

Therapy Is Fun At Easter Seal Treatment Center



This poignant picture did not come to the VOICE as a pitch for the current Easter Seal Drive nor, in fact, was it sent to the newspaper at all... The editor happened to see it, and with a newspaperwoman's insatiable curiosity wanted to know what it was all about... Identifying the adult pictured in center of photo as Mrs. Sarah Ray, Jo Mackey Neighborhood Council Service Worker, the editor called on her for the story. Upon Mrs. Ray's explanation that the children were among the 14 youngsters from West Las Vegas who are receiving therapy from the Easter Seal Treatment Center, permission was sought to use the picture and the story.

Mrs. Ray provided the information that the Board of Education arranges bus transportation to the Treatment Center at 2915 Sunrise Ave. for children over age six, but parents are responsible for transportation for younger children. The youngsters pictured here are children whose parents are unable to take them to the Center but who are provided the much needed therapy through the dedicated efforts of Mrs. Ray who picks them up at their individual homes every Wednesday and most Mondays, drives them to the Center, waits for them there, and delivers them safely home. Mrs. Ray confided that just seeing the progress the children are making from the benefits of therapeutical treatment is sufficient reward for her efforts.

Adult, at right, is a volunteer worker. Volunteers at the Center are from the local Lutheran and Congregational Churches. Easter

Seal has a minimum of paid employees all over the country. In the local Center there are three paid employees; an administrative secretary, registered physical therapist (Mrs. Blanche Huffaker who is also a registered nurse and public health nurse), and a maintenance man. Volunteers are given an orientation course by the therapist. They work directly under her supervision either with her or with a volunteer (group activity) who has been there for some time.

Policy of the National Society for Cripple Children and Adults, Inc., in issuing a charter to State Societies states that they may not enter into any other fund raising event. The local Easter Seal Center, therefore, is financed by Easter Seal Drives, Memberships in the Society, private donations, legacies, and fees. In the case of treatment fees, every person is told the cost of their service. They pay whatever they can; if unable to contribute to this cost, Easter Seal absorbs the cost. Some undergoing treatment are sponsored by clubs and other interested groups. Individuals often sponsor children with consent of the parent.

Then there is the contribution of a rare individual like Mrs. Sarah Ray who has made it her personal responsibility to see that these youngsters get the help they so desperately need.

NOW is it alright to mention that the Easter Seal Drive is underway, and that YOUR contribution, whatever it is, is not only heartily welcomed, but sorely needed.

S.S. Amendments Explained To Golden Key Club



Members of the Senior Citizens' Golden Key Club arranged an interruption of the group's recent combination "children's dress and bake sale" to have special guest Ed Cocks, who heads the local Social Security office, explain benefits of new Social Security amendments of 1967. Cocks is seated at center of head table... Golden Key Club members are raising funds to enable them to take another eventful bus trip -- All activities of the Senior Citizens' group are under the supervision of VISTA volunteer Clara Bailey, seated right at head table.

League Of Women Voters Annual Meeting Tonight

The League of Women Voters of the Las Vegas Valley will hold its Annual meeting Thursday (tonight) April 4, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. J. K. Houssels, Jr., 380 Rancho Circle. Agenda for the meeting includes presentation of the proposed budget, adoption of the program for the following year, and election of officers.

The League Board recommendation on current agenda is two part.

--"A study of approaches to consolidation of governmental services in the Las Vegas Valley" which would include a survey of methods of consolidation which have been considered in other comparable areas of the United States, and a study of attempts made, and being made, in the Las Vegas area toward consolidation. This study could result in a recommendation as to feasibility of methods of consolidation in the Las Vegas area. The study would also point out those areas which need further study in order to avoid further duplication of services.

--"Evaluation of the equality of opportunity for adequate housing", second item for study would be an evaluation of regulations and their effectiveness on non-discrimination and equal opportunity in housing. The study will attempt to answer the questions; what are other communities doing to solve the housing problem, have they been effective, and is legislation desirable?

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Negro Publishers Name Russwurm Award Winners

Three of America's new breed of Negro mayors, a Broadway star, and a west coast athlete were among the 1968 selections for the annual Russwurm Awards of the National Newspaper Publishers Association.

The Awards, given annually by the Association are "in recognition of outstanding achievement in making possible a richer conception of democratic principles and in tribute for upholding those highest traditions known as the American way of life."

The NNPA selected Mayor Carl B. Stokes of Cleveland, Mayor Richard Hatcher of Gary, Ind., and Mayor Walter Washington of Washington, D.C. Both Stokes and Hatcher were elected to their posts becoming the first Negroes in history to serve as elected chief executives of major cities. Washington, who had distinguished himself in the Nation's Capital, was appointed by President Johnson.

Also named by the Russwurm Committee were Pearl Bailey, currently starring in the Broadway smash hit, "Hello Dolly;" Secretary of Labor Willard Wirtz, who helped negotiate the current AFL-CIO pledge of no discrimination in craft unions; Ed Sullivan, for his consistent programming of high calibre entertainment without regard to ethnic background; and Tom Hawkins of the Los Angeles Lakers.

Hawkins is founder of Athletes for Better America. This group utilized other famous athletes in staging clinics and other activities in the Watts area and other Southern California communities. Hawkins worked closely with the Los Angeles Police Department during the summer and was commended by the Los Angeles City Council and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

The Russwurm Awards presentations were announced by Howard B. Woods, editor-in-chief, Sengstacke Publications, and chairman of the Awards Committee. The engraved plaques will be presented during the NNPA's annual convention in New York in June.

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