

Committee Reviews Needs of Youth

(Editor's note: This is the last of a series of feature articles by Ann Sullivan on the newly released report of the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth, following two years of work and study by hundreds of people throughout the state of Oregon.)

Churches should take initiative in better planning and cooperation between themselves and community agencies, according to the recently released 125-page report of the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth.

"The church and community working together," concludes the church subcommittee of seven church-oriented Oregon citizens of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths, "can mobilize community resources for an all-out effort much better than they can be organized working separately."

"Urgency" of including a section on the role of the church in the community in this study of needs of children and youth was stressed initially by the executive committee.

Conflict Found in Standards

"This urgency," the report declares, "was based on the recognition that the moral and ethical standards of some families and a few neighborhoods are in conflict with those agreed upon as important to our Judeo-Christian society."

"As a result, young people reared in these families and neighborhoods find themselves in difficulty within the larger community. The executive committee hopes to stimulate churches to intensify their efforts to help families transmit the values and ethics held important by both the church and the community."

Among suggestions in the report are those for organizing a body in a community in which the religious groups are represented, to review, advise, coordinate and plan within the whole area of children and youth.

Forces Break Relationships

The report outlines essential elements of a successful religious community and points out how numerous forces in modern society have cut across and broken some of the basic relationships of the religious group, with society also suffering.

Numerous suggestions are made for the community to help make the programs of the churches for youth more effective and for the churches to do the same. A few of these:

Churches need to be informed concerning the work and services of the social agencies.

Churches should cooperate in the observance of special emphasis of religious holidays and fes-

tivals and so inform social agencies.

The church needs to encourage its membership to qualify themselves with specialized agencies who have responsibility of providing foster homes.

The churches in a given district or state should encourage the establishment of a "Big Brother" program.

It should be requested that local or state councils of churches sponsor training classes for local social action committees.

Should Plan With Other Agencies

Churches should know more about and help sponsor youth groups (Scouts, etc.), day nurseries, should study available family counseling centers and supplement these under careful direction and guidance of the agencies already at work and should plan with existing welfare groups in the giving of food, clothing, etc., so that needless duplication can be avoided.

The committee's report, in other sections, also recommends that the Oregon Youth council be made statewide, that funds be made available for a central office, a fulltime stenographer, for the dissemination of materials to youth and for professional counseling and guidance.

The Oregon Youth council was created in 1957 as a structure through which Oregon youth could have an opportunity to express themselves, both among themselves, publicly and to the governor's committee. It is made up of representatives of statewide youth serving organizations.

Notes Gain in Recreation

Cooperative planning is stressed in a section on recreation which notes great gains in the field in Oregon during the last 10 years. The section, which contains lengthy discussion on the overall problems, organization, leadership, financing and approaches, stresses attention to the variety of needs of people of all age groups and interests.

In addition, it suggests emphasis on recreational activities carried on by family groups, more adult leadership in youth organization programs and increased emphasis upon conservation and development of camping sites and park areas.

Two sections, in both of which great progress is noted, will not be discussed at length here. They concern children who are mental-

C. N. NEELYS ENTERTAIN GUESTS FROM OKINAWA

Technical Sgt. and Mrs. Floyd Dunkle and family, on leave from a base in Okinawa, visited Wednesday and Thursday with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Neely Sr. The Dunkles left Thursday evening for the Midwest to visit relatives and at the end of his leave will be stationed at Tacoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Sager and family spent the Fourth of July weekend at McCall.

ly retarded and migrant children.

The committee stresses inadequacy of educational provisions in both fields and urges further work and efforts along lines already begun.

The committee also urged the development of interstate programs to meet more adequately the economic, social and health needs of migrant children, and that consideration be given to a request for federal assistance to meet the educational, health and child welfare service needs of migrant children whose families have not established legal residence which would enable them to qualify for state welfare services.

PERSONALS...

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brower and family went to Othello, Wash., the past weekend to visit her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Mitchell and family. Karen remained with her sister for a three weeks' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson attended a family reunion Monday at the park in Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Neely and daughter of Ontario and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Neely Jr. and family were Sunday dinner guests of the men's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Neely Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cottle and sons, Alan and Reid, and grandson, Brent, spent the past weekend at McCall.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Holcomb and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Holcomb and Bradley Holcomb camped and fished over the weekend on the north fork of Little Malheur river.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Platt of Buhl and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bland and family of Burbank, Calif., visited the past weekend at the Claude Crisp home.

LOCAL STUDENTS LISTED ON UNIVERSITY HONOR ROLL

A total of 380 University of Oregon undergraduate students received grade point averages of 3.50 or higher and have been named to the spring term honor roll. Sixty-seven of these made all A grades for the spring term. Named to the honor roll from Nyssa were Dennis Lynn Forbess who made all A grades and Dirk T. Rinehart.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Boydell entertained Monday with a picnic dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Britt Nedry of Boise, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boydell and family of Nampa and Miss Eva Boydell.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Leuck and daughters of Baker visited Sunday with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Chamberlain returned recently from a two weeks' visit in Ogden.

Weekend guests at the Lamont Fife home were Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Andrus of Salt Lake, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Andrus and family of Oakland, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Worden and family of Richland, Wash. The group attended an Andrus family reunion Sunday in Nampa.

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