

Science at Work

Medical Experts Tackle Problem of Cerebral Palsy—Malady Common but Too Often Neglected

By Paul F. Ellis
United Press Science Editor
New York (U.P.)—Cerebral palsy is one of the nation's most neglected ills of the human body.

Officials of the United Cerebral Palsy association estimate there are 546,000 Americans liv-

ing today who were born with the condition, yet there are treatment and educational facilities for only 2,500.

The association hopes to do something about it.

The condition, the association doctors point out, is caused when those parts of the brain that control the muscles fail to develop properly before birth through injury or accident.

Cerebral Palsy Condition
The doctors who are trying to provide treatment and educational facilities for sufferers of cerebral palsy emphasize that it is a condition and not a disease. It does not run in families, and children neither can inherit it nor catch it.

They further point out that 200,000 of American cases are children, and of all the handicapped children, they are the most neglected and least understood.

They report that 10,000 babies are born with CP each year to the rich, the poor, the city-dwellers and country-folk of all races, colors and creeds. Only one CP child out of 100, however, receives proper treatment today, according to the estimate.

Study Began Recently
Here are some more facts about cerebral palsy as furnished by the association:
Cerebral palsy has ravaged mankind for centuries, but medical sciences began the study of the problem only in 1916. There is no known cure as yet, but the treatment evolved can do wonders. CP children can be taught to walk, to talk and to become self-sufficient.

Treatment is costly because it requires a team of trained workers, medical specialists, psychiatrists, physiotherapists, vocational therapists, speech teachers and specially-trained educators.

Cerebral palsy is an umbrella term. There are five different types. Few doctors in the country are equipped to make correct diagnosis and prescribe proper treatment. Lack of trained personnel, as well as lack of facilities, hinder treatment. Once parents of CP children learned there was hope, the association reports, they banded together with other parents, medical leaders and prominent citizens. The result was the formation of associations in various parts of the country.

SONNY BOY TOUGH
Fort Worth, Tex. — (U.P.) — George Carter used to box in his college days, winning some 28 fights. He was instructing his 14-year-old son in some of the finer points of self-defense. The boy landed a solid blow. Carter was taped up with two fractured ribs.

Oregon School Standards Claimed 'Unreasonable'

Salem, Ore., May 31—(U.P.)—The executive board of the Oregon State Farmers Union says it feels regulations drawn up by the state board of education to standardize Oregon elementary schools are "unreasonable, unrealistic and burdensome."

The Farmers Union directors made the charge in a letter to State Superintendent of Public Instruction Rex Putnam. The directors said several complaints had been received from rural school boards that their districts have been subject to "dictation" on "petty details" of local school administration.

Confine Requirements
The Farmers Union directors asked the state board of education to confine its requirements for standardization to those "specifically provided by law." They said the Farmers Union was prominent among groups which had supported the original basic school law, but indicated they would ask the 1951 legislature to repeal any provisions which the Farmers Union regards as an "unwarranted encroachment upon local rights."

Farmers Union officials said the original basic school law provided that schools must meet certain standards to participate in state school support funds. The directors in their letter to Putnam said the 1947 legislature departed from this plan by providing that participation in the

Boy Scout News

Jacksonville Pack 35

Several members of cub scout pack 35, Jacksonville, received awards presented by Cubmaster E. O. Graham at a meeting of the group May 25.

Bobcat pins were awarded Von Chestnut, Dickey Day, Boyd Davis, Walter Hubbard, Jackie Sutton; wolf pin to Clinton Whitney; bear pins to Larry Kerch and Phillip Winningham, who also received a gold arrow.

Lion pins and gold arrow went to Byron Davis; denner stripe to Keith Gwinn; gold arrow to Bobby Clark, and a den mother pin to Mrs. Paul Winningham. Refreshments were served by mothers and den mothers.

funds would depend on local district compliance with standards defined by the state board of education.

The directors wrote Putnam: "We believe these provisions are beyond the intent and purpose of the act. Further, there is a growing evidence that rules and regulations made by the board are unreasonable, unrealistic and burdensome."

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County
In the Matter of the Estate of Charlie V. Foeller, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her Final Account in the above entitled matter, and the above entitled Court has fixed June 7, 1950, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., in the Circuit Court Room, in the Court House, in Medford, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account, and for the settlement thereof.

ROSE E. FOELLER,
Administratrix
Harry C. Skyrman
Cliff D. Ouellette
Attorneys for Administratrix.

The pack has just completed a May program of "air fun." Members visited the Medford municipal airport, viewing equipment and visiting a DC-6 mainliner plane. They also made model planes displayed at the recent meeting. Pack leaders say that because of the success of the cub scout program, meetings and projects will continue through the summer.

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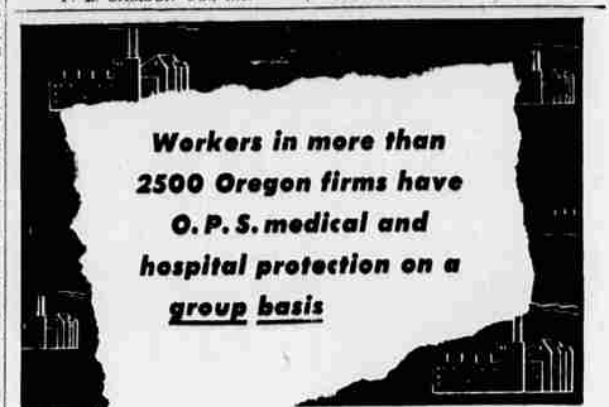
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