



Children's Hospital School at Work

Society and Clubs

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WITH THE MARCH OF DIMES campaign now in progress, it is perhaps not inappropriate to look in on the Children's Hospital School, where the ill suffered by some of the children developed following polio. The hospital school is not supported by polio funds, however. It is a project of the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults, and is an Easter Seal Agency.

In case you think crippled children "never have any fun," take a look at the smiling faces in the picture above at left, where they are engaged in a group game. Donna, blindfolded, at center is wheeled about; the broom is grasped by someone—Edward, here—who makes a noise like an animal, and she must identify him.

The rhythm band, at right above, is another source of fun as well as being a source of training in co-ordination. Mrs. Kenneth Proctor, volunteer worker (member of Welfare League, now in its 5th year of volunteer work with the hospital school) bends over Larry, at left. Mrs. Bobby Williams, instructor, beats the rhythm; children in front row, from left, Larry, Patty, Janet and Ronnie; back row, Anita, Bonnie and Doris.



At left center, the top row introduces the managerial and office staff: Lloyd Eppenbaugh, manager of the school; Miss Lois Phenice, who came in July to serve as superintendent of the school succeeding Mrs. Walter Huffaker (Blanche Markham); and at right, Mrs. Harriett Gates, office secretary. Above Mrs. Gates' head is the painting of the late John Phetteplace, son of Dr. and Mrs. Carl Phetteplace, whose life inspired the founding of this school. The painting is by A. M. Vincent, who had known young John personally.

In the lower row, left, is shown the reading class. Lap boards, which are used in place of blackboards, are being used to write the words which were new in the reading lesson. Teacher is Mrs. Camilla Humphrey, and children, reading from left, are Gerald, Jerome, Joan, Edward and Stanley. At right, Tom Butcher, one of two speech therapists at the school, is shown with Edward, Dick, Cleona and Gerald, reading from left, using the multiple auditory unit. Records are played, and may be explained by the instructor through his microphone; hearing aids may be adjusted to compensate for lack of hearing ability in any child so afflicted. None of these four has hearing trouble, however.

All special teachers, who are those not in nurse's white uniforms (excepting Mrs. Proctor) shown with the children, are supplied by the special education department of the Eugene Schools.

In pictures at right, first is shown Miss Gene Vitale of nursing staff, working on leg reciprocation with Patty, in preparation for the child's eventual walking. Next, Jerome is shown practicing climbing stairs. He now is able to walk, with braces, and soon will be able to return to his home in another town, to enter public schools. Miss Jean Huff-shutter is nurse with him.

At far right, Miss Ann Marie McNulty, in the occupational therapy room, is shown with Bonnie, at the loom, and Sharon, who is learning self-help in dressing herself. The hand loom trains the hands in co-ordination.

