

Speech Clinic for Retarded Children is Pioneer in Field

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New York — Silence isn't always golden. In a small room of a New York hospital clinic, a little boy looks at a picture mounted on a piece of cardboard. A pretty girl asks him what that picture shows, and he opens his lips and tries to speak the word "apple."

Tuesday, young Tommy said the word "kitten" and it was a triumph. But today, the sound that comes from his lips is garbled and unrecognizable, little more than a grunt. The grey-eyed girl takes his hand gently and blows on it so he can feel her breath as she says the word. Then she puts Tommy's hand in front of his mouth, and Tommy tries again. This time . . . falteringly . . . the word comes out. Tommy has said "apple," and he laughs out loud, and says the word "apple" again.

Laborious Training
This laborious procedure is part of months, sometimes years of training that many boys and girls go through when they do not learn to speak as other children do.

Across the corridor, dark-haired Doris Treple Leberfeld, head of the first speech clinic for mentally retarded children in New York, looks through a file of case histories and says, "Every speech case is a dramatic case."

The clinic opened in September, 1950, at the Lower Fifth Avenue hospital. It was the first of its kind in New York, and has grown in size and techniques and served as a guide for similar clinics throughout the country.

Some 1,000 children with speech problems have been diagnosed at the clinic, and about 500 have received therapy. Success Comes Slowly

If after a year or two of work the instructors can teach a child to say even a few sentences, they feel they have accomplished one of the most important things in the child's life.

"Speech and language are the basic means of communication," said Dr. Leberfeld. "We would not be able to get along in the world as well as the next fellow unless we could talk."

Dr. Leberfeld, who is married to an actor, knows what it means to strive for normalcy under a handicap though she never had any trouble with her own power over words. She was

a victim of a bad case of polio when she was five. It kept her bedridden for a year, and left her with one immobilized leg. Now, Dr. Leberfeld combines teaching speech at Hunter college with her work at the clinic.

Start talking Early
She advises mothers to start talking to their babies as soon as they bring them home from the hospital no baby talk, please, and eventually, she says, the child will do some talking himself.

However, she said, if a child of 32 months has not used some words his parents should seek the help of a speech therapist. "We cannot always cure a child's speech defects entirely, but our measure of success with improvement is greater than we dared hope in the beginning," said the teacher of talk.

She added, "And we do know that the longer speech therapy is delayed, the harder it is to teach the child to speak . . . and the longer the child has to live in a world he can't communicate with."

Sams Valley PTA To Hold Coffee

Gold Hill Sams Valley Parent-Teacher association made plans at a meeting last Thursday evening in the school auditorium to sponsor a coffee.

Mrs. Edgar Pleasant, president of the unit presided at the business session. Arrangements were made to hold the coffee at the home of Mrs. Gilbert Mack Saturday, October 19 between 1 and 4 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend. Proceeds will go toward projects for the school, one of which is to provide gymnasium suits for all girls in the fifth through the eighth grades. Several mothers have volunteered to donate their time for sewing the shorts. Blouses will be purchased ready-made.

William Brewster's room won the treat for having the most parents in attendance. The room winning the treat the most times during the school year will receive a worthwhile gift. The membership drive is now on and will continue through the month of October. Principal William Brewster stated that one fourth of the school's enrollment, which is 83, is absent because of the flu.

Following the meeting parents and teachers were served refreshments in the school cafeteria by the staff. Open discussion was held on the value of films shown to students, and the instructional technique gained. The consensus was that youngsters can learn much through films that otherwise might be missed.

October Meeting Planned by PTA
The October meeting of Jackson Parent-Teacher association will be held Friday, October 18 at 2:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The program will be a panel discussion with a group of foreign exchange students from Southern Oregon college, and members will be given an opportunity to ask the students questions pertaining to their native country.

Camp Fire girls will present the flag ceremony, and mothers of children in the sixth grade are in charge of refreshments. A nursery will be provided for small children.

Tax Relief for Center Possible

Cave Junction — At a special meeting of the Illinois Valley Medical Center board of directors this week, a letter from B. K. Herndon company, Grants Pass, indicated the possibility of relief from a large portion of about \$5,000 federal income tax debt allegedly owed by the center.

Herndon, who was retained by the Center to check up on the case, said, "In my opinion there is a fair chance of securing exemption." He added, however, that while the back taxes and penalties for 1949-51 might be exempted, taxes on rentals from 1954 through 1956 amounting to \$438.89 plus interest, would probably have to be paid.

Because the request for exemption must be referred to Washington, and will take some time to be investigated by the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Herndon said, has given the Center two alternatives: That they send the bureau a trust deed on the building, dated to expire Nov. 1, 1958, or that the Bureau file a lien against the property.

The Center's board of directors voted in favor of the trust deed. This will give them a year in which to get a ruling from Washington. At the end of that time, if the bureau still rules back taxes are due, a loan can be secured.

The U.S. normally uses 40 per cent of the world's supply of nickel and tin and 45 per cent of its chromium.

McLoughlin PTA Unit Will Meet

"Problems and Understanding of Sub-teens" will be discussed by a panel of professional people at a meeting of McLoughlin Parent-Teacher association set for tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the girls' gymnasium of McLoughlin Junior High school. The entrance is off Holly street.

Participating on the panel will be Dr. William Miller, pediatrician, who will discuss "Emotional Development;" the Rev. Richard Jones, Eastwood Baptist church, who will talk on "Our Children Still Need Guidance;" Mrs. Martha Donahue, school nurse, who will explain "Growth Patterns and Health;" Mrs. Virginia Wait, supervisor of the school lunch program will speak on "How to Satisfy Those Ravenous Appetites;" Ben Schmidt, youth counselor, will be moderator. Parents will have an opportunity to ask questions.

Leonard Mayfield, Medford school superintendent, and Otto Ewaldsen, school board member, will speak on the proposed building program for the district. Mrs. John Schroeder, unit president, will preside and will introduce officers and committee chairmen. Glenn Linn, school principal, will introduce the faculty.

Couple Honored On Anniversary

Cave Junction—Bowls of gold colored flowers set the theme for the golden wedding anniversary open house which honored Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hutchison Sunday at their home in Holland. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison, who were married October 9, 1907 in Seattle, Wash., have lived in the Holland and Althouse district for 20 years.

Before he was injured in a fall five years ago, Mr. Hutchison worked as a road and airport building contractor. The couple also operated a mine on Althouse creek. Assisting at the open house was their only daughter, Mrs. T. E. Ranes, Grants Pass. Refreshments were served to the many friends who called with gifts and to offer congratulations during the afternoon. A hand-embroidered table cloth covered the serving table.

Mrs. Hutchison wore a new diamond ring, a gift from her husband, and a gardenia corsage, presented to her by her son-in-law.

Health Association To Hear Physician

Dr. J. McAllister, staff physician of the Oregon Tuberculosis hospital, will be featured speaker at the bi-monthly meeting of Jackson County Public Health association Friday, October 18, at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend the meeting, which will be held at the new Red Cross building on Hawthorne street.

Pocahontas Lodge To Meet Friday

Pocahontas lodge will meet in Redman hall on Apple street Friday, October 18 at 8 p.m. Members are asked to take a "white elephant" to the meeting.

Porter Assures Water Group of His Support

Cave Junction — Charles O. Porter, representative for the fourth district in Congress, assured members of the Illinois Valley Water Resources group Tuesday that he would support the proposed Sucker Creek irrigation dam project when it is approved by voters of the district. Porter pointed out that response of the people is the crucial thing in a project of this nature, and that Congressional approval often hinges on the full backing of persons in the area affected.

After a field trip to the Sucker Creek dam site, Porter expressed himself as being impressed with the plan which will bring water to a great part of the Illinois Valley.



These three department officers of the Oregon Legion auxiliary will be in Ashland Friday, October 18, for a district session of the Legion and auxiliary. Attending will be (standing, left to right) Mrs. Don Acton, Portland, department vice-president; Mrs. Anson Ingels, Salem, department president; and Mrs. Grover Francis, Portland, secretary. Members of both organizations will attend a dinner at the Ashland Elks' club at 6:30 p.m. with meetings to follow; the Legion will meet at the club and the auxiliary in the Legion hall.

Family Program To Be Friday At Medford Y

A family program at the Medford YMCA Friday, October 18, will begin the season of "family nights" which are intended to bring the family "closer together in a harmonious relationship around recreation," the Y announces.

Activities will begin at 7 p.m. with a series of progressive games which are played in the Y Social hall while families are gathering. This phase of program is in charge of Mrs. Charles Thompson.

The period of singing which follows will be led by the Rev. Kenneth Korby. Highlight of the evening will be stunts depicting some of the amusing incidents of family life.

Refreshments will be served by the Curt Butterfield family. Mrs. Owen Kunkel is general chairman of family program at the YMCA and has issued an invitation to all families in the valley interested in such a program to attend this event. It will be repeated each month on the third Friday.

Phoenix Man Buys Business From Pree

Jim Pree, owner of Jim's Tune Up and Repair, Sixth and Grape sts., Medford, has sold the business to Fred Wilcox, Camp Baker rd., Phoenix, Pree announced today. Included in the transaction is the Signal Service station, Avis Rent-A-Car and the Beehive Truck Rental services, all of which are conducted from the Sixth st. address. They will be operated under the name Wilcox Beehive Truck and Car Rentals, Wilcox said.

No immediate change in personnel or services are anticipated, Wilcox said. Wilcox has been active in managing the A. H. Dudley Trucking firm in Phoenix for several years. Pree said he sold the business because of ill health. He and his wife, Bert Pree, a prominent businesswoman here, plan to travel in the southwest before returning to the Rogue valley.

BURKE IN KOREA

Seoul, Korea — Adm. Arleigh Burke, U. S. Navy Chief of Operations, began talks today with officials of the Republic of Korea and the United Nations command. Burke arrived at Kimpo Airfield last night and was met by Gen. George H. Decker, commander of the UN command and high Korean officials. A pound of coal has as much power as a ton of water falling one mile.

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Contributions to Heart Fund Rise

Memorial contributions to the Oregon Heart association fund from Jackson county increased \$213.35 during the period July 1 through Sept. 30, compared to contributions during the same period last year, according to County Chairman Mrs. Murray G. Gardiner.

Contributions this year totaled \$481, Mrs. Gardiner noted, and those last year for the same period were \$267.65. State-wide, contributions showed an increase of more than \$1,000 from \$4,569.85 last year to \$5,591.40 this year, Mrs. Gardiner said.

For the calendar year from Jan. 1 to Oct. 1 this year, donations totaled \$21,055.61, compared to \$15,610.09 for the same period last year.

Mrs. Gardiner noted that all memorial contributions are now being used for research in programs carried on through the University of Oregon medical school and other medical facilities in Oregon.

Dr. Oscar T. Heyerman of Medford was retained as a director at the association's recent annual meeting in Portland. Irving D. Wilson of Portland was named president of the group, and president-elect is Dr. Roger Keane, Portland physician.

Applications Being Accepted for CS Jobs

Applications are being accepted by the civil service commission for veterinarian trainees with the agricultural research service, and examination applications are being taken for management analyst and budget examiner in the northwest and Alaska.

Additional information may be obtained from Chester W. Silliman at the Medford post office building.

Wyoming is known as the Equality State.

Actor Learns Wife Still Gets Alimony

Hollywood — Actor Charles Winninger, 73, was sure today that his 81-year-old divorced wife, actress Blanche Ring was alive and collecting his alimony payments.

The elderly actor appeared in court Wednesday to ask that his alimony payments be reduced from \$175 to \$50 weekly. "Why I'm not even sure if Blanche is still alive," he said. Superior Judge Wallace Ware banged his gavel, continued the case and said:

"In heaven's name, let's get busy and find out if she still is alive."

A telegram Wednesday night from the clerk of the Buckingham hotel in New York assured Winninger that the actress was still very much alive and "still very lovely."

Utah has 19 national forests and two national parks.

Faye Emerson, Mate Decide To Separate

New York — Actress Faye Emerson and bandleader Skitch Henderson have written finis to their seven-year marriage.

A spokesman for the couple said they "reluctantly came to the conclusion to separate" yesterday after trying for a year to patch up their differences. He said they arrived at an amicable property settlement.

Miss Emerson and Henderson were married Dec. 12, 1950, in Cuernavaca, Mexico, where the actress received a divorce 11 months earlier from Elliott Roosevelt, son of the late president. Her first marriage, to William Crawford, a San Diego auto salesman, also ended in divorce.

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Thursday:

- 6:30 p.m. — A'arel chapter, Masonic temple, Jacksonville.
- 6:30 p.m. — Roxy Ann court, Masonic temple.
- 7:30 p.m. — BPWC, Girls Community club.
- 7:30 p.m. — Unity Center of Medford, room 203, Holly Theatre bldg.
- 7:30 p.m. — McLoughlin PTA, Girls' gymnasium, off Holly street.
- 8 p.m. — Talent PTA, at Talent High school.
- 8 p.m. — Roosevelt PTA, at school.
- Friday: 2:30 p.m. — Washington PTA, school gymnasium.

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