



"We're going to be terribly practical, Aunt Lou. We even have a piggy bank for miscellaneous expenses!"

Parents Deaf, Blind; Lad With Sad Blue Eyes Carries Responsibilities

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — The 4½-year-old boy edged along a fence as he walked to nursery school. He looked as if he had just bitten a tart apple.

Pinned on his sweater was a typed note: "Before any pictures are taken, please comb his hair and see that he looks nice. Due to his cold, we were afraid to put a thin dress shirt on him. Thank you."

This boy with sad blue eyes carries a load of responsibilities on his 55-pound frame.

He must keep track of the pump at home, see that it doesn't run too long and raise the electric bill. He must know what to do if the hot water heater is boiling.

He must wake himself on time for nursery school and dress himself.

He must be able to tell what is in a can at the supermarket by the picture on the label.

He must take care not to move the furniture or appliances from their place.

He must have patience, loads and loads of it. And he must have forbearance.

He doesn't always have them. No child would. Perhaps this is

why he doesn't smile as often as other youngsters; or hangs back sometimes.

It is hard for Clarence Stephen Hathaway of nearby Stow to talk to adults — to seek their help. He doesn't talk to his parents. They are both deaf and blind. He has normal senses.

A quiet boy who generally nods or shakes his head to answer, Clarence raised quite a storm when he was born Feb. 17, 1955. A shout of indignation arose all over the nation when it was suggested it might be better if he were taken away from his parents. Juvenile Court Judge Russell W. Thomas decided on March 7, 1955.

So Clarence shares a dark, silent world of his parents and a bright noisy world of nursery school playmates.

Since he was 2, Clarence has attended nursery school. Now he spends five days a week there from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

With about 300 youngsters, he colors with crayons, sings, marvels at TV, builds with blocks (he likes this best) and molds with play dough.

Here he can get the teacher's attention simply by looking at her. He doesn't have to tug her dress. He can show his feelings on his face or by the sound of his voice. He can smile when a little girl

crawls under a table or pushes over a rubber toy. He can scowl when he pokes and pushes with the other boys, and tell them to stop.

Clarence enjoys the company of other children. He talks up a storm with other youngsters, but teachers are trying to get him to answer them in words beyond yes and no. He has — once or twice.

He doesn't talk as well as his nursery playmates. His voice, like his parents', has a hollow ring — the tonelessness of the deaf. Sometimes another will tease him about it. Such is the way of children — and the way of the world.

But Clarence is making huge strides, says Bessie Taylor, nursery director. He would not even nod or shake his head at a question when he first arrived. And he would just scribble with crayon on paper. Now he colors artistically.

Those who know him seem to think Clarence will make out all right.

The cab driver who takes him to and from school says that Clarence has loosened up and is talking to him.

"Why isn't the sun shiny today?" Clarence asked one cloudy day.

The driver told him the sun was always shining behind the clouds. Clarence just shrugged his shoulders. He couldn't see the sun.

The clouds over the senses of Harold and Georgia Hathaway, Clarence's parents, are more permanent. The mother lost her sight and hearing at 15 through illness.

She still has 10 per cent vision in her left eye, can see blurry outlines of a large object close by.

Hathaway started to lose his hearing when he was 11, then in 1947 lost his eyesight.

The sunshine in their lives is Clarence. They are proud of him, hold him close to them and fondle his face and hair.

Clarence takes them shopping, watches out for visitors, helps mother bake by kneading dough and cutting biscuits. He wipes the table after a meal.

The family receives blind pensions and aid for dependent children. They also have had donations of money, food, clothing and other things they need from all over the world, but mostly from near home.

Thanks to you, our friends and neighbors, for your kindness during our recent bereavement of our husband, father and brother, John Bradshaw. Thank you for flowers, food and the many other kind deeds.

Mrs. Eula (John) Bradshaw and family

Their three-room cottage is always neat. A fence that kept Clarence in when he was younger now keeps the family's dog away from the road. Wires strung in the back yard lead to the outhouse and incinerator.

There have been crises. Mrs. Hathaway has been in the hospital three times since Clarence was born. Neighbors and welfare agencies pitched in to help. Three times a week a Summit County nurse visits. She cleans Clarence's ears and sees that his nails are trimmed.

The Hathaways "talk" by writing words in each other's palms one letter at a time. Both can type in Braille and Hathaway can use a conventional typewriter.

Clarence, who cannot write yet, has developed his own sign language for his parents. He draws a circle in their palms if he wants a glass of water. A pat on his father's stomach means he is hungry and a hand on the side of his mother's face shows he is ready for bed.

He tells his parents it's raining by slapping up and down on their wrists.

Sometimes, he can't reach through the veils of darkness and silence. He may bite his lip and try and try and try.

Mrs. Hathaway says he threw a shoe at her during one of these periods. "But I can't hear anything, Clarence," she said. "You must be patient."

"He may even wallop us," Mrs. Hathaway adds, passing her fingers through Clarence's brown hair. "But we love him so. He's a pretty strong boy, you know."

And most of the time he's well behaved.

Clarence is watchful to keep his clothes clean. Unlike most youngsters his age, he is disturbed when his shoes get muddy or his gloves soiled.

His parents are extremely concerned that Clarence appear well groomed to the seeing world. Once after Clarence had eaten supper, Hathaway cleaned his face with a washcloth. Then Mrs. Hathaway, not knowing what her husband

had done, repeated the process. Clarence said nothing.

He is learning to accept two different worlds. Both have their humor and light, both their unhappiness and shadows.

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Fee Schedule Altering Set For Trailers

Oregon house trailer owners will be paying a new schedule of fees starting January 1 when a law adopted by the last Legislature becomes effective. The new law establishes a flat registration fee and a license fee based on market value.

A six-dollar registration fee for all house trailers will replace the former \$15-\$25 fee. The new license fee will be two per cent of 80 per cent of the trailer's original market value. This will be reduced about 10 per cent each year for the first five years after sold, and five per cent for the next four years. After nine years there is no reduction.

The Department of Motor Vehicles is charged with collection of both fees. It will distribute collected license fees to the counties of registration. This fee replaces the property tax formerly collected by the counties.

All house trailers with an overall length of at least 12 feet and six feet high from floor to ceiling are now required to be licensed and registered whether or not they are used on a public road. The fee applies even if trailers are stored. The only exceptions are for trailers held by dealers and for trailers permanently fixed on land by foundation, attached structures or fixed pipe connections.

The Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles lists these procedures for registering and licensing house trailers:

If your trailer was last registered in Oregon, your completed application for plates (form 232) is to be attached to the last Oregon registration card and filed. If the trailer is registered in another state, form 232 and a completed application for the Oregon Certificate of Title (form 222 or 226) should be filed, attached to the former state's certificate of title, and if that state issues none, to its registration card.

If the trailer has not been previously registered, both form 232 and 222 (or 226) must be completed and attached to evidence of ownership, such as a bill of sale.

Applications may be filed with the Trailer Section, Department of

Motor Vehicles, in Salem or with any department field office. On receipt of the documents in Salem, the department will set valuation on the vehicle and notify the owner on form 480 of the amount due. If the owner returns form 480 with remittance to Salem, plates will be mailed immediately.

If he pays at a field office, a temporary permit will be issued authorizing the trailer's use until receipt of the plates.

A non-resident owner of a trailer licensed elsewhere may use the vehicle here for 90 consecutive days before licensing and registering it in Oregon.

Fees are due before February 1. They become delinquent March 2 when a 10 per cent penalty fee will be added.

Local Medic Improving

Condition of Dr. Hugh M. Swaney, Klamath Falls physician and surgeon who is a patient in General Ross Hospital, California, is reported to be improved according to his son, Hugh Jr. Dr. Swaney was found injured on a San Francisco street December 20, shortly after arriving in the city for a checkup at the hospital where he had been a patient for a time.

A policeman who found the injured man lying on the sidewalk, said the doctor is believed to have been the victim of a hit and run driver. Dr. Swaney suffered serious head injuries.

Hugh Swaney Jr. will join his mother and sister, Jane, in San Francisco for Christmas.

Former Slave Slowing Down

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) — William Edward Davis gets a lot of attention on Christmas because it's his birthday. He says Friday will be his 121st.

The white-haired Negro says he was born in slavery at Winston-Salem, N.C., on Christmas Day, 1838.

There is no legal record of his birth, but the government lists him as the nation's oldest recipient of social security benefits. He gave his age as 105 when he registered for benefits in May 1944.

Davis lives at the Sister Ruth Hill Home for the Aged. He concedes he is slowing down a bit, and his Christmas wish is to get a light custodial job around a church.

SCHEDULE MEETINGS

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — The Mine - Mill Workers Union scheduled ratification meetings for today in Utah, Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico after reaching agreement with Kennecott Copper Corp. Tuesday night on all local issues blocking settlement of the union's 135-day strike.

SCOUT NEWS

CHRISTMAS MEETING

DUNSMUIR — Pack 98, Cub Scouts, held its Christmas meeting at the Dunsmuir Hotel Thursday, December 17. The big event of the evening was a Christmas tree decorating contest with first prize going to Den 2 and second prize to Den 4. The boys had made all the decorations at their den meetings.

Packmaster Adrian Cox and all the den mothers wish to express their gratitude to all who helped — Santa, particularly, who passed out candy contributed by the American Legion. Frank Gilley donated the use of his truck to transport trees to the hospital. Bob Dryden provided materials and the judges and parents did much to assure the success of the program. Prizes were donated by Bud Lachenmyer.

Cub membership has increased from 47 to 67 in the past three months.

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