

Child Guidance Clinic Association Tells Aims, Plans of Organization

Questions About How Group Helping Children Answered

What is the Southern Oregon Child Guidance Clinic? What part does it play in the growth and development of Medford and the county?

These are questions which might well be asked during the clinic association's current membership drive, and officers of the association, which sponsors the clinic, set about answering them last week.

The answers to these questions, they said, are found in a study of the clinic's past and present activities, and in its plans for the future. The following information was furnished in further explanation.

Awareness of Need

An awareness of a need for a permanent clinic, where professional help might be given to children with emotional problems, preceded the actual opening of the clinic's offices in the Leverette building, in October of 1953. Since that time the clinic has been served by Dr. John Waterman, psychiatrist and director of the mental health section of the state board of health, who spends two days a month in Medford.

Mrs. Waterman, a psychiatric social work consultant for the state, also works at the clinic each month, giving consultation about casework nurses and caseworkers.

Psychological services are given by faculty members of the Southern Oregon College and through the local school system.

The full-time member of the staff is Miss Mary Vandenberg, psychiatric social worker. It is she who interviews parents, consults with professional people who are concerned with a child's problems, presents the case histories to the psychiatrist, and follows through with plans with the parents.

200 Children

The clinic staff has consulted with nearly 200 children. In many cases the parents may come to the clinic seeking service for their child, or perhaps the parent is made aware of the child's need of help by a doctor or teacher. The interviews are always conducted with the approval of the parents, and are confidential. Fees for the clinic's services are based on the individual family's income and responsibilities, and in many cases no fees are charged.

The clinic staff is also available for consultation with teachers, doctors, ministers, welfare workers, the juvenile court, and public health nurses concerning children's emotional problems. This past year the Southern Oregon Child Guidance Clinic has sponsored two courses for teachers and school administrators. These seminars, given for credit under the University Extension System, are under the supervision of Dr. and Mrs. Waterman. Dr. Waterman meets with a group of doctors here in seminar about psychiatry and medicine. The doctors and teachers attending these seminars gain increased understanding of the children whom they contact.

Goals Told

The goal of a child guidance clinic is to advance the mental health of a community through education, consultation, and direct treatment. Achieving this cannot be accomplished by a professional staff alone. It also requires the interest and support of the people in the community.

The board of directors, 21 men and women who are elected from the membership of the Clinic association, acts as a liaison agency between the clinic and the community. They meet once a month to discuss clinic policies and plans with members of the technical advisory committee.

This committee consists of 17 professional people who represent the agencies and groups who use the clinic's services, such as the public schools, health and welfare departments, the juvenile court, doctors and ministers.

Members, Officers Listed

Officers of the association include Mrs. Dunbar Carpenter, president; Glenn Hall, Eagle Point, vice-president; Mrs.



BOARD OF CLINIC GROUP MEETS—A working meeting of the board of directors, advisory committee members and guests, of the Southern Oregon Child Guidance association was held in the Medford YMCA last week, at which time plans and policies of the mental health and child assistance group were discussed. Shown, clockwise around the circle starting at left, are Mrs. Earl Lawson, Miss Dorothy Huskey, Miss Alena Makinen, Mrs. Una Inch, Mrs. Frances Klein,

Alan Hatch, Mrs. Blanche Lyman, Mrs. Henry Padgham, Dr. John Waterman, Kent Blackhurst, Alf Mekvold, Dr. B. Brandt Bartels, Mrs. Dunbar Carpenter, Francis Cheney, Elliott Becken, Miss Dorothy Vandenberg, Dr. June Beyers, Mrs. Frank Van Dyke, the Rev. Ross Knotts, Dr. A. Erin Merkel, County Judge J. Rodney Keating, Mrs. Carl Wimberly, and Mrs. Rosemarie Donahoe. Details of the clinic's work are told in the accompanying story.—(Brainerd photo)



PLAN AID FOR CHILD—One of the functions of the Southern Oregon Child Guidance clinic here is to draw together those who can be of assistance to a child with mental, personality or other difficulties. A conference typical of many held is shown above. Miss Mary Vandenberg, psychiatric social worker with the clinic is at left. Next to her is Mrs. Una B. Inch, of the county schools office, who is a member of the advisory committee. Dr. John Waterman, a psychiatrist and head of the mental health section of the state board of health, presides at the conference, which also includes Miss Alena Makinen of the county public health office. At meetings such as these it is often possible for the consultants to get at the root of a child's trouble the better to help him get straightened out.—(Brainerd photo)

Charles Cray, secretary, and Francis Cheney, treasurer.

Board members, from various parts of the county, include John Graff, Kent Blackhurst, Dr. June Byers, Mrs. Phil Engle, Dr. Aubrey Hill, Carl Hoover, the Rev. Ross Knotts, John McAuley, Winston Marx, Robert Minear, Mrs. Henry Padgham, A. N. Potter, Mrs. Frank Van Dyke, Mrs. Carl Wimberly, Mrs. Harvey Woods, Mrs. Dwight Houghton and the Rev. Robert Greene.

The technical advisory committee includes Miss Dorothy Huskey and Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health department; Mrs. Kay Crowell, county juvenile office; Mrs. Una B. Inch, county schools; Mrs. Blanche Lyman, county public welfare department; Alk Mekvold, county schools; Dr. Loren Messenger, Southern Oregon college; Herbert Daniels, and Dr. Charles K. Todd. Veterans Administration domiciliary center; Allen Hatch, Medford office of the Boys and Girls Aid society; Mrs. Frances Klein, Ashland schools; Dr. B. Brandt Bartels and John W. Bradshaw, Jackson County Medical society; Elliott Becken, Medford schools; Cliff Hanson, Boy Scouts, the Rev. Henry Anderson, Ministerial association, and Miss Minnette Shanahan, Junior Service League kindergarten for the hard of hearing.

Funds Needed

Even with a professional staff and a working board of directors, the clinic's services to the community would not be possible without funds. In varying amounts, financial assistance is given the clinic by the United Medford Crusade, the state board of health, the Jackson County Health association, the Ashland fund drive, and the Butler Fund.

Another source of support is the purchase of consultative psychiatric services by the county public schools.

Every interested person can support the clinic by becoming a member of the association, and Medford residents are invited to become members. The \$2 dues enable the member to take active part in the clinic activities, and to elect the board of directors at the annual meeting.

Five Finalists in Pear Blossom Fete Contest Announced

The five finalists in the queen contest being held in connection with the Pear Blossom festival being held here April 23 have been selected on the basis of votes cast last week.

The five, from whom the queen will be chosen to rule over the festival, are Marilyn R. Denning, 5, Camp White, sponsored by the Medford Garden club; Star Christine Leonard, 5, of 2137 East Jackson

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the week of April 17th through 24th is being observed as the Rogue Valley Pear Blossom Festival Week, and

Whereas, this is the second annual Pear Blossom Festival to be held in the City of Medford, and

Whereas, I would like to welcome all those participating in the Festival and urge all citizens in the Rogue Valley to take part in this celebration in order to make it a bigger and better affair and a day of recognition.

Now, Therefore, I, Earl M. Miller, Mayor of the City of Medford, do hereby proclaim the period of April 17 through 24th, 1955, as the Rogue Valley Pear Blossom Festival Week.

Earl M. Miller, Mayor.
Dated: April 15, 1955.

blvd., Medford, sponsored by the Medford Rotary club; Meredith Tacy Lynch, 3, of 139 Kenwood ave., sponsored by the Junior Service League of Medford; and Suzanne White, 6, route 3, box 170A, Medford, sponsored by the Loyal Order of Moose and Women of the Moose.

From these five, who received the top number of ballots sent in by the public last week, the judges will choose one to be queen. The others will form her court of princesses.

Announcement of the winner will be made next Thursday, according to the festival committee.

Next Thursday also is the deadline for entering floats in the parade, which will be the chief feature of the festival. Entry blanks may be obtained at the office of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce office, 5 South Riverside ave., and may be filled there. There is no entry fee for parade floats. (See pictures on Page 1.)

Food Dangers Cited By Local Physicians

(Editor's note: This is the first of a series of articles prepared by members of the Jackson County Medical society dealing with health and safety. Other articles will appear from time to time to explain what doctors of the community feel are subjects of importance for the health and welfare of their patients.)

Few people realize the possible dangers in certain foods, that children eat.

Peanuts, popcorn, raw carrots and celery are among the main foods which doctors are called upon to remove from children's lungs.

If you have a child aged 2

or 3 years, and you permit him to eat popcorn, he may be the next in the valley to require emergency treatment.

During the past 18 months, six Jackson county children have had to undergo bronchoscopy at local hospitals for removal of a foreign body in the lung. (In bronchoscopy, a slender, instrument is inserted into the lung to grasp and remove the dangerous particle.)

In one instance, a Jackson county child died from a foreign body in the lung before it reached the hospital.

The Jackson County Medical society urges parents to be careful with such dangerous foods. No child under 3 years should be permitted to eat popcorn, peanuts, raw carrots or similar foods.

Especially dangerous is a snack of these types of foods eaten while the child is playing, and cannot be observed by an adult.

Rogue Valley Bank Reports on Growth

The Rogue Valley State bank, formerly the Eagle Point State bank, has grown in assets, loans and deposits since it changed its name and moved to Medford, it was reported Saturday.

A statement of condition as of April 11, issued in response to a call by the comptroller of currency, showed that deposits amounted to \$1,837,588.87, compared to \$1,461,834.16 last Dec. 31, shortly after the bank's move.

The April loan total was \$702,405.05, compared to \$542,607.59 in December.

Ralph Pierce, vice-president of the local banking institution, said Saturday that the directors are highly pleased at the bank's progress, and pointed out that total assets have increased by some 25 per cent since the change was made on Dec. 18, 1954.

County Judge Named To Access Road Group

County Judge Rodney Keating has been named to a group which will meet April 26 and 27 in Portland with building and land management representatives of the Interior department, he said Saturday.

The group was appointed this week at a meeting of the O&C Counties executive committee and roads committee.

Purpose of the Portland meeting will be a discussion of access roads and right of ways. Other members of the committee are Commissioner Robert Peterson, Lane county, chairman; County Judge Wallace Telford, Clackamas county, and County Judge Carl Hill, Douglas county.

Police Firearms School Scheduled Here on May 3 to 5

Medford city police will hold a three-day firearms school on May 3, 4 and 5 with Special Agent Leonard H. Kurtz of the Portland office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as instructor.

Police Chief Charles Champin said that the school is part of the Medford department's training program but that the instruction is being made available to other law enforcement officers in southern Oregon.

State police, sheriff's officers in Jackson and Josephine counties and city police in Talent, Eagle Point, Ashland, Grants Pass, Central Point, Phoenix, Gold Hill, Jacksonville and Rogue River have been invited. Invitations have been sent to the guards at the Veterans Administration domiciliary, Camp White, and to Paul Hanlin, U. S. deputy marshal here.

At Pistol Range

Chief Champin reported that the school will be at the National Guard pistol range starting at 9 a.m. each day. Most instruction will concern firing the practical pistol course with 38 caliber revolvers. There will be familiarization courses with shot guns and rifles.

Central Point—Central Point Police Chief Oran Chastain and Officer Joseph Walsh will attend a firearms training school sponsored by Medford city police on May 3, 4 and 5, Chastain said yesterday.

WEATHER
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Northern California: Mostly fair today.

Two High Schools Join in Ceremony

Eagle Point—An Eagle Point chapter of the National Honor society was installed at ceremonies conducted last week in the new wing of the Eagle Point High school.

The Phoenix High school chapter of the society was in charge of the ceremony. David Kelson gave an explanation of the society's aims and purposes, stressing character, leadership and service. Participating in the candlelight ceremonies were Darlene Bradshaw, Raydene Chisum, Marie Mitchell and Audrey Hite. The society's pledge was given by Doris Maesse, and Nancy Hammers presented the charter to Pat Dickenson, president. Tom Griffiths and Brison Stovall presented certificates and pins to the new members.

Members of the new chapter include Claudia Ash, Joanne Berquist, Kenneth Bitterling, Carl Christian, Pat Dickenson, Jerry Eastgate, LeRoy Marcroft, Eldon Mason, Kay McCorkle, Darlene Morgan, Carla Ragsdale, Tessie Ragsdale, Janet Stuart, Jerry Tuttle, Jimmy Wayman, Ruth Westover and Alice Wilson.

Refreshments were served afterward.

Rogue River Church Drops Purchase Plan

Rogue River — The congregation of Hope Presbyterian church has decided to drop their option to purchase a site adjoining the church for construction of a new building.

However, they are going ahead with plans for construction, instead of remodeling or rebuilding the present building. Several sites for the new structure are being studied.

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