

THE PROBLEM OF THE FEEBLE-MINDED FROM THE STANDPOINT OF AN INSTITUTION.

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Contrary to the general opinion, there are fewer cases of sub-normal children at the State Training School at Red Wing than generally stated by social workers. On the day the survey was made, it was found that 233 boys in the institution had submitted to intelligence tests and that the average I. Q. was 90%. There were 18 with an intelligence quotient less than 75. Two of them had been released from the institution on leave of absence and several had been committed to the School for the Feeble-minded at Faribault. The lowest I. Q. was 47%. There were eight with I. Q.'s between 60% and 70% and nine with I. Q.'s between 70% and 75%.

These boys came from the following places:

3 were from Minneapolis	1 was from South Saint Paul
2 were from Saint Paul	1 was from the State of Iowa
11 were from rural Minnesota and Duluth	

The chronological ages of these boys when committed to the institution were as follows:

- 1 - 9 years of age
- 1 - 12 years of age
- 1 - 13 years of age
- 4 - 14 years of age
- 6 - 15 years of age
- 3 - 16 years of age
- 2 - 17 years of age

The church affiliation in these cases was as follows:

- 4 Protestants
- 4 Catholics
- 4 Irregular church attendants
- 6 None

Siblings:

Only child in two cases	5 children in 4 cases
2 children in 1 case	6 children in 1 case
3 children in 2 cases	8 children in 2 cases
4 children in 4 cases	9 children in 1 case
11 children in 1 case	

The period of detention in these cases was as follows:

- 10 were at the Training School for the first time
- 4 were at the Training School for the second time
- 4 were at the Training School for the third time

These boys had misconduct reports while in the institution as follows:

6 had one report	1 had four reports
2 had two reports	1 had five reports
2 had three reports	6 had no reports

These reports were for:

- 2 Indecent conduct
- 7 Smoking
- 3 Attempting escape
- 2 Using foul language
- 1 Carelessness resulting in breakage of property
- 1 Trading beds
- 2 Stealing

The health of these boys was fairly normal when received. One of the 18 however, had received a severe head injury from a fall when he was six years old. Three had had severe cases of pneumonia.

Regarding the parents:

- 6 Mothers and 3 Fathers were dead
- 3 Mothers and fathers were divorced
- 2 Mothers were between the ages of 36 and 39
- 7 Mothers were between the ages of 40 and 50
- 1 Case parentage unknown (Illegitimate child)
- 1 Father was between the ages of 36 and 39
- 3 Fathers were between the ages of 40 and 50
- 2 Fathers were between the ages of 51 and 60
- 1 Father was between the ages of 60 and 70
- 1 Father was 83
- 3 Fathers were of unknown ages
- 1 Father had served time at Stillwater
- 1 Father was a known thief
- 1 Father was a former S.T.S. boy
- 1 Father was a patient at the Anoka Institution
- 1 Father - unknown

Regarding the home conditions of these boys:

- 1 home consisted of a birch-bark wigwam the year round.
- 1 consisted of a 2 room shack on 115 acre farm--11 acres of which were under cultivation.
- 1 boy had no regular home, having shifted for himself for 11 years.
- 1 father refused all information - this was a poor home.
- 1 home consisted of a 4 room house on a 15 acre farm.
- 1 boy lived with an 85 year old grandmother and father, both of whom used undesirable language around the house.
- 1 case the father was out of work most of the time--mother said to be shiftless.
- 1 boy lived with his grandmother, over 60, who could not control him.
- 1 boy lived with an Uncle who owned a restaurant which had been raided for selling liquor to children.
- 1 boy had a good home but there were undesirables in neighborhood.
- 4 boys lived in 6 or 7 room houses which were neat, pleasant and clean.

Regarding placements:

- Boy #1 I.Q. 47%. Did not appear as low--was tried in special class

but could not read - placed in industrial arts department and all he could do was to sew carpet rags. Also helped in cleaning at school.

- Boy #2 I. Q. 60%. Read third grade reader - in special class. In garden squad - has been committed to Faribault - Sister in Faribault.
- Boy #3 I. Q. 62%. Age 15. Good in conduct but poor in scholarship - 8th grade - worked on house force for a time - has been in blacksmith shop since last August and does as well as any boy - has been Sergeant of a company.
- Boy #4 I. Q. 62%. Worked in our kitchen-unsatisfactory and was taken out - placed in laundry where he was well liked-not a fast worker but dependable and does good work. Knows machinery.
- Boy #5 I. Q. 63%. Worked in our carpenter shop-was tried on farm and ran away. Did very good work in carpenter shop. When questioned about boy, shop man said he was afraid boy would be taken out-thought he was the best boy he had. Boy gets along well in the company.
- Boy #6 I. Q. 64%. In special class at school-tries hard-good. Transferred to farm - lazy but can do good work.
- Boy #7 I. Q. 64%. In regular 5th grade in school and does fair work. Has no parents and was tried on outside farm but returned as farmer said he was of no help.
- Boy #8 I. Q. 67%. Started on house force-transferred to laundry-does well.
- Boy #9 I. Q. 69%. Best boy in blacksmith shop-horse-shoeing and welding.
- Boy #10 I. Q. 70%. Age 15-7th grade-tries hard-good boy-fair in scholarship. Now in ODH-called "Handsome" by the boys.
- Boy #11 I. Q. 70%. Works in Boy's Dining Hall-good in behavior and does his work without being ordered around. Now on Grant house force.
- Boy #12 I. Q. 71%. Good worker-cleaning in main hall.
- Boy #13 I. Q. 72%. In Shoe Shop - Gets along well.
- Boy #14 I. Q. 73%. 15 years old-8th grade-poor work. Relieved in ODH and was immaculate in dress. Works in carpenter shop and does well.
- Boy #15 I. Q. 73%. Age 15-8th grade-not likeable-sleeps in school. Is on "C" house force where he does good work.
- Boy #16 I. Q. 72%. Engine room-wanted to boss other boys and not work. Wants a lazy job - now helping the coach.
- Boy #17 I. Q. 74%. On farm and doing well-considered best teamster. Can be trusted and sent out alone.
- Boy #18 I. Q. 74%. In laundry where he does good work-has an awful temper.

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