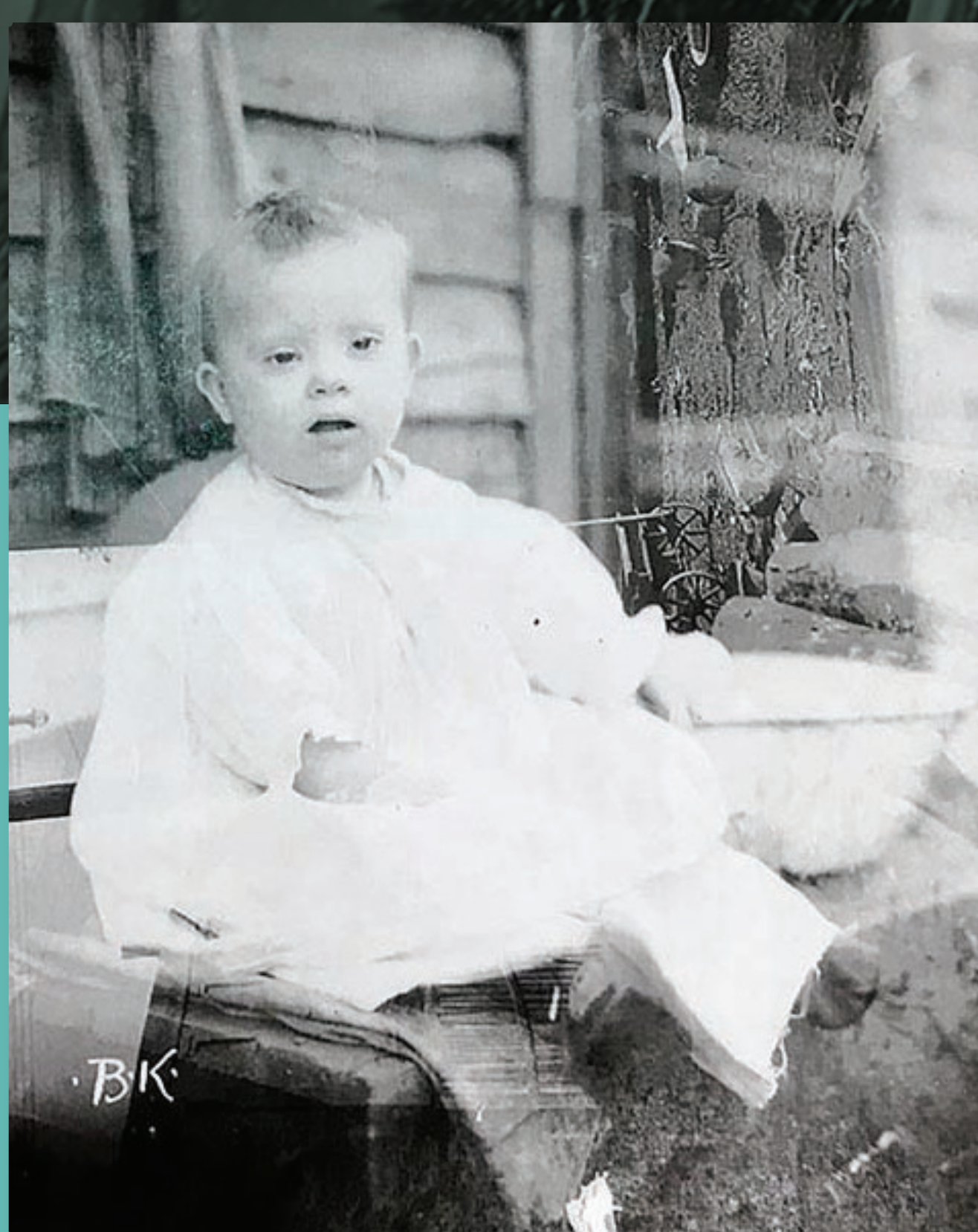




Above: A large group of young children, using a variety of crutches and braces, stand around a swing on the grounds of the Gillette Hospital, smiling for the camera, 1905.



Above: A rare photograph of a baby with Down syndrome, 1925.



Above center: Prize-winning basketry at the Minnesota State Fair, St. Paul fairgrounds, 1926.

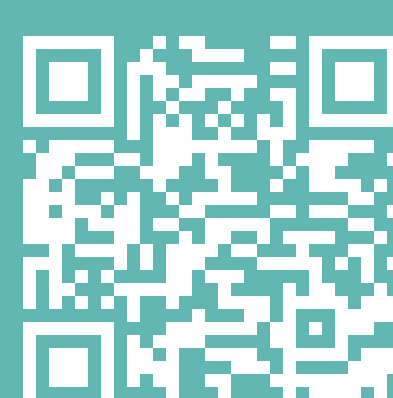
Right: Students celebrate the 6th anniversary of the Mary Helen Lindsay School, 1937.



Above: Boys and girls with cerebral palsy are entertained at a party in the Cerebral Palsy Center by high-school kids. David Hawley, 14, and Robert Pihl, 14, of the Hi-Fi's, provide some rock 'n roll while Judy Schaub and Steve Stevens, 18, dance for the amusement of the youngsters, who do not often get out to many social functions for their age group, 1958.

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Children with disabilities elicited feelings of pity and compassion. Photos of infants and adults are rare, as families who had a child labeled “feeble-minded” were stigmatized as morally bad or genetically flawed and encouraged to institutionalize them or keep them out of sight.

Institutions were built across Minnesota and the eugenics movement—an attempt to build a “better” human race by segregating individuals with developmental disabilities from society—drove decisions.

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