

Child Guidance Clinic Influence Important in Southern Oregon

Three small simply-furnished rooms in a Medford office building are the headquarters for one of this area's most important organizations — Southern Oregon Child Guidance Clinic association. Organization three years ago, the association is evidence of the current effort in this country to help solve the emotional problems of children and aid these children in adjusting to the world about them.

These three rooms give little indication of how widespread is the work and influence of this association, and the child guidance clinic which it operates. The results of an organization and a clinic such as these cannot always be measured in one-two-three terms, but are nonetheless important and real.

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Miss Mary Vandenberg, the clinic's psychiatric social worker, will first be told about the trouble, and the clinic's wheels will be set in motion. Interviews will be arranged, possibly psychological tests will be given, and if the problem of warrants, eventually Johnny or Susie will be seen by Dr. John Waterman, clinic psychiatrist. Dr. Waterman, director of the mental health section of Oregon State Board of Health, comes to Medford two days a month.

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All three phases, direct service, consultation and education, have the same aim—prevention of more serious trouble which may come to the emotionally disturbed child if the years go by and he is not helped. Today's sullen, over-shy or overly-aggressive child may be tomorrow's bad mother or father, common law-breaker or hardened criminal.

Children Helped

No one should believe that the clinic strives to make the children brought under its influence into "conformists." Neither does the clinic boast that all disturbed children are "cured." But it is believed that the clinic can help almost every child to some degree, help them to adjust to the world in which they must live and earn a living, and help them to happiness and usefulness, even though sometimes on a limited scale.

The clinic's financial support comes from various sources. These are memberships and contributions, membership in the United Medford crusade, funds from the Oregon State Board of Health, and from fees paid by those who can afford to do so. Other means of support are being explored.

The association holds an annual membership drive, and this is to begin in the near future. Association heads stress that such memberships serve a double purpose—they augment the money needed for the clinic and what is actually more important, they serve as a means of increasing interest in and knowledge of the clinic and the purpose it serves in this area.

800 Members

Last year the clinic association had about 800 members and it is pointed out that these members are bound together by the "Three C's," the child, the clinic and the community. Memberships are from all over southern Oregon, assuring a representative group to guide the association's progress.

The annual meeting of the association will be held soon. Mrs. Dunbar Carpenter, Medford, has

served as president this past year, and Glenn Hale, Eagle Point, as vice-president. Mrs. Charles Crary, Medford, is secretary and Francis Cheney, Medford, treasurer.

On the board of directors are Kent Blackhurst, Dr. June Byers, John Graff, Mrs. Dwight Houghton, Robert Minear, Mrs. Henry Padgham, Mrs. A. N. Potter, Mrs. Frank Van Dyke and Mrs. Carl Wimberly Jr., all Medford; Mrs. Phil Engle, Rogue River; the Rev. Robert Greene, Prospect; Dr. Aubrey Hill, the Rev. Ross Knotts, John McAuly, Winston Marks and Mrs. Harvey Woods, all Ashland; Carl Hoover, Central Point.

The clinic is administered by Dr. A. E. Merkel of the Jackson County Public Health department, and the 21-member board. In addition to Dr. Waterman and Miss Vandenberg, Mrs. Minnie Waterman, psychiatric social work consultant, is here for two days each month and in recent months Dr. Norman Sundberg, clinician psychologist from the University of Oregon, has been available for projective personality testing. Southern Oregon college faculty members handle psychometric intelligence tests for the clinic.—O.S.

Hedrick PTA Unit Elects

Hedrick Parent-Teacher association members elected new officers for the coming year at a meeting Monday night, March 19. Elected were Wayne Safly, president; Mrs. Frank Preston, vice-president; Mrs. George Sloniger, secretary and Fred Morlan, treasurer.

The slate, which was unanimously accepted, was presented by a nominating committee consisting of Aetna Carr, Ward Smith and Mrs. Ed. Kliver. Dr. Lee Mellish, retiring president, announced that Mr. Safly will attend the State PTA convention in Eugene April 17, 18, and 19, as delegate from Hedrick PTA.

In the absence of the treasurer, Wayne Jamison, Dr. Mellish reported that the budget is balanced. About \$36 was cleared through a fund-raising project, a box social. There are 460 students in the school, and 280 PTA members.

Vincent Bevis, principal, spoke to the parents, asking them to realize that children are living differently now than they did 25 years ago, and that they need to be allowed to make mistakes. He encouraged parents to seek individual help as needed from their children's teachers. There has been an increasing interest in extra-curricular activities such as band, shop, chorus, sports etc., Mr. Bevis stated.

Mr. Carr, program chairman, introduced Dr. Clifford Miller, Assistant Professor of social sciences at Southern Oregon college, who was main speaker for the evening. Dr. Miller was on a mission station in Africa for one year teaching young African students of the Kukuuyu tribe. He was located near the modern city of Nairobi, Kenya Colony, which is the center of much unrest, as the Blacks feel that the whites, or Europeans, have usurped their land.

Since the last war there has been a tremendous increase in interest in education, according to Dr. Miller. He said that refugee girls, dissatisfied with their old tribal customs, flock to the mission station for a home and an education. The government gives its support to the missionary work, both educational and medical. Dr. Miller said that of about 2,000,000 school age children, 200,000 are actually attending school. Board and room may be had for 40 shillings per team, but this is more than most black families can afford.

He pointed out that most of the students can speak in three languages—Kukuuyu, Swahili, the general dialect of the city, and English. A junior high school graduate will find good jobs open to him, while a high school graduate will probably become a teacher, said Dr. Miller. Since the outbreak of the Mau Mau, whose members are from the Kukuuyu tribe, church attendance has increased rapidly, he said, as the line of demarcation between Christian and non-Christian becomes more clear. The Blacks are crying for justice, political, economical and social. Dr. Miller said, adding that he sees even greater trouble ahead with the Mau Maus.

Dr. Miller's next four years were spent teaching white students at the Riff Valley academy, attended by children of missionaries, government officials etc., who come from all over the continent. With a lack of TV entertainment as we know it here, the students rely on sports and other recreational activities, such as picnics, hunting, etc. for their enjoyment. They have several hours of supervised study each evening, said Dr. Miller.

Dr. Mellish expressed his thanks to Dr. Miller for coming to speak, and the guests were then served refreshments by eighth grade room mothers.

Unique New York Apartment Work of Handy-Man Husband

By ELIZABETH TOOMEY
United Press Correspondent
New York—(U.P.)—A husband who can double as a handy-man around the house is valued as highly in Manhattan as in Minnesota, a young wife who has lived both places commented as she showed off her husband's amazing do-it-yourself projects in their Park avenue home.

She pointed out electric light cords taped to the bottom of chests, a heavy draw curtain over the nursery door for soundproofing, a simple metal light socket and reflector on the floor behind the couch, and a grey gauze hung over a mirror in the living room.

Then she touched her toe to a button to an electric cord running along the floor. The floor light went out.

"He just put in these foot switches last night," she said proudly. "He's always doing something."

The pretty brunette was Mrs. Viola Loewy, who grew up in Moorhead, Minn., and came to New York City to get a job, like thousands of other girls. A few years later she married Raymond Loewy, one of the nation's outstanding industrial designers. Now they have a 2-year-old daughter, Laurence, and one of the most remarkable apartments in town.

"It is baby proof and guest proof," Mrs. Loewy explained. "The baby rides her tricycle in the living room and even built a snowman on the floor the other day."

Brass Rings

As you enter the front door of the apartment you pass a foyer wall decorated with two rows of brass rings. Mr. Loewy hangs his gloves and mufflers in the rings.

The entire apartment has a beige vinyl tile flooring with a grey and black spatter design. Occasional small rugs are anchored firmly to the floor with a rubberized backing.

Electric light cords are kept out of sight either by stapling them to the baseboard or, in the case of a lamp atop a chest, by pulling them snugly over the back of the chest and taping them to the bottom so no extra cord hangs along the floor.

The apartment, seen on television Friday night when the Loewys were visited by "Person to Person" CBS cameras, is lighted in every possible corner by concealed fixtures, often on

the floor. Many of them are inexpensive metal shells holding 50-watt light bulbs.

Warm Light

When Loewy couldn't get a warm enough light with a fluorescent tube concealed along a ceiling recess, he covered the tube with ordinary masking tape. The baby's room is next to the dining room, with a door between.

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They put a quilted cotton lining in a floor length drapery, attached a metal curtain rod to the inside of the door so it was elevated several inches above the closing on metal supports and extended over the door cracks. Now the baby sitter and the baby are undisturbed.

"We experiment," Mrs. Loewy said. This explains the sheer draw curtain that covers a floor-to-ceiling mirror in the living room. It gives a wonderful misty effect.

"Raymond thought of that when I complained that the mirror was too severe," she said. "It is softer this way."

Program Planned For Crater PTA

Central Point—Future Farmers of America and speech department members at Crater High school will furnish the program for Crater High Parent-Teacher association members Monday, March 26. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m., in the school cafeteria.

Leonard Kunzman and his FFA students will have charge of one part of the program which will deal with FFA work at the school. Donald Lacy will be in charge of the speech department section.

Members of the Crater debate team won the district championship in debate this year and will enter a state contest from this district.

An annual talent night show will be conducted by the Crater PTA. Mrs. C. B. Cordy is general chairman and all persons interested in taking part are invited to participate.

Luncheon Planned By Mistletoe Club

Mistletoe club plans a covered dish luncheon at Girls Community club Wednesday, March 28, at 12:30 p.m. A business meeting will follow.

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Visitations Made By Lodge Head; Dinner Planned

Mrs. Harry Bryant, grand chief of Pythian Sisters for Oregon, has made several official visitations recently, having been at Elgin, La Grande, Baker, Condon, Pendleton. Next week she will visit Milton-Freewater and Scio. She makes her official visit to Medford April 3.

Final plans for her visit were made at the last meeting of the local temple. A dinner is planned at the Wooden Shoe.

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Townsend Auxiliary Announces Meetings

Townsend Harmony auxiliary club women will meet Thursday, March 29, at the Arnold home at 116 South Ivy street for a work session of sewing. Next regular meeting of the Townsend club will be held the day previous at 12:30 p.m., at 123 1/2 West Main street.

Announcements of the two sessions were made at a meeting Wednesday of the auxiliary group. Luncheon was served. Visitors are invited to the meetings.

At the recent meeting those who took part in the program were Ernest Wolters and Mrs. Maud Arnold, vice-president, who played several piano numbers.

HERB BUTTER

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