



KIDNAP SUSPECT SUBDUED — Compton, Calif., police officer Robert Ludwig wrestles with kidnap suspect Everado Martinez after he was discovered in parked car with seven-year-old Joyce Pike (arrow—in police car). Joyce was abducted as she returned home with ice cream from neighborhood store.

Speaker Declares Vision, Intelligence Same Things

A member of a United States research group contends that there isn't a single top-flight mathematician in this country who is city-born and bred.

Dr. A. M. Skeffington, of St. Louis, Mo., a nationally famous optometrist and visual consultant to the Optometric Extension Program, speaking at a graduate seminar for optometrists of the Southern Oregon area at the Rogue Valley Country Club, Tuesday, offered visual training ideas with documentations in bearing out the statement. He quoted Dr. Ward Halstead, of Chicago university, who states that "Vision and Intelligence are one and the same thing."

"There is no picture in the back of the eye," says Dr. Skeffington. "The camera concept is all wrong. The impulses transmitted by the nerves of the eye are identical with the impulses that are sent to the brain by all other nerves of the body."

Can Be Prevented

"Ocular defects such as nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, etc., are the results of distortions in the visual process, and are not the cause of visual problems. All can be prevented, and all are subject to training."

Dr. Skeffington sums up the situation in this way: "Vision and intelligence are one and the same thing. When we study vision, we study intelligence. Vision is a matter of gathering information. It is the result of experience."

"The eye is a very effective gatherer of light densities. In the back of the eye are nerves which record variations in the intensities of light and convey impulses to the brain."

"Vision is a continuous learning process in which the eye and the brain learn by experience. Man is the only living

creature who has the brain mechanism to do three things—writing, reading and counting. At the age of 15 weeks this learning process begins. A chimpanzee never gets that far. It has just as good visual acuity as man. It has good sight. Man has vision.

"If Vision is to be developed properly, a child must (1) learn a tactile pattern—that is, learn to recognize by touch and handling; (2) learn word symbols of the mother tongue; (3) recognize letters (writing); and (4) gain a concept of numbers demanded by our culture. The child must be carried through this sequence properly, or he will be warped educationally."

Prevent Development

"He may be warped in another way, through the distortions of physical surroundings or because of undesirable physical demands. In our advanced technology, we have taken away from the individual child of the last two decades the necessity for doing many things which once were an integral part of each child's training. The modern child often cannot fasten buttons or tie shoe laces. Frequently, he does not have any home chores that, in previous years, gave a child a well balanced training in early life. All of these things are a part of visual training. Blocks of restraints in our modern culture help warp children and prevent them from proper visual development."

"Lucky is the kid who has a backyard fence to climb. There he learns balance and agility as well as many other things. The modern child is told 'Don't, Don't, Don't' all day long. The only way a child can learn is by doing something."

"Approximately 40 per cent of our college freshmen have fifth grade reading level. Most of this can be traced to visual problems and not to eye defects. The reason why mathematicians don't develop in cities is simple. The key to mathematics is two plus two equal four. A child must learn at an early age the proper concept of numbers as time and space—a visual-spatial concept. If he just memorizes combinations without actually getting the concept of time and space, he can never become a top-level mathematician. He can pass some courses in arithmetic because he can learn much without understanding why, but he could never pass a course in advanced mathematics."

"The optometrist of today is interested in the use of lenses to restore effective use of the total process. Vision is learned, so it is trainable. Visual training is demanded to enable the child and worker of today to meet the artificial tasks of our culture," concluded Dr. Skeffington.

Rich French Couple Will Enter Convent

Paris—(U.P.)—The heads of one of France's oldest and richest families will take religious orders next month.

Their friends say the Marquis Melchior de Vogue and his wife, Genevieve, decided many years ago they would enter a monastery and convent once their children were established.

The elderly couple's oldest son will be married on Friday.

Vogue, 63, is an administrator of one of the richest banks in

France, a member of the board of several important companies, and a world traveler who often performed economic missions for the French government.

As a Benedictine monk, Vogue will work the abbey ground, as his tenants worked his own vast estates. His wife as a Sister of the Assumption will visit the poor and sick in sections of Paris her limousine never even went near in the past.

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Talent-Ashland Area Organize Fund Group

Ashland—The Ashland-Talent area has originated a permanent fund raising body separate from the Community Chest for the four youth agencies in this section.

At a Southern Oregon college hall meeting, Ken Jones was elected president of the organization, and Gordon Hays chairman for the October campaign.

The group includes five vice-presidents, a secretary, treasurer, and board of directors. All money received will be distributed among the Campfire Girls, Boy and Girl Scouts, and the YMCA.

McLeod

McLeod—Miss Sonda Vaughn, Mike and Jerry Bevins, George and Jimmy Rogers, Penny and Wendy Greene all appeared on "Uncle Bill's" show on KBES-TV Thursday, Aug. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding Sr. were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Close at their home in Medford Tuesday evening, Aug. 16 after which they attended the Horace Heidt show.

Mrs. Arthur Hume, president of Elk-Trail PTA is calling a special meeting for Friday afternoon, Aug. 19 at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Arlee Ragsdale. All members are urged to attend and newcomers are welcome.

Mrs. Donald Vaughn was hostess to a dinner party at her home Thursday evening, Aug. 11 honoring the birthday of her husband Don, and Mrs. Madeline Halley. Those present besides the honored guests were Miss Kathy Halley, Miss Sonda Vaughn and Wayne McEwen.

House guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Stone is Miss Marleen Lange of Stockton, Calif., their granddaughter.

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