

# FEEBLE MINDED GET ATTENTION

### Noted Chicago Doctor Urges Woman to Back Movement to Better the Race.

COVALLIS, Aug. 9.—What the community owes the child was brought out forcibly and clearly by Dr. Caroline Hedger when she talked to the crowded general assembly of home economists in the women's gymnasium during the economic convention.

That the child is the problem of the community of the future even though in the past he has been the family problem was brought out by Dr. Hedger, then she hastened on to say that the community now owes the child an unimpaired heritage in the future—positive health, education and socialization, one that will convert the child into a working unit in the various groups in which he must function, and develop his responsibility in the fields of parenthood, democracy, service.

"I think the time has come when we can no longer fail to face the question of the feeble-minded and we have got to see that legislation is undertaken that precludes the reproduction of feeble-minded," declared Dr. Hedger, as she indicated the responsibility of the association for backing the Shepard-Towner bill. She continued, "I think it is reasonable to say that money has often spoiled perfectly good protoplasm. Poverty is not a danger or menace to the child, necessarily. The community must see a child as a part of the endless play and there must be an understanding of race participation. The bearing of children of the fit must be an act of faith in the future evolution of the race as any social contribution is an act of faith in a better society, and neither of these especially relates to money."

"Having produced the best possible contribution to the future, the community owes the child an education and positive health. We have as yet hardly attained the negative health. We have no right to give a child all the contagious diseases in the first grade and injure it with examinations throughout the course. We must give it efficiency and the beauty that comes from perfect health. We must give the child means to his service in his generation. I do not mean that we should constantly consider aches and pains, for that is absorption in personality."

"It seems hard to find the child that is able to stand the 'graff' of modern education and I am glad to see that the educators themselves are 'mulling' over this question. This is your field and a helpful publication in this line in Robert McCarrison's 'Studies in Deficiency Disease.' In order to reap the harvest you must have what you want to sell. Are you yourself up to the mark? Do you radiate health? "If you women can put the dress forms on the map I don't know why you should not be able to put a good looking child on the map." "Old dogs learn slowly," she said. "Educate your parents. We must put efficiency and balance in diet. If you feed your children exclusively on eggs, milk and meat, they land in the soup for that is an unbalanced diet. Who can teach us balanced diet unless the home economics experts? You must teach the danger of excessive sugar and protein. There are but 30,000 trained economic experts for more than 100,000,000 people. "It is hard to teach Americans for they know it all and don't wish to be taught, and the foreign population is too ignorant to realize its need."

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The damage caused by the broad-nosed grain weevil is more than has generally been supposed, according to Department Bulletin 1085, Broad-nosed Grain Weevil, by Richard T. Colton, scientific assistant, Bureau of Entomology recently issued by the United States department of agriculture. This bulletin describes the origin and economic history of the broad-nosed grain weevil. This weevil breeds in corn, chick-peas, millets, acorns and avocado seeds, and occasionally in the roots of the dashen and in sweet potatoes. The adult weevil feeds on wheat, barley, wheat flour, ginger, macaroni, and chayotes. Whole grain or seed of medium hardness is immune from its attacks unless its associate, the common rice weevil, has made entrance to the soft parts of the grain easy for it. Cracked, damaged, or soft seed is quickly infested by the broad-nosed grain weevil. The bulletin includes a technical description of the life history and habits of the weevil in all its stages. It is available upon application to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

**Shifting the Responsibility.**  
Another sign that the modern men are improving is that some now blame the federal reserve banks instead of their wives.—Galveston News.

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# PLANS HOME FOR POOR ORPHANS

### W. C. T. U. of Oregon Would Follow Plan of the Mooseheart Institution.

PORTLAND, Aug. 9.—A new impetus was given to the interest being shown all over the state in the establishment of a Farm Home for orphan or dependent children by the Oregon Woman's Christian Temperance Union, when the Portland home board met recently in Portland. In connection with this meeting, a luncheon was given in honor of the president of the board, A. C. Schmitt of Albany, who has recently returned from the east where he visited other homes of like character, notably Mooseheart, an orphanage established by the Mooseheart Association for the children of their members. Among those present at the luncheon were J. H. Hirschberg, treasurer of the board, Mayor Baker of Portland, who is "big brother" to the home, George Ehinger, secretary of the Child Welfare Commission, Will Hale, former head of the state training school, J. T. Landers, president of the state normal school, John V. Brown of Corvallis, architect for the cottages to be erected at once, Mrs. G. L. Boland, member of the board, Mrs. Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton, Mrs. Starlan Gilborn, president of Multnomah County W. C. T. U., Mrs. Lorinda

Sanner, president of Washington County W. C. T. U., Miss Vella Winces, Whitehead of the Telegram, Mrs. Ash Wallace Urub, financial director presided.

**To Use Cottage Plan.**  
It was an inspiration to learn from Pres. Schmitt that the Mooseheart home, operated on exactly the lines proposed by the W. C. T. U., viz., the cottage plan with industrial training as well as academic schooling and non-sectarian Protestant religious instruction, is paying a wonderful success. Mayor Baker, who is a member of the Order of the Moose, as well as a number of other leading fraternalities, thought the fraternal organization generally over the state would be more than glad to co-operate in the support of this home since it would be impractical for each order to maintain a separate one in the state. He pledged his good offices in bringing this about. At the board meeting following the luncheon, the architect's plans were

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