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ERRATA - 1. Newsletter No. 12.

Vice Chairman's address read EAST BRIDGFORD not WEST
as stated.

2. International Year for Disabled Persons read 1981 not 1980

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PUPPETS AND THERAPY, CHARLEVILLE-MEZIERES.
FRANCE. 29,30 SEPTEMBER 1979 by Caroline Astell-Burt, Puppeteer.

To represent British puppetry interests at an International conference is awesome enough - but to be faced with having to present a paper in a foreign language to three hundred so-called therapists was alarming.

Most of the participants of the conference were French - but there were representatives from all over the world. It was impressive to think at first gaze of all the work that must be going on in puppetry and therapy if numbers were anything to go by, but numbers were deceptive. One has to be reminded that work in this field has been going on since the 1930's in France. What field? and what about these so-called therapists?

It became evident as time went on that the 'field' was psychiatry and the 'therapists' in these extremely narrow terms of reference were anyone with enough nerve to wield a puppet before a patient - so therapists were doctors, nurses, volunteers, care-assistants and social workers, and ashamedly - puppeteers, in fact anyone with or without any kind of qualification and generally with or without any kind of objective.

Amongst the many people at this Puppetry and Therapy conference, there were apparently no occupational, speech or physiotherapists - or if they were there were suffering a complete loss of identity. Hardly surprising in a situation in which anyone has the right to call themselves a therapist.

In such a case where a self-appointed specialist is hardly subject to any other authority, an account was given where patients responded to puppets in an extreme fashion, but no one was able to measure the responses or assess the value of what was happening and eventually puppetry as an invaluable activity was dropped.

At the other end of the scale, doctors were so busy assessing the results of their work, that the actual 'art' and 'creativity' involved in puppet-play were lost. These doctors were trying to be therapists and artists and ending up at the end of the Conference with the question - what are puppets? what is therapy?

The author of this piece, as one of the speakers at the conference declared that she was first and foremost an artist not a therapist, she worked at the invitation of doctors and qualified therapists and they alone assessed the work with the patients. The British representative was the only speaker to approach the whole subject practically and discuss the different types of puppets to use with the different kinds of handicap - describing the use of puppets with blind children, the mentally handicapped, the cerebral palsied, children with spina bifida or muscular dystrophy. She also produced out of a suitcase special puppets designed in conjunction with therapists at the Ryegate Centre, Sheffield, on the Geoffrey Ost Research Award, Sheffield University. The whole range of puppets went from shadow puppets for clumsy children, and muscular dystrophy sufferers to 'SIMON' a large puppet at present being marketed by Charig Puppets for use with all handicapped children with perceptual problems.

It was evident from the number of questions asked privately that the British approach was the most popular and was making the most progress into all areas of therapy. Speaking as a professional artist who has chosen to work in a particular area of the community, an artist can offer variety, pleasure, enjoyment and excitement stimulating the creativity of the patient. The gifts of the artist are unique, but so are the gifts of the therapist, a combination in a team situation can only benefit a child and reinforce the identities and value of each worker.

For any other details about the use of puppetry with handicapped children and to be included on a mailing list, please contact Caroline Astell-Burt, Charig Puppets, 89 Skipton Road, Harrogate HG1 4LF. Miss Astell-Burt, who is an associate member of A.P.C.P. is available for lectures and practical demonstrations with children. 'SIMON' who is a take-apart-put-together-again cloth puppet for teaching hand-eye coordination, feature recognition and body image is £19.95 from the above address. Also available are work sheets at 30p each, including postage, on

Puppetry for children with poor hand function
 Puppetry for children with perceptual problems
 Shadow puppetry for young muscular dystrophy sufferers
 Puppetry and language delay

Puppets to accompany the work sheets are available from about £2.25 but details are negotiable. EDITOR.

TRIALS

The D.H.S.S. have had great difficulty in obtaining model 25a (tricycles) from the manufacturers. It was therefore decided to try and replace them with the Budgie and the Bobcat, these are small bicycles with stabilisers.

This Association was asked to carry out trials on these bicycles and report back to the D.H.S.S.

Various centres - schools, hospitals etc. were selected to try out the bicycles on as many children of different conditions and ages as possible. The results were interesting and the findings showed great comparability. Although the bicycles are attractive and very 'normal' in appearance being of the 'chopper' variety, they had many disadvantages.

One of the main problems was instability. It was not possible to lower both stabilisers on to the ground, this resulted in the child having to lean to one side with obvious detriment to the hemiplegic - or in trying to correct the lean falling off the bicycle.

The seats are of the 'chopper' variety and are adjustable. However, when the rider places his weight on the rear of the saddle he tips backwards. The handle bars are not adjustable and the brakes (worked by the hand in the normal way) needed excessive grip-strength to be effective. The larger of the two machines (the Budgie) is considerably smaller than the largest model 25.

In conclusion it was felt that these bicycles were only suitable for the minimally handicapped child. They were not suitable for the nervous, apprehensive or for the more severely handicapped, a group who desperately need mobility. They would however be a useful addition to the D.H.S.S. range. It is now hoped that the Department has found another manufacturer of tricycles or can adapt these two bicycles to make them more versatile and stable. Consultations between medical and technical staff are now going on.

Jean BIDDLE. M.C.S.P.
Chairman

STOP-PRESS. D.H.S.S. now have a larger version - The Domino - available.

Attention of members is drawn to the back pages of the latest D.H.S.S. Handbook on Wheelchairs. Several non-contract mobility aids are now included for consideration e.g. Thistle Trike, Jay Bike etc.

EDITOR.

Book Review "Take Time" by Mary Nash-Wortham.

Available from:- 2 College Close, East Grinstead, Sussex. RH19 3YA
£1.50 + 20p p. & p.

There is a need for literature for parents of children with specific difficulties of coordination, rhythm and timing, who also have language difficulties. As a group, these children have marked learning problems in spite of average intelligence and may be quite unhappy. Parents may have become irritated by the children yet unable to obtain helpful advice. Only part of the child's predicament may have been understood - the speech problem or the educational problem for example - and the child may be

giving rise to anxiety about behaviour. It is therefore, interesting and welcome that a speech therapist should publish a book with such a broad view of the performance of such children, strongly emphasising general coordination skills. There is certainly a need for speech therapists who see primary referrals without a comprehensive assessment to be aware of the possible range of disability the child may be experiencing. Apart from anything else the child may be able to concentrate on speech therapy advice more easily if help has also been given with dressing, ball control and writing. The child and his family may become more relaxed as the child improves in general performance.

There is much that will interest physiotherapists and occupational therapists in this book. Often it is these therapists who offer remedial programmes for such training against a background of little training and with little opportunity for reading about the subject. The cross-modal techniques (e.g. walling shapes, tapping speech rhythms) are of interest to experimental psychologists and may well offer means of learning to children with perceptual difficulty. Many activities described are fun to carry out and offer good prospects of results. Parents will find most of the instructions clear and, with guidance on selection of items, will often enjoy their involvement in rehabilitation. The emphasis on improving attention is useful.

There are criticisms a neurologist would make. The book is aimed at the age range 5 - 11 years. Clearly the normal range of performance is very wide in that age range and some skills described (e.g. ability to tap out nursery rhymes clearly) might not be expected at the younger end of that range. The need for normative information against which to compare an individual's performance is very clear. It is regrettable that this scarcely exists in Britain. One would not want to encourage parents with unrealistic expectations of a normal child to flog remedial programmes for example, yet this is big business in the U.S.A.

There is excessive emphasis on the significance of crossed laterality in relation to learning difficulty. For one thing, if a child balances better on the right foot and kicks with the left is he right-footed or left-footed. For another, crossed laterality is very common in the general population (say 25%) and therefore bound to crop up frequently in children with problems. Large surveys (e.g. Gubbay in 1000 Western Australian school children) have often failed to show a statistically significant excess of crossed-laterals in the clumsy or learning disordered populations. This is not to say that crossed laterality may not occasionally be a forced state (as with the small number of "forced left-handers" amongst the large normal left handed population), but crossed laterality in itself is not an abnormality and certainly not grounds for specialist referral as suggested in the book.

Almost all the helpful addresses are in London, yet many child development centres, educational psychology departments or paediatric neurology clinics will be willing to help. The address of A.P.C.P. publications quoted in the references is out of date and some other useful references, e.g. 'Learning Disabilities' by Sylvia Farnham - Diggory (Fontana/Open Books £1.50) would be worth quoting.

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BOOKS.

1. Nelson. TEXTBOOK OF PAEDIATRICS. Editor Dr. R.E.Behrman. W.B.Saunders & Co. £29.50. 11th Edition of this classic volume includes new information on developmental paediatrics.
2. THE EXAMINATION OF THE CHILD WITH MINOR NEUROLOGICAL DYSFUNCTION. Bert C.L.Touwen. Clinics in Developmental Medicine No. 71 Heinemann £7.00. Second edition gives latest methods for accurate assessment of children with minor neurological signs and for behaviour and learning difficulties.
3. THE SOURCE BOOK FOR THE DISABLED edited by Gloria Hale. Paddington Press Ltd. £4.95. References include aids available, organisations in U.K., U.S.A., Canada and Australia and books. Short section on the disabled child.
4. CARE AND WELFARE. T.R.Miles. Teach Yourself Books. 95p. Aimed at parents to help them seek appropriate professional advice. Useful list of addresses for further information.
5. AUTISTIC CHILDREN edited by B. Furneaux & B. Roberts. Routledge, Kegan and Paul. £2.75. Comprehensive account of present state of knowledge on teaching, daily care and research findings.

PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

1. "Lets Play Asian Children's Games". Opal Dunn. From Asian Cultural Centre for UNESCO, U.K. National Commission for UNESCO. Foreign & Commonwealth Office, 29 Bressenden Place, LONDON. S.W.1.
2. "Management of the Physically Handicapped Child". Guidelines to handling. R.York-Moore and P. Stewart. Pamphlet No. 1 British Institute of Mental Handicap, Wolverhampton Road, Kidderminster, Worcs. 75p. Members may remember a past series of illustrated articles in APEX journal, on handling. These have now been produced in this pamphlet. Useful for teaching parents, teachers and care staff.
3. Guide to Riding. J.Bicknell., H. Henn., J. Webb. From the Diamond Riding Centre for the Handicapped, Woodmansterne Road, Carshalton, Surrey, SM5 4DT. 20p. A delightful booklet outlining some of the disabilities a rider may have and giving hints to helpers in order that handicapped riders receive the most effective help from all concerned. The role of the physiotherapist is described.
4. The Child with Asthma. K. Rackham, O.B.E., R.S.Thomas & I.J.Smith Invalid Children's Aid Association, 126 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 95B. 95p. Headmasters of two ICAA schools for asthmatics discuss their observations on how the asthmatic reacts and what helps him to come to terms with the problem most effectively.
5. Migraine in Children by K. Dalton. From British Migraine Association. Contact the Secretary at "Evergreen," Ottermeads Lane, Ottershaw, Chertsey, Surrey.

6. Free Leaflets on Foot Care and shoe fitting from a) Clarks Ltd. The Public Enquiries Dept., Street, Somerset - Your Child's first shoes. The Misfits. Fun for 10 toes - a booklet including foot exercises. Fit for Life - information on correct shoe fitting. b) Scholl (U.K.) Ltd. 182-204 St. John St. London., EC1 P 1DH. The Good Foot Guide. Illustrated exercises again.
7. Parents Information Bulletin. Edited by E.R.Tudor-Davies. From National Society Mentally Handicapped Children. 117-118 Golden Lane, London, EC1Y 0RT. 75p 15th Edition. Guide to what is available and where.
8. The Specialised Health Visitor for the Handicapped Baby, Young Child and School Child. Report published by Disabled Living Foundation Sales Ltd., July 1979. £2.50. D.L.F's address is 346 Kensington High Street, London, W14. Explores specialist health visitor schemes and makes recommendations.
9. Furniture Research for Special Schools. A report of a research programme commissioned by the Counties Furniture Group to look at types of handicap found in special schools and the basic needs of the children with functional problems. Contains information for designers, manufacturers and those working in special schools. From Information Service, Disabled Living Foundation (address above) 14" x 9" s.a.e. please.
10. Sports Centres and the Disabled 1979. An access guide published by Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation, 25, Mortimer Street, London. W1. 75p.
11. Nursery World Leaflets. Series of fifteen leaflets including Is my Baby Normal (10p.) Milestones 0 - 1 year in photos (10p.) Development 2 - 5 years (10p.). Available from Nursery World Leaflets, Cliffords Inn, Fetter Lane, London, EC4A 1PJ. on receipt of large S.A.E.

JOURNALS

1. International Rehabilitation Medicine. New publication available quarterly from EULAR publishers, P.O. Box 146, CH - 4011, Basle, Switzerland. Subscription rate S.Fr 36. Europe & S.Fr 46 overseas. It includes Clinical Studies directed towards physical therapy, occupational and speech therapy, psycho-social aspects of disability, rehab. engineering and vocational training of the disabled.
2. Developing Group Games for Children with severe learning and behaviour disorders. L. Rumanoff. Teaching Exceptional Children 1978 Vol. 10 No. 2
3. Meldreth Dribble Control Project. D.L. Rapp & P.M. Bowers. Child Health Care and Development. March/April 1979. 9 pages. See EQUIPMENT.
4. Clinical Review - Growth Milestones. G.P. July 13th 1979
Series of articles in the first steps in Child Development for general practitioners on The First Eighteen Months, Centile Charts, Growth Regulation, Personality, The Role of Play, The Environment, Skeletal Problems.

5. Jay Report Critique

1. Why the recommendations will not succeed. J. Bavin M.B., B.S., B.Sc. F.R.C. Psych. DPM. Nursing Times, 17th May 1979
2. The Gloucestershire Project - alternatives to the Jay Report J. Bavin. Nursing Times, 24th May 1979.

EQUIPMENT.

May I remind members that the following items are not recommended by APCP but are reported on for general information and follow up by those interested.

1. Magic Toys. Traditional wooden toys hand made and painted in bright non-toxic enamels by M. Robinson and Diane Collett. Catalogue includes jumping jack toys on a string, Noah's Ark jigsaw with stand up pieces, snapping dragon extending pick-up stick etc. Makers are very interested in hearing about specific play needs of handicapped children so if you have an idea do contact them at Harrow Ings, Lothersdale via Keighley, Yorks. Tel. 0535 32598
2. Pife Playcraft. Educational Aids and Play equipment. Another firm whose interest in the handicapped child's special needs is obvious from the contents of the catalogue, balancing boards, lovely body-image game and jig-saw, wheelchair cushion and square support cushion for use in baby-walker frame. Catalogue from Elgin Street Industrial Estate, Dunfermline, Fife, Scotland.
3. R.N.I.B. Games Four new games are now available - Braille Unilet Crossword Puzzle Game, Cat.No.9098, Quinto No. 9380, Quadline No.9377 Hexehop No. 9378, Price concession for blind people and those buying for them. These games are additions to the RNIB's catalogue of apparatus and games. Information from Royal National Institute for the Blind, 224 Great Portland Street, London. W1N 6AA
4. W.R.K. Developments. From the firm that makes the "Supa Byke" (see APCP Newsletter No. 12 P. 8 No.3) comes the offer of a one-off service for children with specific mobility problems. Either send outline drawings of requirements for a free quote on the price of manufacture or for a fee, a W.R.K. engineer will visit you to evaluate the problem and draw up possible solutions with a quotation. Contact Mr. D. Clark, Sales Director, W.R.K. Developments, 7 Gilletts Lane, High Wycombe, Bucks. Tel. High Wycombe 25529
5. Page Turner. Quest Educational Designs Ltd., make a multi-range aid which will cope with most material from newspapers and comics to paper back books. A sensitive lever switch is supplied but other switches can be used. Price £300 + VAT and carriage. The firm also produce Bliss Symbols indicators, pointer boards, games machines, visuo-motor scanners, etc. Catalogue from 1 Prince Alfred Street, Gosport, Hants, P.O.12 1QH. Tel. 070-17 81179
6. Scuff Resistant Kidproof Shoes. From K. Shoemakers Ltd., Kendal. Cumbria. LA9 7BT. Tel.0539-24343. Kidproof leather claims to be 40% more scuff resistant than normal due to a chemically induced hardening of the outer layer of the leather. Trials seem to confirm that children who wear shoes out at a rate of knots may find these shoes much stronger. Leaflet available on request.

7. Dribble Control Bleep-box. The Meldreth dribble control project, which was written up in Child Care Health and Development Vol.5 143 - 149, 1979, is concerned with the use of an electronic bleep-box as a training aid for C.P. children who forget to swallow saliva. Approximately every twelve to fifteen seconds the small black box pinned to their clothes emits a bleep which acts as an auditory cue to prompt swallowing. In order to use this aid successfully the child must be able to hear, to swallow without help and have a degree of motivation to improve their appearance. Children who cannot swallow can however be taught to wipe regularly instead. The box runs on a PP3 battery which will last approximately a month and is now available, with a training manual, from Dr. J.R.Roberts, Medical Electronics Dept., St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, EC1. Price £18.63+ VAT.
8. Seating for Physically Handicapped Children in North America. A Churchill Travelling Fellowship was awarded to Mr. R. Nelham, research engineer at Chailey Heritage Hospital in 1978. APCP now have a copy of his very full illustrated report on specialised seating which is available on loan from the P.R.O. on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope size 8½" x 12" at least, postage will cost 21p.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Subscriptions for A.P.C.P. of £1. are due as from January 1st 1980 and must be paid to the National Treasurer by 31st March 1980 at the latest.

REPORT ON ORTHOKINETICS CHAIR

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I Disadvantages

1. Fabric wears very easily too "stretchy" - especially on chest retaining straps which tend to get longer and head piece straps which start to "give".
2. Padding not firm enough on back of chair, soon "gives" to the shape of the child and corrective support reduced.
3. Side pieces/scoliosis pads
 - (a) Bolt on outside dangerous - child's arm tends to get trapped between pad and metal bar on side chair and bolt causes a graze or worse.
 - (b) Side piece tends to rotate as only one bolt holds it; 2 protected/covered bolts would be better.
 - (c) A side piece with an axillary crutch type top would possibly give more effective support.
4. Height of cross brake. Adults pushing the chair tend to "walk on to it"

5. Cost to parents.

Not available through the Ministry at present.

II Advantages

1. Ease of adjustment. The various upright reclining positions are very easy to adjust and with the larger severely physically handicapped child it is an advantage to put the child in the most reclining position, correct the child's position and then readjust to upright - the various positions are ideal in a classroom situation where involvement in activities with other children is made easier by the various "levels" at which activity can be carried out.
2. Ease of access from the side - especially important when correcting the position of the larger handicapped child.
makes lifting child in and out of chair easier - this can be very difficult with a heavy child in an Avon type chair when front access only is available.
Makes classroom activities and feeding at the table with peers more practicable.
3. Fulcrum effect on front wheels makes lifting heavy children in and out of cars much easier and ensures the child is in a corrected position whilst travelling.
4. Foot rest. The support given and the lack of any sharp corners or thin edges is a great improvement especially for the child with a tendency to pressure sores.
5. Stability. We have found no problems here even without a stabilizer attachment and the chair seems more stable than some adapted Ministry chairs.
6. Availability. Almost immediate delivery as opposed to months - on occasion one year - for delivery of adapted Ministry Chair.

The advantages far outweigh the few design faults and I feel that the chair is excellent for the larger severely handicapped child.

Pamela M. Eckersley.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD

1. The need for play and toy libraries in mental handicap hospitals is being investigated during the International Year of the Child by the Toy Libraries Association in conjunction with the King's Fund Centre. By the end of the year it is hoped that an information pack will have been compiled for people wishing to set up a toy library in such a hospital. A survey of current provisions in the U.K. is underway.

2. "Talking books for the Handicapped" is a charity which provides cassettes of books for the handicapped. A special effort is being made to record more books for children during 1979. Already almost 900 titles are available for hire. Details from National Listening Library, 49 Great Cumberland Place, London. W1H 7LH.

FILMS & T.V.

The B.B.C. Further Education Department are interested in hearing from you if you have any ideas on the content and type of programmes which might be made during the International Year for Disabled Persons 1981. Contact Charles Pascoe, Further Education Department, B.B.C. T.V. Villiers House, The Broadway, London. W.5.

A Logical Look at Asthma. A film produced by Sandoz Products Limited., which has an accompanying illustrated booklet, outlines the clinical features of asthma, surveys the available drugs and discusses the mode of action of the drug Zaditen (Ketotifen) which is a long-acting oral preparation for the prophylactic treatment of asthma. It has a similar effect to Intal in that it is thought to stabilise the mast cell membrane and prevent degranulation. From: Sandoz Products Ltd., 98, The Centre Feltham, Middx. TW13 4EP.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Parent support groups can be of immeasurable help in boosting morale through the sharing of problems especially when a child has a particularly rare condition. Members may be interested in the following:-

Tuberous Sclerosis Association. Mrs. E. Galbraith, 11 Deveron Road, Bearsden, Glasgow. G61 1LJ.

The Compassionate Friends. An international organisation of bereaved parents offering friendship and understanding to other bereaved parents. National Secretary Mrs. C. Mann, 25 Kingsdown Parade, Bristol. BS6 5UE. Tel. Bristol 47316. A leaflet "No Death So Sad" is available.

SPOD. The Association to aid the Sexual and Personal Relationships of the Disabled became a charity at its inaugural meeting in September. Enquiries about SPOD activities to SPOD, Brook House, 2 - 16 Torrington Place, London, WC1E 7HN. Tel. 01-637 4712

Health Education Council. Four very attractive posters with simple health messages for children - eating, sleeping, playing, washing. Available from the Council at 78, New Oxford Street, London, WC1A 1AH.

Community Playthings. Leaflets on criteria for selecting Play Equipment for Early Childhood Education cover the needs of 3 - 5 year olds. From Community Playthings, Darvell, Robertsbridge, E. Sussex. TN 3Z 5DR. Tel. 0580-880 626

COURSES DIARY

- Nov. 27th 1979. "In Touch for Relationships". Day course on value of movement in non-verbal communication with the severely mentally handicapped. At Teacher's Centre for Special Education, Webber Row, London, SE1. £5.00. Education and Training Dept. National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children, 117-123 Golders Lane, London, EC1Y 0RT
- Nov. 29th 1979 Workshop on Autism. Address to contact as above. £7.50
- Dec. 3rd 1979 Spasticity and Splinting. 7.0 p.m. to 9.0 p.m. Westminster Hospital Page Street Lecture Theatre. One of a series of evening seminars organised on behalf of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics. 3 speakers.

- Dec.11th & 12th 1979 A Behavioural Approach to the management of the Mentally Handicapped - Introduction. Details from British Institute of Mental Handicap. Wolverhampton Road, Kidderminster, Worcs. DY10 3PP
- Jan.2nd - 5th 1980 Paget Gorman Sign System. No. 15/88. Introduction for all kinds of staff. Follow up weekend later for those wishing to take the diploma in use and teaching of the system. Contact Castle Priory College, Thames Street, Wallingford, Oxon. OX10 0HE. Principal: Mrs.J.W.Knowles B.A. Fee: £38. Residence £29.25.
- Jan.7th 1980 Pressure Problems in Orthotics and Prosthetics. 4 speakers. Evening seminar as above.
- Jan.16th 1980 Management of the Severely Handicapped Child with emphasis on Physical Aspects of Care. Day course for special care unit staff. Contact Education and Training Dept. N.M.S.H.C. Address as above.
- Jan 18th - 20th 1980 The Revised Makaton Vocabulary (BSSL) for Severely Retarded Children. No.15/96. For all staff working with non-communicating or hearing impaired mentally retarded children. Fee. £26. Residence £19.50. Castle Priory College - see above.
- Jan. 24th - 27th 1980 Wheelchair Dancing No. 15/100. For beginners and the more experienced. Tuition £33. Residence £29.25 Castle Priory College.
- Feb. 4th 1980 Hand Function in Orthoses and Prostheses. Evening seminar series as above. 3 speakers.
- Feb.4th-8th 1980 Working with Profoundly Handicapped Children 15/105 Tuition £37. Residence £39. Castle Priory College
- March 3rd 1980 Management of Arthrogryphosis. Evening seminar series as above.
- March 3 - 5th 1980 The Physical Therapies in the Team Situation 15/115 Tuition £24. Residence £19.60 Castle Priory College.
- March 12th-16th 1980 Behaviour Modification with Severely Mentally Handicapped People. 15/121. Tuition £37. Residence £39. Castle Priory College
- June 22nd-27th 1980 14th World Congress of Rehabilitation International Prevention - Integration: Priorities for the 80's. Winnipeg, Canada. Congress Secretariat, 1980 World Congress c/o Canadian Rehab. Council for the Disabled. P.O.Box 1980, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, R3C 3R3

REGIONAL NEWS

Scotland

Regional Representative - Post Vacant.

Miss Carole Sobkowiak has now left the Region and so has resigned as the representative for Scotland. We wish her every success in the future and extend our thanks for her past efforts on behalf of A.P.C.P.

North West. Regional Representative Mrs. P. Eckersley, 62 Goulden Road, Didsbury, Manchester, M20 9YF.

At a meeting in August Mrs. A. Thomas, of St. Helens, Merseyside was appointed Regional Secretary. There are 72 paid up members but 30 members have not renewed their subscriptions. An Autumn Study Day was held in Liverpool on Trauma and the Child.

March 1980. A.G.M. and Evening Meeting. Speaker Dr. Early from South Manchester Area Limb and Appliance Centre. This promises to be an interesting update on wheelchairs and adaptations.

North East Regional Representative Mrs. J. Simpson, Prescott Place, Stainland, Holywell Green, Halifax, W. Yorks.

A day course held at Harrogate on The ESN(S) Physically Handicapped Child in Special Care Units was most successful and attracted 91 people. We were pleased to welcome Miss C. Mason, Hon. Secretary of APCP as one of our speakers. A collection for the International Year of the Child realised £20. A re-run of the Study Day on Spina Bifida in Newcastle, arranged for Nov. 24th is fully booked.

Jan 17th '80. "Specific Learning Difficulties of Child with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus". Mr. T. Lonton, Senior Lecturer in Special Education, Manchester University, Clinical Teaching Room, Psychiatric Unit, Halifax General Infirmary. 7 p.m. Coffee for 7.30 p.m.

March 1980. Date to be confirmed. Day Course on Cerebral Palsy. Rockley Mount P.H. School, Barnsley. Contact Reg. Rep. for details.

Welcome to Miss M. Horsfall, Mrs. C. Beebe and Mr. J. Fox who were elected on to the Regional Committee in September.

Midlands & Trent. Regional Representative Miss R. Dawson, 19 Main Street, East Bridgford, Nottingham.

The C.S.P. Congress held at Birmingham University from 20th - 22nd September featured an afternoon of displays given by twelve of the specific interest groups including A.P.C.P. The success of the display was due in no small part to the efforts of members in the Midlands Region who provided equipment and willing pairs of hands. Many thanks to everyone concerned. It was possible to show films on various aspects of paediatric physiotherapy due to the invaluable help of Miss A. Grimley post registration education spokesman for A.P.C.P. Requests were received from physiotherapy teachers for a basic reading list for students in training which the P.R.O. is taking up.

Wales. Regional Representative Mrs. W. Williams, 12 Gellogaer Gardens, Cathays, Cardiff.

A study afternoon was held on October 3rd at Reswylfa Pre-school Assessment Unit on "Hysterical Paralysis in the Adolescent" and "Alternative Methods of Communication in the Non-Verbalising Child".

Next Meeting Dec/Jan. to be arranged. Contact Mrs. Williams for details.

East Anglia. Regional Representative Mrs. M.E. Norris, 10 Oakfields Road, Knebworth, Herts.

A committee has been formed to plan the 1981 A.P.C.P. National Conference which will be held in Cambridge. There are 80 paid up members. The Regional AG.M. was recently held in Stevenage in conjunction with a day course on "Bliss Symbolics".

South East. Regional Representative Miss P. Charon, Physio. Dept.,

Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital, Brighton, Sussex.

The regional A.G.M. was held in conjunction with a day course on Riding for the Disabled in October at Crabbett Park, Worth, Sussex, which included practical demonstrations and the film "Riding towards Freedom".

Spring '80. "Child Cancer - the Approaches to Tumours in Childhood".

The Use of the Boston Brace in the Management of Scoliosis.

Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshalton. Applications to Miss S. Raymond, 58 Gates Green Road, West Wickham, Kent, BR4 9DG.

Autumn '80. Regional A.G.M. and meeting on Paediatric Surgery and Orthopaedics. Further details to be arranged.

London. Regional Representative Mrs. M. Whyte, Senior Community Paediatric Physiotherapist, Child Health 'A', 22/28 Underwood Road, London. E1 5AE.

The London region are arranging the next A.P.C.P. National Conference at Goldsmith's College, April 10th - 12th 1980

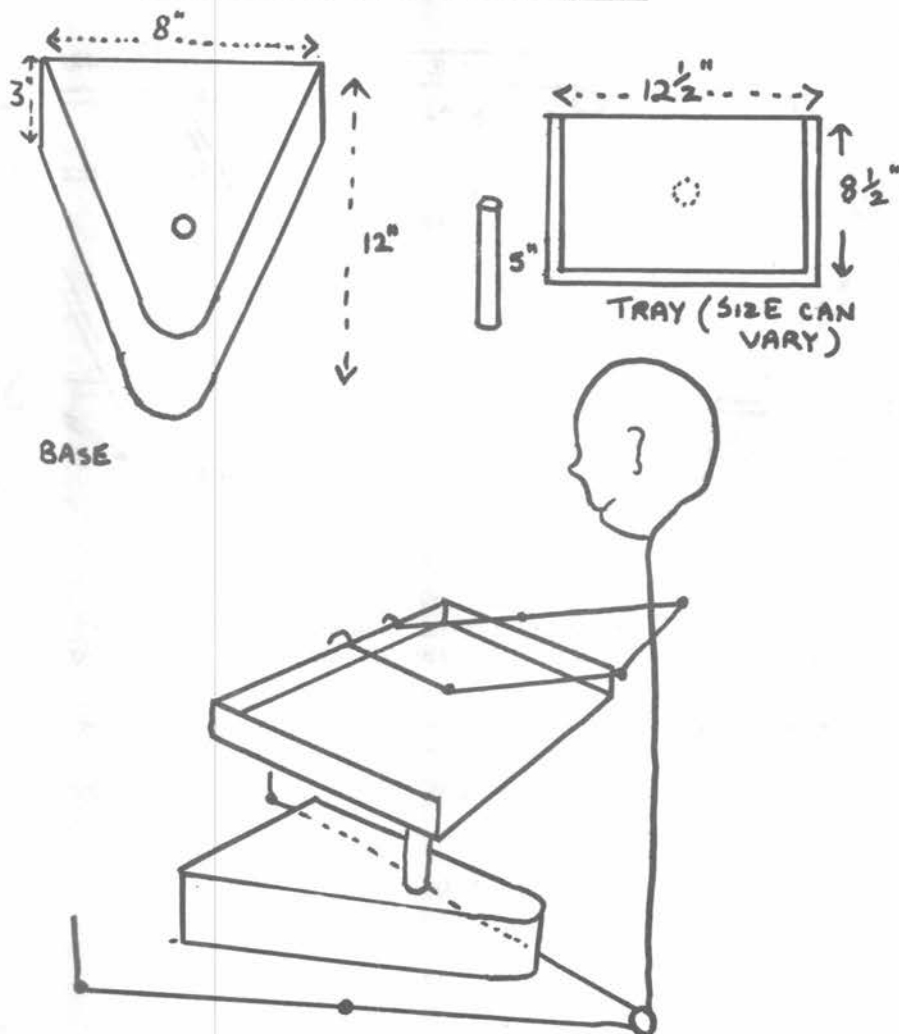
Theme "After school - What?"

Booking opens in January and enquiries should be addressed to Mrs. J. Maughan, 16, Lee Road, Greenford, Middx.

8th March '80. Study Day on Parent Counselling. Venue to be confirmed. Those interested please contact Pat Freeman, 13 Church Avenue, Beckenham, Kent for further details.

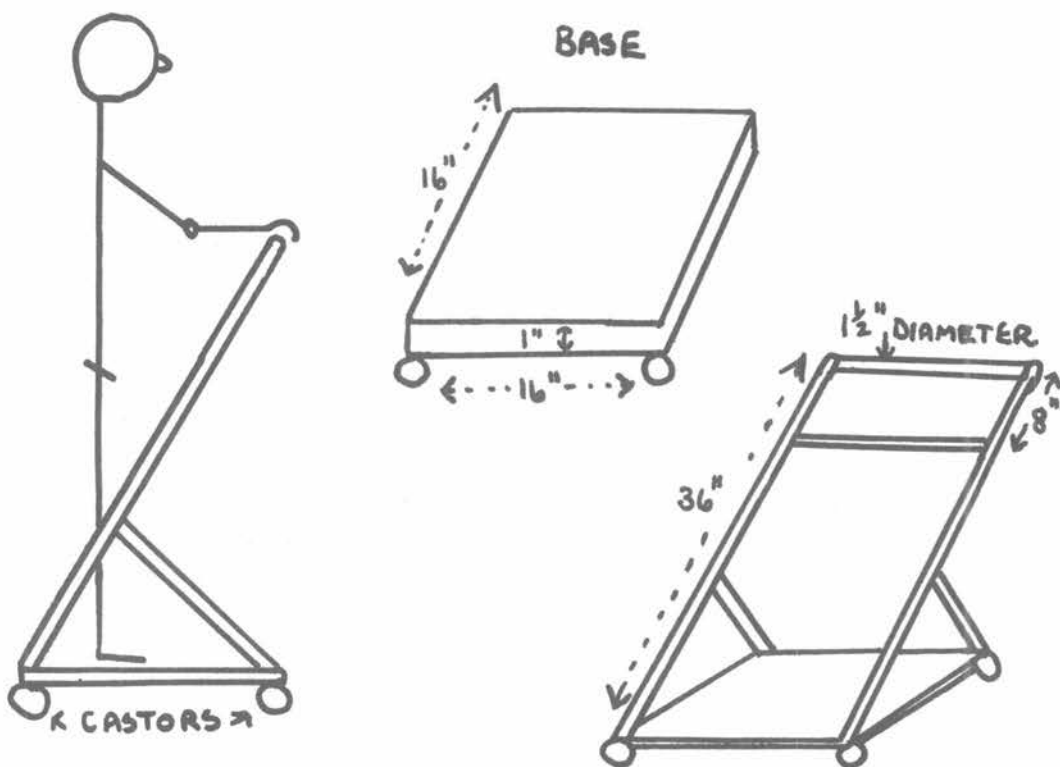
AIDS - IDEAS

1. PLAY TABLE TO ENCOURAGE LONG SITTING



2.

TRANSPORTER TROLLEY FOR CHILD IN "CLICKERS" OR CALIPERS



Ideal for the child who can only walk half way from physio to the classroom; who needs taking by the teacher from the classroom to the library, hall etc., who is wanted in speech therapy, but needs to stay in his calipers.

Base is wide enough to take a child in "clickers". Universal castors mean the trolley can be manoevered in any direction.

Bars used as handrails could be placed at any height for use by larger and smaller children.

3. Quick head rest on wheelchair - use body size.
Tubigrip placed over handles.