

WORK OF LAKE COUNTY PRE-SCHOOL CLINICS

Statistics Presented Showing Many Benefits Rendered Chil- dren by Examinations

Clinics by the Lake County Medical society and the Lake County Dental society, assisted by the Lake County Tuberculosis association, Victory Memorial hospital and St. Theresa hospital have been held for children who enter school for the first time this fall. This service was offered all such children of the county. The purpose was to prevent, as far as possible, little children struggling in school with a physical handicap of some disease. It has been the hope that when parents learn that their child is not well, for the good of the child and for his happiness, they will correct the trouble. Eventually, this will be done for every child. For some it will be done now, and for some it will be done several years from now after considerable suffering and loss.

The following data indicates the work done and the results of the examinations:

Summary of Pre-School Child Clinic	
Total number children examined	128
children refused physical examinations	2
children weighed and measured	129
children normal weight	71
children under weight	50
children over weight	8
vision normal	73
vision defective	39
vision not examined	18
Defects	
Nose	3
Tonsils	31
Adenoids	24
Glands	36
Teeth	100
Kidneys	15
Heart	3
Ears	4
Hernia	1
Teeth	
Total number children examined	130
O. K.	30
defective	100
per cent perfect	23
having malocclusion	13
having under 5 deciduous cavities	56
having 5-10 deciduous cavities	31
having over 10 deciduous cavities	4
having clean mouths	53
having fair mouths	61
having dirty mouths	16
using tooth brush daily	41
using tooth brush occasionally	75
using tooth brush not at all	12
children having permanent cavities	5

Significant Facts

There are a few significant facts indicated in the above figures.

More than one out of every three children were under weight. This roughly indicates that something is wrong with the child.

One child out of every three had defective vision. Such a child can not compete with its normal schoolmates in either study or play. This defect can be corrected.

One child out of every four had diseased tonsils and adenoids, which means that the afflicted child is going to have more colds, sore throat and ear aches than other children. It also means that everytime tonsillitis occurs there is a decided danger of rheumatism, heart disease or kidney disease developing as a complication. It means that every time there is an ear ache there is real danger of mastoid disease and deafness.

The kidneys were diseased in one child of every 10. This condition is serious to life. If it is not gotten under control the child will probably not live to adult manhood or womanhood.

Three children were found with diseased hearts. Every one recognizes the seriousness and the need of attention for such a condition.

Hearing was found defective in four children. If a child is partially deaf before seven years of age, he is going to be totally deaf before he grows up unless the disease is stopped.

Eight children out of every 10 had decayed teeth. Five children of this group had decayed permanent teeth. Seven out of every eight with badly decayed teeth had enlarged glands which is an indication of the presence of infection.

One child out of every 10 had malocclusion (deformed jaw) which at this early age is usually the result of the use of an improper feeding nipple, thumb sucking and mouth breathing due to enlarged tonsils and adenoids. Serious deformity can be avoided if an early correction is made.

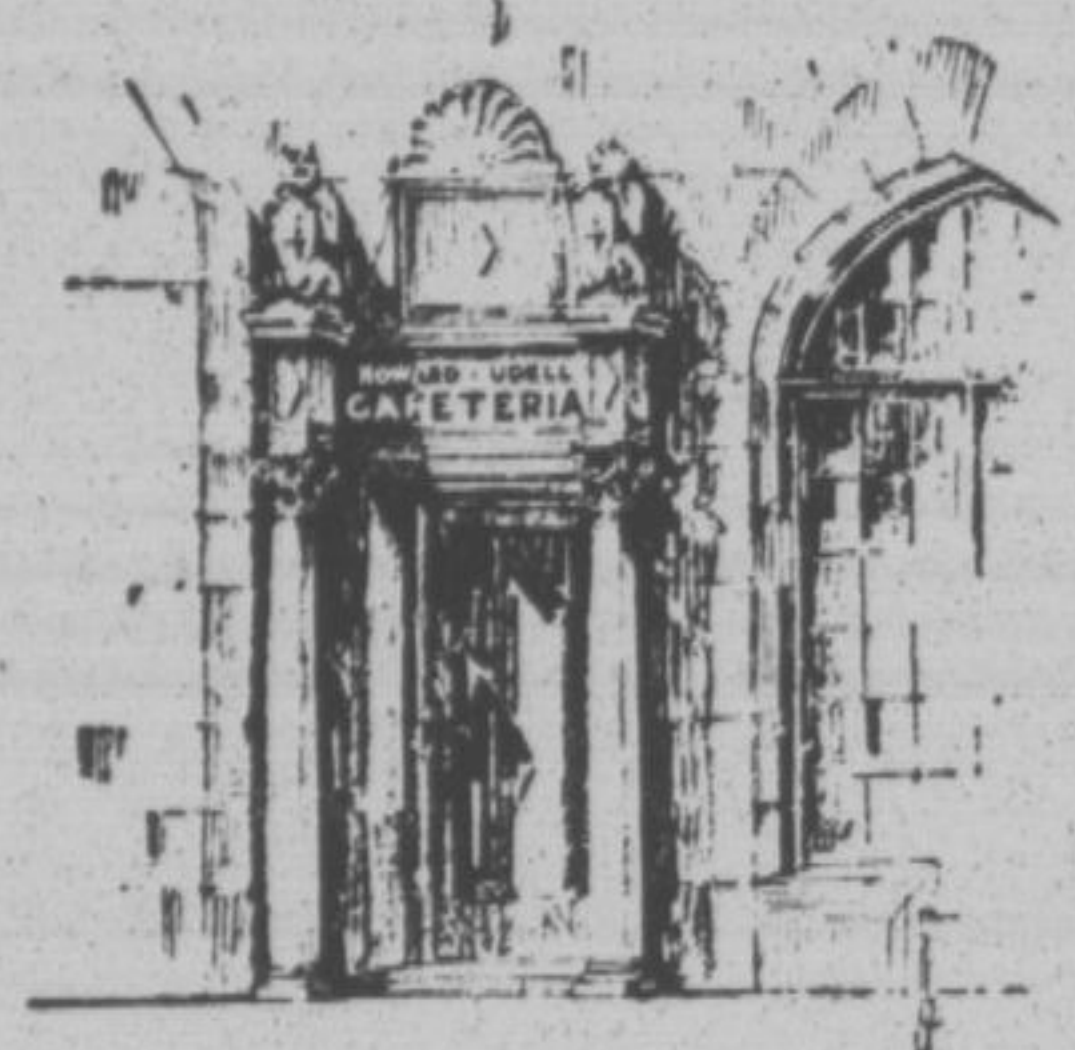
Sixty per cent of deformed jaws found in children 12 years of age are the results of the neglect and loss of the deciduous (baby) teeth before the natural time for the permanent teeth to occupy the space.

The care of the baby teeth and

their preservation to the full term they are to serve the child is of utmost importance to his health as they enable him properly to chew the kind of food necessary for a normal physical development which is nature's defense against disease.

Bucking Fate

A man can still be master of his fate. But he should not try too hard to be that. The unwise man never should be and the wise man seldom wishes to be.—Woman's Home Companion.



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