

Braille Makes Books Come Alive For Girl Aided by March of Dimes

It's very comforting for a certain little girl of 11 to know that four members of her family love to read to her anytime she asks, day or night.

Trouble is, to Susie's way of thinking, no matter how ready her parents and two sisters may be to read aloud to her, they seem to take forever to get on with the story. It took an entire week, for instance, to untangle why d'Artagnan and his three musketeers took a dim view of Cardinal Richelieu.

There're always interruptions such as mother's having to get dinner ready, or her sisters' boy friends phoning incessantly, or daddy having to go off to work.

But these frustrations will soon be a thing of the past. For Susie, who by now you will suspect doesn't see, is learning to read for herself.

Susie is the pretty daughter of Horace and Ella Edwards of Nashville, Tenn. She was born with hydrocephalus, or water on the brain, and is paralyzed below the waist. Surgeons at the March of Dimes Birth Defects Center, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, were successful in saving the child's intellect, and today her IQ is above average.

Unfortunately, however, the pressure of the accumulating fluid in the brain caused irreversible deterioration of the optic nerves. Gradually, sparkling noon became twilight, and two years ago twilight faded to total darkness. That is the way it will be for the remainder of Susie's life.

To save the intellect and to avoid mental retardation, and even save her life, "shunt" tubes were inserted into her skull on five separate occasions to drain off the blocked fluid. Then there was additional surgery for still other disorders. A long time was required for Susie to recover from all these operations. This meant that, even though her world was turning cloudier and dimmer, and a life without light lay ahead, there just wasn't



MR. JIMMY guides Susie's fingertips over dots and points. Sightless child is a patient at March of Dimes Birth Defects Center, Vanderbilt University Hospital, Nashville.

time to learn Braille during those long stays at the March of Dimes Center.

You could stretch a point though, and say that Susie is blessed in one way. She was not born blind, and at one time learned the alphabet as do normal children. She could read a little, too. This has now made memorizing Braille characters a less fearful occasion when Mr. Jimmy comes to teach Susie every Tuesday and Thursday.

She is blessed in still another way, which explains how Mr. Jimmy gets into the story. Susie is very firm and determined about learning the language of the sightless, and "reading" it swiftly. The decision was hers alone. All this relates back to its taking so long for her family to read aloud "The Three Musketeers" and "Alice in Wonderland" and the other stories.

Mr. Jimmy, otherwise James J. McCormack, is himself sightless. He is a professional Braille instructor provided Susie by

those county people downtown. To Susie, he's apparently also a very comical fellow who is always telling jokes that no one can understand. The two of them sit there quietly on the sofa, the lanky Mr. Jimmy with one arm around Susie to support her, and the books of Braille on his knees as he guides Susie's fingertips over the dots and points on the big page.

Then abruptly the two of them burst into gales of laughter which go unexplained to any one else in the house on Pennock Avenue. No doubt some private joke is being relished only by those who cannot see.

"Susie promised me a Christmas present," Mr. Jimmy says. "It took her four weeks to wrap it up prettily, but she had it all ready for me Christmas Eve when I came by for our lesson. In the short period of time—a stunning record for a child—Susie had memorized the alphabet we people must live by."

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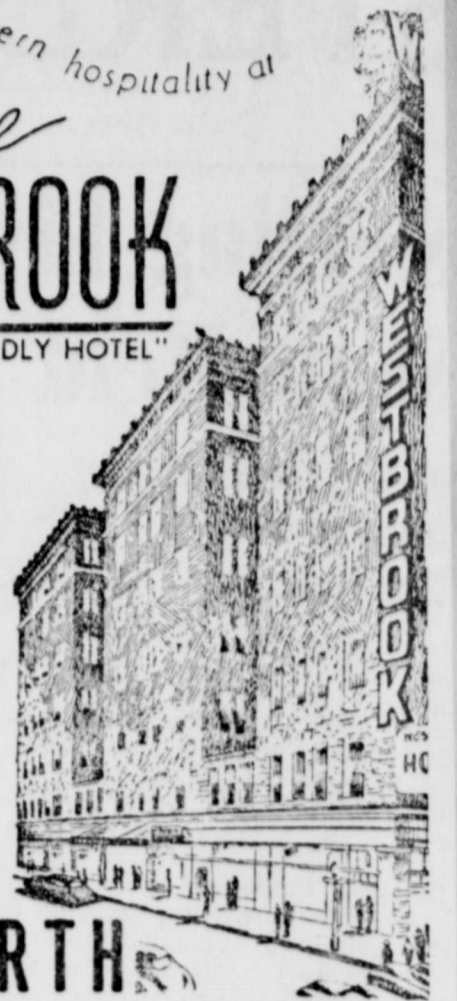
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More than a quarter of a million babies are born each year in the U.S. with serious birth defects.

The leaflet being distributed by Mothers' March volunteers is called "THINGS TO DO IF . . ."

IF You Are About To Be Married,

- Select a family physician;
- Each partner should have a complete medical examination, providing the doctor with complete medical histories;
- Learn your blood groups and Rh factors (+ or -);
- Consult your physician together for advice important to your marriage, particularly if either family has a history of birth defects or if there is Rh incompatibility.

IF You Are Expecting a Baby,

- See a physician as early as possible to confirm pregnancy;
- Keep in close touch with him, reporting any unusual discomfort or bleeding;
- Follow the diet prescribed by your doctor;
- Do not take any drugs or medicines unless he tells you;
- Do not knowingly expose yourself to infectious diseases—particularly German measles;
- Tell any doctor you consult that you are pregnant so he may avoid prescribing harmful X rays or medication.

IF a Birth Defect Occurs in Your Family,

- Seek the best medical advice and treatment. Modern skills can often prevent or correct serious disability;
- Don't feel ashamed of yourself or the child born defective. No one is to blame so long as the stricken child is



JANE WYATT, National Mothers' March Chairman, reads to Tina Tidwell, 4, who was born with an open spine and is a patient at a March of Dimes Birth Defects Center in Los Angeles, Calif.

helped to make the most of his precious gift of life;

- Do not despair. Professional help from physicians, clergy and others experienced in dealing with these problems can lead to a wholesome adjustment;
- Remember that there are many persons and organizations such as The National Foundation-March of Dimes that stand ready to help. Seek them out.

IF You Have Friends With a Defective Child,

- Treat them as you would any other friends. They do not desire pity, but the sympathetic understanding of true friendship is always welcome;
- Avoid giving advice. Let them make their own decisions with the aid of competent professional consultation.

The National Foundation-March of Dimes is using the experience gained in the fight against polio, which led to the

development of both the Salk and Sabin vaccines, to back its attack on birth defects. March of Dimes funds now support:

- more than 50 March of Dimes Birth Defects Centers across the U.S. which make the most advanced medical care and treatment for birth defects available to young victims and their families;
- a national research program which finances the work of scientists studying the causes of birth defects and seeking ways to prevent or correct them;
- a professional education program to train medical professionals in diagnosis and detection, and in practical application of scientific advances to treatment techniques;
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THE NATIONAL AQUARIUM opens in three years and the government is taking no chances that the dolphins, octopi, etc. in the \$10-million Washington fish house won't entertain properly. The dolphins will be taught when and where to jump and to wait for a pat on the head after eating.



'CONVEYORIZING,' is the key word in the U.S. meat packing industry, says Allbright-Nell, Chicago maker of meat processing machinery. It means putting it more on a production-line basis. New machines, for example, have stepped up cattle dressing from one carcass per man-hour to two, and in the hog industry from six animals per man-hour to ten.



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AFTER THE UPHEAVALS

by Vant Neff



You might have thought that Khrushchev's ouster and Red China's A-bomb would have jarred some of our apostles of the soft line to their senses, but it doesn't look that way.

This clique with the rose-colored glasses is pushing its "co-existence" pitch as much as ever, and with no more rhyme or reason. After all, if this co-existence was doing us any good, it obviously must have been failing the Communists. And if it was, it certainly would have been one of the reasons Nikita got the boot.

But not so. That semi-secret "memorandum" Nik's successors handed out to explain his downfall listed 40 pages of his shortcomings, but "peaceful co-existence" was not to be found. Indeed, at the Moscow confab celebrating the 47th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution, Party Boss Brezhnev was up there touting coexistence as enthusiastically as Khrushchev in his mellowest moods.

Now, when the Reds show such steadfast adherence to a policy, it seems to me gravely suspect as a policy for the United States. But I admit the mental processes of the soft-line crew are beyond me. Take their reaction to Red-China's A-bomb. Even before Peking exploded the thing, they were telling us it was nothing to worry about. But let's look at the facts.

Red China's bomb was about as big as the one that destroyed Hiroshima. China has the resources to build many such bombs a year. Peking has 275 Soviet-built IL-28 bombers that can carry these bombs to targets 600 miles away, and five IL-18 jet transports that could carry them as far as four thousand miles.

Peking also has a missile program Washington hasn't told us much about—although we do know it is run by one Chien Hsueh-shen, a California Tech grad who was allowed to leave the U.S. for Red China in 1955.

In short, Peking has or will

have very soon a nuclear arsenal it can use against almost every capital city in Asia. Is this nothing to worry about?

For all the soothing syrup it's handing the American people, the State Department is in fact worrying plenty—and in all the wrong ways, it seems to me.

Two new words have been coined of late at Foggy Bottom: "Chirep," which means giving Red China representation in the U.N., and "Chirec," giving her U.S. recognition. We hear more and more talk of these as part of a more "flexible" policy toward China.

Now, you know and I know the vast majority of the American people are firmly opposed to both these ideas. Every U.S. president who has had to face the menace of Red China has considered and rejected them. This doesn't seem to bother the soft line disciples a bit. Apparently, the theory is that when a nation the civilized world regards as an outlaw becomes an outlaw with nuclear power, the only thing to do is to give it what it wants.



How much more obvious could the foolishness of such a policy be? How often must we remind ourselves of the folly of granting piece-meal concessions to an enemy sworn to destroy us? When will we recognize appeasement for just what it is—surrender on the installment plan?

The only disagreements between Communists are over the most effective means of destroy-

ing free people... to explode them out of existence by war—as the Chinese want... or to eat away at free people by crafty subversion, the Russian method. The answers, the only answers, lie in strength and determination. And not in any fond fiction of a split between Russia and Red China.

The Red masters have always acted pointedly and instantly when their interests were disturbed. Now Russia threatens to supply the Viet Cong if the U.S. dares defend itself by bombing red supply lines in North Vietnam. And together the lying Communies have hidden the facts of the Congo massacres from their people, blasted the U.S. "intervention" and encouraged mobs to storm our embassies and burn the Kennedy Library in Cairo. Without shame we have backed down under their screaming red led Congolese rebels.

The Reds have played their "split" for everything it's worth, for the clear, simple reason that it suits their ends, not ours. It gives Russia a cloak of respectability under which to erode the vigilance and the unity of the West. In short, it lets the Communists have things both ways at once.

Remember Russia and Red China have agreed to pursue a strategy of "peaceful coexistence." Both have agreed that this means conquest without thermonuclear war. And both have defined the United States as "the main force of aggression and war, and the enemy of the world."

We, the most powerful nation that ever existed on this planet cannot be defeated by Russia, or by Red China. We can only be defeated by ourselves. We can only be defeated by moral failure to use strength... by handing our enemies one small victory after another until those enemies have seized the balance of power.

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12-21	Miles	Sterling City	6:30
12-22	Big Lake (A&B Boys)	Big Lake	6:00
12-29	Rankin (A&B Boys)	Sterling City	6:30
1-2	Miles	Miles	6:30
1-5	Eldorado (A&B Boys)	Sterling City	6:00
1-(7-9)	Big Lake Tourney (Boys)	Big Lake	
1-11	*Garden City	Garden City	6:30
1-15	*Robert Lee	Robert Lee	6:30
1-19	*Water Valley	Sterling City	6:30
1-22	*Bronte	Bronte	6:30
1-26	*Forsan	Sterling City	6:30
1-29	*Garden City	Sterling City	6:30
2-2	*Robert Lee	Sterling City	6:30
2-5	*Water Valley	Water Valley	6:30
2-9	*Bronte	Sterling City	6:30
2-12	*Forsan	Forsan	6:30

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BEN ATWELL

Joe Pool of Fort Stockton, a son-in-law of the Luther Hallmarks, has been in the Veteran's Hospital in Big Spring undergoing tests, and is now out on leave. Another son-in-law, C. J. Dunn, is in Malone-Hogan Hospital in Big Spring where he has undergone surgery for kidney stones and a hernia. He has been hospitalized for three weeks.

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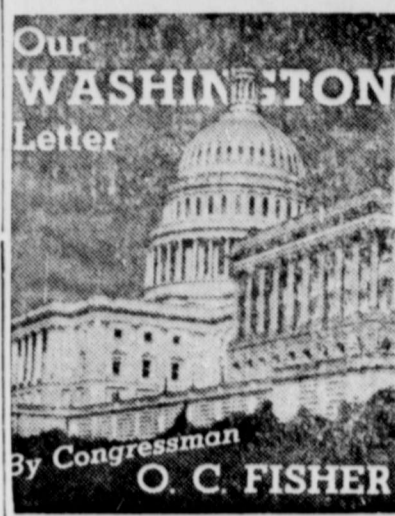
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Population explosion is getting more serious attention now than at any time in the past. President Johnson spotlighted the problem by referring to it in his State of the Union message a few days ago.

"I will seek new ways," said the President, "to use our knowledge to help deal with the explosion in our world population and the growing scarcity in world resources."

Actually the population problem is not necessarily related to "scarcity of world resources", although the effects of over-population is felt more keenly in areas of limited resources.

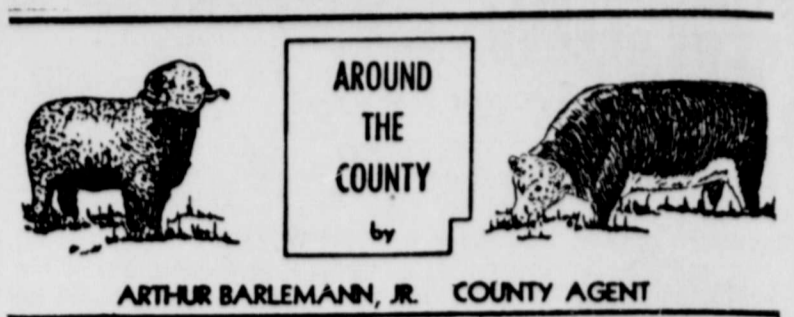
The President's welcomed comment was preceded by the appointment of former Presidents Eisenhower and Truman as co-chairmen of the Planned Parenthood-World Population group. This prompted Ike to say: "The population explosion has already become one of the most critical world problems of our time and daily grows more serious. It threatens to smother economic progress of many nations and endangers the Free World struggle for peace and security. Greatly expanded public and private efforts must be undertaken to contain this human explosion."

Indeed, serious students of world affairs regard this problem as the most important challenge now facing mankind. They believe the world faces more danger from over-population than from the nuclear bomb.

The U.S., which now has 194 million people, is expected to count 360 million at the turn of the century at the present rate of increase. But the problem is more acute elsewhere, particularly in Mexico and South America where the fertility rate is the highest in the world. Any possible help from the Alliance for Progress, in improving the lot of the average Latin, will be destroyed by more mouths to feed and more bodies to clothe—more poverty.

Right here in this country, where we have spent many billions in the fight on poverty—a fight that has been going on for decades, anti-poverty efforts are made difficult by the disproportionate increase in population among the poverty-stricken. Even Sergeant Shriver, chief of the anti-poverty drive now being pushed, has recognized this effect. Let's treat the disease—not just the symptoms.

There has been a lot of talk, but not enough action. It is high time that our resources and the brain power of science be put to use in an intensive drive for more birth control information that can be made available to all people throughout the world.



INDEPENDENTS SET UP SCHEDULE

The Sterling Independents Basketballers have set up the season's schedule. There will be two games each night and the first game will be at 7:00 and the second at 8:15, said Jack Asbill.

The dates for the games to follow and in order of playing will be as follows:
Jan. 28, Forsan vs. Water Valley; Garden City vs. Sterling City.

Feb. 4, Forsan vs. Garden City; Sterling City vs. Water Valley.

Feb. 11, Sterling City vs. Forsan; Garden City vs. Water Valley.

Feb. 18, Water Valley vs. Forsan; Sterling City vs. Garden City.

Feb. 25, Garden City vs. Forsan; Water Valley vs. Sterling City.

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Screwworms have gotten an early start this year in South Texas due to mild winter. Thus far this year, there have been three cases of worms identified in the Mission laboratory. All were found on the border or near it. Border counties where they were found are Live Oak, Zavala, and Hidalgo. The first case last year was found in mid-March.

Officials of the Southwest Animal Health Research Foundation feel that the mild winter is the cause of the early cases. While these cases may have been the result of fertile flies migrating into Texas from Mexico, they could have just as easily resulted from infestations which occurred in these counties in November or December.

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce has announced that its annual farm and ranch management tour this year will visit the richly productive valleys in Arizona and Southern California. Dates of the tour are March 1 through 6.

Special arrangements have been made for those on the tour to visit cotton, grain sorghum and other small crop farms, feeding operations and intensive irrigation projects. Headquarters during the tour will be in Palm Springs, California.

Special rains will leave Ft. Worth and make stops at Lubbock, Amarillo and Clovis. A maximum of two hundred persons can be accommodated.

More information is available from the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, Box 1561, Abilene, Texas.



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