

Child Growth, Development Study in Progress Here

A child growth and development study is being conducted in the Medford public schools by the University of Oregon. Southern Oregon college, and the Chicago Athletic institute.

The study, which will include approximately 560 boys from 7 to 17 years of age, will emphasize the traits of boys who make organized athletic teams.

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Study Divided

East of the institutions will be responsible for a certain part of the study and each will contribute to its financial support.

Medford was chosen for this study for two reasons. The local school officials showed a strong interest in the study to the point of aiding it financially, and the Medford schools have organized inter-school athletics starting in the early grades. This permits a contrast of traits studied in the late elementary school grades.

The public school boys will be selected for the study by random methods. Any boy making athletic teams not selected will be included so the maximum number of athletes for competitive

purposes can be obtained.

Tests Listed

Boys, whose birth dates fall between Aug. 22 and Dec. 24, will participate in a series of physical tests and measurements during the week of Oct. 22-26. This series will include such tests as hand grip strength, leg and arm strength, height, weight, chest girth, lung capacity, wrist X-ray and others.

Special attention will be given to the changes and adjustments occurring during adolescence.

One of the most controversial problems confronting physical educators today, Dr. Clarke added, is the wide utilization of organized competitive athletic programs for children from 9 through 13 years of age.

While the proposed study will not be conclusive, it will provide information contrasting the basic traits of boys who make and who do not make organized athletic teams.

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Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
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Hollywood — U.P. — Nanette Fabray faces a crucial test next week: Can the pretty young singer - comedienne and Emmy winner go it alone without Sid Caesar?

Pug-nosed Nanette will make her first TV appearance Nov. 1 since she and Caesar were "divorced" in June.

She'd been a star in musical comedy and nightclubs before she met Mr. C., but she wasn't a top luminary until she and Sid began trading domestic quips.

But, as it comes to all Sid's wives, the two did not see eye-to-eye. Like Imogene Coca, Nanette left the show to go on her own and Janet Blair became Mrs. Caesar No. 3.

Sketch Planned

In her solo appearance, Nanette will sing and do a comedy sketch with Jack Benny, Johnny Ray and Bob Crosby on a CBS-TV "Shower of Stars."

"It's so important for me to do well on this show," she said modestly before a rehearsal "if I fall on my face it will be my own fault. Strangely enough, I hope by now people have forgotten I was with Sid."

During the summer they didn't. Her mail was "very violent, people either strongly in favor of my leaving or strongly opposing it."

"People stopped me on the street," she said. "They'd say, 'Oh, you poor dear, whatever will you do now?' or, 'How dare you leave him?'"

"A psychiatrist told me people have such identification with TV that they felt when Sid and I broke up that it could happen to them."

Hot Property

Another reaction to the "divorce" is that Nanette is a hot property to the gray-suited TV executives on Madison Avenue.

"But I'm not overwhelmed," she said with a business-like shrug that comes from having been a performer since she was 3. "It's funny—you're either hot or you're not. I've been up and down so many times it doesn't bother me any more."

"Now that I'm hot I have the choice of practically every show plus many domestic series, but I haven't found any series script I like yet," she said. "I'd like to do movies, stage shows, dramatic TV, anything I like. I'm just going to see what comes along and hope that people accept me again by myself."

4-H Club News

CENTRAL POINT DAIRY CLUB

President John Anhorn led the October meeting, at which Todd Caster led the flag salute.

The following officers were elected: Sandy Higinbotham, president; David Foote, vice president; Sue Higinbotham, secretary; Carolyn Leonard, treasurer; Max Fredricks, sergeant-at-arms; Carol Foote, reporter; Cecilia Titchmer, song leader; and John Anhorn, junior leader.

Refreshments were served by the hostess, Irene Anhorn, who also led games.

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SEARCH ENDS—Producer-director Otto Preminger plants a kiss on the cheek of 17-year-old Jean Seberg in New York after she was chosen for the title role in Preminger's film version of George Bernard Shaw's "Saint Joan." The Marshalltown, Ia., girl was chosen out of 18,000 applicants in a "new face" search.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Paris—Polish ex-Premier Stanislaw Mikolaczky, saying that it would be unwise for the United States to grant unrestricted aid to Wladyslaw Gomułka, leader of Poland's new "liberal" regime: "Gomułka is a ruthless Communist. When he was in power (after World War II) he did not hesitate to throw 100,000 political opponents into jail to engineer Communist victory in the 1947 elections."

En Route with Nixon—Vice President Nixon, discussing the GOP campaign in military terminology: "The next two weeks will be the weeks of the mop up, while the Democrats attempt to regroup their forces."

Rock Springs, Wyo.—Sen. Estes Kefauver, saying Democrats assume what "political risk" is involved in being placed on the same side of the H-bomb issue as the Russians: "We should not be against something just because somebody we don't like happens to be for it."

New York—Harlow H. Curcise, president of General Motors, reporting on an expanding European market for automobiles: "It is very clear that people in Europe want good comfortable transportation. Just as they do in the United States."

Fort Worth—Former Oklahoma Gov. Johnston Murray on why he refuses to divulge where his third wife, whom he just married and who was called "the other woman" in his second divorce, is teaching: "I don't want her job jeopardized."

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mrs. T.J.—I want my children to enjoy luxury—once in a while.

Mr. T.J.—Why give them a taste for things they can't have?

Mrs. T.J.—My husband is not doing very well financially. We live in a cramped apartment in a poor neighborhood. We have three children, ranging from seven to 13 years of age.

My sister and her husband happen to be extremely wealthy. My sister is generous to all of us, gives the children many gifts and often invites us to her home for a week at a time.

When we return from these visits, however, there is always a terrible letdown. Our home looks so sad and shabby. The children are depressed and my oldest daughter has cried because we don't even have a decent carpet and she can't have her own room. My husband feels that we ought not to expose the children to the wealth of my sister's home, but I feel they have so little in life that I want to give them some of the pleasures of luxury—even for a little while.

Mr. T.J.—I do not believe in giving my children luxury for brief visits because it is very unsettling. I have always made it a point not to get used to anything I can't afford.

My sister-in-law and her husband are really at the opposite extreme from us. I know many people who are just as wealthy (or wealthier) who are not as lavish in the way they live. I would not mind our children visiting rich relatives, if the relatives were not laying things on so thick.

Their generosity is not constructive but mostly showy, and suggests extravagance and irresponsibility. When we visit them, we have to make a special effort

to dress well, but I've never noticed that they make any effort to meet us halfway, with a little restraint and modesty.

Even if they were poor and shiftless and wasteful, I would not want my children to be affected by their example.

The Council: These parents place far too much importance on material possessions and far too little on human values, and their children are evidently reflecting their attitude. The parents talk of the luxuries they enjoy in their aunt's home, but nothing of the contact with their cousins, their aunt and their uncle—all of which mean much more to normal children.

"Our home looks so sad and shabby," says Mrs. T. J. That is the way it appears to her and she can be sure that the children catch the sadness of her expression as she looks about her home.

Children don't look at things in quite that way. They may feel a twinge of envy for a toy or a dress some other child possesses—but it is as likely to be something belonging to the kid down the block as to their wealthy cousins. In any case, they don't brood about it, unless they have been encouraged to do so by their parents.

Mr. T. J. cites a much more valid criticism when he objects that his relatives are ostentatious and showy in their generosity. If that is really his reason and not just another argument, then he should stop complaining about their wealth.

It will not harm the children of poor parents to visit wealthy relatives, but it may harm them to visit graceless and cheap relatives. However, it is not clear from T.J.'s comment whether he really understands why he objects.

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News and Notes From Camp White

By BILL HURN

Red Cross infirmary and ward visitations were made Wednesday and Thursday morning. Mildred Luther and Lillian Salade conducted the Wednesday tour, and Minnie Zahnow and Aileen McKee had charge of the Thursday visitation.

Blue Star Mothers were in charge of sewing room Wednesday morning, when Ardena Kretschmer and Martha Erlitz were on duty there. The ladies were joined in the afternoon by Bessie Gentry, Edna McKenzie and Edna Robinson, all of Grants Pass, in conducting a ward visitation party in Ward One. Ice cream and cookies were served.

VAWS orientation and indoctrination course held at Camp White Wednesday was attended by 53 volunteer workers representing 12 veterans service club groups of the area. With F. J. Glonning, chief special services for the VAWS advisory committee, making introductory remarks, E. K. Ricker, VA manager, formally welcomed the group. H. Jaffrey, assistant manager, outlined the domiciliary organization into all its operational activities. Dr. W. J. Piaska, chief medical officer, reviewed services available here and the further VA medical possibilities available to the members. R. H. Ruffin, domiciliary officer, spoke on departmental activities and explained planning board purposes and its aims. Miss Grace M. Stuhr, chief nurse, recounted aims of the infirmary program.

A tour was made to the Green Room area in which are located canteen, coffee shop, card room, poolroom and shuffleboard arena under escort of Ralph Ash of recreation. At the PM and R division the workers were met by Fred Pramman, chief of corrective therapy, and Miss Pat Short who directs physical therapy, and their methods explained to the visitors. In the library, they were greeted by Mrs. Ila Evans, chief librarian, who escorted them through, explaining the role and purpose of volunteer workers efforts in her section.

Chaplain A. S. Feller and Lawrence Eskay each addressed the group after the tour of chapel. The display of literature racks on each side of the door and diversification of faiths represented were stressed.

The concluding two hours were spent in tours of the dietetic service and the occupational activities section of arts and crafts. Mrs. Mildred Sowers, acting chief dietitian, placed Don Pulley, chief chef in charge, and every section, machine and locker was shown and explained. There also were visits to the hobby shop, arts and crafts and an upper-floor window exhibition of the picnic area project and the site of the newly projected ball park. In arts and crafts and hobby shop men were shown in their actual creative work of their hobbies and other occupational efforts as well as their completed art works.

A comprehensive over-all group of all that is entailed in such a facility was given to the party.

Junior Red Cross of Medford presented the St. Mary's choral group of 24 choraleists and glee club members by Sharon Roberts, their announcer, and Clar-

ence Zeitler, leader. Mrs. Mary Day was volunteer worker in charge of the party.

Dr. Wallace J. Piaska, chief medical officer is in San Francisco for a three-day conference, Oct. 17-19 on admitting and registration matters.

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