

# Gifted Child is Subject Of New Bureau Pamphlet

Washington, D. C. - The Children's Bureau has announced an important addition to its publications for parents.

The newcomer to the shelf deals with a subject now receiving increased attention by both parents and schools—the physical and mental development of the child who is especially bright or unusually talented.

The publication—"Your Gifted Child"—reflects the belief of the Children's Bureau that long-range planning for gifted children should begin early in their formative years. While written for parents, it is expected to be useful also to members of the professions serving children.

In commenting on the new publication, Mrs. Katherine B. Oettinger, chief of the Children's Bureau, pointed out that there will be unusual opportunities for the gifted child in tomorrow's world.

"Many gifted children fail to live up to their potential because their talents are not encouraged and nurtured in their own homes," Mrs. Oettinger said. "In far too many cases, gifted children do not complete college training and some do not even finish high school. Lack of money is often the factor in this failure—but the attitudes of parents and many other factors may be involved."

While gifted children have the same needs as all children, the new publication stresses that parents of the gifted child may need to make special efforts to see that their child is not lonely. It also warns against pressuring the gifted child, or over-scheduling his time. The giving of praise and opportunities for developing the child's interests, however, are equally emphasized.

Copies of "Your Gifted Child" may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., for 20 cents each.

# Eagle Point PTA To Buy School Science Equipment

Eagle Point - At the January meeting of Eagle Point Parent-Teacher association, members voted to purchase a microscope and a telescope for the science classes of the grade school. Other projects considered were the redecorating of the sick room in the grade school, record players, and playground equipment.

Mrs. Keith Krambeal, chairman of the committee appointed to investigate these proposals, reported on the committee's findings and recommended that the science equipment be purchased.

Sergeant F. E. Holley of the Oregon State Police department, briefed the association on traffic regulations concerning implements of husbandry and emphasized several general traffic safety rules for all drivers. He stressed the necessity of using headlights rather than parking lights in foggy weather, the illegality of cov-

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Also showing Thursday were two of the most influential dressmakers in Paris: Lanvin-Castillo and Chanel. Castillo was said to have the most colorful and elaborate embroidered collection in Paris.

Chanel was expected to go her own sweet way as she has successfully for years.

Some of the drama was missing because the House of Dior's designer, talented Yves Saint-Laurent, had already disclosed his spring silhouette.

He told United Press International Wednesday, 24 hours before unveiling his pace-setting spring collection, that his new line would make a woman look like nature made her.

"For the first time in years women will be simple, supple and natural," he said.

And he explained that this meant busts and waists where they should be, although all dresses would not be belted. "Skirts will be natural," said Saint-Laurent, pointing out that, of course, their length would vary with the dress.

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By PATRICIA McCORMACK United Press International New York - (UPI) - This is about so-called "birth-defect" babies. There are 250,000 such infants born in the United States each year. Some die at birth or soon after—but many live.

For those who survive, and their parents, life can be hard—but sometimes we ourselves add to the pain.

Maybe you know such a child. A boy or a girl with palsy. A tot with only one ear or one hand or a twisted foot or leg. What happened to make them so?

According to Dr. Thomas Rivers, parents, neighbors and relatives must first of all accept that there is no stigma attached either to the child or its family when nature doesn't stick to its usual blueprint.

**Engaged in Research**

It is suspected that something made nature's complex reproduction machinery zig when it should have zagged during the months preceding birth, Rivers said.

The National Foundation, of which Dr. Rivers is medical director, is engaged in research aimed at pin-pointing the causes of these defects, so that some day they may be prevented.

Right now "we all can help to clear the air about malformed babies," he said, making these points:

-If there's one "birth-defect" baby in a family, mothers and dads should be discouraged from fearing needlessly that subsequent children will be similarly afflicted.

**Have Suspected Causes**

-German measles, powerful drugs, narcotics, excesses of alcohol, extensive X-ray and prolonged operations under heavy anesthesia during pregnancy are among suspected causes of birth defects.

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Friday: 8 p.m.—Civic Music Association concert, Medford High auditorium.

Saturday: 12:30 p.m.—Founders Day luncheon, PEO Sisterhood, Rogue Valley Country club. 1 p.m.—Medford Jaycettes, home of Mrs. Charles Henry, 349 Lindero avenue.

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Grange south of Ashland following the Saturday night dance.

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# Slim and Trim Classes Offered

Valley women interested in streamlining their figures were reminded today that "slim and trim classes" meet at the Medford YMCA Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Exercises, volleyball, badminton and swimming are offered at this period.

Mrs. Jean Compagnoni, a licensed masseuse, has consented to give instruction to women interested in learning message technique. This class is set for 10:30 a.m. Thursdays.

Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 1 until 3 p.m. lessons in bridge are offered at the YMCA for women interested in learning more about the Goren county system.

Child care is available both morning and afternoon on these days.

**Dollars For You**

Adrian Paradis' new book, "Dollars For You," which can be obtained at the Jackson County library, outlines more than 150 ways in which boys can earn money doing part-time work.

# Conservation Is Subject Of Forester

John Garten, forester with one of southern Oregon large lumber firms, spoke for the January meeting of Crater Lake chapter, Daughter of the American Revolution. He gave an informative talk on conservation, taking as his topic "Is Conservation Good Business?"

The speaker showed how trees in the forests, pruning, careful attention to marking cutting and felling them properly, and care in loading logs for the mills, all contribute to greater profits for the company.

Mr. Garten spoke of certain diseases which attack timber, said that even the soil is damaged in forest fires, and told of the damage done by porcupine, deer and cattle. Means are taken to combat these attacks, he said, and increase the productivity of the timber lands.

A forester must be a "jack of all trades" Mr. Garten said. The speaker said that his company tries to cooperate with the public by opening scenic areas, hunting and fishing grounds, picnic spots, roadways, for public use. He stated the firm preferred to educate the public to be careful in regard to fire and other damage to timber rather than bar people from enjoyment of the forests. He used many slides during the talk.

# Parish Spring Line Said Most Wearable in Years

By PAT HERMAN United Press International Paris - (UPI) - Press critics, department store buyers and even the only people who have yet worn the new Paris spring line—the mannequins themselves—agreed unanimously today that it is the most wearable in years.

Their reaction to this year's collection was one of relief and jubilation that women finally will be allowed to show their natural shapes.

Sacks, trapezes and artificially high waists were things of the past until next season anyway as every designer in this fashion capital paraded his own version of the natural female silhouette.

Colors, fabrics and details were invariably different but the silhouette shaped up the same: Bust, waist and hips the way nature made them and skirts that permitted a woman legroom.

**Make Americans Happy**

The two designers showing their clothes today during the windup of the spring collections both were women: Gres and Madeleine de Rauch.

Both are exponents of wearability and thus not the sort to buck the trend.

The consensus was that even if the collections have not made headlines they are going to make the American women happy.

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