

NEW YORK PARENTS SEEK FOR PRODIGES

Girl, 8, Tests as 14, Setting
Gotham All Agog.

SUSAN IS NOT AFFECTED

Psychological Experiments Show
Youngster Is of More Than
Ordinary Mentality.

BY CLARA SAVAGE.
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NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—This city is today threatened with an epidemic of child prodigies. Susan Mitchell, aged 8, began it. Everyone who knew Susan had thought that she was like any other little girl of her age. I would have thought so myself when I saw Susan this morning if I had not known the results of the Binet-Simon tests through which the psychological authorities of Teachers' college put her this week.

The tests showed that though she might be 8 physically, she was 14 mentally. That set food parents all over greater New York thinking that perhaps they had a little prodigy in their home. Interest in the subject is spreading to such an extent that soon no child in the country may be safe from having his mental age exposed, no home considered complete without its prodigy.

Susan is not affected. Susan herself is quite unconscious of intellectual superiority to children of her own age. I found her at the out-of-door school she attends on the roof of a New York hotel. She is a chunky little blue-eyed, rosy-cheeked girl with "Dutch cut" straight light hair. You would never guess that at first she could tell time in French, or that she early dispensed with nursery rhymes and substituted songs, the words and music of which she had learned from the radio.

She is apparently unusually familiar with the violin. When I asked her what her favorite study was she said "rhythmic. I am now learning to cancel decimals."

I did not like to ask her what she meant by that.

"Have you curly hair?" she suddenly asked me, and when I admitted I hadn't she said:

"I'll show you something! I always wished my hair was curly and I didn't, but now I've discovered something to do about it."

She seized a lock between the stubby thumb and forefinger and began to push the single hairs back toward her forehead. The result was a somewhat snarly but rather fluffy effect. Every woman with straight hair has practiced that particular trick at crucial moments. When Susan Mitchell demonstrated this at the age of 8 I knew indeed that she was a child marvel.

But how are you to tell whether your offspring is just a common prodigy or uncommon prodigy? You can get the tests, and then if you can persuade Mary or Johnny to hold still long enough you can try them in your own home.

Begin by asking him to point to his nose, eyes, mouth and hair in suc-

cession. A child of 3 is expected to point to 10 objects, and out of four years child a few years older may wonder if you have lost your mind when you try this test on him. He may even remark that your mental age is not what it ought to be, but don't let that embarrass you.

Ask him something harder—one of the questions of the fifth year. "What must you do when you are cold?" If he is a city child he may reply, "How with the janitor?" but you cannot be sure from this that he is a prodigy.

Tell the difference between stone and egg, between wood and glass, between a fly and a butterfly. That's a test for a 7-year-old, according to Binet-Simon revised.

Word Definition Last Test.

The last test of all is a list of 100 words which the child is expected to define. At 8 years of age the average child should be able to define 20 words, according to psychologists; at 10 years 30 words; at 12 years 40 words and so on. Susan Mitchell was able at 8 to define 50 of the 100. The list begins with "green" and "orange," but goes on to such hard words as "disproportionate," "frustrate," "sapient," "paleology," "impet," "homunculus," and "testing of the children." It is on any adult who may be handy and see what happens.

"What is your little Alice's 'intellectual quotient'?" one New York word was heard to ask of another. "My Gladys is 10-50-32."

It may be Greek to the uninitiated, but up-to-date parents know what they are talking about. It means that they have put their young hopeful through all the tests, computed their correct answers in terms of months, according to printed directions, then ascertained the mental age of the child, divided the mental age by the physical and thus arrived at the "I. Q.," or "Intellectual quotient," in the language of psychologists.

Simple, being a parent nowadays, isn't it?

VETERANS RECALL FIGHTS

Anniversary of Lincoln's Birthday
Commemorated Here.

Men who fought in the war of the rebellion, as well as their sons and grandsons, last night attended the meeting to commemorate the 112th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln with a Union defenders' day celebration at the headquarters of the Sons of Veterans and the Women's Auxiliary in the courthouse.

Before the program commenced battle of the days of '61 were recounted, bearded commanders were praised or blamed and thrilling night forays were brought from the misty haze of the years to gladden again the memories of the men who had fought with Grant and Sheridan or had marched with Sherman to the sea.

Two hundred and fifty members of the affiliated organizations listened to Rev. H. H. Griffith's masterly eulogy of the great president, and when the evening grew late the meeting became informal and once again the veterans gathered and exchanged tales of conquest south of the Mason and Dixon line.

Walter Jenkins led in several old melodies and sang two solos.

The complete program follows: Invocation, Rev. H. H. Griffith; recitation, "The American Flag," Gladys Campbell; recitation, Darle Lamah; piano solo, Anna Vesta Williams; address, Rev. H. H. Griffith; solo, Lucia K. Murray, and singing and dancing, Baby Lenore McCutcheon.

Woman Hit by Automobile

Mrs. Charles Simmons, 163 Twelfth street, sustained lacerations of the scalp and body bruises late last night when she was struck by an automobile driven by L. A. Pendergrass, 429 Fourteenth street. Mrs. Simmons was injured almost at the door of her home. Pendergrass was arrested, charged with reckless driving and released on recognizance.

REPUBLICANS PAY TRIBUTE TO LINCOLN

Oregon Club Holds Annual
Dinner at Chamber.

ABOUT 275 AT MEETING

Messages From Harding, Coolidge,
Hayes and Other Notable Men
In Northwest Are Read.

Reconsecration of the republican party to the principles of Abraham Lincoln was voiced at the annual dinner, given last night by the Republican club of Oregon at the Chamber of Commerce in honor of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, with about 275 men and women members present.

Messages, setting forth the honor of the occasion, were read from Warren G. Harding, president-elect; Calvin Coolidge, vice-president-elect; Will H. Hayes, chairman of the republican national committee, and other notable men in the United States.

Honor to President-elect Harding as a man embodying those composite characteristics of the American people which signify the highest type of Americanism was paid by C. M. Idelman, attorney-general of Oregon and personal friend of Mr. Harding.

"There is no one man in this great nation of ours who more fully comprehends the principles of love of liberty and fair play than Warren G. Harding," said Mr. Idelman. "You may be assured that the love of liberty and fair play, together with pure Americanism, will grow and flourish under his administration."

As Mr. Idelman finished speaking, the entire assemblage rose and pledged support to Mr. Harding as the next president of the United States.

How Lincoln had put to shame even the enemies who coined epithets against him was related by Judge C. G. Burton, past commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. Lincoln had dared to deal severely with those who endangered the welfare of the Union, Judge Burton said, in the face of vexation and malicious attack, he had kept free from personal hatred and malice. No one since Jesus of Nazareth had been so entirely free of personal feeling against those who reviled and at last martyred him, said Judge Burton.

Patriotic Aids Are Sung

Judge Burton also paid tribute to Lincoln's wisdom and repeated the simple question put to Stephen A. Douglas, in their debates in 1858, which meant the reckoning of Douglas' chances for the presidency two years later, whichever way he answered it.

Three members of the Grand Army of the Republic, each of whom voted for Abraham Lincoln in 1864, sang "The Flag Without a Star" and several other patriotic airs. They were Z. M. Parvin, Dr. J. E. Hall and W. N. Morse. Judge M. C. George, brother of Hugh George, who carried Oregon's vote to Washington after the election of Lincoln in 1864, presided as toastmaster. Colonel James J. Crossley spoke on the Americanism of Lincoln. Helen Campbell Jesselson responded on behalf of the women members of the party. John Day, chairman of the Multnomah county central committee, praised the work of the organization in the election

Anna Case Sings Way to Hearts of Audience.

Apollo Club Male Chorus Scores in
Nine Numbers.

BY JOSEPH MACQUEEN.

ONE operatic aria and ten songs—with extra numbers—from Miss Anna Case, soprano, of the New York Metropolitan Grand Opera company, and nine chorus numbers from the Apollo Club male quartet, made up a concert at the public auditorium last night that will be pleasantly remembered among the season's good things in that line. The audience was large and enthusiastic, and showered appreciation on the excellent programme.

Miss Case, a pretty girl with a dainty figure, clad in a gown of gold, captured her audience as the evening proceeded. She has a lyric soprano voice that has decided beauty in the upper register, and is of ordinary quality in the middle register, where it is what singers call "breathy."

Miss Case's diction is all that can be desired. One of her artistic gifts is her liveliness of manner, and she has the ability to act the emotions of the songs she so cleverly interprets. She did not sing any sensationality high notes, but the notes above the staff were artistically sung, with admirable tone placement.

When Miss Case walked on the auditorium stage last night and faced her audience to sing "Lunge e amor" (Pasole) she gave a little cough. But no perceptible vocal hoarseness developed as she sang her numbers, although it seemed at times as if she were saving her voice. She sang naturally and easily, and made a most pleasing impression. One of the number she added, "O Sleep, Why Dost

Thou Leave Me?" (Handel) was sung with a dignity of repose that won admiration. The Sibelius number was playfully sung and acted, and served as a tonic. The aria "Waltz Song," from the Gounod opera, "Roméo and Juliette," is well known in this city from its rendition by members of the Portland Opera association, and Miss Case's singing of it was impressive and notable.

In the last group of songs Miss Case sang with much success the "Nightwind" of Jarley, and her imitation of the wind, with successions of "ooo-o-o" and by expressive gestures violated the noise of rain made upon the window pane, tickled her audience. She also made a hit when she smilingly turned her back upon her audience and sang one extra to the chorus. Her extra numbers were "Robin, Robin, Sing Me a Song" (Spross); "Poor Finish" (Frank Walker); "Sacred Fire" (Russell); "After Dream" (Waller); "Jicicle" (Wells Bassett); and "Song of India" (Rimsky-Karsakoff). At the last the audience fell in love with Miss Case and would not let her go until she sang four extras. Claude Gottlieb of New York City was piano accompanist, and he played superbly and with fine taste.

The Apollo club, 57 strong, sang with much appeal and charm in unaccompanied negro spirituals, especially in "Deep, Deep River." The best-sung, most excellently shaded choir number was "The Lost Chord" (Sullivan). The Chinese "Lullaby" made a hit, it was so amusing, and the grandeur of "Sunrise" was rewarded with cordial applause. Mr. Boyer conducted with fine ability and good judgment. The two piano accompanists for chorus were Edgar E. Courson and Mrs. Hardwick. The organist was Ralph W. Hoyt.

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CODY'S LADS CARRY OFF JUNIOR HONORS

Annual Swimming, Diving
Championships Held.

COMPETITION IS KEEN

Douglas' Youngsters Easily Win
200-Yard Junior Relay in
Multnomah Club Tank.

Keen competition featured every event of the Oregon state swimming and diving championships last night in the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club tank.

Considerable interest was manifested in the junior events. In these Swimming Instructor Cody's Multnomah club pupils carried off the honors with the exception of the 200-yard junior relay for boys, which was easily won by four of Instructor Douglas' youngsters from the Broadway Natatorium. Ray Wilson, lead-off man for the Natatorium team, soon crawled into the lead, which was held for the remainder of the distance by the other three members of the team.

The junior girls' relay was won by the Multnomah club team after a hard fight with Millie Schlot's public school swimmers. The girls' relay was won by the Multnomah club team after a hard fight with Millie Schlot's public school swimmers.

Only two entries took the plunge in the 150-yard backstroke and first place went to Jack Pobochenko of Multnomah with Egan second.

Thelma Payne, national women's career diving champion and a member of the Multnomah club, placed first in the fancy diving from the ten-foot board. Helen Hicks, Multnomah, was second, and Virginia Penbrooke, Multnomah, third. A large crowd of spectators crowded into the tank room to witness the meet.

The results follow:

50-yard senior, men—Harrison, Multnomah club, first; Duke Walker, Broadway nat, second; Neale, University of Oregon, third. Time, 0:23.

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THEATERGOER IS STRICKEN

Cerebral Hemorrhage Makes
Woman Unconscious in Chair.

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While attending the Columbia theater Friday night, Mrs. R. H. Wileprecht, 80 West Farragut street, was stricken in her chair with a malady thought by her friends to be "sleeping sickness." She was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital, where up to a late hour last night she had not regained consciousness.

The hospital reported that the attending physician has diagnosed the case as one of cerebral hemorrhage. Mrs. Wileprecht's condition was said to be serious and recovery was doubtful unless she soon regained consciousness. She is 43 years old.

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