

Funding for Juvenile Ct. Act Proposed

Rep. Gerald Detering today introduced a bill dealing with state financial assistance to local juvenile courts. Essentially, the bill provides for \$750,000 to be distributed to the various juvenile courts throughout the state based on the number of children within the jurisdiction of the particular court. An additional \$44,000 is requested in the allocation which will enable the Corrections Division to administer the funds. The funding proposal will provide the means for juvenile courts to implement the responsibility given them in the 1967 passage of H.B. 1038.

Local juvenile courts have been faced with increasing demands for their services, which local funding bodies simply have not been able to support. Part of the increased demand is reflected in the increased number of referrals to the courts, the added legal proficiency required by the Gault decision and even the added administrative demands placed upon the courts by the addition of youth care centers.

Participation in the program by local juvenile courts would require the counties to increase the existing juvenile court budget by roughly 10% of the amount to be received in the allocation.

The money will be used to strengthen the primary services to the court which includes counseling and probation, foster care facilities, shelter homes and other services deemed necessary by the particular juvenile court.

At their recent Portland conference, the Juvenile Court Judges Association passed a resolution endorsing the funding proposal and emphasizing the need for state assistance to juvenile courts.

Treatment at March of Dimes Center Enables Girl to Throw Away Crutches

Patty Bruce, 7, of Pontiac, Mich., crippled since birth by a severe spinal birth defect, learned by happy accident when she was little more than three years old that she could walk without braces or crutches.

It was a hot summer day and her mother had set aside Patty's crutches, removed the braces from her legs and stood the pretty little blonde in a neighbor's backyard wading pool. "It was like a miracle," Mrs. Bruce recalls. "She began to walk right through the water."

After that day, Patty, who was born with leg-paralyzing open spine and deformities of both feet, practiced and exercised until she needed neither braces nor crutches on dry land. If there is a miracle in her story, however, it has nothing to do with the water.

Dr. Donita B. Sullivan, director of the March of Dimes-financed Birth Defects Center at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, explained, "With proper physical therapy and other treatment over a period of time, children like Patty often develop enough muscle power to walk without the support of braces."

Today, for a girl who had such a slow start, Patty can do a swinging job with a hoola hoop. But life has been a long, uphill struggle.

Patty's fight to live like children born free of handicaps began in Pontiac when she came into the world prematurely, weighing only 3½ pounds. She was the first of fraternal twins, and her brother, Mike, was also born with a birth defect.

Doctors detected a heart murmur in the lad, indicating possible congenital heart defects, and have been seeing him once a year since birth.

Patty's condition required immediate attention. When she was three months old, she was taken to the Birth Defects Center in Ann Arbor where neurosurgeons performed corrective surgery on her back.

After that, her deformed feet were treated, first with casts, then with braces and now with exercise only. The little girl has returned to the March of



PATTY BRUCE, 7, Pontiac, Mich., may sound sound to her twin brother, Mike, but she was born with an open spine and can't walk so well. Mike has no problem walking, but he was born with heart defects. With them is Dr. Donita B. Sullivan, director of the March of Dimes-financed Birth Defects Center at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Dimes Center four or five times a year since her operation for continuing treatment and checkups.

According to Dr. Sullivan, Patty may need urologic surgery sometime in the future. As a result of the open spine, the little girl cannot control her bladder or bowels.

Through the years much of Patty's therapy has been received at home. One of her favorite means of exercise is a rocking horse. Mrs. Bruce points out, also, that brother Mike has a lot to do with walk. "She always watched

him and tried to copy him." Patty has learned to walk well, but she is not yet able to walk normally. She still tends to toe in.

"One day she came home from school and said one of her classmates called her pigeon-toed," Mrs. Bruce says. "Well, I just smiled and told her not to mind. I am just so happy that she can walk at all."

Since that hot summer day several years ago when Patty took her first unaided step, the Bruce family have installed a new fixture in their backyard. Right in the middle is a very large children's wading pool.

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Colonel Robert L. Bangert,

Portland District Engineer, in announcing the total attendance, said that for the second time since 1938, when it was first open to visitors, Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River moved down to second place in visitor attraction in Oregon.

Bonneville again in 1968 lost out to Fern Ridge Reservoir for the second year in succession. The Long Tom River project in Lane County near Eugene attracted 1,284,656 visitors while Bonneville had a total of 1,247,730. In 1968 Fern Ridge's total was 1,169,100 and Bonneville's 1,134,000.

Since 1938 Bonneville Dam has attracted a grand total of 16,664,430 visitors while Fern Ridge since 1945 had accounted for 8,348,256.

Detroit and Big Cliff Reservoirs on the North Santiam River east of Salem drew 597,520 recreationists in 1968 compared to 572,500 in 1967 and 561,300 in 1966. Since completion in 1953 Army Engineers have counted 4,966,820 people at these two projects.

Other Corps of Engineers' reservoirs in western Oregon, with their 1968, 1967, 1966 and grand total visitor attendance figures, are:

Lookout Point and Dexter Reservoirs on the Middle Fork Willamette River near Eugene: 275,431, 317,700, 269,000 and 2,662,931.

The Dalles Dam on the Columbia River: 398,698, 311,700, 228,000 and 3,124,698.

Cottage Grove Reservoir on the Coast Fork Willamette near Cottage Grove: 181,223, 235,100, 158,900 and 2,028,023.

Fall Creek Reservoir near Springfield: 152,358, 217,900, 37,200 and 377,458.

Dorena Reservoir on the Row River near Cottage Grove: 192,017, 192,100, 181,100 and 1,515,417.

Cougar Reservoir on the South Fork McKenzie River near Blue River: 97,400, 113,200, 51,400 and 458,800.

Green Peter and Foster Reservoir on the Middle and South Santiam Rivers near Sweet Home: an estimated 150,000 for 1968 and 100,000 for 1967, first year of record.

Hills Creek Reservoir on the Middle Fork Willamette near Oakridge: 160,035, 99,600, 107,400 and 595,435.

Recreation activities at Corps of Engineers' projects include: fishing, boating, swimming, picnicking, sightseeing, camping, hunting, water skiing and horseback riding.

Farmers Have January Deadline To File Social Security Reports

Farmers have until January 31 to file reports on the Social Security taxes withheld from their employee wages, A. G. Erickson, District Director of Internal Revenue for Oregon, said today.

The reports should be filed on Form 943, Employer's Annual Tax Return for Agricultural Employees.

Erickson said that any farmer who pays an employee cash wages of \$150 or more a year must withhold Social Security taxes. Taxes must also be withheld on wages under \$150 for any person hired 20 days or more a year.

For tax purposes, a farm employer includes anyone who furnishes and pays workers to perform agricultural labor on his behalf or for someone else. Erickson said a "crew leader" is an employer under this definition.

The 1968 tax rate is 8.8 percent of the first \$7,800 of taxable wages paid a farm employee. Half the tax is paid by the farmer and the other half by the employee.

Farmers should remember to give a W-2 wage and tax statement to every worker they pay \$600 or more a year. Employees paid less than \$600 should receive a statement covering their Social Security taxes Erickson said.

More detailed information is available in IRS Publication 51, "Agricultural Employer's Social Security Tax Guide." Send a post card to Internal Revenue Service, 319 S. W. Pine Street, Portland, Oregon 97204 for a free copy.

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