

Classes for Mentally Retarded Point to New Educational Trend

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The new trend in education is to fit the class to the pupils instead of vice versa and to use plenty of incentive to stimulate learning.

A good example of the new trend are the three classes for Jackson county's mentally retarded being conducted now in Central Point.

However, vital as these classes are to the future well-being of their pupils they are being continually shifted around the county because of lack of classroom space,

local educators point out. The Central Point classes serve 42 pupils. This three-step program aims at developing useful, productive citizens of mentally handicapped people.

History of Failures
What is a mentally retarded pupil?
"Applicants for the M-R or special education classes should have a history of educational failures or noted difficulty with subjects and lessons," according to the Jackson county school superintendent's office. Participants are two years or more below their normal grade level. The I. Q. range is between 50 to 80, based on an individually administered mental test. Any other individual or group tests also may indicate low performance.

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To be considered mentally retarded, a child's personal and social characteristics may include some or all of the following: short attention and memory span, inadequate motivation and erratic drive, limited range of interest, limited ability to work with abstractions and to generalize, limited ability to evaluate, limited adaptive and associative power, slow reaction time, lack of originality and creative ability.

Any one of the above listed characteristics would make a pupil difficult for the regular classroom teacher to provide adequate instruction. Good instruction for a retarded student requires quick-witted, flexible teachers with the ability to organize and who have a personal interest in their pupils. Such are Crystal Wilson, Robert Wilkes and David Harms.

Experienced Failure
"These youngsters have experienced already failure in school. I try to give them a feeling of success," Mrs. Wilson, the primary grades teacher, explained. "And no matter what they do or how they do it, they are a success here," she smiled.

Mrs. Wilson, a motherly type teacher, is noted for her ability to draw the best achievement from her pupils. Her bright, cheery classroom with its many pictures, games and primary teaching devices is encouraging in itself.

Wilkes, as elementary teacher, gets down to the fundamentals of good citizenship and work habits and attitudes. His classroom reflects this in its plain, utilitarian appearance. Pupils here receive basic instruction in handicrafts, shop work, cooking and reading. In shop and cooking they learn primarily how to take unit measurements.

Work Part-Time
"They learn to use two tablespoons of salt instead of

dumping the whole package in, for instance," Wilkes grinned. Wilkes is a cheerful gentleman who exudes patience. Boys who are able, work part-time with the school janitor in operating the furnace and in cleaning up around the building.

Harms' program is probably the most extensive and requires the most imagination, flexibility and resourcefulness. A slight, dark complexioned young man with snapping black eyes and of Ivy League appearance, one almost expects him to jump into his sports car and roar away after classes. Instead, he may be found putting in long hours procuring materials or developing new ideas that will make his program more effective.

When he attended his class he was busy explaining the units of measurement on a measuring tape and yardstick and tolerances. He uses this in his shop program in an abandoned cabinet shop near Crater High school. The high school age pupils currently turn out grade stakes and lettuce crate shoo for sale. The boys learn production line work, safe and efficient work skills and habits.

Follow Strict Rules
They follow a strict set of rules and are graded on their job safety and efficiency on small yellow cards which appear like time cards used in the nearby sawmills. This is a new program started to give the boys some incentive in developing into productive workers.

They are graded on a point system. After accumulating a certain point total they will be paid a small hourly wage for their work. Unsafe workers are not allowed to use the power saws.

The girls receive home economics training in selected homes and in small groups. They learn housekeeping, cooking, sewing and child care. They are not allowed to be used as babysitters for the woman they work with, however.

Ultimate goal of this over all program in Central Point is to eliminate the distinction of mentally retarded or special education classes so that everyone is blended into general society according to ability. Given the training and opportunity to work, the retarded can become productive citizens.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

MYRON COHEN tells about a fellow who was having a running battle with his landlord. "Til tell you how I keep my landlord in line," volunteered Myron. "You just do the same."



Three weeks later Cohen got this note from his friend: "I took your advice, and I expect no more trouble from that dirty landlord. Sincerely, Joe Schwartz. Sing Sing Cell Number 208."

Lowell Thomas once bought an estate way on the Hudson. Asked, "What ever induced you to buy property in this remote and undeveloped section?" Thomas admitted ruefully, "One of the smartest men in real estate I ever encountered!" P. S. The property has since gone up ten-fold in value.

Jack Benny swears that in one swanky restaurant in Florida, he told a waiter, "Boy, am I hungry this morning! Bring me about ten dollars worth of scrambled eggs and bacon." The waiter replied frigidly, "I'm sorry, sir, but we do not serve half-portions here."

Carol Channing defines Reno as "the city of otherly love." © 1963, by Bennett Cerf. Distributed by King Features Syndicate

Cooperation Among Industry, Agencies Noted in Talk Here

The "outstanding cooperation" existing between the local lumber industry and the Rogue River National forest was commended here by Carroll E. Brown, forest supervisor, when he spoke at a meeting of the timber committee of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association.

The mutual exchange of ideas and discussion of problems is beneficial to both industry and the agencies involved, Brown stated. He specifically complimented the members of the timber committee and the chairman, Bob Nelson, Medford, for inviting the representatives of the public agencies to attend their meetings.

A similar appraisal of the relationship existing here was given by John Carnegie, representing the Medford office, bureau of land management. He suggested that the "cooperative spirit" prevalent here could well be copied by other lumber areas in the country to good advantage.

Voice of Democracy Contest Announced for Area Students

The 16th annual Voice of Democracy contest for high school students has been announced by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Contest judging will be conducted late this month. The contest has the endorsement of the U.S. office of education and the National Association of Secondary School principals.

Crater Lake post 1833, Medford, will present the winner in each of three Jackson county high schools, Phoenix, Central Point and Medford, a \$50 savings bond.

Four college scholarships are offered the first place winners, who will also compete for a free trip to Washington, D.C. The scholarships are for \$5,000, \$3,500, \$2,500 and \$1,500.

Students Eligible
All 10th, 11th and 12th year students in public, private and parochial high schools are eligible for entry in the contest.

"What Freedom Means to Me" is the topic announced for the 1963 contest. Each contestant will be required to write and orally deliver a three-to-five minute script on this theme. Scripts are to be in the form of radio or television commentaries.

More Than 100,000 Idled by Strikes

By United Press International
More than 100,000 workers were idled across the land today by transit, waterfront, newspaper and other strikes. Millions of persons were affected.

A million Philadelphia commuters had to find other means of transportation. In Kansas City, Mo., 100,000 bus riders faced a possible strike. Hundreds of thousands of persons still were without a newspaper to read — in New York, after 40 days, and in Cleveland, after 47 days.

An administration official hinted at possible White House intervention in the waterfront strike which paralyzed shipping from Maine to Texas.

Grange News

Central Point Grange
Central Point Grange will meet Friday, Jan. 18. Master James Cornutt said the meeting will start at 8 p.m. and will adjourn following the short business session. The recreation committee will be in charge of the remainder of the evening.

Roxy Ann Grange
New officers for the year presided at the first meeting this year of the Roxy Ann Grange.
Mrs. Bruce Moffatt, the new master, opened the meeting, and Mrs. Clarence Pfister, lecturer, was in charge of the program. Mrs. Paul Dalton presented a skit on "New Year's Resolutions." The next meeting of the Grange will be held at 8:15 p.m. Jan. 18. Mrs. C. A. Eden, from the Red Cross office, will discuss "Disaster," pointing out the value of the Grange in a disaster and how people can be prepared in case of emergency. The meeting is open to the public.

Sams Valley Grange
The regular meeting of Sams Valley Grange is scheduled at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19. Prior to the business session, members will hold a pot-luck dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Grange dining room.

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Price of Aspirin Topic of Hearing

Washington—UPI—The American Medical Association confirmed today that aspirin is aspirin, despite the price.
Sen. Pat McCarran (D-Mich.) asked AMA spokesmen about aspirin during a hearing Tuesday by a special committee on aging. He said the committee had investigated aspirin prices and found that name brands sell for as much as 3 1/2 times the price of unknown brands.
Oliver Field, director of the AMA's Department of Investigation, said all aspirin must meet the same requirements in order to be sold, and people might as well buy the cheaper product.

4-H Club News

Central Point Trail Blazers
The Trail Blazers 4-H club's monthly meeting was held at the home of Pam Peters recently.
The meeting was called to order by President Linda Corey. Secretary Janet Olufsen called the roll and dues were paid for the year.
The 4-H pledge was led by Elin Livingston, the flag salute by Nan Burgoyne.
Vicki Caldwell gave a talk on horse conformation.
Roger Sutton will give an oral report of the quarter horse at the next meeting.
Vicki Caldwell and Linda Corey will give a demonstration.
The next meeting will be at the Petersons' home Feb. 14.

were led by Ricky Korner. The minutes and roll were called by Cathy Anhorn. The leader distributed new calendars and records.
Refreshments were donated by John Fleischer.
Lee Korner, Reporter

Cud-Chewers
The Central Point Cud-Chewers 4-H club met Monday at the Foote Home. We watched a movie entitled "This is Oregon", before the meeting.
James Anhorn called the meeting to order. Flag salutes were led by John Shephard. Minutes were dispensed with as the secretary had moved.
Mrs. Anhorn called the roll.
Under new business we elected a new secretary, Christine Stith; voted to send one dollar for a CARE package to South Viet Nam, and decided we wanted to continue the Friendship Follies if possible.
Meeting was then adjourned. "This is the Dairy Industry" was our second movie while we enjoyed refreshments served by Carole Foote.
Cathy Legler, Reporter

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