Discuss Mental Retardation At Meeting Held At O'Leary

The monthly meeting of the West Prince Parents Association for Retarded children was held in O'Leary on Friday evening Nov. 1st. The meeting opened by the associations prayer after which the minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. The treasurer then gave the financial report which was very encouraging to the members present.

Correspondence was then read requesting this branch to register all parents and retarded children in West Prince and have them put on file with the P.E.I. Association. A motion by Mrs. Cecil Dennis, seconded by Mrs. Lloyd Matthews that all obtain 75 copies of the Helping Hand which is published by the P.E.I. Association for distribution at the Fall Fair which the Community Hospital is holding in the near future.

A motion by Mrs. Oataway and seconded by Mrs. James Milligan that members attend a public meeting in Charlottetown which the P.E.I. Association are planning was approved. After a discussion on membership and publicity a motion was approved to charge the meeting night from the first Friday to the second Thursday of each month. The meeting then adjourned followed by a delicious lunch.

RETARDATION

Mental retardation. It was explained, means impaired or incomplete mental development. The child who is retarded is not able to learn as much as other children. What he is able to learn, he learns much more slowly. He can't reason as well as the average child. He often uses poor judgement. It takes him longer to figure things out. He has trouble deciding how to act in new situations. Many of these children will need some kind of professional help and varying amounts of supervision during their lives.

Mental retardation like being nearsighted or hard of hearing is a condition. It's not a disease and is not always obvious. It has to do with the way a person's brain works, or doesn't work and how that persons mental ability compares with that of everybody else.

Just as people are of different physical sizes, so they have different mental abilities. Some persons are tall and some are short, some are bright and some not so bright. Then they are extremes. Physically, a few are noticeably much smaller than the average mentally too, some are much less bright than the average.

Mary is an example, as an infant she appeared well and healthy. But it took her much longer to sit up, stand and walk than it took other children. Later when she was 4-years-old and still had the appearance at first glance of an average 4-year-old. Mary played and thought more or less like a 2-year-old child. At about 6-years-old, when most children start school, Mary was just beginning to learn how to share toys with other children just beginning to learn how to share toys with other children and how to feed and dress herself. At High School age, she was just starting to recognize letters and words. She was still doing the kind of things the average 7 or 8 year old does.

GROWING ENDS

Minds like bodies usually finish growing (but not learning) some times in the late teens, Mary's mind will also complete its development at around 16 years of age at that age, she will have the mental ability of a child who is about 8 years old. When she is grown, her body may be that of a mature woman. Her feeling and desires may be like those of an adult, although somewhat less complex. She may even have learned to act in some way like an adolescent or a young adult. Still her mind will be able to solve only the kinds of problems that most 8 or 9 year old children can solve.

I.Q.

Since Mary operates at about one half (or 50 per cent) of the way the average child of her age operates, people who give psychological tests would say, that Mary had an I.Q. or Intelligent Quotient, of 50. Had Mary been able to solve only about ¾ of the problems other children of her age could, they would say she had an I.Q. of about 75. Had she been able to do about ¾ of what other children of her age were able to do, they would say she had an I.Q. of about 75.

The I.Q. is just an overall average of mental ability. It does not tell the whole story. In growing up, Mary can learn how to take care of her own needs, take orders, get along with others, and learn to do a great many things which become routine and don't require reasoning or mental ability.

Red Cross Group Met

Rev. E. H. Bean was Chairman of a meeting in Kensington on Monday night, November 3rd. A representative group of men attended to consider the organization of a Red Cross Disaster Unit in Kensington.

Mr. J. Gordon MacDonald Provincial Chairman of Disaster Services addressed the Meeting. He was assisted by Deputy Chairman, Mr. Robert Younker and Mrs. Harry Cudmore.

The meeting appointed a Committee of four men to procure the necessary personnel for a Red Cross Disaster Service in Kensington. The members of this committee are: Mr. J. L. Davison, Mr. Ronald Kennedy, Mr. Willard Stewart, Mr. Donald Gordon.

Tentative plans were made for another meeting on November 18th.

SUMMERSIDE C.W.L.

The November meeting of the Catholic Women's League Subdivision, Summerside, was held in the Knights of Columbus Home on November 6th, with the president, Mrs. Wilfred Perry presiding. The meeting opened with the league prayer followed by the finules of the last intetting and treasurers report. Correspondence consisted of "thank you" cards, a letter of resignation from Mrs. Emile Arsenault as lunch convenor, Mrs. Ed and Gillis, will take over this convenership.

A letter from Fr. Walsh, National Director for Canada for a donation to the Sacred Heart programme. A letter from Mrs. John L. Beaton, provincial convenor, re report forms and a letter from Grace Steel re meeting to be held in Charlottetown on November 8th for all press convenors.

The following convenors gave reports Red Crsoo, Mrs. Cecil Clow reported a total of 51 articles made in the month of October. ways and means, Mrs. Clifford Gaudet reported the proceeds from the rummage sale held recently amounted to $85.00. Mrs. Gaudet also stated that the annual tag day will be held on November 15-16 citizenship, Mrs. Joseph Linkletter gave a report of a meeting she attended for retarded children sick, Mrs. Ivan Clow reported a number of cards sent out and 15 hospital visits made. Mrs. Thomas Linkletter gave a report of a meeting she attended re Social Action.

It was agreed to buy a gift for the League of Mercy. Christmas cards will be ordered fro the Sisters of the Precious Blood.

CAN REACH MOON

Cambridge, Mass. —Dr John D. Rhinehart, Assistant Director of The Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory here, shown with a model of an American satellite, predicted that the Russians could reach the moon in a few days. Dr. Rhinehart also believes that through the use of radio, Russian scientists can release the dog from Sputnik II and bring it back to earth safely and in good health.

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The December meeting will be answered with a gift for the social welfare sisters. Meeting adjourned followed by a very intresting film shown y 2 Summerside guides who attended Doe Lake Guide Camp in the summer. An ore the regular meeting.

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KENSINGTON H. AND S.

Mr. Thomas Hall, president of the Kensington Home and School Association presided at the first Fall meeting which was held in the High School on Thursday evening.

Rev. E.H. Bean reported on the progress of the. School Grounds Improvement Committee and stated that although the plans were delayed they would continue to add to the improvements. He moved a vote of thanks, seconded by Miss Olive Thompson to the Lion's Club for the School Grounds play equipment. A vote of thanks to the Town Council for having School Street paved was seconded by Mr. Gordon Cooke.

The treasurer reported $229.91 on hand. A letter was read from the Provincial President announcing the annual Home and School Association meeting to be held in Charlottetown, October 22. The following delegates were appointed to attend: Rev. E.H. Bean, Mr. Donald Gordon, Mr. T.J. Ling, Mrs. Scott Moare and Mrs. Elwood Clark.

Committees were appointed as follows: Membership, Mrs. Roy Clark, Mrs. G. Spicer, Mrs. T Ling. Mrs. Ronald Kennedy; Social, Mrs. Keith Waite, Mrs. Scot Moase, Mrs. Gerald MacKenzie; Ways and Means, Mrs. I.K. Zielinski, Mrs. Robert Goodwin, Mrs. A.F. Mann, Mrs. Gordon Cooke, Program, Mrs. Verdun Paynter, Miss Mamie Mill, Rev. E. Ingraham, Mrs. I.W

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HOWLAN

Ferdie Arsenault motored from Halifax on Saturday to attend the funeral of his grandmother, the late Mrs. Prosper L. Arsenault.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Martin of Emerald were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Arsenault and family on the last Sunday of October.

Mrs. Perry of Port Elgin, N.B. (nee Priscilla Arsenault) came to Howlan on Friday evening, October 25th. to visit her brother Alban T. Arsenault, who is seriously ill in the Western Hospital; also visiting him were his other sisters Mrs. Addie Weir of Souris and Mrs. Millie Gallant of Summerside.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Prosper L. Arsenault whose death occurred on Friday, October 25th, was held at St. Anthony Jardine.

It was decided to continue the sale of Cod Liver oil capsules with Mrs. Jardine in charge. The attendance cup was merited by Grade 2.

Mr. Lorne Moase gave a comprehensive report of a recent meeting held in Charlottetown attended by the National president, Mrs. Cowan. Following this report the group divided into Buzz Sessions on the topic, "Teacher Recruitment".

Bloomfield on Sunday morning and was largely attended. To her sorrowing family sympathy is extended.

PAKISTAN PEAT

Huge deposits of peat found in East Pakistan are estimated to cover about 200 square miles.

United Y. P. U. Hold Fall Rally

Rev. Douglas Earle of Tryon United Church is to be a special speaker at the fall rally of central Presbytery Young People's Unions.

The rally has been planned for Saturday afternoon and evening, November 9th in Rose Valley using the national theme of "Freely ye have received freely give."

The planning committee has made arrangement to include in the program a wide variety of Y. P. U. activities past, present and future. These will include summaries of camp at Augustine Cove and Tatamagouche, the Maritime Convention and reviews of the 1958 national council meeting in Sackville, and World Christian Education meeting in Tokyo. Leadership will be given on drama, Bible study, role playing, the advance program, caravaning, etc. Opening andclosing worship services are being conducted by Summerside and Rose Valley unions respectively.

Each spring and fall rallies are held in various centers which young people attend in the area from Wellington to Hunter River. Four officers of the Maritime conference Y.P.U. are expected to attend this year's rally, the first in Rose Valley for several years. They are David MacDonald, Halifax, David Whiston, Sackville, Ernest Murphy, Summerside, Bill Callbeck, Bedeque.

Sessions will be conducted by Presbytery Arthur Craig of Middleton and secretary treasurer Katherine Poole, Travellers Rest. Alberta Todd is president of the Host Union.

Beta Hi-Y Has Meeting

The regular meeting of the Beta Hi-Y was held Monday, November 4th, at the Y-Centre with the president Marjorie Shanks presiding. "My Neighbours and I" was the theme for worship which was led by Roberta Monteith and Fay Harris.

The devotional period began with the first two verses of the Hi-Y Hymn and ended with the last two. Roll call was answered by 22 members and the mentor, Blanche Matthews was happily welcomed back.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and the treasurer's report was given. Weekly committee reports were given by the chairman. Margaret Coffin gave a report on the council meeting at which the following officers were elected. President, Richard Rankin; Vice-president, Mary Woodside, secretary - treasurer, Margaret Coffin.

The council decided the card system was to be used again this year. Several project suggestions were brought up and one will be started next week. All Hi-Y members decided to help Summerside High School by contributing to the Red Cross Pantry Sale, at Smallman's.

The fourthcoming dance is to be sponsored by Beta and is to be held at the Y-Centre Saturday evening. Music for this dance will be supplied by the "Bee-Bops".

For next weeks program will have Margaret Coffin and Peter Mitchell show slides on their experiences at summer camps and girl guides. The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

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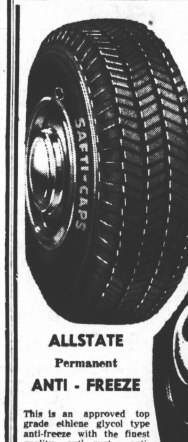

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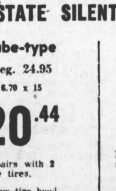

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