

Parents, Society Must Be Taught, Too . . .

Education For Mentally Retarded Children

Acting under the philosophy that the mentally retarded child is educatable or trainable and that it is his inherent right to receive that education or training, the Santa Cruz county office of education is conducting one of the most advanced special educational programs in the state.

Richard Struck, a staff member of the county office, is director of the special education department for the county, and devotes a majority of his time to the three schools for mentally retarded. The main one is at Corralitos — of which Struck is justly proud. Branches are at

La Selva and the district's farm for elder mentally retarded boys near Freedom.

"We take the child from the age of five and carry him or her through 21," Struck said. "We have four basic instructional procedures that we believe make a better citizen — a self-supporting citizen — out of each child." First, the children are taught social behavior. The second precept is self-care, and the third is communication — whether it be

with fellow students and teachers or with persons in the "outer" world.

Basic knowledge is the fourth. It gives the student information and teaches him numbers, awareness and social studies.

"We 'graduate' the children so they know how to care for themselves and so they are employable in selected occupations under supervision."

Cabrillo Students Receive Awards

Twelve Cabrillo college students have won book scholarships for the spring semester.

Fifty dollar awards from the Santa Cruz County Peace Officers Association for police science majors goes to Richard Guidotti, Watsonville; Paul Virsatis Jr., Felton; and D. Bruce Foster, Bruce Smart and Walter Young, all of Santa Cruz.

Twenty-five dollar awards will go to Eleanor Kadin, Santa Cruz, psychology; Santa Cruz County Tennis Club; Judith Warren, Santa Cruz, education; Santa Cruz County Tennis Club; Rods Mattingley, Aptos, journalism; Santa Cruz Masonic Lodge; Lyn Johnson, Aptos, languages; Santa Cruz Woman's Club; Jack Claudon, Soquel, and Martin Zuber, La Selva, both business administration; William Geyer Jr., Scholarships; and Douglas Dudfield, Santa Cruz, electronics, Tri-C Electronise Club Scholarship.

Anyone wishing to establish a scholarship at Cabrillo may

Miss Darlene Freeman, scholarship committee chairperson, at 475-6000.

The children at the school in Corralitos as prime examples of the Santa Cruz county teaching system. Home decorations, gardening, home economics and art are a few of the areas in which students seek self expression and to qualify themselves.

There are 36 students at Corralitos school. They come from widely separated places — from Davenport, Boulder Creek, from San Benito county and from the greater Santa Cruz area as well as from the greater Watsonville area. In all, there are 60 such students in the county.

A fleet of six buses picks up the children each morning and deposits them safely at home each night.

"We believe in treating the children as normal persons," Struck said. "Their family life should be the same as that of other children, and their school life should be parallel to the life in other schools." That is one of the reasons why the Corralitos school and the special school are in the same immediate area.

"One problem we first had to overcome was the public-imposed stigma placed on the mentally retarded child," Struck said. This entailed educating

the parent to the fact that the child was educatable, "and it meant educating society, as we know it, to the knowledge that the children were not freaks and could be taught and that the program is a success."

Sharon Hillis Studies Crime

Sharon Hillis, daughter of Mrs. Phyllis Sohr, 2-2622 East Cliff drive, is combining education with on-job training in furthering her studies of criminology at Taft College in western Kern county.

Besides her full-time freshman schedule, Miss Hillis works as a full-time policewoman matron and dispatcher at the Taft Police department.

She also is active in student body activities and is a member of the TC chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma, national scholastic honor society. Miss Hillis is president of the Associated Women Students, the AWS representative on the student body council and a member of the campus Criminology club.

She plans to continue her education at San Jose State College.



Home economics is taught here, Mary Martin of Santa Cruz takes her ironing lesson from teacher Marjory Crowell.

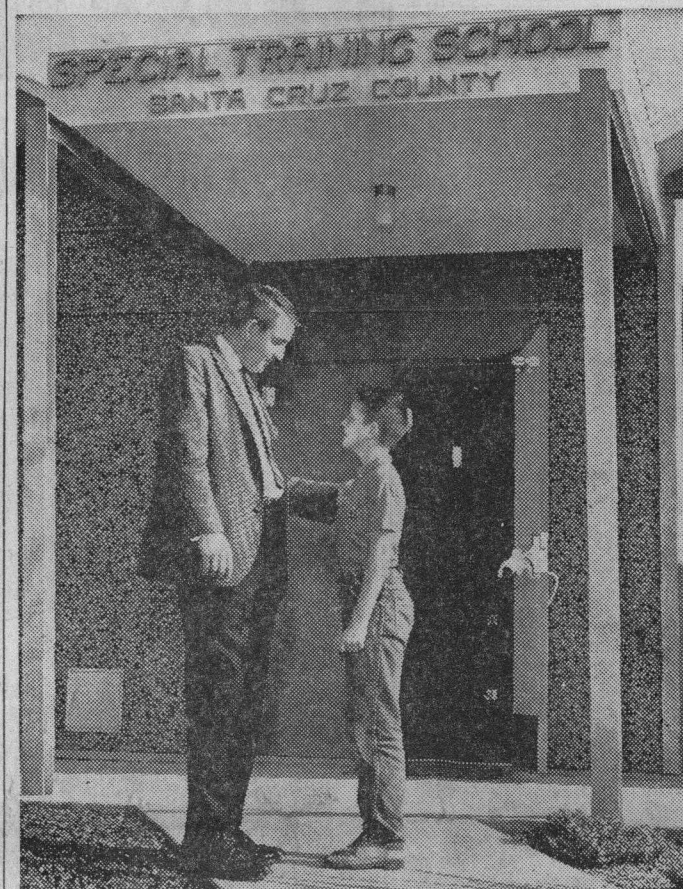
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Stanley Lance At SLO Meet

Stanley Lance Malley of 534 Honda drive in Aptos, is one of 81 high school students from throughout the state to take part in the fifth annual engineering preview at California State Polytechnic College in

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In front of the Corralitos school, Richard Struck, director of special educations and guidance for Santa Cruz county schools, chats with Malcolm

Hill of Watsonville, one of his pupils, just before Malcolm catches the school bus that will take him home.



A painting class is conducted in one of the larger class-

rooms by Julie Sullivan. This is one of the larger classes where children may compare work.



Christmas decorations are in the offing as Lainia Tompkins of Corralitos and Joe LeBarre of Watsonville put finishing touches on candle hold-

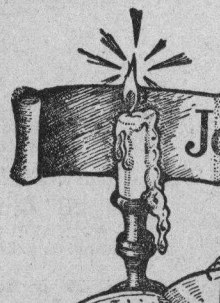
ers. The children have made wire mesh affairs surrounding a conventional holder and have affixed decorations to them.



Anthony Costanza of Santa Cruz, and Tim Saunders, also of Santa Cruz have turned

their efforts to gardening in the school at Corralitos.

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