

Association Members View Film on Epilepsy Symptoms

Members and friends of the Columbia Association of Retarded Children met at the McBride school recently to view the film, "Not Without Hope." The film, borrowed from the Epilepsy League of Oregon, told the story of Jane, age ten. It described the early symptoms of epilepsy, the visit to the specialist, neurologist, who diagnosed the case, prescribed the necessary medication, and consoled the mother in the acceptance of the girl's condition. Following the evaluation, a social worker visited both parents to guide and answer any questions the parents might have concerning the do's and don'ts of handling problems at home and school.

The teacher, upon being informed of Jane's condition, explained the disorder to the classroom in an understanding and wholesome manner. Due to this intelligent and accurate information told by her teacher, Jane is accepted by her classmates and thereby freed of future teasing and embarrassment.

Dr. Henry E. Stirino of Portland, formerly with the Mayo Clinic as a neurologist, and for two years a neurosurgeon at the University of Oregon Medical School, led the question and answer discussion that followed.

Epilepsy is defined as a disorder of the nervous system, characterized by discharges from the brain and maybe likened to an electrical storm in the brain. Two common types of epilepsy are "petit mal", a small seizure, and "grand mal" a large seizure. One of the early symptoms may give an appearance of day dreaming. Most cases of epilepsy can be controlled through anticonvulsive medication taken regularly.

Dr. Stirino stated, "A teacher may be the key person in helping the student with epilepsy become a contributing member of society. It is unwise to "pamper" a student with epilepsy, because you feel discipline will bring on a seizure. Negative attitudes toward the person with epilepsy can be more harmful to his personality than the condition itself. There are times when a teacher is the only one to whom a student with epilepsy can turn to for comfort or guidance.

In conclusion, Dr. Stirino said, "The greatest problem facing epileptics is not controlling the seizures, but social acceptance. There are ma-

ny doors still closed to these people when it comes to obtaining a job, renting an apartment, driving a car, and marriage. Much progress has been made in recent years toward a better understanding of this age old problem, formerly called the falling sickness.

"Only when you and I, the general public learn through the enlightenment of education, the true facts of the condition affecting the nervous system, will the age old stigma be erased."

Students Gather Timber History

TIMBER—There were 75 students and their teacher, Jim Barlow of Beaverton, who called on Mrs. John Bino last Monday. They came in school busses and were collecting historical data about Timber.

M/Sgt. and Mrs. Bill James and family went to Grants Pass Friday house hunting. They sold their home here recently and will be moving soon. While there they will visit Mr. James' parents, with whom they are leaving the children so they may enter school there now.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Douglas and family and Michael and Kathy McCann drove to St. Helens for Thanksgiving at the home of Michael and Kathy's father, Mike McCann. The Douglas family returned home that evening but the McCanns remained for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McIlraith of Portland spent the week end at the Paul Kelly home. Mrs. McIlraith and Mrs. Kelly are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Olie Radke of California are spending a few days here visiting their son Lloyd and old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Tabor of Oakridge spent the week end at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tabor.

The B. B. Wright family returned home Tuesday from a holiday visit with relatives in various parts of California.

The Otto Flaigs had a pleasant Thanksgiving in two ways, a dinner at the home of their daughter and husband, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Murrell and a new grandson born to their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lewellyn Flaig at Tuality hospital in Hillsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Pagh spent Thanksgiving in Kelso at the home of Mrs. Pagh's mother, Mrs. Edna Patteuw.



By Frank J. Labaney

QUESTION: I am working under social security. I was told I have to notify the Social Security Administration if I change my address. Is this true?

ANSWER: No. Only those who receive monthly social security checks need to report a change of address. Until you file a claim, you need not advise social security of your current address.

QUESTION: Why is it necessary for me to give my employer my social security number?

ANSWER: Your social security number is used to keep a record of your earnings covered by social security.

QUESTION: I work as a maid in a private home two days a week. My employer says I have to pay social security tax on my wages. Is this true?

ANSWER: Yes. If you earn as much as \$4 per week, your salary must be reported and the tax paid. These wages will be listed on your social security record and will count toward benefits payable to you in the future.

QUESTION: During World War II, I was in the service for over three years. Was this time covered by social security?

ANSWER: No. Military service was not covered by social security until January 1957. However, if no other Federal agency has used your service time in paying a monthly benefit, social security can give you "free" credits for your military service. These credits amount to \$160 a month for each month of your active duty.

Rally to Hear Youth Speaker

Lanson and Mary Ross, youth speaker and marimbist, will be featured at Youth for Christ Saturday at Benson high school in Portland at 7:30 p.m.

Mary Ross, the former Mary Freleigh, traveled with the Marimba Coeds, played at large conventions such as the builders convention in Chicago, also on Ed Sullivan's "Toast of the Town" and with Bob Hope's show in Kansas City.

Mary has her masters degree from the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. She played for three years with the Kansas City Philharmonic and is a Christian artist and choir director as well as marimbist. Lanson Ross is an enthusiastic preacher - evangelist. An athletic young man, Ross played three years semi-pro baseball on the coast. Today he serves as a pastor in Idaho.

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Snow Enlivens Week End Sport

TIMBER—Thanksgiving has come and gone and with it the first heavy snow of the season. Many who were out on that day slid most of the way home. Snow was still falling Friday morning and few cars made the post office hill until later in the day. They would make the first curve then come sliding back down. Youngsters were out with all kinds of sleds, or improvised ones for sliding.

Among those from out of town to enjoy the "big eyed chick" here with families and friends were: Mr. and Mrs. Ron Silvers and family of Vancouver who were at the Henry Mitchell home; Lester Atkinson and sons Ricky and Dennis of Portland, at the Morris McMann home; Mrs. Dorothy Brooks and daughter of Portland at the home of her mother, Mrs. Bert Dockery; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sponsel of McMinnville at the Vern Sponsel home, plus Dan Sponsel with six guests, all school chums at Benson high school who are attending various colleges. This reunion of the boys was spent prowling in the woods, sled riding and devouring mom's good Thanksgiving eats.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewellyn McCarty drove to Eugene Saturday on a business trip and also to visit their son.

Fire Meeting Notices Give Election Date

TIMBER—Notices of Timber fire board election have been posted. Election is to take place at the Roy May home December 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jensen and family spent the holidays in Emmett, Idaho at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Allen Cole.

Denise Tucker is another proud owner of a beautiful horse.

Rickey and Dennis Atkinson of Portland remained after the turkey dinner Thursday to spend their vacation with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris McMann.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy May were dinner guests at the Jerry Eckhardt home at Banks Thanksgiving day.

Golden Anniversary Attracts Local Folk

BIRKENFELD—Those from here attending the golden wedding anniversary reception for Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bridgers at Vernonia Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Wanstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Art Bellingham, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jones, Margie and Marilyn, Mrs. Lloyd Beach, Mrs. Elsa Richardson and Miss Shirley Berg.

Walt Berg who is now in Seaside, spent the week end with his folks, the Vick Bergs.

Former Pastor Here on Visit

RIVERVIEW — Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Ruff of Corvallis, Montana were Wednesday evening visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Snook. Thursday dinner guests there were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jacobs and five children of Yacolt, Washington; Russell Snook and three children of Hillsboro and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Brown and children.

Mrs. Bill Eckland and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Lloyd, Mrs. Roberta Schwab and two sons and Mrs. Jewell Lloyd of North Plains spent Saturday in Portland at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Lloyd in celebration of Mrs. Jewell Lloyd's birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Neil Lloyd and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Eckland and sons enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Lloyd at North Plains.

Mrs. Glenn Mitchell came home Monday after spending a week in Portland visiting relatives. She spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. De Los Powell and daughter and Melvin Powell, all of Portland, spent Thanksgiving day at the home of Mrs. Inez Powell.

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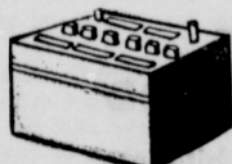
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