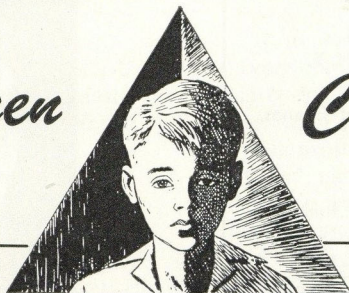


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Dr. RUSK Honored at NINTH ANNUAL DINNER

May 18th, the night we had all been waiting for, brought out more than 1,000 friends, parents and well wishers to the Grand Ballroom of the Astor Hotel for our Ninth Annual Dinner-Dance.

It was a particularly exciting evening because our honored guest was Dr. Howard A. Rusk, a man of great stature in the field of rehabilitation, with a deep understanding and compassion for retarded children. Dr. Rusk was presented with a bronze plaque commemorating his leadership which said in part that he has "strengthened the resolve in the heart of all parents that 'Retarded Children Can Be Helped.'"



President Fineson presents Award to Dr. Howard A. Rusk

In keeping with his pioneer work in rehabilitation, the editorial section and the illustrations in the Dinner Journal featured our own Training Center and Workshop.

Dr. Rusk spoke feelingly of the work of the AHRC in initiating this program. He said, "You, the Association for the Help of Retarded Children, were one of the first such groups in the United States. Tonight, as a physician whose interest in mental retardation dates back to summer employment in a school for the mentally retarded child while a medical student; as a citizen long interested in the problem of all the disabled throughout the world; and officially as a Consultant to the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, I salute and congratulate you in that it was your organization in 1955 which started the first such pilot demonstration project in mental retardation under a grant from the office of Vocational Rehabilitation and this project has since been selected by the

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LEGISLATIVE PROGRESS MADE

Mandatory Education for Trainable Fails to Pass

Bills introduced by the Joint Legislative Committee on Mental Retardation showed a .500 batting average in the Legislature. Of eight bills introduced (1, a cluster of 3), four passed and were signed by the Governor.

Perhaps most important of these was the bill creating a Research Institute. Although the appropriation originally asking for \$2,000,000 was deleted from the bill, the law does provide that so much of the capital construction fund as is necessary for planning is authorized. It is sincerely hoped that these plans will be ready at the end of the year so that a definite appropriation can be asked at the next session of the Legislature.

Next in order of importance in our opinion is the bill creating a Demonstration Community Center, with an appropriation of \$150,000, to be established in the Northwestern part of the state. This center is to offer counseling, nursery, recreation and sheltered workshop services. Although under the overall direction of the Interdepartmental Health Resources Board, this will be operated by the County Community Mental Health Services Board. The object of the bill is to demonstrate the unmet needs of the retarded, how they can be met, what is the state's responsibility, etc.

The two other bills passed and signed by the Governor were the one to permit Boards of Cooperative Educational Services to engage psychologists and an amendment to the Community Mental Health Services Act to clarify the language which includes the mentally deficient within the scope of the law. This last bill falls far short of its purpose but it is a step in the right direction.

The bills that failed to pass were those for mandatory transportation for the retarded, mandatory education where there are less than 10 in a local school district, a series of 3 amendments to the Children's Court Act and Domestic Relations Court Act giving the judges wider powers to order services for the retarded, and, finally, making the present permissive education mandatory for children with I.Q.'s under 50.

The failure of this last to pass the Assembly, (it did pass the Senate) is incomprehensible to the Association and its members. Endorsed by the Republican party in its statement of policy, included in the message to the Legislature by the

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Guardianship and Visitation Committee Activated

Julian Banner, Chairman of the Guardianship and Visitation Committee, has sent a bulletin to every Chapter President, asking him to appoint a special chapter sub-committee to attend a Workshop on Guardianship and Visitation at the AHRC Convention in Buffalo, on November 1st.

A special sub-committee of the State Committee has been formed to work out in detail some of the legal pitfalls of guardianship for retarded children. The sub-committee consists of Mr. Augustus M. Jacobs, Mr. Samuel Kalmanash, and Mr. Henry Meyers. They are meeting to discuss the questions that have arisen in the past or that may arise at some future date concerning the legal aspects of problems affecting guardianship. The sub-committee is being asked to report back to the parent committee before July 30th.

Each chapter sub-committee, appointed by the President of the local chapter, can prepare for the Workshop by collecting legal problems that may have plagued them or other parents and submitting them in advance of the Convention to Mr. Julian Banner, Chairman, Guardianship and Visitation Committee, AHRC, 200 Fourth Ave., New York 3, N. Y. The questions proffered by the participating chapters and the New York sub-committee will be correlated and it is hoped that many ideas and suggestions will be forthcoming for the Committee to work on.

CATTARAUGUS CHAPTER CHARTERED

The Board of Governors of AHRC have accepted Cattaraugus County as a full fledged member of the Association. Cattaraugus has been carrying out an educational program with retarded children since last fall initiated by physicians wives from the county. Under the dynamic leadership of Mrs. Murray Reswick of Olean, New York, president of the women's auxiliary of the County Medical Society, the group secured the services of retired school teachers willing to take the necessary training to head up a program for trainable children in that area.

Feeling the necessity for wider support, Mrs. Reswick involved the parents of retarded children in the community in the formation of a chapter of the AHRC. "Since the rearing of children is largely a woman's job, what could be more appropriate for a group of doctors wives than to help women who are faced with the life long burden of mentally retarded children" asked Mrs. Reswick.

Herself not the parent of a mentally retarded child, her leadership has been an inspiration for the others and we hope will lead to a similar development in adjoining counties.

Fineson Honored At Dinner



Mr. Joseph T. Weingold makes surprise Award to Bernard M. Fineson at Ninth Annual Dinner.

First Short Stay Home for Retarded Children in U. S.

The Five Points House, a private foundation organized in 1815, is sponsoring the first short stay residential home for retarded children in the United States. The School will be known as Pomona Center for Retarded Children and will be housed in two specially remodeled cottages in Happy Valley School, Pomona, Rockland County, New York.

The Center will service 9 boys and 11 girls at the beginning. Since each stay will be limited to periods of from 1 to 6 weeks, approximately 200 children can benefit in the course of the year. The Center will serve as a temporary substitute home with a round the clock program for retarded children whose families are in a state of crisis, where there is illness, expectation of another child, or simply because it is deemed medically advisable for a vacation for parents and child.

The Five Points House has been engaged in the care and training of dependent children for over 100 years. Three years ago it lent classroom space at Happy Valley School to Rockland County Chapter of the New York State Association for the Help of Retarded Children. In three years the project has grown from a one room, part time class for 3 students into an established school for 25 children with 4 teachers, a speech therapist, music therapist and a psychologist.

This experience convinced the trustees and directors of Five Points House of the urgent need for a pilot short stay residential program for retarded children; and the Pomona Center for Retarded Children has now been chartered by the New York State Department of Social Welfare as the first such facility in this country.

Admission is limited to children capable of full participation in the program at the Pomona Day School. They have to be in good health, ambulatory and capable of reasonable self care. Mr. George Ashforth, President of Rockland County Chapter and a member of the Board of Governors of the AHRC, is the Executive Director of Five Points House.

Applications for admission should be made to Admissions Director, Pomona Center for Retarded Children, Pomona, New York.

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1958 Campaign Near \$150,000 Goal Set

With a goal of \$150,000, the largest ever set by the AHRC New York City Chapter, the 1958 campaign will start officially on September 28th. That means, of course, that all of us must start planning right now in order to make it a success. Although National Retarded Children's Week has been set for November 16th through the 27th, the campaign in New York City will begin much earlier and continue right through National Retarded Children's Week.

By getting an early start we hope that the time allotted for the drive will not coincide with that of other non-profit organizations. The plans include a whole new approach to the materials used for campaigns. Instead of the art work we have used in the past, idealizing a child, we are using a photograph of real children who attend Joshua School in the Bronx. They are both legally blind and retarded, and their happy, appealing expression is proof positive that "Retarded Children Can Be Helped". It is hoped that we can make the time of the entire 1958 campaign an affirmative one. Instead of dramatizing the misery and isolation of retardation, we are determined to show how public support can alleviate or even eliminate these unhappy circumstances.



Our Poster Boy, Pablo Perez greets Amy at the Joshua School.

We are fortunate this year in getting back a considerable number of workers on the Commerce & Industry Division of last year and the acceptance by Lee H. Bristol, Jr. of the Honorary Chairmanship. Aided by an augmented staff, we hope that the Commerce & Industry Division and other committees will develop into the broadest and most significant we have had to date. A number of important functions have already been planned, including a "Night at Yonkers Raceway" under the chairmanship of Bill Leonard of C.B.S.

But in the final analysis neither art work nor an appeal puts over a campaign. Only the devoted efforts of all the members of AHRC can do it, and each is asked to speak to his minister, rabbi or priest to ask him to give a talk on retardation during the campaign. You'll find that the word of a religious leader will go a long way toward helping to fill those canisters and secure pledges when you solicit from door to door.

The campaign this year will be broken down into Commerce & Industry Division, House to House Canvas, Canisters, and Special Functions, especially of the Women's Division, and we hope their husbands.

AMA Journal on Phenylketonuria and Special Diet

In general it has been a problem to provide a satisfactory phenylalanine-poor diet for phenylketonuric children, especially for older children, writes Dr. Willard R. Centerwall of Los Angeles to the AMA Journal of March 22, 1958.

All proteins in foods that have been tested contain about 5% of phenylalanine by weight. Thus it is impossible to devise a satisfactory home diet markedly deficient in phenylalanine and yet adequate in protein as required for growth and repair. The basis of the special diet is a synthetic mixture of essential amino acids which is made by hydrolyzing the milk protein and casein and removing the phenylalanine.

Both Ketonil and Lofenalac are preparations used for the purpose. Ketonil has already received adequate clinical trial. Lofenalac has been tried out with success also. "It is nice to have an alternate product to fall back on should a child of any age refuse or poorly tolerate one product or the other" writes the Doctor.

To date only a handful of children with phenylketonuria have been treated with the special diet since early infancy, and the oldest of these is only about 2 years of age. All these children seem to be developing normally. No one knows how long the diet will be necessary, but there is some evidence (from observations on older infants) to suggest that it may not be necessary beyond 2 or 3 years of age.

YOU Can Help the Campaign

One of the important fund-raising devices used by many of the New York Chapters of AHRC is the placement of coin collectors in local stores.

The members and friends of the organization can help to make this feature a success. The first time you shop in a store during the campaign, look for the canister. If it isn't there, ask the shopkeeper why he isn't helping. If he hasn't been solicited, offer to contact your local chapter and ask that a coin can be sent to the personal attention of the shopkeeper. If the canister is in a place where it isn't conspicuous, a word to the owner of the store will usually bring it right out in the open. And if the can is on a prominent shelf, it's a nice gesture to thank the owner or clerk and tell him how much you appreciate his helping the organization that means so much to you.

It's that intimate personal touch that can turn a collection box into a real money-maker by causing the owner of the shop to take an interest in the organization and in the success of the campaign.

Sunshine League Presented AHRC with Check for \$1000

Mrs. Ruth Teichman, President of the Sunshine League for Orphan Children of the City of New York, presented the President of AHRC, Bernard M. Fineson, with a check for \$1,000 at the regular March meeting at the Concourse Plaza Hotel.

President's Standard Award to Cub Scouts

The scouting movement, sparked by Irving Cohen, has been awarded a signal honor. The Cubs of Pack #529, one of the troops sponsored by AHRC, was presented with Scouting President's Standard Award. This award is made to units fulfilling a complete set of strenuous and important requirements. Cubmaster Vic Wolvek, his able assistants and all den mothers deserve congratulations.

CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

State Conference, Educators of Trainable Children

On Friday, May 16th and Saturday, May 17th, the teachers, administrators and supervisors of classes for trainable mentally retarded children in the public schools, institutions and private schools of New York State met in the Fifth Annual Conference sponsored by the AHRC. This was the largest and best attended conference to date, as is to be expected from the growth of this program. More than 200 professionals attended as well as many parents and observers.



One of the Workshops at the Fifth Annual Teachers & Administrators Conference.

The Friday program consisted of visitations to the AHRC, Board of Education and Shield of David classes and a general meeting at Teachers College chaired by Bernice B. Baumgartner, Director of Classes, AHRC, New York City. Recorder was Anna F. W. Diehl, Educational Supervisor of Wassaic State School. Joseph T. Weingold, Executive Director of AHRC, spoke on "Why—Classes For The Trainable" and Professor Louis E. Rosenzweig presented a paper on "How Far Have We Come". Copies of this paper are now available from the AHRC office at 200 Fourth Avenue.

The Saturday meeting, after greetings from Bernard M. Fineson, President, and George Hirsch, Chairman of Education Committee, New York City, broke down into several workshops. Among these were workshops for administrators and supervisors, Chairman, Katherine Lynch, Director, CRMD New York City, Recorder, Amelia Simpson, Director, Westchester AHRC classes, and Consultants, Charles Becker, State Department of Education and David S. Baumstein, Assistant Executive Director, AHRC. Another part of the program was a series of workshops for teachers: meeting the developmental needs of children through play, recreation, music and excursions; meeting the needs of children through language development; meeting the children's developmental needs through arts, crafts, household arts; and finally the last general session, "Implications for an Educational Program For The Trainable Mentally Retarded Child", chaired by Dr. Ignacy Goldberg, Teachers College; Recorder, Rhoda Ferber, Educational Director, Shield of David. Participants were Mr. Charles Becker, David S. Baumstein, Prof. Chris De Prospro and Charles McAllister.

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT PARENT ED COURSES

The annual parent education series of the Association drew to a close on Wednesday evening, June 4th. On the basis of original registration the series was offered in the form of two courses. One course involved the traditional plan of a group of several specialists in medicine, psychiatry, education, speech and social work being available for lectures and question periods. This group was a most successful series attended by an average of 35 parents including many new members. Speakers in this series were Dr. George Jervis, Dr. Joseph Wortis, Prof. Chris De Prospro, Mrs. Miriam Preiss, speech therapist, AHRC, Mrs. Beulah Rothman, Recreation Consultant, AHRC, and Mr. David Baumstein.

The second series entitled "Living With Your Retarded Child at Home" met for 9 weeks with the same group of 15 parents and was led by Miss Katherine Lynch and Mrs. Pearl Coffee. Both groups met together for their final session.

The series led by Miss Lynch had an unusually high attendance and offered participants an opportunity to share and work on their problems from one meeting to the next. Many indications of real growth and movement were shown. The members of this group were parents whose retarded children are at home and are not currently being served by any community facility. The experience of this service would warrant careful consideration of making such services available to small groups of parents on a regular basis. The leadership is to be complimented on the high level of discussion and sustained interest shown by the participants.

Program For Retarded At Lenox Hill Hospital

Pediatric Psychiatric Service at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City announces the formation in September, 1958, of a new group program for mentally retarded children from three to five years of age who do not have any organic involvement. This group will meet five days a week for two and one half hour periods in a nursery school setting. Provisions for transportation must be made by families of children selected.

A similar program for children from three to four years of age is being planned at St. Luke's Hospital in New York City. Again it is noted that there must be no organic involvement as part of the retardation. In this program comparative study will be made of the play activities of mentally retarded and mentally ill children.

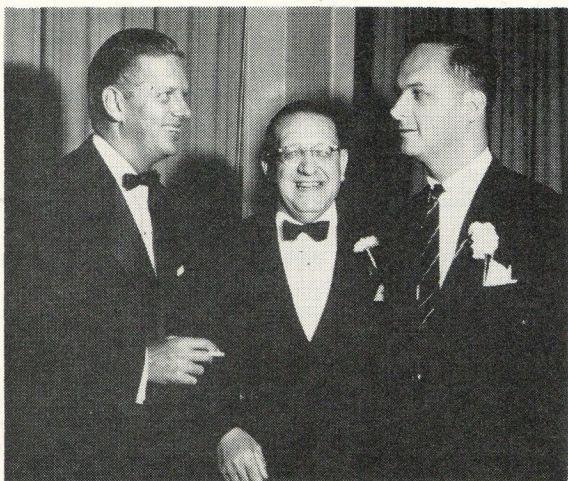
Additional information concerning application procedures for these programs can be obtained from the office of the Association, 200 Fourth Avenue, New York 3, New York.

Bronx House Award to AHRC Member

Mrs. Sylvia Schachter, wife of our Financial Secretary and a devoted worker herself, has been honored with a scroll from Bronx House. With her usual energy, she has been organizing activities for the children and parents and contributing articles to the Bronx House paper.

AHRC NEEDS CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEERS

AS SEEN AT ANNUAL DINNER



L. to R.: Mr. Sam Cooke Digges, Mr. Bernard M. Fineson and Mr. Lee H. Bristol, Jr., Chairman of C & I Committee.



Mr. Bernard M. Fineson giving citation to Mr. Cyril Weinberg, Chairman of Telethon.



L. to R.: Sen Wm. Conklin, Mrs. Barbara Weingold and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward A. Giblin of St. Mary's Church, in Bronx, deep in conversation.



Members of Morris J. Solomon Sunshine Fund with Mr. Sid Hammer of Manufacturers Trust. Commissioner "Moish" Solomon at far right.



L. to R.: Dr. Isaac Wolfson, Dr. Arthur Pense, Mr. William Kaufman, Mr. Bernard M. Fineson and Mrs. Elizabeth Boggs share a joke.



President Elect — George Hirsch with Elizabeth Boggs.

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State Shifts Site of Institution on Long Island

The site of the \$40,000,000 State School for the mentally retarded in Suffolk County has been shifted to meet local criticism.

Governor Harriman has announced the selection of a 480 acre site adjacent to the Northern State Parkway, one of three alternate locations that had been proposed by the Huntington Town Board.

The new site is bounded by the Parkway, Old East Neck Road, Car Man Road, Old South Path, and Half Hollow Road. The former site, south of Melville, about a mile away was bounded by Route 110, Pine Lawn Road, Duryea Road and the proposed Long Island Expressway.

The Town Board objected to the Melville location because it would have taken off the local tax roles an area with a high potential for industrial development.

In spite of the fact that the new site was suggested by the Huntington Town Board, considerable objection has also arisen to this site, as could be expected. It is hoped, however, that the Department of Mental Hygiene and the Governor will not shift from this position. Any further removal of this school will meet with the strongest objection from the Association and the parents of the children who will have to be housed there.

The new school is still in the design stage. It will share with four other projects in \$15,000,000 this year's budget has provided for blueprints and site acquisitions, but no funds have been appropriated as yet for its construction. The school will serve Long Island and New York City and will take pressure off the existing six state schools for the mentally retarded.

Shield of David Receives Study Grant

A Federal Grant of \$160,000 has been awarded to the Shield of David Institute for Retarded Children for the study and development of a training and educational program for severely retarded young children.

Announcing the study, Joseph L. Greenberg, President of the Institute said, "It may be of immeasurable service towards achieving the greater emotional health of families encountering the problem of severely retarded children." The working staff of the new project will include pediatricians, psychiatrists, psychologists, specially trained teachers, speech therapists and psychiatric social workers.

This study parallels similar studies with children with I.Q.'s between 50 and 75, the so called educables, conducted by Dr. Samuel Kirk of Illinois and Dr. Maurice Fouracre of Teachers College, Columbia University.

The study is financed by a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health, a subdivision of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The Project will be conducted simultaneous with regular services of the Institute for Severely Retarded children ages 6 to 12.

Cooperating in the project presentation under the overall supervision of Mr. Joseph Shostak, Executive Director of the Shield, were Prof. Chris De Prospro, Advisor to the AHRC, Mrs. Edna Baer, Executive Director of the New York Jewish Child Care Council and Joseph T. Weingold, Executive Director of the Association.

Finds Drug Aids Some Retarded Children

A Belgian brain specialist reported on March 31st at a meeting of the Brain Research Foundation in Chicago that he has had some success with a newly developed treatment for mentally retarded children by use of the drug ACTH.

Dr. L. L. Sorel, 34, of the Neurological Institute, Louvain, Belgium, told of his work with the hormone stimulating drug.

"Infantile spasms", he said, "associated with a special type of brain wave abnormality called 'hypsarhythmia' have a devastating effect on children but are now responding to treatment. Early diagnosis of the disease is highly essential if the treatment is to result in a complete cure."

Dr. Sorel said that good results were obtained by using the drug on seven of 17 children. The brain disorder often follows a virus ailment and usually hits the infant - to - 4 years age group, causing an epileptic type spasm.

Three of the seven patients treated, Dr. Sorel said, had complete recovery of intellectual function. Epileptic seizures disappeared on all those treated, except one.

Dr. L. J. Meduna, Professor of Psychiatry of the University of Illinois and President of the Brain Research Foundation, said, "We did not know this specific brain disorder existed until 1950. Now Dr. Sorel has found something which apparently can cure this. This is a major and unexpected break through in the field of mental health."

STATE MENTAL HEALTH SOCIETY SPONSORS STUDY

A special study of mental retardation will be undertaken by the New York State Society for Mental Health under direction of nationally known social agency head, Stanley P. Davies, it was announced by Mrs. Edward W. Briggs, Jr., of Wellsville, President of the State Society.

The project was made possible by a grant from the Grant Foundation. It is hoped that it will indicate specific ways and means by which services for the mentally retarded can be at least made equal to those now provided for patients with other forms of illness and disability.

Commenting on the announcement of the study, Bernard M. Fineson, President of the AHRC said "We commend the New York State Society for Mental Health for sponsoring this study by Stanley P. Davies, whose interest in mental retardation dates back many years. In the light of the State Society's interest in the institutional problems of this state, we feel that such a study will clarify the various aspects of the problem. We are confident, too", Mr. Fineson continued, "that it will justify our own studies and programs for the retarded in New York State."

LADIES AUXILIARY, MORRIS J. SOLOMON SUNSHINE FUND SUPPORTS BRAIN RESEARCH

A contribution of \$15,000 has been announced by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Morris J. Solomon Sunshine Fund to enable the Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn to assign a full time chemist to a brain research laboratory to study cases of mental retardation. The project is under the direction of Dr. Joseph Wortis, Director of Pediatric Psychiatry at the Hospital.

This grant is in addition to the \$10,000 a year that the Ladies Auxiliary donates to the AHRC specifically for the Morris J. Solomon Clinic for Rehabilitation of Retarded Children at the Jewish Hospital. This is another example of the selfless work of these wonderful women on behalf of retarded children.

VOLUNTEER NOW FOR '58 CAMPAIGN

MONROE COUNTY CHAPTER PUBLISHES DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

The Monroe County Chapter of AHRC, known as the Sunshine League for Retarded Children, has published a complete Directory of Services for Mentally Retarded Persons in Monroe County. It lists Community Services, Private and Public Institutions, helpful reading material and a great deal of other useful information.

Federal Tax Removed for Non-profit Shows

Legislation was passed on April 16th exempting from Federal admission taxes dramatic and musical performances by non-profit civic groups.

The exemption had previously applied only to concerts by such groups. The new law also exempts admission to athletic games when proceeds are divided between sponsoring educational institutions and hospitals for crippled children, or are used to help retarded children.

DR. RUSK (Continued from page 1)

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation as the model and prototype upon which all of these other centers are based."

Bernard M. Fineson, who has served AHRC as President during the last crucial five years, presented the plaque to Dr. Rusk. Our Executive Director, Joseph T. Weingold, then made a moving speech about Mr. Fineson's contribution to the expansion of AHRC both numerically and prestigewise. At the end of the speech he presented President Fineson with a bronze plaque that states "Under his leadership this organization has wrought many a new design to prove that 'Retarded Children Can Be Helped' is more than a slogan. His fighting heart and singleness of purpose have elevated this Association into an instrument worthy of its lofty aspirations. The name of Bernard M. Fineson will remain forever a symbol of dedicated service to this Association, the parents and the children."

The presentation was a complete surprise to President Fineson, who, for the first time in the years that he has presided over these functions, found himself unable to find words to express his deep emotion.

Martha Raye was honored—in absentia—with a tribute in the Journal for her wonderful work in making the Telethon a success.

Cyril Weinberg, Campaign Fund Raising Chairman, and Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr., Chairman of the Commerce and Industry Division, were also given bronze citations.

The good food and music were matched by the good spirits of the guests. Friends who hadn't seen one another since last year made plans to get together more often, and those who had parted just a few hours ago greeted one another just as heartily. This dinner-dance is all things to all AHRC members. It's a chance to meet old and new friends . . . to spend a really gala evening . . . and to listen to celebrated figures in the field of retardation discuss the subject that is closest to all of our hearts. Above all it is our way of showing our support for the projects which were begun and are maintained to a large extent through funds raised at this dinner-dance.

Seymour Rubin, Chairman of the Dinner-Dance Committee for 1958, and his able, hardworking Committee, made this an outstanding event in a succession of successful AHRC Dinner-Dances.

The prizes, including a 21 inch Color Television Set, went to: Miss A. Tillizzo, c/o Reynolds & Co., 120 Broadway, New York; a Portable TV to: Henry J. Diaz, 5006 46th St., Woodside, New York; a Portable TV, to: M. Thuna, 912 East 163rd St., Bronx; a Mary Tarshes Dinner Set, to: Rebecca A. Foss, 400 West End Avenue, New York. Other valuable prizes, too numerous to mention, were given to the raffle book sellers, at a special drawing held at this office.

URGES ALL TO ATTEND NEXT STATE CONVENTION

President Bernard M. Fineson of the State AHRC has urged all members of the Association, if at all possible, to attend the next state convention of the AHRC that will be held in Buffalo, October 31st, November 1st and 2nd, 1958. This Convention, in which our Canadian friends will be invited to participate, promises to be one of the most exhilarating that has ever been held in this or any other state.

The facilities at the Hotel Statler are at the disposal of the Association and we suggest again that you look into the columns of O.C.V. to read of the suggestion that there be a little lay away plan to save money to attend.

Don't forget Buffalo, October 31st, November 1st and 2nd. Hotel Statler, State Convention AHRC.

Jackie Robinson Helps



Mrs. Helen Ratner, Pres. of the North Hills League for Retarded Children presents a check to President Fineson while Mr. Jackie Robinson looks on at Waldorf-Astoria Luncheon on May 10th.

LEGISLATION (Continued from page 1)

Governor and endorsed by the Liberal party, nevertheless because of obscure objections which are not revealed to us, this legislation failed to pass.

Again on the positive side, the training program for teachers has been broadened with an appropriation of \$75,000 for this program included in the Department of Education Budget.

The following bills opposed by the AHRC failed to pass: Changing the name of State Schools to State Schools and Hospitals, and setting up a mental health research fund to which would be added $\frac{1}{2}$ the increase from patient fees.

The entire program introduced at the request of AHRC but not necessarily endorsed by the Joint Legislative Committee failed to pass. These included mandatory education for children in State Schools, differential of pay for teachers of the handicapped, parents on the Boards of Visitors, adding training and education to the functions of State Schools, limiting the capacity of future State Schools to 1,500, broadening the qualifications of directors of State Schools so that disciplines in addition to medicine would be eligible, and reimbursement to local school districts contracting with Boards of Cooperative Services or County Vocational, Education and Extension Boards.

On balance, we think that this has been a successful legislative year, although all of us are distressed by the fact that the legislation for trainable children did not come through. Another year comes up and we hope that we will marshal all our forces behind this most necessary legislation as well as other measures of importance.

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STATEWIDE . . .

CAPITOL DISTRICT CHAPTER dedicated a new center in March located in the building donated by the City of Albany . . . this is a far cry from their first meeting in the Times-Union conference room in 1951 . . . Sylvia Mahar, PUTNAM COUNTY, attended a small conference at National



First Class in U.S.A. to be set up under Adult Education Program, in Carmel, N. Y. — sponsored by Putnam Chapter-AHRC

office concerning ideas for unit organization and management . . . came back with at least one good idea for a layaway plan for individuals to attend the National and State conventions . . . save a little bit to enable you to attend . . . also announces that there will be 2 new classes in the Putnam public schools, both for primary educables . . . SCHENECTADY CHAPTER has voted to continue their day camp schedule for this year . . . incidentally all chapters are knee deep, if not deeper, in camp programming . . . SUFFOLK COUNTY CHAPTER reports a program of recreation for retarded children with the cooperation of the Brookhaven town recreation committee . . . MONROE COUNTY CHAPTER has done an excellent job publicizing summer recreation programs for retarded children in the county . . . such information has been valuable to parents seeking this kind of service . . . UPPER-HUDSON CHAPTER is deep in preparations for Region II Conference in Glens Falls on June 14th, which will have taken place by the time this O.C.V. reaches the press. All the chapters are urged to send news items for use in O.C.V. if we are to know what is going on around the state . . . NIAGARA CHAPTER has had an active season including a showing of two films of the St. Lawrence Pilot Project neighboring developments . . . WESTCHESTER CHAPTER was addressed by Dr. Howard M. Potter, Director of the Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene at Letchworth Village on the subject of "Recruitment, Education and Training for Professional Services for the Mentally Retarded" . . . before the talk the Rockette Alumnae demonstrated their success in teaching dancing to the retarded pupils of the Westchester AHRC in Pelham.

SWIMMING FOUND AID TO RETARDED

There will be a new chapter in the Red Cross Handbook because of the success of a swimming class for mentally retarded children that has been conducted for the past five years at the Young Women's Christian Association of New Jersey.

Each of the eighteen students in the class has a trained volunteer adult worker with him. The class is supervised by Miss Lorraine Hurlock, director of Physical Education for the "Y" and Mrs. John Orr, instructor and representative of the local chapter of the Red Cross.

The current Red Cross manual on "Swimming for the Handicapped" has no provision for the retarded although it covers the palsied, paraplegic, blind, deaf, polio, circulatory disorders and the mentally ill.

FIRST REGIONAL CONFERENCE AHRC

The first regional conference of the AHRC was held on Saturday, May 10th, 1958 at the Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, New York, to implement the directive of the Board of Governors that such regional conferences take place in each of the four regions set up under the by-laws of the AHRC for better understanding and communications between the Chapters.

Region III comprises nine chapters, Broome, Cayuga, Chemung, Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida-Herkimer, Onondaga, Oswego and Rome State School. All of these chapters were well represented at the meeting where a dynamic program was presented under the general chairmanship of Mr. Vernon Madden. With him on this committee were Alice R. Hueber, Mrs. John McGloine, Mrs. Jane Donovan, Mrs. Marvin Paxson, and Mrs. James Gillett. Working closely with the committee was Mrs. Frank C. McCarthy, 4th Vice President for Region III.

The program included discussion of such topics as "Institutions as Potential Homes", "Value of Parents' Study Groups", "Cooperative Board Services", "Religion to God's Innocents", "Recreation an Essential Project", and "Membership Importance".

Principle speaker at the luncheon was Dr. Louis Fleigler of the School of Special Education, Syracuse University, who spoke on "Counseling Parents and Parental Attitudes in Mental Retardation". Participating actively in the program were Thomas Lotz, Rome State School Chapter, Peter Keischgens, Jefferson County Chapter, Dorothy Bingel, Oneida-Herkimer, Rev. Thomas Skinner, Oneida-Herkimer, Joseph Stuckart, Broome County Chapter and Vernon Madden of Onondaga.

Joseph T. Weingold, Executive Director spoke on legislation and the advancement of the Association from its inception.

More regional conferences, many of which will have taken place by the time this paper reaches you are planned for the month of June. There will be one for Region I bracing the low Southeastern part of the state at Letchworth Village on June 14th. Another will take place the same day in Glens Falls for Region II embracing the Northeastern region of the state.

It is hoped that these will become a regular fixture of the Association and bring the State Association as well as the problems of the chapters to the membership.

Miniature Handbook on Recreation

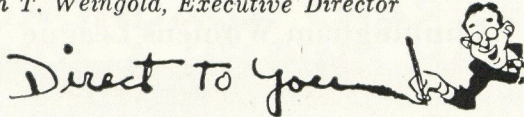
Naomi H. Chamberlain has prepared "A Miniature Handbook for Recreation Volunteers in Institutions and Agencies for the Mentally Retarded." This book is published by Olnay Books, Rochester, New York, and sells at 30¢. All proceeds from the sale of the booklet go to the Sunshine League for Retarded Children, Monroe County Chapter, AHRC.

The booklet includes simple basic rules for volunteer workers including the necessity for kindness to overworked personnel in agencies. There are descriptions of play materials, suggestions for active, quiet and singing games, rhythm activities, songs with gestures and nursery rhymes.

Copies may be obtained by writing to Mr. Ben Gold, Chairman, Institutions Committee, 59 Park Ave., Rochester 7, N. Y.

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Joseph T. Weingold, Executive Director



My column in the last issue of "Our Children's Voice", which concerned itself partially with the question of associations for particular groups of disability, such as those with "brain-injury", brought a number of interesting responses. Some of these I am permitted to quote and others would not like to be so quoted.

Joseph Shostak, Executive Director of the Shield of David Institute for Retarded Children, writes, for instance, calling my attention to a report of the Shield of David of March 2nd, 1955, as follows: "One conclusion makes itself evident, namely, that it is often difficult to make a differential diagnosis. The retarded child is often not distinguishable from the emotionally disturbed dull normal. Only in the course of treatment and continued observation can a distinction be made. The overlap on systematic behavior may be indicative of the need for similarity of treatment and the inclusion in our service of the emotionally disturbed child who is functioning on a retarded level."

I am mildly called to task by another letter, which I cannot quote, but which, in effect, says that the group that has formed the Association for Brain-Injured Children is concerned with children who function within a normal range of intelligence for whom there are inadequate educational programs in existence because of the educational problems caused by brain damage.

I certainly have no quarrel with the parents of such children who wish to form their own organizations to obtain services for their children. I point out the danger, however, that such organizations usually attract a considerable number of parents of mentally retarded children or children who function at a retarded intellectual level who are unwilling to accept mental retardation as a major problem but will attach themselves to any other label such as brain-injury, neurological impairment, neurophrenic, cerebral palsy, or emotionally disturbed. I am sure that there are other labels which I have not mentioned. For those parents, this is a terrible thing and leads up a dark and blocked alley that will mean no services for their children and disservice to themselves and the community. If these organizations speaking of the mentally normal children will clearly define their focus so that everyone can understand it perhaps this will not take place; although I must stay that my experience with human nature is that no matter how much they define their focus there will be many parents of retarded children who will seek an out.

I should like to comment in this column briefly on the results of the legislative session. It is of course very heartening to see such legislation as a research institute pass, but it is extremely discouraging to find legislation endorsed by everybody killed by some silent assailant, remaining anonymous, whose name is protected by the committees and everyone else. I speak of course of the legislation introduced to make mandatory the educational provisions for trainable mentally retarded children in New York State. Although endorsed by all parties and part of the Governor's message to the Legislature, it was killed in the Rules Committee of the Assembly and to date we have not been able to discover what the objections were or by whom they were placed. We still see, however, that cities like Syracuse, Buffalo, Rochester, Albany and others, as well as New York to a great extent, are not implementing this permissive law and we predict will not until it becomes mandatory. In the meanwhile the families suffer, the child is abandoned, and while we wait, thousands

Sunshine League Joins AHRC Erie Chapter

Approval of a merger between the Erie County Chapter, AHRC, and Sunshine League of Western New York for Erie County has been granted by the executive committee of the Community Chest of the county.

The Sunshine League of Western New York, the parents' group serving the Newark State School, originally consisted of chapters in Erie County, Monroe, Lockport and Niagara. Several years ago the Sunshine League of Western New York operating in Monroe County joined with the AHRC to form the Sunshine League, Monroe County Chapter, AHRC, now known as Monroe County Chapter. At that time, because Erie County Chapter was in Community Chest and the Sunshine League in Buffalo conducted an independent drive, it was impossible to effect a similar merger in Erie County. The present announcement of such a merger in Erie County is most gratifying to members of the AHRC, all of whom would like to see a unified movement now made possible by the fact that the AHRC is the state member of the NARC.

It is hoped that this will point the way to all other institutional groups.

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are lost, many are institutionalized and the State has to bear a larger and larger financial burden.

In the last issue of O.C.V. I spoke of another interesting letter that I had from Dr. H. Osmond, Superintendent of the Saskatchewan Hospital in Weyburn, Canada. In this letter he speaks of the size of the institutions and I believe that what he says should be noted by all because we are going through an ideological struggle now in this country concerning the size of institutions for the mentally retarded which will have grave consequences for programs for many generations to come. With new institutions being built in many states there is a golden opportunity to define the policy of size at this time instead of being pressured into following the stereotype that has existed for many many years. In this connection I should like to quote some of the letters from Dr. Osmond.

"I think", writes Dr. Osmond, "there are very good reasons for keeping institutions small. Not the least of them concern the Superintendent, of course. The bigger the organization, the further he is away from clinical pressures and therefore unless he is a very remarkable fellow, and one should never cater to very remarkable fellows since there are not many of them in the world and they will not necessarily become superintendents of mental hospitals or similar institutions, he will be removed from the clinical pressures and will look at the hospital's problems more in the terms of an outsider. This will mean that the hospital's policy will tend to become less and less therapeutic. The tremendous advantage of the small institution is that it has a sort of automatic communication system. I don't mean that we cannot build communication systems for big hospitals and they can sometimes work well. The trouble is they don't often work well, they are far more difficult to run and they call for more and much more skill."

"It seems quite absurd to me that an infantry battalion with the full weight of military discipline behind it and men in presumably their right mind, above mental defective level and well trained, has to be limited to about six hundred men because the organization can't cope with larger numbers of men, but that we should attempt with mental defectives to run these vast organizations. I think that those of us who feel this way have got to blast away at the absurdity of the other people's positions and gradually it will probably sink into their heads. Hope so anyway." Amen.

VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS

Boro Buzzings

QUEENS—There are two new trainees at the Workshop from Queens . . . Charles from Forest Hills and Thomas from Woodside . . . Professor Chris De Prospro, President of the American Association on Mental Deficiency and Professor of Education at the College of the City of New York, spoke on "New Trends in Education for Retarded Children" at the March 27th Meeting . . . "Vocational Rehabilitation of Retarded Young Adults" was the subject of the May 8th meeting . . . A motion picture of the Training Center and Sheltered Workshop was screened with commentary by the speaker, Max Dubrow, Director of the Workshop.

BRONX—The regular March meeting featured the presentation of a check from the Sunshine League for Orphan Children . . . On April 15th, Dr. Ignacy Goldberg, Assistant Director of the Mental Retardation Project at Columbia University, spoke on "What Parents Can Teach the Experts" at the Concourse Plaza Hotel . . . Dr. Goldberg discussed the problem of the retarded child from infancy to adulthood, including information on sex education, a subject that has been largely overlooked although it has a place in any study dealing with the education of retardates . . . The May 13th meeting, under the Co-Chairmanship of Mrs. Teresa Harris and Mrs. Jean Katz, heard George Friedlander, speech therapist, discuss "the part that speech therapy can play in the handling of individual retardates and relating them to their age group."



Our hard working Dinner Committee: (L. to R.) Joe Gitter, Leo Jacobs, Anne Gitter, Emil Goldstein, Seymour Rubin, Chairman; and George Greene.

MANHATTAN—The March 19th meeting brought out a good attendance . . . the timely topic concerned the subject of legislation and Joseph T. Weingold, Executive Director of AHRC, spoke on current and planned legislation . . . he said that "parents of retarded children who attend special schools can deduct as a medical expense on federal income tax returns all fees paid to schools." . . . a lively question and answer period followed the informative talk . . . The April 23rd meeting at the Beacon Hotel featured Professor Chris De Prospro who has long been associated with research in the education of retarded youngsters of all ages . . . he spoke of new evidence in educating all retarded children whether at home or at school.

BROOKLYN—Annual Card Party & Bazaar held at Aperia Manor, January 22, 1958, raised over \$2,000 net . . . Children's Christmas Party at Brownsville Boys' Club on December 22, 1957, very successful with entertainment contributed by Park Dept. . . . Social & Bazaar held at Leonardo Da Vinci on April 22, 1958, raised \$230 for Gold Page in Dinner Journal . . . Old Clothes drive brought in over \$1,100 . . . Chairmen Sid Safer

Cunningham Womens League



L. to R.: Mrs. Evelyn Rouso, Mrs. Renee Sloane, Mrs. Estelle Drosnes, Mrs. Clarice Axler, Cunningham Women's League presenting check to Pres. Bernard M. Fineson.

More Space for AHRC Classes in Brooklyn

The Board of Education has granted the AHRC the use of two additional rooms in Public School 91 in Brooklyn.

Giving up one room on the second floor to another low I.Q. class that the Board of Education is going to put in, we have received the use of two rooms with kitchen facilities and homemaking equipment on the third floor which will greatly augment the depth of the program that the AHRC operates in Public School 91.

Catholic Parochial Classes for Educable

The Special Education Program of the Archdiocese of New York comprises three schools with special classrooms. They are: Sacred Heart of Jesus on West 52nd Street, St. Rose of Lima on West 164th Street, both in Manhattan, and St. John Chrysostom on Hoe Avenue in the Bronx. Additional classes are planned for the fall of 1958 and 1959.

The program accepts children who are retarded between the ages of 7 and 11, with I.Q.'s between 50 and 75. The program is not set up to handle children with marked emotional problems or physical handicaps.

BORO BUZZINGS (Continued)

and Lil Isaacson doing fine job . . . Cabaret Night held in Town & Country on June 5, 1958, netted a profit of \$400 . . . Two membership socials, one on September 24, 1957, the other March 25, 1958, at Leonardo Da Vinci to get new members to meet the old ones—exchange ideas and learn how AHRC functions . . . The "Giving Hand" had a party for Brooklyn pilot classes on May 20, 1958 . . . each child received a gift and refreshments and the school was presented with an electric steam iron, peg board, and aluminum drier . . . On April 28, 1958, the children in the pilot classes attended the circus at a special performance given for handicapped children . . . The Ladies Auxiliary of the Shore Front Democratic Organization, Inc., ran a card party at their club room, 224 Brighton Beach Ave. in Brooklyn . . . Cub Pack #529 celebrated the presentation of the President's Standard Scouting award with a party . . . a rare and outstanding feat in Scouting and a great honor for our scouts . . . during Easter Week the Scouts went on a guided tour to the Botanical Gardens and the following week they attended the circus with troop #421 and the girl scout troop.

THE RETARDED CHILD COUNTS ON YOUR HELP

ONONDAGA CHAPTER LEND A HELPING HAND

When were you first told that your child was retarded? How were you told? What advice were you given? After the initial shock to whom did you turn?

These questions are not thrown at you to bring back unpleasant memories. But that horrible, empty, frustrated experience led the members of the Onondaga County Chapter to lend a helping hand through the establishment of the Helping Hand Committee.

Knowing that this tragic episode is re-enacted every day, parents in AHRC wanted to help new families faced with the problem. The committee therefore visits every social agency, medical group, religious group, just anyone who can possibly come in contact with a new case. These agencies can not legally give the committee the name of the family. But there is nothing to stop them from giving the parent the name of one of the members of the committee so they can call.

The County has been divided into zones and each zone has a couple, parents of a retarded child and active in AHRC, standing ready to visit the new family. Not only will they make the initial visit but they will call again and again. They invite them to AHRC meetings and furnish them with information they need and all the constructive guidance at their command.

No one can really understand the despair of the parents of a retarded child who have just learned the truth as well as another parent of a retarded child. That understanding, based on actual experience, is a vital factor in helping one another. Actually the committee reaches out a Helping Hand and says "You are not alone. Lean on us until you find your way."

Newark State School Organizes Volunteer Program

Newark State School in Western New York has just issued an interesting little mimeographed brochure on "The Organization of a Program for Volunteer Services at Newark State School". This report covered the results of discussions and reports of the supervisors of the ward services and of the auxiliary services concerned directly with the care, training and treatment of patients. A number of areas are described in some detail including ward services, recreational programs, the social service department and the educational departments.

In the introductory remarks, Dr. Murray Bergman states that volunteers have a place on the institution team. "They make the institutional community," says Dr. Bergman, "a more comfortable and happy place for the patients. They do the things which the staff and the employees never will be able to do, because they never have the time, and there will never be enough people to do them". Copies of this brochure may be obtained by writing to Newark State School, Newark, New York.

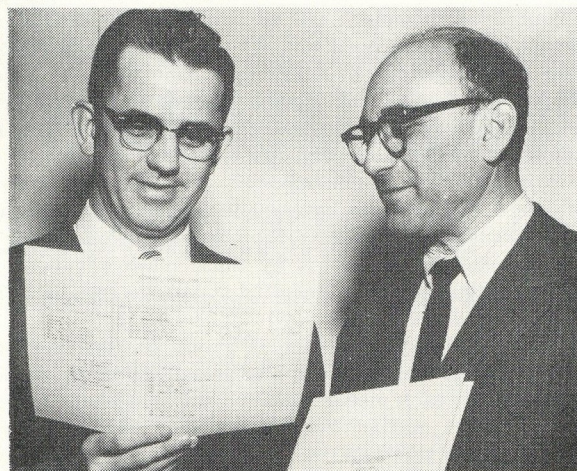
Arson In Queens Classroom

Vandals broke into P.S. #72 in Queens and wrecked an AHRC classroom on the night of April 3rd. The arsonists broke into the basement of the school and climbed through the transom of the classroom. They set fire to the children's cots and equipment. A large wardrobe at one side of the room was ruined and a hole burned in the ceiling above the wardrobe.

Until the special classroom can be restored to usefulness the Board of Education has assigned the children to another room in the same school.

BROOME COUNTY NEW WORKSHOP IN PLANNING STAGE

The committee on Sheltered Workshops met recently in Binghamton. Joseph T. Weingold, Executive Director of AHRC, brought his knowledge and experience with Sheltered Workshop operations to bear on planning a Training Center and Workshop for Binghamton, New York. The pilot project for a Training Center and Workshop in New York City has served as a model for similar programs throughout the country, and the Binghamton Project, scheduled for opening in 1959, promises to set new high standards in physical equipment as well as personnel.



Mr. Merle Prater of Broome County, on left and Mr. Joseph T. Weingold, Executive Director of New York State, discuss Sheltered Workshops.

Foundation Honors Principal of First New York City School for Handicapped Children

The Henrietta Rinaldo Scheider Foundation celebrated its 10th birthday by giving \$1,000 to the Association for the Help of Retarded Children and substantial donations to other charities for handicapped children, according to an announcement by Mr. A. B. Salant, President.

This grant honors Henrietta Rinaldo Scheider who was the Principal of the first New York City special school for handicapped children. The youngest person ever to achieve this stature as an educator, she held classes at the bedside of children in hospitals and at home for those who were physically unable to attend school. Her school, P.S. 401, was a special school in the best meaning of the term, demanding special dedication for principals and teachers alike and a dynamic system of educating the handicapped that was developed to make this group of mobile teachers a cherished part of the current educational system.

Mrs. Scheider continued her work as Principal until she had spent over 50 years in the Public School System, never losing her interest in handicapped children, but adding the mentally handicapped after retirement to the physically handicapped she had served so long.

When Mrs. Scheider died in 1948 her husband had no trouble in finding a suitable memorial for this remarkable woman and pioneer educator in the field of rehabilitation. He endowed the Henrietta Rinaldo Scheider Foundation in order to maintain the work of organizations interested in rehabilitating handicapped children. The Association for the Help of Retarded Children slogan "Retarded Children Can Be Helped" illustrates precisely Mrs. Scheider's abiding philosophy.

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ADULT EDUCATION COURSES FOR RETARDED

Thanks to Mrs. Mary McDonald, Assistant Director of Community Education, Board of Education, and Mr. Francis Brennan, the Director, classrooms have been provided in three borough high schools for further training of retarded young people.

Three CRMD teachers, Mr. Al Slutsky of Brooklyn, Mr. Herbert Rabb of Queens, and Mr. Herbert Aronowitz of the Bronx, have been teaching the students to read, to become more familiar with money, and to develop a concept of time. The teachers were assigned to their posts and materials supplied for the studies by the Adult Education Division directed by Mr. A. Gordon of the Queens Bryant Youth & Adult Center, Mr. Klott of Walton High School, and Mr. Fred Craut of East New York Adult Center, Booklyn.

The wholehearted cooperation of the directors and the dedication of the teachers have made this unique experiment a complete success. There has been marked progress by beginners in reading as well as by those more advanced . . . increased vocabularies have resulted . . . and a greater ability to express themselves.

One teacher brought to school a group of color reproductions of paintings by Van Gogh and asked the young students to describe what each picture meant to him in terms of color, form and subject matter. The results were most interesting and suggest that this new tool may be used more widely to encourage these youngsters to express their feelings and emotions more articulately.

Parents are expected to provide transportation for those unable to travel alone and an interesting sidelight has resulted from this necessary practice. Many parents have enrolled for courses in psychology, art, etc. They attend their own classes while waiting for the young people.

OCCUPATION DAY CENTER FOR ADULTS

We are pleased to announce a new program for young mentally retarded adults.

This program will serve adults from 17 to 25 years of age who are not eligible for the Workshop but who can profit by a group experience. The service will be for two and a half days each week.

Those interested can obtain applications for this service by writing to the Association office, 200 Fourth Avenue, New York 3, N. Y. Don't call. Write.

A VOLUNTEER REPORTS

DOROTHY RAPPAPORT

This past school year I have had the privilege of serving as a volunteer in the AHRC school's new lunch program for the older pupils at P.S. #72, Maspeth, Queens.

Once a week at 11 o'clock I report to the classroom which has been transformed into a kitchen-dining area by the ingenuity of the group's teacher, Mr. Nino. Here two of the bigger boys are waiting for me. We decide on the menu for the day. I write out their shopping list, and they are off to the grocery store. A typical menu consists of soup and crackers, a ham sandwich, pudding or fruit, cookies and milk.

While we wait for the shoppers to return, two other children are setting the tables, pouring the milk, and stirring the soup on their two-burner stove. When the groceries are brought back, the two children make their classmates' sandwiches and place them at the individual settings. All this time I have merely supervised. The actual preparation is done by the pupils with a minimum of assist by me.

It is now 12 o'clock and the entire group, usually eleven children, gaily troop in for lunch. After Mr. Nino leads the children in their daily thanks to God, lunch is eaten with hearty appetite by all.

Once their meal is finished, and most of the children have adjourned to the Playroom, the "kitchen staff", in true assembly-line fashion, clear the tables, wash, rinse, dry and put away all the utensils.

My day has now ended and once again I have enjoyed participating in this program which has proven itself so highly gratifying to their teacher, and to the children themselves.

Social Security For Retarded Assessed

The Social Security Administration released statistics that show nearly 60% of the disabled children entitled to insurance and survivor's benefits under the 1956 amendments to the Social Security laws are mentally retarded.

The amendments passed by Congress in 1956 permit payment of child's insurance and survivor benefits to disabled persons beyond the age of 18 and therefore cover the mentally retarded. It is provided that if a retarded child is unable to work because of his disability and the disability began before he reached the age of 18 he is eligible for benefits. Since the amendments went into effect the Social Security Administration has processed 41,000 applications. Of these 36,000 were deemed disabled and eligible for social security.

Three major causes accounted for nearly 60% of the children who qualified under the amendments — Mental deficiency was responsible for 40% cerebral, spastic, infantile paralysis with mental deficiency, 15%, and epilepsy with mental deficiency, 4%.

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