

RETARDED CHILDREN CAN BE HELPED

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CALENDAR

March 5 - Regular Meeting
 25 North Dale Street
 8:00 P.M.

Speaker: Gerald Walsh
 Exec. Dir., Minn. ARC

Topic: Leisure Time Activities

March 19 - Conference Committee
 Representative
 Jayne Frank
 Pr 1-8191

Every Sunday - Sunday School
 Christ Lutheran Church
 11:00 A.M.

Every Monday - Girl Scouts
 73 Leech Street
 7:30 P.M.

NEXT MEETING

We are very happy to announce that Jerry Walsh, Executive Secretary of the Minnesota Association for Retarded Children, will be the speaker at the March meeting of SPARC. He will show two films on leisure time activities, one of the Silver Lake Camp and one of a day camp, and offer commentaries on the film. From Mr. Walsh we can get definite ideas on organization of a leisure time program in St. Paul, and it looks as if we are much closer to organizing such a program than we had anticipated. See page 3 of this issue of Parentalk.

If you do not have transportation to the meeting, call Peg Welte, Ca 6-9124.

NOTICE

The April meeting of SPARC would ordinarily fall on the first Wednesday of the month which would place it in Holy Week. Therefore, the meeting has been changed to the second Wednesday of April, April 9.

PAY YOUR DUES

The 1958-1959 dues are due April 1 for the year April 1-May 31. The dues are \$2.00 per person.

LAST MEETING

An opportunity to work is as necessary for development of a complete personality as is an opportunity to play. This fact was brought out at the last meeting of SPARC by Mr. Solomon Shapiro, Director of the Jewish Vocational Service, who explained the current set-up of the Industrial Workshop.

The workshop's basic motives are to provide a hardening process in preparing the individual for outside work, to

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The St. Paul Association for Retarded Children has a chance to make \$50 by selling Watkins products - vanilla and pepper. We do not get a percentage of all that is sold, but must sell a specified amount to receive the \$50.

An 11 ounce bottle of vanilla is \$1.75 and an 8 ounce can of pepper is \$1.25. Take orders from any of your neighbors who need vanilla and/or pepper. And come to the March 5 meeting or call Peg Welte, Ca 6-9124. The orders can be delivered C.O.D.

KEEPING YOU POSTED

SPARC has donated money to help in the transportation of children from the institutions and hospitals to the Shrine Circus.

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Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority has donated \$100 to SPARC to be used in a Leisure Time Program.

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At the February meeting of SPARC Mr. David Devins was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his invaluable help as Chairman of the fund drive. Mr. Howard Huelster made the presentation.

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Last Meeting (cont'd. from 1)

provide socialization of a type necessary for work, to provide an opportunity to develop necessary personality traits, and to provide an opportunity to learn simple skills. The workshop is a terminal one, interested in placing people in the working field. The individuals making use of the facilities are those with psychological problems, age problems, physical disabilities, and the mentally retarded.

Right now the Jewish Vocational Service and the Community Chest are cooperating in administering the Industrial Workshop as a test program in serving the entire community. It is probable that the Community Chest will take over the workshop in its entirety later on this year, and the Jewish Vocational Service will go on to another project.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Projects Committee is now planning a rummage sale to be held this spring. This can be a big success if everyone helps. Begin now to set aside dishes, knickknacks, clothing, furniture, lamps, etc. Anything that is wearable or useable is saleable. Now is also the time to root slips from your houseplants for a plant table at the sale.

Information on gathering the rummage will be published in a subsequent issue of Parentalk.

A friend is one to whom one may pour out all the contents of one's heart - chaff and grain together - knowing that the gentlest of hands will take and sift it, keep what is worth keeping and with the breath of kindness blow the rest away.

From News and Views

RUMMAGE SALE

Are you collecting items for the rummage sale to be held soon? Here is a list of things you can be saving:

Clothing	Purses
Dishes	Shoes
Lamps	Hats
Furniture	Knickknacks
Toys	Socks
Plants	Nylons (for rugs)
Jewelry	

You will receive a letter in the near future announcing the dates and place of the sale and the addresses to which you can take your rummage.

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RECREATION PROGRAM

Mrs. Robert Greengard, chairman of the Recreation Committee, reports a very disappointing return of the forms printed in the March Parentalk.

SPARC has funds to initiate a program of leisure time activity for retarded children. There is a known need for such a program to supplement school and/or home training. Then why is no interest shown in the start of such a program?

Do you have any questions regarding the program? Do you feel that there is a greater need for recreation for adults who are retarded than for teen-agers? Do you have a child who would fit into such a program? Call Mrs. Greengard immediately. Her telephone number is Mi 9-2596.

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A REMINDER

Please note that the April meeting of SPARC will be the second Wednesday of the month, April 9, same time, same place.

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A SLIDE FOR THE NURSERY

Our thanks to the Alpha Gamma chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha for their donation of a slide for the playground at the Wilder Nursery School. Mrs. Jean Nelson, president of the chapter, and Mrs. Lorraine Ford made the presentation.

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CAREER DAYS

Once again this year the Minn. Assoc. for Retarded Children had a booth at the Careers Day Festival at St. Thomas College on March 25, 26, & 27. This has proven an excellent opportunity to point out to students the various occupations through which retarded children are served.

The booth was staffed at all times by a parent, an educator, an institutional representative and a social worker.

Parents from St. Paul who helped man the booth were Mrs. Thomas Swifka, Mrs. Sylvester Turbis, Mrs. Howard Huelster, and Mrs. Miles Hubbard.

Minneapolis parents were Mrs. Alford, Mrs. Beecher and Mrs. Anderson.

Among the educators who helped were Mr. Hubert Kiefler, Mrs. Roscoe, Miss Lettisha Henderson, Mr. Richard Weatherman and Mr. Geary.

The social workers were drawn from the staffs of Miss Frances Coakley, Ramsey County, Mr. MacIntosh, Hennepin County and the Minnesota Department of Welfare.

Mrs. Pofhol represented Fari-bault State School and Hospital and Myrtle Kreis, R.N., represented Cambridge State School and Hospital.

Mr. Thomas Gallo did the art work for the booth.

More than 20,000 students were expected to view the various booths.

INDIAN CHIEF DAY CAMP

There is a possibility that there may be room for St. Paul children at Indian Chief Day Camp this summer.

If you are interested in sending your child to this excellent camp call Gordon Christian, Minneapolis Association for Retarded Children, Ta 7-3841. Registration is under way right now.

PAY YOUR DUES NOW

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REMEMBER THE RUMMAGE SALE

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Retarded Child

We watched you growing out of babyhood
Strong-limbed and sturdy, yet the face
Of you was like a traveler lost in the
Wood, and almost from the first we knew,

We knew your days of earthliness
Would be the warmth of the sun
Along a quiet hill, The sound of
The wind stirring a willow tree,
The sweetness of an early daffodil.

Because our love is deathless, we have
Learned from sorrow to acceptance, knowing,
Child, for plentitude of living,
You must wait until you pass the silence-
Curtained gate.

Grace V. Watkins
The New York Times

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