

Parents Endorse School Clinic Room

Aids Normal Child With Particular Difficulties

By BEULAH CHAPMAN
"Amazingly successful" is the way parents speak of the work being done by Minnie V. Duncan at the clinic room for special students of elementary grades in Salem. Designed to aid potentially brilliant students who, because of special difficulties, are dragging in their school work, the program is entering its fifth year here.

Restoring confidence and poise to pupils emotionally upset, correcting reading difficulties which have caused children to seem backward and teaching vocabularies to baby-talkers are all in the day's work for Mrs. Duncan. Records of two grades' reading progress in three months is not uncommon in her room.

Not for Backward Child
In contrast to the discarded "opportunity room," the special room is adapted not to naturally backward children but to those who are normal or superior. Children have been handled here who have intelligence quotients as high as 140, as tested by the Benet scale, indicating that their mental age is 40 per cent greater than their physical age.

The special room is part of the state clinic program under the direction of Dr. H. H. Dixon of the University of Oregon medical school at Portland, assisted by Dr. W. H. Hutchens and Dr. G. B. Haugen. Dr. Margaret Ringler, also of the medical school, is in charge of speech difficulties. The Marion county health department has charge of some aspects of local clinic work. Eight other Oregon cities have similar clinic service and special rooms.

Room Separate School Unit
Although located at Washington school, Salem's special room is in no other way connected with that school. It was located there because of the central position and because there was room there for it.

When a teacher notices a student whom she thinks might be helped by special work she consults with the principal of her school. Parents are called in for consultation and if they agree, the child is examined at one of

'Real Results' Produced

The work of the special room conducted as part of the Salem public school program meets with the approval of Superintendent Frank E. Bennett. His evaluation of this service follows.

By FRANK E. BENNETT
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For many years there has existed a realization among school people that some of the children experiencing difficulty in school work were experiencing that difficulty as a result of underlying causes as yet not understood by school officials and teachers. As the physical functioning of the human body is complex, and disorders at times baffle the attending doctor, and require the knowledge and more expert skill of trained specialists, so, even more, the delicate balance of the individual child in his social adjustments and mental attitude may require skill and understanding beyond that possessed by the regular school force. A few years ago an occasional parent in a local community was fortunate enough to have what appeared to be serious cases corrected through the counsel and aid of such special assistance. Interest in the possibility of bringing such assistance more easily in reach of local communities caused the Oregon legislature to set aside limited funds to permit a few clinical centers to be established in Oregon. We are now entering the fifth year under such service in Oregon.

After five years of such service, I believe we can say definitely that we have seen real results in Oregon. No one working closely with this program would venture, I am sure, to claim that all cases coming before the clinic have been corrected, or, in a few instances,

even helped. But certainly, we know many children reassigned to their regular classrooms with suggestions for teacher and parent guidance that adjusted rapidly to a normal environment. Likewise, even among the more acute cases, many of those assigned the special room rapidly improved and soon returned to the regular classroom for the regular work. Some have been much slower to respond to complete adjustment of a normal program, while a few have showed little or no improvement.

Besides the very fine service rendered in the large proportion of cases handled, another very real value has resulted. Both thoughtful parents and regular classroom teachers have come to face the problem child case with a new realization that there is something to be done. Such parents and such teachers are now solving at the beginning many cases of poor adjustment in a normal child direction program as an incidental part of their relationship with the child and are seeking expert counsel on cases not understood. This new emphasis of the regular classroom teacher and parent to prepare themselves to more adequately cope with such cases at their very beginning, is a significant trend. Detection of the beginning of such child problems is important in the same way as detecting tooth decay before the tooth is too far gone. This whole movement certainly should bring new hope to parents and teachers, more assurance for right outcomes in child rearing, and most important of all, a definite salvaging of many, many cases that were previously thought to be hopeless, and returning them to happy, normal childhood.

the four clinics held during each school year at the Marion county health department. At this clinic specialists determine the cause of the child's difficulties and decide if special room work is needed. It is upon recommendation of these specialists that a child is enrolled in the special room. By no means all children examined at the clinic are sent to

the special room. Many cases can be corrected in the regular school room or in the home. The first clinic was held September 15. The second will be November 14 and the third February 16.
No Age Limit Fixed
Although there is no definite age-limit, pupils in the special room are usually between the third and sixth grades. Never

Program Informal, Pupil Has Much Freedom

Duncan's room. Each child works under his own program and is free to move about as he wishes. Mid-morning lunch is enjoyed each day. If one of the children feels sleepy during the day, he takes a nap on the couch in Mrs. Duncan's office.

"Success Level" Sought
First task with a new charge is to ease the tension by finding something he can do, his individual "success level," even though this may mean a sixth grader is given reading assignments in a primer.

"Lessening the tension is of great value," Mrs. Duncan explains. "I work to make the pupil aware of his ability instead of doubting it. Many of the children come to me after they have been here several weeks and are beginning to realize that they can learn and say, 'You know, I thought I was dumb.'"

Individual attention and personal sympathy which Mrs. Duncan can give each child is a great factor in restoring confidence. Causes as well as symptoms of difficulties get attention. For instance, emotional upsets are sometimes caused by a death in the child's family and work havoc with a child's memory. By discovering such factors, Mrs. Duncan can often better correct the trouble. For such work a complete case history and family history for each charge is kept at the health department.

Attend Group Classes
Special room students are kept in touch with a large group at all times by taking part of their work with regular classes at Washington school. Art, physical education and music are always taken with other groups.

Mrs. Duncan was put in charge of the room in Salem when it was first opened four years ago. She came here from Portland where she had been doing similar work under Dr. Dixon's direction at Doernbecher hospital. She was already well known to Salem people, however, for she was at one time principal at Washington school.

Lions at Stayton Hear Loar Speak

Silverton Doctor Tells of City's Planning Board Work

STAYTON—Dr. R. P. R. Loar of Silverton and James Say, manager of the Stayton branch of the First National bank of Portland, were speakers at the Tuesday Lions club meet in Stayton.

Dr. Loar gave an outline of the formation and operation of the city planning board in Silverton, which began with the Lutheran church brotherhood which was expanded to include close to 100 members selected by civic, lodge, church organizations, and by members at large. Its purpose, he said, is to provide the citizens of the community with facts concerning proposals for town betterment and to give an opportunity to submit proposals and discuss them.

All O. Nelson and H. B. Anderson were the other guests from Silverton.

James Say gave an outline of the history of banking. Say started his banking career in 1925 and he has been in the following places before coming to Stayton: Wilsonville, Gaston for five years and Hillsboro. He became manager of the Stayton branch, First National bank of Portland, in 1936.

Grangers News

LIBERTY—The annual grange booster night for the Red Hills grange took place at the grange hall on Tuesday night.

Miss Fern Morgan, lecturer, was in charge of the program. The usual booster night grange history and grange work which is given for the information of visitors and prospective members, was given in the form of round table discussion. Mrs. Floyd Bates was soloist. The grange fair on October 19 was discussed.

WOODBURN—The Woodburn grange met all day Saturday at the hall on the St. Paul highway. It was decided to extend a vote of thanks to the Woodburn fair board and to those farmers who helped furnish the things for the grange booth at the community fair. Jessie Sims won the grange quilt. A membership drive is on this month and Ivan Magee and Guy Rice were appointed on a special membership committee. Fred Watts of the Monitor was a visitor.

NORTH HOWELL—Meeting in regular session at the North Howell grange hall, Thursday afternoon the Home Economics club listened to reports from the recent grange and community fair, which netted approximately \$30.

Discussion of the renewal of the usual winter's series of card parties resulted in the announcement of the first one to be given, October 19 at the grange hall, with Mrs. C. E. Waltham as chairman. Mrs. Martha Vinton won the word contest and Mrs. A. B. Wiesner read an editorial on "Columbus" during the program hour which preceded the Halloween refreshments served by Mrs. W. M. Oddie and Mrs. F. B. Kurze.

UNION HILL—The Union Hill grange Home Economics club met at the grange hall all day on Wednesday to clean the hall. Fifteen members were present for the covered-dish dinner at noon.

In the afternoon at the business meeting, plans were made to serve the dinner at the county federation of women's clubs which will be held at the grange hall on October 27. Committees in charge of tables are: Mrs. Byron McElhaney and Mrs. J. E. Krenz, Mrs. Floyd Fox and Mrs. F. Krenz, Mrs. W. M. Tate and Mrs. George Woolley, Mrs. H. H. Peters and Mrs. Verna Scott, clerk, Mrs. John Steinberger.

LIBERTY—Everyone in the Red Hills section is invited to exhibit at the grange into-community fair to be held Friday, October 19, in the grange hall. Exhibits may include textiles of all kinds, handicraft, flowers and house plants, fruits, nuts, vegetables, canned goods, baked articles such as cakes, pies, cookies, breads.

Oregon Cities Reduce Debt Ratios In Year Past, Pearson Announces; Dallas and Albany in Lower Group

Oregon cities reduced their indebtedness by \$3,443,480 during the year ended last July 1, when the cities had total debt of \$51,240,276, State Treasurer Walter E. Pearson said yesterday. The debt has declined about \$13,000,000 in the past three years. Three cities had debts which totaled more than half of their assessed valuation. The cities and the ratio of their debts to their valuations are Astoria 50.19, Warrenton (Clatsop county) 113.73, and Bandon 56.43.

Debt Ratio Declines
The average ratio for all cities was 11.84 per cent, compared with 12.78 per cent on July 1, 1938.

City	1938	1939	Debt Ratio
Albany	\$96,357	\$96,982	2.68
Astoria	\$2,813,997	\$2,632,717	50.19
Baker	\$46,676	\$28,863	10.71
Corvallis	\$417,795	\$287,466	5.52
Eugene	\$2,069,996	\$1,781,887	14.24
Grants Pass	\$44,012	\$57,008	20.02
Klamath Falls	\$1,359,209	\$1,176,439	12.63
Medford	\$1,315,087	\$1,330,758	13.73
Pendleton	\$275,010	\$245,106	4.06
Roseburg	\$299,500	\$248,505	5.69
Salem	\$3,202,955	\$3,144,693	20.92
Total	\$51,240,276	\$51,240,276	11.84

Bits for Breakfast
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have been saved from the cruel massacre which they suffered.

There were narrow underlings in the employ of the Hudson's Bay company, as there were narrow underlings in the lower ranks of the missionary forces, but there was nothing mean or in any way "unfriendly" in the attitude or the acts of the heads of that great concern.

Dr. McLoughlin in after years became an American citizen. Understanding students of his career are now convinced that, all along, he was an admirer of the American tradition and the American form of government, though at no time unfaithful to the best interests of the great concern for which he stood in this embryonic empire in extent of territory; and Dr.

buried it about nine inches down into the soil, placed the top of the cage downward and planted her tulips in it. The halves couldn't get into the bed. Half-inch galvanized wire meshing may be made into bulb cages also. The meshing should be down at least eight inches and come up all around to the surface of the soil. Fill the bottom of the cage with two inches of soil, put in the bulbs and fill the remainder with soil. They tell me that one can purchase the bulb cages ready made at something around \$5 a hundred in California. One may be able to get them here also, but I haven't seen them.

A Salem gardener writes to tell me she made a grand discovery last spring. She found a use for an old bird cage which had been hanging in her garage for a number of years. She writes she just cannot throw anything away so she just left it hang. But moles had been very hard on her tulips. She took the cage,

How Does Your Garden Grow?

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
Requests have been coming for information on material about Oregon shrubs which will grow elsewhere. This depends upon how cold the elsewhere is. One request was from a woman who wanted to know what shrub would grow in Texas. This would depend upon what part of Texas. The Oregon grape and the wild currant do well in parts of Texas. Another gardener wanted Miss Madsen to send something to San Francisco. There are difficulties encountered in sending shrubs to California. Inquiry should be made as to rulings. But Oregon grape grows beautifully in the bay region.

Mr. A. G. from Minnesota: Cherries grow here all right, but not quite with the ease you indicate. There are certain rules and regulations which govern cherry culture just as there are rules that govern other growing things. To have a successful cherry tree on your "12 by 20 back lot," as you call it, be sure the soil isn't too heavy, that it is well-drained. You might lime it once a year if it is definitely heavy. Also spray the tree thoroughly with Bordeaux this fall. Many growers advise spraying once before the leaves fall. And once the first week in December.

Heavy Soil for Roses
Roses, Mrs. S. N., like best a rather heavy soil, but it must be well drained. Give the bushes a top dressing of manure now and spade it into the soil in February. Roses are heavy feeders and much more subject to disease if they are undernourished.

Mrs. S. W. B.—Your Canterbury bells, waxes, hollyhocks, galliards may all be set

out now with benefit to them. They will become established before winter. I would also set out the primroses.
P. B. L.—A perennial border may well be started this fall. Work up the soil well. The description of the space you have for a perennial border seems ideal. Six feet wide isn't at all too wide for that kind, particularly as you seem to have plenty of space. Put the tall things in the back. Alternate. Don't plant in too rigid rows. Hollyhocks are some of the tallest you will use. There is also golden glow, anemones, perennial phlox, delphinium, michaelmas daisies, foxgloves. For smaller ones there are wallflowers, sweet williams, summer carnations, perennial salvia. Border plants might include, English daisies, primroses, violets, pansies. You might stick in small groups of bulbs here and there for a early spring bloom. Some have suggested dipping big nails in red paint and using them to mark the place where the bulbs are planted. Some gardeners add peonies and heather to their perennial borders. You'll find when you once start you'll develop many ideas of your own. A garden, to be really good, should have individuality. One is surprised what really does work well in a border garden. But do plan to have something in bloom all the time. You'll find vacancies the first year. Fill in annually.

Sweet Wills Transplanted
Mr. O. S.—Sweet williams will transplant very nicely. In fact sweet williams will almost anything, including reseed themselves. Mrs. Sam Ames, one of Silverton's veteran gardeners, has a long row of sweet williams as a border to her cutting bed. It is so colorful that many of us make definite efforts to visit the Ames garden each year when we know the sweet williams are in bloom.

A. J. R.—There are at Salem a number of the moss lawns you are inquiring about. I passed two or three one day this week while walking down a North Capitol street. One entirely covered with moss was at 1697 North Capitol. You might walk down by there and have a look at it. Some people are very pleased with their moss lawns. Some have written that they were sorry they dug up their grass and planted the moss. I would make sure I received moss before I made the change. If the moss lawn is well cared for it is hard to tell it from grass at a distance. At a close view, the difference is very marked. I got a card marked "Traveler," asking the name of the tulips and the stocks back of the administration building at the San Francisco fair. I had marked the card "Don't know," when I picked up my new Sunset magazine and there, right before me it was: Prince of Orange tulips and chamois stocks. The orange tulips and ivory stocks formed a beautiful combination, I am told.

Mrs. E. D.—Yes, cut off your auburn daisy stalks when they are

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Unknown Malady Fatal to Flock

TURNER—D. B. Maxfield reports an unknown malady has developed in his flock of several hundred turkeys one-fourth mile east of Turner. Without disease symptoms over 100 have died, some of them his finest birds. Specimens have been sent to the OSC laboratories.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bear spent Friday at the Pacific International livestock show, Portland, "riving on to Morton, Wash., Saturday morning, to visit their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Willard B. Bear.

Neighborhood silo filling was finished Thursday at the S. A. Riches farm.
Turner school enrollment is grades 104, high school 74. Officers of the high school student body are president, Gordon Kunkle, and secretary, Bernadine White.

Stephen Seifer Funeral Monday

MT. ANGEL—Funeral services for Stephen Seifer, 66, who died at his home near Gervais Thursday night of a heart attack, will be held from St. Mary's church, Mt. Angel, Monday morning at 8:15 o'clock. Unger funeral parlors are in charge and interment will be in Calvary cemetery.

He was a member of the Mt. Angel court of the Catholic Order of Foresters.
Seifer was born in Austria-Hungary August 15, 1873, the son of George and Magdalene Seifer, and came to America at the age of 19, settling near Gervais. Except for a few years in California, all the remainder of his life was spent here. May 15, 1904, he was married to Katherine Bur of Mt. Angel, who survives him. Six children were born to the union, one dying in infancy.

Surviving children are Joseph, Aloisius, Leonard, and Marie of Mt. Angel, and Mrs. Hilda Moll of Portland. Three grandchildren, two brothers, Mike Seifer of Canby and Leo Seifer of Gresham, and a sister, Mrs. Anna Peterson of Portland, also survive.

Island Mothers Circle Elects

GRAND ISLAND—The Mothers' Circle club held its first meeting of the season Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Cole with Mrs. Ernest Douglas assisting hostess. Only a small number were present.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were: Mrs. Charles A. Ferguson, president, reelected; Mrs. Roy E. Will, vice-president, and Daniel Tompkins, secretary-treasurer. Standing committees for the year will be appointed at the next meeting.

Albany Man Takes Awards on Wheat

ALBANY—For the second time Joseph W. Wakefield of Albany took the sweepstakes at the Pacific International on his hard wheat, "reward," which for seven consecutive years has won first at the Oregon State fair.

Wakefield brought the original seed from Canada, and tried it on a small plot of ground at his home in East Albany. The first venture was a success, and each year since he has grown the wheat. He now seeds an area 20 by 60 feet, from which he gets an average of a good bushel. He threshes the grain by hand.

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