

## BOOK REVIEWS



YOUTH IN DESPAIR, by Ralph S. Banay. Coward McCann. \$3.

THIS IS A SMALLISH BOOK ABOUT juvenile delinquency, written by a psychiatrist who was formerly director of the Boston Psychopathic Hospital. director of Sing Sing Prison Psychiatric Clinic, director of Yale Play Clinics at Yale University, and is now director of Research on Social Deviations at Columbia University. In the last chapter of the book, Dr. Banay partially describes the background for his work at Columbia University and the unsuccessful effort to get a law enacted by the New York legislature in 1946 to provide for an institute for the study of crime in order to coordinate and psychiatrically orient a program for the prevention of delinquency.

The book is easily readable, being written in a journalistic style, as the title itself would suggest. The material and the cases with which I happen to be intimately acquainted could offer a great deal more by deeper analysis of the known factors involved. However, it has to be acknowledged that a book of less than 300 small pages can be nothing but superficial when it attempts to consider the subjects of delinquency of the child and youth, including historical and modern criminology, crime and punishment or therapy, war and its effect on the home, school and community, poverty and other environmental factors, school influences, the family in modern society, sociological data on delinquents as individuals, psychosomatics of delinquency, the psychological concept of personality and personality tests, the management of delinquents under detention and probation, the rehabilitation of the delinquent in the institution and on parole, and programs for prevention of delinquency, and also, to define crime and evaluate it sociologically and psychiatrically.

In spite of the promise of a solution to one of society's most vital problems, one has no right to expect it and does not get it, except for the suggestion to pass a state law to provide for an institute to study crime which would include psychiatric orientation. The arguments that Dr. Banay presents do not indicate that psychiatry has contributed very much, although I believe there is a great deal more evidence that psychiatry offers, which he has not used.

There is a bibliography of 209 items, many of which are from the daily papers.

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ENCYCLOPEDIA OF VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE, edited by Oscar J. Kaplan. Philosophical Library. 2 Volume set. \$18.50.

THIS IS A PIONEER EFFORT TO PREsent in concise form the factual material available in the new science of vocational guidance. The two volumes contain many excellent articles written by some two hundred eighty-seven experts in the guidance field and although the contents will especially appeal to those vocational counselors who do not have easy access to a large library, they will be of deep interest to teachers, social workers, and all other persons who are eager to help in the life adjustment of youth.

In a foreword, Dr. Kaplan states that one of the objectives of this encyclopedia is to draw attention to the many angles that are to be found in the application of guidance techniques. As one reads one contribution after another, it becomes obvious that in order to be versed in the counseling procedure, one should have a broad knowledge of education, psychology, economics, general medicine, rehabilitation, psychiatry, statistics, and a dozen other disciplines, which means that a competent counselor should be a person of experience whose training covers a wide range of subjects.

A few of the articles emphasize the economic aspects of guidance, and counselors are urged to keep up-to-date information regarding occupational trends, the cost of preparation for the major professions and trades, and an estimate of the average earnings in each of them. Even though the figures given vary from time to time and may not be uniform in different sections of the country, it is of value for young

persons seeking guidance to be aware that these differences exist.

Among the most interesting contributions are reports of guidance activities in some of the principal countries of the world. Through the cooperation of the Washington embassies, reports were obtained from Greece, the Netherlands, Portugal, Switzerland, Poland, Australia, and New Zealand.

Critical readers of these volumes will realize that there are many areas in the guidance field that are still unexplored. These books should bring inspiration and practical suggestions as to ways and means of perfecting our knowledge of guidance techniques. It will be desirable for counselors all over the world to unite in collecting data for certain practical research projects.

EMILY T. BURR

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EXPERIMENTAL DESIGNS IN SOCIOL-OGICAL RESEARCH, by F. Stuart Chapin. Harper. \$3.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL OF Social Work of the University of Minnesota has long been so dynamic a professor of sociology, so much a leader in research and in methods for its prosecution, that it was to be expected that he would be one of the first to climb on the band wagon of experimental design.

The assembled papers in which he gives the theory of experimental methods "right out in the natural community," and then illustrates these methods from his own research work, will prove of interest to technicians and to some hardy souls who are tough-minded enough to want to know what the most scientifically respectable studies reveal of the real results of well-intentioned housing or delinquency prevention programs. From the fact that much of the first chapter was originally an article published in 1917, we are to conclude that Chapin was the band wagon rather than a belated climber upon it.

To follow the author into his clearest simplification rather than into the terrifying details, experimental design means making observations under con-

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educational supplies have been contributed by schools, youth groups, and summer camps cooperating with World Youth.

At a training session for the American student volunteers in New York City in June, Ernest Papanek, executive director of World Youth, said that sensitiveness to the feelings of European parents and awareness of their natural distrust of "propaganda" has been uppermost in the briefing of volunteers this year. Alice V. Keliher, professor of education at New York University, pointed out to the group the stereotype of "American" that can be expected in Europe and emphasized the vital effect of the "impressions, feelings, attitudes you will leave behind."

Thirty-two Belgian students are serving as exchange volunteers in public and private summer camps in the United States this summer.

Six young "community ambassadors" from four upstate communities in New York are spending the summer with European families to learn about the problems of citizens there. Their home communities — Glens Falls, Jamestown, Schenectady, and Ithaca — are participating in a state project in international understanding sponsored by the State Department of Education and the State Community Service Council, an organization of young adults interested in civic affairs.

The young people, who range in profession from clerk to radio writer, are living with typical families in Sweden, Denmark, Holland and England. On their return, these "ambassadors" will report their observations through the local press and radio, and will serve as consultants for various community groups.

#### Telling the Public

The National Council of Jewish Women has launched a country-wide program to publicize the urgent need for expanded mental hygiene services and the deficiencies of mental hospitals. The program which has been developed with the assistance of authorities in the field, will be carried out through the council's 206 council senior sections.

#### Jobs in New Jersey

The New Jersey Department of Institutions and Agencies has devoted the June issue of its publication "The Welfare Reporter" to employment opportunities within the department. The magazine gives a comprehensive picture of the philosophy and organization of the department, the programs of its mental, welfare, and correctional institutions, and the requirements for such jobs as psychiatric social worker, caseworker, and correction officer.

#### **Psychology Course**

The Chicago Psychological Institute announces a thirty-six week training course in applied clinical psychology beginning September 13. Designed to give the student practical experience in the use of psychological techniques, the course is open to students with a bachelor's degree and at least twenty semester hours' credit in psychology. Further information may be secured from the institute, 410 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago 5.

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trolled conditions, selecting for observation two groups of like individuals, one the experimental group, given a certain treatment which the other, the control group, has to live without.

Mr. Chapin's chief interest is the method to be used rather than the results, good or bad, of practical attempts at amelioration. He is ingeniously and indefatigably interested in cause and effect, in quantitative measurement, in the possibilities of approximating the truth, and the obstacles and limitations that stand in the way of achieving it. Even those who cannot accompany him with pleasure on his arduous journeys should applaud his goals; the appraisal of the effectiveness of means to achieve our ends and the more certain isolation of causes in our complex human world.

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#### THE SOCIOLOGY OF CHILD DE-VELOPMENT, by James H. S. Bossard. Harper. \$4.50.

THE AUTHOR, A DISTINGUISHED Sociologist, has all along been more concerned with clear delineation of the immediacy of specific social factors as they affect human lives and attitudes than with evolving or discussing general sociological theories. His present book is an extended and remarkably interesting survey of interpersonal contacts that condition personality development, social contacts that in many important particulars go to make a child what he is and what he will become. It contains a wealth of informative material that may well provoke thought on the part of anyone working with or for children; parents, teachers, child study and child guidance experts—everyone who is responsible for establishment of the sound social conditions essential to a child's healthy emotional and moral growth.

In its coverage the work is almost encyclopedic. In the text over 600 authors are cited, with footnote references; thirty-two pages of bibliography offer a valuable selection of sources for those who want to pursue further some special topic. However, a decided obstacle to the convenient use of this book is the absence of anything like an adequate subject index. The reviewer was moved to cuss words, as others will be, because of the difficulty of locating scattered statements about various topics; indeed some important subiects dealt with are not even mentioned in the index. It is to be hoped that this will be remedied in the next printing.

Naturally, the dynamics of interpersonal relationships in the family setting receive most attention, but in addition to commonly considered factors, there are provocative and highly original discussions of family table talk, family bilingualism, the role of a guest, and of domestic servants. Much of the vivid material for these sections has been drawn from autobiographies and from firsthand stories told to the author's research associates in the William T. Carter Foundation of which he is director.

Many other specific social influences outside the family circle receive attention and the chapters on more general aspects of children's social lives evidence a wide range of research. The sections giving data on the historical background of the evolution of a child's place in society, pictures of earlier periods and of different cultures, offer fascinating reading.

A wide reading public can be predicted for this compendious work. It deserves this, and all the more because the publishers, in the face of present trends and in proportion to its size are distributing it at a moderate price.

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range improvements in community services.

Research should be given a more important and clarified status as a specialized function. If the community is not large enough to employ one or more full time research persons, regular provision should be made for the employment of outside research consultants for carefully scheduled projects. The growth of research teams under voluntary and private sponsorship should provide a real source of help in meeting local planning research needs. A committee of citizens active in research in industry, labor, and other fields of endeavor should guide the programs and help secure financing for this phase of social

Excellent help is increasingly available from the Health and Welfare Department of CCC, governmental agencies, and national functional organizations, and the increasing survey efforts of groups of research experts. Every community over 100,000 population needs individuals, removed somewhat from the pressure of operating responsibilities, who can do research and integrate their findings on the local planning level with planning developments in other communities and nationwide research progress.

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A recent community survey of a medium sized city includes an excellent summary about a proposed research program:

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## Directory of Social Organizations (cont.)

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These and many other similar facts will provide convincing evidence of the points where specific programs should be adapted to changing needs, where replanning and coordination is essential. They may well show that families which for several years have been condemned to life on the existing public assistance grants will have high disease rates due to nutritional deficiencies, and will turn up frequently in the behavior or mental disease categories of social breakdown. It may even show that the apparent economies of low relief standards are more than offset by the actual medical, casework, and institutional costs resulting from inadequate relief. It will probably show that a relatively small proportion of the population accounts for most social breakdowns and for a disproportionate share of preventable diseases. It will show the extent to which agencies' services are focused on the group of families that are in the greatest need of service. It will also expose the areas, geographically and by problems, that are in the greatest need of new, improved, or extended service.

In these few pages no attempt has been made to analyze all aspects of planning. Little or nothing has been said about organization, needed skills, citizen participation, the neighborhood approach, or the execution of the program. Equally pertinent observations might be made about each of these.

Whatever the aspects considered, however, we plan for planning, the altimate question must be: "How will this affect the problems of John, Mary, and the little Does?"

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