

Phone System Helps To Train Children

Chicago —(U.P.)—A miniature telephone system is helping in the training of cerebral palsied children.

The system—made up of a discarded switchboard and three telephones—was installed by Illinois Bell Telephone company employees at the Illinois Children's Hospital-School here.

Each of the three telephones interconnects with the other two and with the switchboard so that a telephone conversation can be carried on.

The "operator" can ring the other two telephones in another room from the switchboard when asked to by one of the youthful "subscribers."

"We hope this experiment will help motivate the children to speak more adequately, thus aiming toward improved speech," said Superintendent Richard Eddy of the Hospital-School.

CLEAN POLITICS

Springfield, Ill. —(U.P.)—Supporters of a candidate for city commissioner washed windshields of autos left parked on city streets. They left tags saying that if the motorist wanted clean government as well as a clean windshield, he should vote for their candidate.

Selective Breeding Of Super-Nutritional Vegetables Possible

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New York —(U.P.)—For the same reason that your eyes are blue or brown, the oats in your oatmeal are high or low in their content of protein and vitamins.

That has been proven at Iowa State College in Ames, Ia. Coupled with recent experiments elsewhere, it means there now is a theoretical possibility of selectively breeding super-nutritional vegetables.

It's done regularly with animals. Selective breeding produces cows that give more milk, steers that are heavier with lean, juicy meat, hens that lay more eggs.

Oats Like Ancestors

Dr. K. J. Frey of Iowa and his associates demonstrated that oats are rich or poor in protein and vitamins because of the kind of ancestors they have.

Oats and other vegetables pass their characteristics along to their children the way animals do through the genes in the chromosomes of the germ cells. But it

is a comparatively new discovery that the level of protein and vitamins is determined by genes in some vegetables.

There are two kinds of these genes, one kind which make for low protein content, another kind which makes for high protein content. Frey's very important contribution was the demonstration that the genes making for high content can be "dominant", at least in oats.

Offspring Like Parent

Thus, by selecting one oat parent with the high protein level gene, oat breeders may produce oat offspring which are like the high protein parent. The present drawback is that he was unable to determine whether the high protein gene was going to be dominant or recessive "until the cross had been tried."

But regarding the vitamins, riboflavin and niacin, his experiments indicated that the genes controlling their level in oats are dominant. He considered this "one of the most interesting and practical aspects" of his report to a technical journal of the

Glass Blocks in Homes Bounce Sound

Cleveland, O. —(U.P.)—Picture windows and glass block construction make American homes lighter than ever before. They also make them noisier.

Glass doesn't absorb sound waves; it bounces them in close-order echoes.

Sound engineers are stopped, at least for the moment, on the idea of making glass itself sound absorbent. So they have been making every other part of the room surface that way. That includes floors, walls and ceilings, with the accent on ceilings.

Home decorators now put out sound-absorbent materials in attractive colors and designs so they can be put up without further decorations, since paint cuts their usefulness.

Los Angeles —(U.P.)—The National UAW-CIO Aircraft Conference will convene in Los Angeles Friday "to establish an overall collective bargaining program in the aircraft industry for 1956."

American Chemical Society.

"It seems possible that oat varieties can be selected with a much higher niacin and riboflavin content than those now being grown," he said.

Strip Teaser Braves Cold at Corvallis; Council in Hot Water

Corvallis —(U.P.)—It was a cold night in Corvallis, but the strip tease artist from Portland went through her act anyhow.

However, in performing her chilly act, she got the engineering student council at Oregon State college in hot water.

The strip teaser showed her art to some 750 men students at the 9th annual Engineers Bust in the Home Economics building on the campus.

The act was part of several events sponsored by various segments of the School of Engineering. The event which shocked school officials was staged by the electrical engineering students.

The engineering student council oversees the annual event.

Dean of Men Dan Poling said he would present the case to the Student Life Committee for possible disciplinary action.

Foster Parents Win Hillsboro Custody Case

Hillsboro —(U.P.)—A child custody case which has been simmering in Washington county since early last summer, finally was settled yesterday.

County Judge Harry M. Seabold handed down a decision granting adoption of one-year-old David Martin Casteel to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Remington of Beaverton.

In his ruling, Judge Seabold said the child's true parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Casteel of Aloha, were not entitled to the boy.



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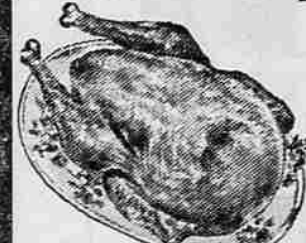


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