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Post-Registration Working Party.

The Association's Working Party has now been disbanded and following the discussions with Lanchester Polytechnic a Course Planning Committee has been set up by the Polytechnic for an Honours Degree and Negotiations are now taking place with the D.H.S.S., D.E.S., and C.S.P.

In the meantime the Committee and Regional Representatives are meeting in February for a residential weekend under the auspices of the North West Regional Training Officer to discuss the formation of more local post-registration experience courses. Miss Ann Grimley would be grateful to receive any information that people may have on any courses etc., for in-service training schemes which are being carried out in their own locality and under the auspices of Hospitals/ A.H.A's/R.T.O's

Her address is:

Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, Pendlebury, Manchester M.27 1HA

Annual General Meeting.

The A.G.M. will be held during the Conference on Sunday, April 9th at 12 o'clock. Members are reminded that nominations, proposed and seconded, must be received by the Secretary at least one month before the date of the meeting.

The Misses E. Carrington, R. Cartwright, R. Dawson and A. Grimley are due to retire but are willing to offer themselves for re-election.

Fifth Annual Conference.

To be held at Alcuin College, University of York, from Friday April 7th to Sunday, April 9th. Lectures in the Chemistry Lecture Theatre.

Theme - Sensory Deficiencies.

Programme.

7th April.

- 3. 4.30 p.m. Registration.
- 5 - 6.p.m. The physiology of Parietal Perception.  
Mr. D. Price, Consultant Neurosurgeon, Leeds General Infirmary
- 7.30 - 8 p.m. Sherry reception.
- 8 p.m. Conference Dinner - Alcuin College Dining Room.

8th April.

- 9 - 10.15 a.m. Hearing Problems. Dr K.P.Murphy, Audiology Unit, Royal Berkshire Hospital Reading.
- 10.15 - 10.45 a.m. Coffee.
- 10.45 - 12 a.m. The Use of Afferent Stimulation in the Management of Cerebral Palsy.  
Mrs, I Cushing M.C.S.P. Senior Physiotherapist Norfolk & Norwich Hospital.
- 12.00 - 1 p.m. Mental Handicap and the Sixth Sense.  
Dr.M.Yorke-Moore, Consultant Psychiatrist - Lee Castle Hospital Kidderminster
- 1.15 p.m. Lunch.
- Afternoon. Tour of York including York Minster.
- 5 - 6.30 p.m. Wheelchair Dancing by pupils of Northfield School for Physically Handicapped Children. Lyons Concert Hall.
- 6.30 - 7.30 p.m. Dinner.

9th April.

- 9 - 10 15 a.m. Visual Handicap - what is it and how can we help?  
Mrs.J.Kell, County Adviser in Special Education, Aylesbury, Bucks.
- 10.15 - 10.45 a.m. Coffee.
- 10.45 - 12 a.m. Sensory Training and Remediation in Infantile Hemiplegia.  
Mrs.J.Murray M.B.A.O.T. The Bobath Centre, London.
- 12.00 - 12.30 pm. Discussion.

Booking opens Jan 1st and closes Feb.28th. Total places permitted will be 150 but residential places are restricted to 75.

Fees: Members £30.  
Non-members £31.50

Applications with a foolscap s.a.e. to:

Mrs.M.Hayes M.C.S.P. 2, Holly Bank Grove, York YO2. 4EA

Mrs.Eileen Walters, the Conference Secretary sends this further information:

The wheelchair dancing display is to be given by The White Roses of York and the Rosebuds who are all from Northfield School. They are the current English and National Champions of their sections and The White Roses were the winners at the 1976 International Festival.

Wheelchair dancing can be enjoyed by both children and adults and consists of moving in various ways to music, either in folk, ballroom or novelty dancing. It helps to encourage the easy manipulation of a wheelchair and gives a new feeling of movement to those who are chairbound.

Members' Benevolent Fund.

Mrs.Mark has received two letters from Mrs.Turner on behalf of the Committee:-

1. To thank the Association for the donation of £60 to the Fund's Silver Jubilee Appeal and to inform that in due course information would be sent as to how the Appeal funds would be distributed to beneficiaries.
2. Again to thank the Association for a donation of £40; this was partly from a collection made at the Birmingham Conference with the balance made up from A.P.C.P. funds and would go towards giving an extra holiday gift of £15 which was to be sent to all beneficiaries at the end of May.

A.P.C.P. Booklets.

"The Management of Juvenile Polyarthrititis" is now available, price 65p.  
2800 copies of "Handling the Disabled Child in Water" have been sold and a reprint has been necessary and "The Clumsy Child" has also sold nearly 500 copies.  
The booklet on "Haemophilia" will be available shortly but a price has not yet been fixed.

All booklets available from :-

Mrs.M.Hazelwood, Brays School, Brays Road, Birmingham B.26 1NS.

and requests should be accompanied by a large s.a.e. with cheques and P.O's made payable to A.P.C.P.

It would be appreciated if Members would not send booklet money on a cheque/P.O. with another payment such as a subscription as there are two separate bank accounts and it causes problems for Mrs.Mark to make our accounts satisfactory to the auditor.

"Counselling Parents of Handicapped Children"

This book, written by Mrs.Olwen Nettles, who is one of our Members and also very well known for the booklets she has written and the work she previously did with A.S.B.A.H., will be available early in the New Year. Advance orders are now being accepted; the price is £1.50 including postage and packing and a small reduction will be made for orders of ten copies with a further reduction for orders of 50 copies or more.

Orders should be sent to:

A.G.Tappenden, Print Company Ltd., 16, Parkfield Close, Gossops Green, Crawley, Sussex.

Newsletters nos 5,6,7,and 8 .

A limited number of these back issues are available from the P.R.O. on receipt of 5p and a foolscap s.a.e. New Members may be pleased to have them as they contain some useful information which is not out-dated.

Riding for the Disabled.

The Association was asked to nominate a representative to sit on their Committee and Miss Doreen Wheatley, the South West Regional Representative, has agreed to do this.

"Physiotherapy Today"

An illustrated leaflet compiled by the Essex Branch, in conjunction with the North East Thames Board of the C.S.P., price 15p has been received.

Winston Churchill Memorial Trust.

Candidates selected from short-lists will be interviewed in London. Following this, the Trust have promised to let us have a list of Award winners and these will be printed, if appropriate, in the next Newsletter.

The Court Report.

Mrs.Whitehouse, Editor of Physiotherapy asked the Association to produce a short summary and comments on the Report. Miss Ann Grimley and Miss Margaret Harding agreed to do this and their work will be appearing in Physiotherapy in the near future.

Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus.

Please note that the new address of A.S.B.A.H. is now:  
Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HJ  
Tel no: 01-388-1382

World Confederation for Physical Therapy.

The programme for the 8th International Congress to be held in Israel from May 28th - June 2nd 1978 has been received and detail from it can be obtained from the P.R.O.

International Year of the Child.

1979 has been proclaimed the International Year of the Child by the United Nations General Assembly and the Executive Director of U.N.I.C.E.F. is responsible for co-ordinating the Year. Our Association was invited to send a representative to a Planning Conference in July but unfortunately the invitation was received too late; however a representative will be attending future meetings.

The major aims of the Year are:

1. To encourage all countries to review their programmes for the promotion of the well-being of children and to mobilise support for national and local action programmes according to each country's conditions, needs and priorities.
2. To heighten awareness of children's special needs among decision-makers and the public.
3. To promote recognition of the vital link between programmes for children on the one hand, and economic and social progress on the other.
4. To spur specific, practical measures - with achievable goals - to benefit children, in both the short and long term, on the national level.

#### Association of Professions for the Mentally Handicapped.

Miss Ann Grimley is willing to supply further details of the A.P.M.H. Working Party/ Study Group which has been meeting to prepare a submission to the Government on Mental Handicap and the N.H.S.

Following the Workshop on The Court Report and N.D.G. Pamphlet No.2 attended by Miss Cynthia Mason, a letter summarising their findings was sent to Mr. David Ennals, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Services.

#### London Region's Questionnaire.

Following the success of this questionnaire much extremely useful information emerged during the mammoth task of collating all the replies and the Region hope to have a Directory ready either for sending out with this News-letter or for the course on February 11th.

The Committee would like to extend very grateful thanks to Mrs. Dorothy Michell and all her helpers for all the work they have already put in and we feel you might also like to hear Mrs. Michell's comments on the work so far:

1. It must be regarded as a pilot study; some parts of the questionnaire are ambiguous and therefore it is difficult to extract information.
2. 90 questionnaires were sent out and 68 replies received. Some notable places have not returned the form and are therefore regrettably not included; this means that it is not a comprehensive survey of services.
3. Information obtained on gradings of physiotherapists in different jobs has been sent to the National Committee and is being used by them.
4. Further meetings are arranged to plan a suitable questionnaire for a national survey.
5. Any comments on the questionnaire would be most welcome.

Please send to:

Mrs. D. Michell, 39, Nassington Road, London N.W.3

6. Information taken from the questionnaire will have to be updated regularly.

#### Naidex Exhibition.

Miss Cynthia Mason attended The Exhibition which contained a wide variety of equipment and she feels the following would be of special interest to paediatric physiotherapists:

1. D.H.S.S. 8C wheelchair with folding seat and backrest, coloured in red, and grey. (Also see Physiotherapy P 339)
2. The "Joncare" stand included the Newcomen standing frame (Flexistand) and some of the Amesbury products. This is a new company which has a special interest in handicapped children and young adults.
3. On the Carter's stand was a new pushchair, the Mini-Max 201. The corduroy insert is firm and machine-washable with good adjustable groin straps and the brake acts on both wheels. There is also a larger one - the Max.301, for children of 5 - 10 years but it would also fit the young teenager provided there were not too many deformities. The present footrest could be unsatisfactory because it does not lift but the firm have realised this and are going to make modifications. Though priced at £100 it looked to be a 'find', particularly as it looked so 'normal'

Overseas News.

Miss Finuala Murphy wrote to tell us that 71 people from all over Ireland attended a Study Day. They hope in Southern Ireland to form the Irish Paediatric Chartered Physiotherapist's Group which hopes to keep in close contact with our Association. If anyone interested wishes to contact Miss Murphy her address is :

112, Morehampton Road, Donnybrook, Dublin 4.

Mrs. Maxwell is re-forming the Northern Ireland Branch but unfortunately feels that, because of expense, they may not be able to become an active Region within the A.P.C.R. although they may decide to affiliate.

Paediatric Group of the South Australia Physiotherapy Association.

The third Annual Report has been received giving a summary of the year's activities and courses.

Mrs. Margaret Reid has written from Mt. Lawley, Western Australia and tells of the progress of their paediatric Special Group though she regrets the fact that they do not have large numbers within the state. At the time of writing she was 'Healing herself' following the amputation of part of her index finger followed by skin grafts. This happened as the result of an accident when her right hand was crushed between a boat and the jetty. We send her our good wishes and hope she is fully recovered by now.

Please will all Overseas Members note that as from the A.G.M. the Secretary, Miss Denise Woods, will be dealing with all your correspondence.

The Taylor Report - "A New Partnership for our Schools".

From H.M.S.O., price £3.25 and with the following terms of reference:

To review the arrangements for the management and government of maintained primary and secondary schools in England and Wales, including the composition and functions of bodies of managers and governors, and their relationships with L.E.A.'s, with Head Teachers and staffs of schools, with parents of pupils and with the local community at large, and to make recommendations.

The Chairman was Councillor T. Taylor, C.B.E., J.P. leader of Blackburn Council.

The above terms of reference do not apply to special schools; it was thought the considerations affecting the government of these differed from 'ordinary' schools and could best be reviewed by The Warnock Committee and therefore any relevant points would be referred to them for consideration.

Voluntary Council for Handicapped Children.

We have received the very extensive booklist from the Council which can be borrowed from the P.R.O. or obtained direct from:

Voluntary Council for Handicapped Children, National Children's Bureau, 8, Wakley St., London E.C.1V 7QE.

International Cerebral Palsy Society.

The Winter bulletin of the I.C.P.S. has been received and can be borrowed from the P.R.O. on receipt of a foolscap s.a.e.

"Access to Music for the Physically Handicapped Schoolchild and School Leaver."

Written by Daphne J. Kennard as a Report on a Three Year Project 1973-76. The book, price £2 is published by the D.L.F. and is obtainable from them:

Disabled Living Foundation, 346, Kensington High St., London W.14 8 N.S.

The book is a very comprehensive account of the D.L.F. project and a valuable reference work for all those interested in helping children with music. Miss Kennard visited many areas and spoke to many people of a wide variety of professions in order to discover the best ways of obtaining musical experiences for children.

At the end of the document are a number of reference sections obtainable separately from the D.L.F. These include:

1. Music books related to handicapped people and organisations working for music and handicapped people.
2. Working in music with handicapped people and training available.
3. People and organisations in an area who might be able to help with musical contacts.
4. Public library provision.
5. Jobs connected with music for disabled people.
6. Music for one-handed pianists.
7. Music magazines and journals; music publishers and their publications etc.

It is felt that the book is very comprehensive and well thought out and would be most useful in conjunction with the A.D.C.P. booklet "Music to Help Disabled Children to Move" - Miss Kennard being the joint author of that with Miss Gilbertson.

"ARK" -- The Journal of The Toy Libraries Association.

The Summer issue of ARK has been received. Details are given for hiring a film made by Thames Television which features the Greenwich Toy Library. It is a 16 m.m. sound film and they strongly recommend that it is operated by an experienced projectionist. The charge for hire is £2.50 plus £1.50 for registered postage. The film is obtainable from the T.L.A. please note their new address:

Seabrook House, Wyllyotts Manor, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, Herts, EN6.5 HL  
Other information contained in the Journal:

1. "Plays Helps"

By Roma Lear, published by Heinemann at £2.50

Describes hundreds of different ways of making special toys out of all sorts of things and is divided into sections - vision, hearing, touching, tasting and smelling.

2. Disability Rights Handbook.

Helps to sort out what rights and benefits handicapped people are entitled to. It also collates much information that is usually scattered among many official leaflets.

3. Lapel badges for the visually handicapped or blind.

The badges show a white stick on a fluorescent red background and are obtainable from: Mrs. Rosalind Herzfeld, 21-22, Dunraven St, Park Lane, London W.1

4. Toys for severely physically handicapped children.

Toys which flash a light, make a noise and move at the touch of a hand-held switch. Details and prices (£4 -£7) will be sent on receipt of a s.a.e. from: Federation Occupation Centre, Occupation Rd, Abbey Wood, London S.E.2

"In Need of Special Care".

A booklet containing the lectures given at the First Annual Stanley Segal Lectures 1977 held at Trinity and All Saints' Colleges, Horsforth, Leeds. This again can be borrowed from the P.R.O. on receipt of the usual s.a.e.

"A Symposium on Cystic Fibrosis"

The Symposium was held in Manchester in November 1976 under its Convenor, Dr.R. Fraser Williams, Consultant Microbiologist. The book contains the lecture contents and is an attempt to provide information on most aspects of cystic fibrosis and as such should be most useful both for all those seeking to gain knowledge of the condition and those who are already working with it.'

All profits from the sale of the book will accrue to the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust from whom it is obtainable, price £1.50 (including postage):

The Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust, 5, Blyth Rd., Bromley, Kent, BR1.3RS

The Institute of Mental Subnormality.

The I.M.S. have sent us their 5th Annual Report, a copy of their journal, Apex, and leaflets giving general information about the Institute and also the courses and conferences planned. Further information on the latter can be obtained from the Administrative Secretary.

They also ask us specially to draw your attention to two new publications now available:

1. "Progress to Standing"- for children with severe physical and mental handicap.  
By Katy Hollis, price 75p.

2. "Progress to Improved Movement" for mentally handicapped children and adults with additional physical handicap or bad posture.

Also by Katy Hollis, price £1-10

The address is:

The Institute of Mental Subnormality, Wolverhampton Rd., Kidderminster, Worcs. DY10 3PP

The International League of Societies for the Mentally Handicapped.

The I.L.S.M.H. News has been sent to us; this gives reports of various Committees, Symposia and Congresses which have been held in many different parts of the world.

"Active"

Newsletters nos 2 and 3 have been received. Members should note that their new address is:

c/o Centre for Spastic Children, Cheyne Walk, London S.W.3

The Hon. Secretary is Miss Beryl Taylor.

If any Members are using, or know of, any play equipment and communication aids specially adapted for handicapped children "Active" would be very pleased to hear from you as they are drawing up a Design Index to collate all available information.

Details should be sent to:

Marion Hine, 6, Weaver House, Pedley St., London E.1.

"Paediatric Interest People" (P.I.P.)

This recently founded group, primarily of occupational therapists, held their second meeting in April. In future they hope to involve other disciplines interested in paediatrics and to provide the opportunity for discussion, talks, study days etc... Further information can be obtained from:

Miss Alison Wisbeach M.B.A.O.T., Occupational Therapy Dept., Wolfson Centre, Mecklenburgh Square, London W.C.1.

"Child Care, Health and Development".

Miss Ann Grimley has been asked to serve on the Editorial Board of this bi-monthly magazine published by Blackwell Scientific Publications at a cost of £16 per annum, post free. She is willing to supply, where possible, any further information.

From the P.R.O.

1. The above information has all been received officially by the A.P.C.P. or has been supplied by members of the Committee. The information which ensues has all been gleaned from various sources such as newspapers, magazines, etc., and followed up as necessary. Obviously some of the items notified will already be known to Members but we hope that some of it will be new; we also hope you find it useful and that it is what you want. If this is so, you can all help by sending in information and please do not be put off if it is only a snippet. This will all help to give as much information as possible to as many people as possible.

However, we would like to point out that information given on books, articles, products etc. are given purely as notification and that the Association is in no way sponsoring or recommending them.

2. All Reports, Newsletter, Bulletins etc. mentioned in the Newsletters can be borrowed from the P.R.O. upon receipt of a foolscap s.a.e. but it would be appreciated if they were not kept for more than 2 - 3 days so that other applicants are not inconvenienced. We do feel that this is perhaps a useful way for people to assess whether a particular organisation or society will supply the required need without going to the perhaps un-necessary expense of joining.

C.S.P. press cuttings.

We are indeed most grateful to the C.S.P. Public Relations Committee and Mrs. Whitehouse in particular, for offering to extract all cuttings relevant to paediatrics from the cuttings they receive from an agency. It is hoped in future to pass on items of national interest through the Newsletter and to send items of more local interest to Regional Representatives either for following up or displaying at local courses and meetings.

Books and Articles.

"A Handbook for Parents with a Handicapped Child".

Details of this book were given in the stop press of the last Newsletter. Further information can be obtained from:

Arrow Books Ltd., 3, Fitzroy Square, London W.1

If Members have not been able to buy the book through normal retail outlets it can be obtained from:

Book Service by Post, P.O. Box 29, Douglas, Isle of Man.

The cost is £2.50 excluding postage.

"The Child with Asthma".

Price 95p and obtainable from:

The Invalid Children's Aid Association, 126, Buckingham Palace Rd., London SW1W 95B.

One of the contributors is the headmaster of Meath School, Ottershaw, Surrey, which was founded in 1958 by the I.C.A.A. and which has places for 32 asthmatic boys between the ages of 7 and 12 years. As well as a normal school environment the children are taught posture, diaphragm and relaxation control which enables them to avert or cope with spasms or attacks. Pilgrim's School in Sussex is the senior counterpart of Meath School.

"Handicapped at Home".

By Sydney Foott priced at £1-85; published by The Design Centre in conjunction with The Disabled Living Foundation. The book gives ideas on adapting equipment instead of buying specially designed items. There is also a list of addresses of organisations and suppliers of merchandise.

"Rooms for Recreation".

Also published by The Design Centre, price £1-95 and written by Euan Barty.

"Directory for the Disabled".

Published at the beginning of December by:

Woodhead-Faulkner, 8, Market Passage Cambridge.

Prices: paperback £4.25, hardback £5-75

The authors, Ann Dainbrough and Derek Kiniade have included statutory and voluntary sources of help and advice in this 'handbook of information and opportunities'. There are sections on benefits, allowances, aids, adaptations, further education, holidays, mobility, sexual problems, sports, legislation and contact organisations.

"The Coeliac Child".

An article describing this condition and its treatment is in the Nov. 3rd issue of Nursing Times. It also contains a useful list of foods allowed and forbidden.

The address of the Coeliac Society is:

P.O. Box 181, London NW2. 2QY

Copies of the article can be obtained from the P.R.O., price 10p.

VORTEX - Voluntary Organisations Register of Training Exercises.

This comprehensive booklet is an informative guide established to provide an easy reference source to courses sponsored by voluntary organisations. Backing from the D.H.S.S. enables it to offer free publicity but it cannot and does not indicate whether the courses are of an approved standard.

The Organiser is:

Gordon L. Rayment, Vortex, 26, Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HU.



Television and Films.

"Social Skills for the Mentally Handicapped".

The B.B.C. are producing a series of 20 T.V. programmes to be shown in the Autumn of 1978 with a provisional title of 'Let's Go -----'

A short radio series of 6 half hour programmes will also accompany the series.

The target will be the school-leaver and it is aimed to:

- 1 develop self-confidence through the mastery of social skills
- 2 encourage decision making and greater independence of action
3. enlarge the horizons of mentally handicapped people
- 4 encourage adults working with the mentally handicapped to stress opportunities rather than hazards.

The series is being planned in consultation with the Further Education Advisory Council and the School Broadcasting Council.

The series consultants will be:

Prof. Peter Mittler, Hester Adrian Research Centre, Manchester University.

Dr. Edward Whelan, Hester Adrian Research Centre, Manchester University.

Dr. Kenneth Day, Con. Psychiatrist, Northgate Hospital, Morpeth, Northumberland.

A book for parents and teachers of handicapped people is likely to be published.

The production of notes specifically linked to each of the programmes is also under consideration.

For further information, or if you have views to express on possible style or content, please contact any of the following:

Gordon Croton, Series Producer (T.V.) Room 820, Villiers House, Ealing Broadway, London W.5 2PA.

Dennis Simmonds, Series Producer (Radio) Room 354, The Langham, Portland Place, London W.1A.1AA.

Rosemary Lee, Further Education Officer, Room 111, The Langham, Portland Place, London W1A.1AA.

James Boyle, Further Education Officer (Scotland and N.Ireland) Room G.108, Broadcasting House, Queen Margaret Drive, Glasgow G.12 8DG.

"The Special Child" T.V. Series.

Details were given in Newsletter No.7 of this series. Along with a list of the other films available from them, Concord Films have now notified us that "The Special Child" series is now available at a hire charge of £6-60 for one show with extra days being a quarter of this. However this charge does not include V.A.T or postage.

Concord Film's address is:

Concord Films Council Ltd., 201 Felixstowe Rd, Nacton, Ipswich, IP10 OJZ.

"Life Line"

A film from Post Office Telecommunications which depicts a wide range of telephone aids designed specifically to help handicapped people. It also shows how people who, with the aid of a telephone and other equipment have been able to lead creative and purposeful lives despite their difficulties.

Copies of the film, which is in colour and runs for 22 mins, can be obtained from:

1. Post Office Telecommunications Film Library, 25, The Burroughs, Hendon London NW4 4AT.

16 m.m. film Philips VCR video-tape cassette 'U' matic videotape cassette.

2. Concord Films Council Ltd., 201, Felixstowe Rd, Nacton, Ipswich IP10 OJZ.

16 m.m. film; Philips VCR videotape cassette.

3. Darry Wiles Films, Screen House, 135, Borden Lane, Sittingbourne, Kent. ME 10 1BY

Super 8 m.m. film with magnetic or optical sound.

Miscellaneous.

Musical potty.

The Nursery Educational Aid Centre and the Medical Engineering Unit of Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshalton have produced this potty which plays a tune as and when the child performs. It is felt that it gives a novel form of encouragement and also benefits the older mentally handicapped child.

Kylie sheets.

A new absorbent bed sheet specially designed with a brushed nylon top layer that stays dry. It resembles a thin padded quilt and has a layer of rayon fibres stitched below the brushed nylon surface which absorbs moisture and is said to leave the patient comfortable and dry for up to twelve hours although the sheet must be placed over a waterproof mattress protector.

A booklet is available on request and the sheets can be obtained from:

Nicholas Laboratories, P.O.Box 17, 225, Bath Rd, Slough, SL1 4AU  
They cost £12-60 each, including postage.

Support for children with brittle bones.

Doctors at The Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore, are hoping that, with some modification, Flowtron-Aire inflatable sleeves and leggings may help these children with walking. Based on 'intermittent compression therapy' the leggings give more flexible support than rigid splints and allow just the right amount of support whilst still permitting movement.

The leggings etc. are manufactured by:

Flowtron-Aire Ltd., Lye Trading Estate, Old Bedford Rd, Luton, Bedfordshire.

If any Members have had experience of the leggings and sleeves we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Diploma in Remedial Therapy.

A new Prospectus has been produced for this Course. An addendum has been added which describes a short extension to the course which terminates in an M.Sc.degree.

Further information can be obtained from:

Mr.Ronald Tebay, Course Co-ordinator/Lecturer, Dept. of Rehabilitation, University of Southampton, Southampton General Hospital, Tremona Rd, Southampton SO9.4XY

Disability Unit.

An Information and Research Unit on disability is to be set up by:

Outset, 30, Craven St., London W.C.2.

The D.H.S.S. is giving a grant of £7500 a year for three years. The purpose is to encourage Local Authorities to improve their implementation of the 1970 Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act. "Outset" have already worked with twenty Local Authorities and have helped 40,000 disabled people to claim their statutory rights.

Alison House St.John's Wood.

This short-stay home for mentally and physically handicapped young people is the first in Central London and opened on January 4th 1977. It is funded by the Westminster Society for Mentally Handicapped Children; the Catholic Handicapped Children's Fellowship (Westminster) and the Spastics Society.

Social Services departments will pay the fees for residents and there is accommodation for fourteen children and young people with a wide variety of handicaps. There are trained nurses on the staff (including two specially trained in mental subnormality) and 'care assistants' and it is hoped also that voluntary staff will soon join.

Clarkson House, University of Southampton.

Named after the charitable foundation which is supplying the bulk of the funding for the cost of £210,000, Clarkson House is the brainchild of Hugh Glanville, the only Professor of Rehabilitation in Europe. It will open in 1978 and will allow severely handicapped people to lead a normal undergraduate life.

Adventure Playground for the Handicapped, St.Lawrence's Hospital Caterham.

The hospital caters for 1570 long-stay mentally handicapped patients of whom 50 are children between the ages of 5 and 16. Recognising the need for stimulation, £20,000 was raised and, with voluntary labour, the playground was built. It now consists of a restored cottage, heated indoor playground; a soft playroom, an outdoor playground with large sandpit and paddling pool; a pets' corner and a camp site. It is used daily all year and numbers vary from 50 to 200 each day and has assumed a community and social aspect not envisaged in the original planning. It is run by playleaders and a management committee composed of representatives of all involved staff and voluntary services.

Stockport Odd Foot Association.

The organiser of this Association which has been in existence for two years is:

Mrs.Jill Evans, 3, Chiltern Drive, Woodsmoor, Stockport.

It is a voluntary organisation with no income other than from the membership fee which is £1-50 p.a. At present, there is only the one Group but they have members from as far afield as Brighton and Falmouth. Arrangements are made for groups of people to shop together so that between themselves they can match up shoes to their individual requirements. If this is unacceptable, they operate a 'Pioneer Scheme' whereby shops displaying the sign will sell two pairs of shoes of the necessary sizes at a discount of 10% (the Scheme also operates for anyone only requiring one shoe). A register is kept so that people can be put in touch and thereby arrange swaps. Shoes which, for example, may have been paired up wrongly, are given to the Association by manufacturers and retailers. The first 'shoe-swapping day' was held in Stockport in October and it is hoped to hold another in the near future. At this day, no charge was made for any of the shoes but donations were asked for. As well as the individual members, the Association has become very involved with hospitals and Social Services departments. It is hoped to start more Groups and the next one is likely to be in Liverpool.

Mrs.C.O'Shaughnessy, 16, Pentland Rd., Northwood, Kirby, Merseyside L.33 9XD is well on the way to setting it up.

Mrs.M.Medley, 123, Radcliffe New Rd, Whitefield, Manchester M.25 7RP is also active in the North Manchester area but at present is only referring enquiries to Mrs.Evans.

We wish this Association every success and feel all paediatric physiotherapists will welcome their provisions for filling a long felt need.

#### And finally -----

By the time this Newsletter reaches you, you should have paid your subscription - if you have not already done so - PLEASE DO IT NOW, preferably by Banker's Order. The only means of financial support the Association has is from subscriptions and Course and Conference profits and as we become known more and more our expenses are rising rapidly particularly administratively.

The subscription has never been increased from £1 since our inception five years ago and we feel, and hope you do too, that this is not only remarkable but very good value. For your £1 you:

1. have a source of reference for advice and help from an Association with your specific interests at heart.
2. receive two Newsletters per year which are increasing in size with each issue.
3. are offered a variety of courses, study days etc. which would not necessarily be otherwise available and certainly not in such profusion.
4. are offered reduced fees at all courses etc. and this reduction can easily cover your subscription.
5. are offered a means of keeping in contact with colleagues working in the same speciality.

Consider now some of the regular out-goings:

1. for 18 Members of the Committee to travel 4 times a year to either London or Birmingham. These Members come from as far afield as Cardiff, Dorset, Glasgow, Manchester and York.
2. Printing of the Newsletter; its dispatch in parcels from the printer to the Regional Representatives and their subsequent postage out to individual Members.
3. Other postage and telephone expenses and though the latter are kept to the minimum some just have to be made as a matter of urgency.
4. Printing of A.P.C.P. booklets - quite a large capital outlay is necessary to get a new booklet printed at the most advantageous price but it can be a very long time before this outlay is recouped from the actual sales.
5. Travelling expenses for members of Working Parties who meet as and when necessary.
6. Travelling expenses for Members who have been asked by the Committee to attend, Courses meetings etc., or sit on Committees, of other organisations.

Please bear all this in mind and help us to keep the Association active so that it can continue to expand and better serve your interests.

Do make sure you pay your subscription promptly - and if, as a few people do, you write and complain that you have not had your Newsletter - make sure you have actually paid!

NEWS FROM THE REGIONS.

North East

R.H.A. 1 & 2.

Reg. Rep.

Miss M. Barton,  
Child Assessment Unit,  
Seacroft Hospital,  
Leeds, LS.14 6UH.

Congratulations and grateful thanks are due to Mrs.V.Learoyd who held a coffee evening at her home. Attendance was good and £38 was raised for funds for the 1978 Conference. Many thanks also go to Mrs Jill Simpson and her friends who organised a most enjoyable barbecue at Halifax. In spite of bad weather, attendance was again good, and a further £30 was handed over to the fund. An evening lecture was held in Leeds on June 27th when Dr. Lewis Rosenbloom spoke on "Epilepsy and its Treatment in Children." A successful day course on "Communication" was attended by over 100 people at the Ian Tetley School, Harrogate, on Oct 18th. The next course, details of which appear in "Diary" will be held on Feb.25th at Hartlepool when the Regional A.G.M. will also be held.

Midlands.

R.H.A. 3 & 12.

Reg. Rep.

Mrs.M.Hazlewood,  
19, Devonshire Rd.,  
Handsworth Wood,  
Birmingham B.20 2 PB.

A meeting was held at Roshill on June 14th with 30 people present. Dr.Crawley gave a most interesting talk on " Learning Problems of the Brain Impaired Child" which was followed by a discussion and questions. On Nov.16th, at New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton, Mrs.M.Webb, the acting Superintendent of Penns Hall School, gave a talk on "Paediatric Problems" For details of 2 further courses please see "Diary". There are 145 paid up Members but regrettably 30 lapsed during 1977.

East Anglia.

RHA 4,5,6 & 10.

Reg.Rep.

Mrs.M.Walters,  
Ladywood Cottage,  
Sarratt Lane,  
Rickmansworth,  
Herts.

A day meeting was held on Oct 1st at The Jenny Lind Unit, Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. Lectures were given by Dr.R.D.Jones Con. Paediatric Physician and Mr R.C.Howard Con Orthopaedic Surgeon - the subjects chosen were "Fits" and "Neonatal Orthopaedics". There was a very interesting and instructive session in the physiotherapy department with demonstrations by the Staff, of various techniques of treatment. Unfortunately only 25 people attended out of a membership of 63. On Oct.5th Dr.Ricks was invited to Lonsdale School, Stevenage to speak on "Physiotherapy Related to Subnormality". Details of a meeting on May 9th are in "Diary".

The booklets have been on sale at various courses for teachers involved with handicapped children in special or normal schools. A small exhibition was arranged at the C.S.P. Congress at Cambridge.

The Sub-Groups and their Secretaries are as follows:-

1. Colchester - Mrs.Clarke, 4, Exeter Close, Great Harkesley, Colchester.
2. Oxford. - Mrs.A.Gresswell, 22, Plantation Rd.,Oxford.
3. Reading & West Berks. - Mrs.Jennifer Green, 17, Milton Gardens, Wokingham,Berks.
4. Stevenage & District. - Mrs.Margaret Norris, Lonsdale School, Webb Rise, Stevenage,Herts.
5. Norwich, Kings Lynn, Lowestoft & N.Suffolk. - Miss A.Kew, Jenny Lind Unit, Norfolk & Norwich Hospital, St.Stephen's Rd.Norwich NR1

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South East.

RHA.7 & 8

Reg.Rep.

Miss M.Harding,  
Cornerways,  
1,Manor Hall Rd,  
Southwick,Sussex BN4.4NA

A meeting was held on Oct.14th. at Ingfield Manor School, one of the Spastics Society centres that specialises in the Peto method of treatment.

The day course held at the Newcomen Centre, Guy's Hospital on Nov.12th was attended by over 70 people when the A.G.M. was also held. Changes were to be made on the Committee owing to the departure of the Sec., Mrs.Pam Nichols, who is going to Kuwait for a year, but fortunately several offers of help had been made.

Membership is down to 62 with about 20 who have lapsed; there is a constant stream of new Members but many 'old' ones fail to renew.

Details of the Spring Meeting on Feb.25th are in "Diary".

South West.

RHA 9 & 11.

Reg.Rep.

Miss D.Wheatley,  
22, Glebelands Close,  
West Stafford,  
Dorchester,  
Dorset.

Miss Mortimer-White of:  
Dr.Barnardo's Princess Margaret School,  
53, Middleway, Taunton,

took up her duties as Regional P.R.O. in September and would be pleased to have suitable material, photographs etc., for the Region's new publicity displays. The first committee meeting took place on June 24th and matters discussed will be related to each Sub-Group.

Study days have been held in Bristol, Exeter, and Southampton, and the next one will be held in Yeovil in February - see 'Diary'.

Membership has increased to 78, thanks mainly to the revived interest in the Bristol area.

Bristol Sub-Group. Sec. Miss Ann Smith, 8, Coombe Bridge Ave, Stoke Bishop, Bristol,  
B59 2LP

50 invitations were sent out to Members and others working with children in the Bristol area. 20 people arrived at Claremont School for an informal chat over coffee and biscuits followed by Miss Wheatley giving a brief account of A.P.C.P. news, and the aims and achievements of the Association up to date. Volunteers were then asked for to form a Committee to get the Group viable. They now have 19 Members, including 8 new ones and were to hold a film show early in September, followed by further meetings to be arranged.

Exeter Sub-Group. Sec. Miss Ruth Skinner, 1, Oakleigh Rd, Exmouth, Devon, EX8.2UY.

"The Assessment and Treatment of the Mildly Physically Handicapped Child" was the subject of a study day held in the Physiotherapy Department of Wonford Hospital, Exeter, on April 20th, Dr.W.Burgess, Con.Paediatrician of the North Devon Infirmary, Barmstaple, and Mrs.S.Nichols, Educational Psychologist from the South Devon area both spoke on the medical and educational aspects of assessment of the mildly handicapped child. A workshop session encouraged audience participation when two handicapped children were presented by physiotherapists and their treatments discussed. The sessions were well attended and therapists welcomed the opportunity to meet both medical and educational colleagues in discussion.

Hampshire Sub-Group. Sec. Mrs.Marie Tarrant, 18, Bassett Crescent West,  
Southampton SO1.7DZ.

A successful study day was held at Southampton General Hospital on Sept.24th. It was attended by 14 Members and 12 non-members. Lectures were on "Follow-up of High Risk Neonates" and "The Role of the Parent in Treatment of a Handicapped Child."

North West.  
R.H.A. 13 & 14.

Reg.Rep.

Mrs.B.Lambert,  
36, Woodcrest,  
Wilpshire,  
Blackburn,  
Lancs.

Several Members ( though it was not an A.P.C.P. meeting) along with many people from other professions, attended the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital on June 10th for a study day on "Clumsy Children". Unfortunately the study day at St.Mary's Hospital on Sept.24th had to be cancelled due to lack of applicants; the subject was to have been "The Genesis of Handicap". A most successful weekend, including practical sessions, was taken by Mrs. B.Goff on Nov.19th/20th. The subject was "Rood Techniques" and was fully booked with 30 people and many applications had to be refused. A weekend on "Movement and Drama for Therapists a Creative Approach" is to be held on Jan 21st/22nd. There are 79 paid-up Members. "Diary" gives details of the Regional A.G.M. and next meetings.

London

Metropolitan.

Reg.Rep.

Miss C.Mason,  
Eastern Hospital,  
Homerton Grove,  
London E.9 6B7

The day course, "Visual Disorders in Paediatrics" held on Oct.8th attracted 60 participants, who were very appreciative. The orthoptists were very interested in the Association and felt that the two professions had much to offer to each other. The A.G.M. was held on Oct.8th with a disappointingly small attendance. Miss Mason was returned as Regional Representative and Mrs.Michell as P.R.O; Miss E.Dush was elected as Assistant Regional Representative. 2 new members were welcomed. The Queen Elizabeth Hospital lecture series organised by Mrs.Whyte has been fully booked and has proved to be most interesting and instructive. Reference has been made elsewhere to the Questionnaire and the planned follow-up. A small sub-committee is looking into arrangements for the A.P.C.P. A.G.M. and Conference in 1980. Details of the Feb.11th course appear in "Diary". There are 115 paid-up Members in the Region.

Scotland.

Reg.Rep

Mrs.A.Murdoch,  
Royal Hospital for Sick  
Children  
Yorkhill,  
Glasgow G.3 8SJ.

A study day "Introduction to Cerebral Palsy" was held on Oct.22nd., An interdisciplinary audience of 80 people attended - a record for the Region. 40 applicants were received for a day taken by Miss Sophie Levitt on Nov.19th. A day course in March is detailed in "Diary". There are 31 Members.

Wales.

Reg.Rep.

Mrs.S.Butter,  
15, Elm Grove,  
Parc Avenue,  
Caerphilly,  
Mid Glamorgan.

The Region continues to have difficulty getting support from Members. However it is hoped that, as the local C.S.P.Branch President this year is a paediatrician, that more people will have their enthusiasm rekindled.

DIARY.

A.P.C.P.

Feb 4th.

South West Region.

"The Multi-Disciplinary Approach to the Handicapped Child"  
Balidon House team.

"The Orthopaedic Management of the Cerebral Palsied Child".

Mr. B. Madden F.R.C.S. Con. Orthopaedic Surgeon, Yeovil District Hospital.

To be held at: Balidon House, 126, West Coker Rd., Yeovil.

Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fee: Members £1.00 Non-Members £1.25  
Numbers limited to 40 including tea and coffee.

Applications to: Mrs L.M. Lovell, Balidon House, 126, West Coker Rd, Yeovil.

Feb. 11th.

London Region and Paediatric Interest People of B.A.O.T.

"The Clumsy Child - a Psycho-motor Approach".

"Neurology"

Dr. Ian McKinlay, Senior Registrar, Paediatric Neurology, Royal  
Manchester Children's Hospital.

"What are Learning Difficulties".

Mrs Honora Parnell, Sen. Educational Psychologist, Harrow.

"Assessment of the Clumsy Child and the Functional Implications of  
Findings".

Mrs. Judith Baker, Supt. Paediatric Physiotherapist, Northwich Park  
Hospital.

Mrs. Lorraine Burr, Head Occupational Therapist (Paediatrics)  
Northwich Park Hospital.

"Treatment of the Clumsy Child."

Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Burr.

Panel.

To be held at: Hemsworth Hall Clinical Research Centre, Northwich Park  
Hospital, Watford Rd, Harrow, Middlesex HA1, 3JJ.

Time: 9 a.m. Fee: Members £6.00 Non-members £6.50 including coffee,  
lunch, tea.

Applications to: Mrs. J. Maughan, 16, Lee Rd, Greenford, Middlesex

Feb. 23rd.

Midland Region.

Regional A.G.M.: also Mr. Atkinson will be showing a film and talking  
on "Sport for the Disabled Child".

To be held at: Sherbourne School, Rowington Close, Coventry

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Feb. 25th.

North East Region.

"Scoliosis and Splintage".

"Scoliosis and its Treatment".

Wray Ellis Esq., R.R.C.S. Con. Orthopaedic Surgeon, North Tees General  
Hospital and Hemlington Hospital, Cleveland.

"Treatment of Ideopathic Scoliosis: Physiotherapy and Splintage".

Miss E.M. Tilly M.C.S.P., O.N.C. former Supt. After Care Sister, Nuffield  
Orthopaedic Centre, Oxford.

"Plastaform Splinting". - demonstration and films

Martin Creasey.

To be held at: Thornhill School, High Tunstall, Elwick Rd, Hartlepool.

Fee: Members £3.00 Non-members £3.50 including lunch.

Applications to: Mrs. A. Berry, John Jamieson School, Hollin Hill Drive,  
Leeds, 8

Feb 25th.

South East Region.

"The Role of a Unit for the Physically Handicapped Child in a Primary School."

Chairman Mr.Greenwood, headmaster.  
Dr.Mary Peard, paediatrician.  
Dr.Merle Newton, school medical officer  
Miss Maude Turner, health visitor  
Miss Jarvis, teacher.  
Miss J,Stead, educational psychologist.  
Film.

To be held at: Physically Handicapped Unit, Southgate Primary School,  
Crawley,Sussex.

Time 2 p.m. Fee: Members £1-75 Non-members £2.00 including tea.  
Applications to: Miss S.Raymond, 58, Gates Green Rd, West Wickham,Kent.

March 4th.

Midland Region.

"A Day in the Life of a Cerebral Palsied Child."

Mrs.Ester Cotton.  
To be held at: Horton Lodge School, Rudyard, Leek.  
Further details from: Mrs.Mazlewood.

March 11th.

North West Region.

9,30 a.m. A.G.M.  
Followed by "Research in Paediatrics". --"Self-examination by Physiotherapists"  
David Scrutton, Supt. Physiotherapist, Newcomen Centre Guy's Hospital.

"Medical Advances in Cystic Fibrosis".  
Dr.Robert McLaren Todd, Con.Paediatrician, Liverpool  
"Research into Chest Percussion and Drainage Aids".  
Dr.Kenneth A.Flower, Lecturer, University of Salford.  
"Physiotherapy in Cystic Fibrosis".

Miss Barbara Mallinson, Supt.Physiotherapist, Booth Hall Children's  
Hospital,Manchester.  
To be held at: Royal Liverpool Hospital College, Prescott St.,  
Liverpool L07 8XN

Fee:£3-00 including lunch,  
Applications to: Mrs.A, Raffle, Deputy Supt, Physiotherapist, Royal  
Liverpool Children's Hospital, Myrtle St,Liverpool L.7 7DG.

March 18th.

Scottish Region.

"The Clumsy Child".  
Dr.I.McKinley, Sen.Registrar, Paediatric Neurology, Royal Manchester  
Children's Hospital.

Miss A.Grimley, Supt.Physiotherapist, Royal Manchester Children's  
Hospital  
To be held at: Dept. of Child Health, Royal Hospital for Sick Children,  
Yorkhill,Glasgow, G.3 8SJ.

Fee: Members £4-00 Non-members £5-00 including coffee, lunch and tea.

Time: 9.30 a.m.  
Applications to: Mrs.A.Murdock, Physiotherapy Dept., Royal Hospital  
for Sick Children, Yorkhill,Glasgow G.3 8SJ.

May 9th.

East Anglia Region.

"Powered Mobility".  
Miss Alison Wisbeach, M.B.A.O.T. The Wolfson Centre.  
To be held at: Lonsdale School.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Feb.15th.

Toy Libraries Association.

"I Can Use my Hands".  
To be held at: Management Training Centre, Corporation St,Coventry.  
Fee: £3-00  
Further details from:T.L.A. Seabrook House, Wyllyotts Manor, Darkes  
Lane,Potters Bar,Herts EN6 2HL.



March 30th -Apr 2nd.

Toy Libraries Association

International Conference.

To be held at: Digby Stuart College, Roehampton, London SW15 5PH

Topics: Parents' view of toy libraries; professionals' view of toy libraries; volunteers' view of toy libraries; talks by overseas and U.K. Toy Library Organisers; manufactured toys, making toys for toy libraries. An exhibition of toys will also be on show.

Fee: £50.00 full residential £10 per day. throughout the conference.

Applications to: T.L.A.

Apl 3rd-7th

and

Oct 2nd-6th.

'Technology for the Handicapped Child'.

Organised jointly by Castle Priory College and Mr. Roger Jefcoate, Con, Assessor and Lecturer concerned with Electronic Equipment for the Severely Disabled.

An intensive course covering a broad range of technical aids and special equipment (including toys) with experienced advice on techniques, application and use. It will be of a practical nature and opportunity will be given for discussion and to try equipment demonstrated and on show.

The provisional programme details include: the role of technology; rehabilitation engineering for the handicapped child, electric and electronic typewriters; communication equipment for deaf people, educational technology and teaching methods for the mentally handicapped child; adapted games in the special school; workshop session - make your own toy or game; getting older - technical aids at school, home, work, special education in Britain; matching severe disability to special aids; typewriter teaching for the primary child; special mobility aids, the Bliss Symbol System; a new electronic communicator; pre-school communication and play; adapted toys for disabled children; life can be fun for everyone; T.L.A. film - Good Morning - therapeutic toys.

To be held at: Castle Priory College, Thames St, Wallingford, Oxfordshire OX10 0HE.

Fee: Tuition £29 Residence £33.

Applications, together with a non-returnable deposit of £5 to:  
Castle Priory College.

May/June

Toy Libraries Association.

"Fun and Games" Exhibition.

To be held in: North West England

Details from: T.L.A. from March.

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