to a series of radio and T.V. programs highlighting the views of the

THE GREATEST AFFLICTION OF CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD: STATISTICS—VITAL

Did you know that out of every 100,000 population there are:

15	blind
7	cerebral palsied
7.26	polio victims
200	rheumatic heart patients
3,000	MENTALLY RETARDED



Theme For National Campaign

clergy, physicians, educators, social workers, psychologists, civic leaders and parents on the needs of the retarded child and the responsibility of the community.

Posters will be displayed on all Postal Trucks.

AHRC has chosen two means of capitalizing on all this material and work. First, we have obtained permission to solicit funds for the three days during this period, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 22, 23, and 24, right before Thanksgiving. Volunteers will be permitted to carry the attractive cans we have designed and get donations anywhere in the City of New York. You will have tags, marked VOLUNTEER FOR RETARDED CHILDREN, to identify you.

Second, the evening of Tuesday, November 23, has been set aside for a THANKSGIVING MARCH, from door to door, by the parents and friends of the mentally retarded. Each volunteer will have a kit with literature, receipts, tags, etc. Captains will supervise the work and everyone will have a permit to do this.

BUT, ALL OF THIS DEPENDS ON THE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS WE GET. Don't let this opportunity pass. Give all the children just one day out of the year.

READ THE APPEAL BELOW

VOLUNTEERS

WILL MEAN THE SUCCESS OF NATIONAL RETARDED CHILDRENS WEEK

(Did you ever expect to see the whole nation focusing
attention on our children?)

HELP by donating a little of your time

Check one or BOTH of the following and send it into
the office right away.

YES, I volunteer for the OUTDOOR CAN CAMPAIGN—

(Nov. 22, 23, 24)

YES, I volunteer for the THANKSGIVING MARCH—

(Nov. 23, 7 P.M.)

(Your Name)

(Address)

Remember, success depends on you.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Weingold:

This is in grateful appreciation for your kind help in suggesting schools where my son Paul could apply for training experience in summer camps working with retarded children . . .

He had a wonderful summer being usefully engaged in working with a group of youngsters from 10 to 14 years old. He came back home happy and content in the knowledge that he knew now where his future interest in life was pointed . . .

Paul has two more years of further study at the College for Teachers in Buffalo. He is going back this fall to begin his early training in the area of specialization in "exceptional children" with renewed desire to go on studying over and beyond his early college years — as far as he can humanly do so—Uncle Sam permitting.

Someone has said better than I can phrase it, that a good deed—an act of generous kindness—has an untold influence for good that no one can foretell. Yours was such a friendly act—done in passing—for a perfect stranger—but done with humanity and understanding. I hope Paul's promising start will bear the fruit of fulfilment—an uncertain world permitting—for many years to come.

Again—our grateful thanks to you and your Association for getting him started aright. We are all grateful to you.

Cordially yours,
H. A. Josephon,
3505 Perry Ave.,
New York 67,, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Weingold:

Mr. William Wiest of the Department of Public Instruction, Bureau of Special Education in Harrisburg, has lent me your First Annual Report on your Training Center and Workshop. It contains so much vital information that I wonder if I could possibly have a copy for myself.

We in York have an active parent group. We have established a Training Center and are looking forward to a Sheltered Workshop. Your report is an inspiration.

Sincerely yours,
Sylvia W. Kramer,
1st Vice-President,
York Co. Association for
Retarded Children.

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 3rd and for the copy of the June-July issue of OUR CHILDREN'S VOICE. Congratulations on a very fine publication.

In connection with the article on page 3, "Scouting Program Grows," I would like to ask your permission to reprint, including credit line to your organization. Reprints of this article will greatly help us in extending work with mentally retarded boys.

If possible, I would appreciate it if you could send marked copies to Dr. Salvatore G. DiMichael, Executive Director of the National Association for Retarded Children, Inc., 129 East 52nd Street, New York 22; Alan H. Sampson, Chairman Liaison Committee, National Association for Retarded Children, 7263 28th Avenue NE, Seattle, 5, Washington; and Dr. Harold A. Delp, Coordinator of Educational Activities, Training School, Vineland, New Jersey. Each of these men is interested in the Scout program and would be very glad to see this article.

Thank you again for your cooperation and interest.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA,
Harry K. Eby, Director,
School Relationships,
2 Park Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

AHRC -- HAWAII

Sol Hulnick Spreads the Word

Could be that you had been thinking of the A.H.R.C. as a strictly New York State outfit? How wrong can you be . . . ! Plenty wrong, say we, for we have just received proof that A.H.R.C. is sprouting—of all places—in Hawaii.

Here's the verbatim report of our esteemed members Sol and Shirley Hulnick:

"Went to a meeting of the Hawaiian A.H.R.C. (just formed) and was called on to speak on organization. They are just incorporating. A fine bunch of people (they thought I was good). How wrong can people be? They are joining the N.A.R.C. and receive 'Children Ltd.'

"Regards to all."

And while we're on the subject: the Committee of 25 in Bermuda is doing a fine job operating the Children's Convalescent Hospital which exists "to help mentally retarded, crippled, blind and other handicapped children who desperately need skilled nursing care and attention."

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