



## Impact of Talk Starts Mental Study in Area

Dr. Geo. Barahal, psychologist from Wayne university made such an impact on the parents and teachers alike of Wing Lake school at their recent January meeting that they now plan to re-vamp their year's plans to give further study to the subject.

Dr. Barahal complimented the Bloomfield district schools as being exceptionally fine and the children's home environment far above average.

However, he pointed to proven statistics that even from such surroundings one out of every hundred will turn out to be a hardened criminal, eight will be criminally inclined and 18 will be emotionally disturbed and socially mal-adjusted adults.

He then proceeded to a breakdown of parental attitudes and child reactions in "this phenomenal procedure known as child rearing."

"With parental acceptance and affection through fondling, play and patience, the child will develop security and a normal personality," he said. "However, most parents are guilty to an extent of one or all of the following: over-rejection

perfectionism, over-protection." He analyzed damaging results of these to the child.

Dr. Barahal is associate professor, educational and clinical psychology, Wayne University, and has had a career of clinical experience in all phases of psychology.

IN THIS LECTURE he so made

the importance of this subject come alive that teachers and parents of the organization, after hearing his talk put the machinery in operation for extensive follow-up the rest of the year.

A near-future program will present "Psycho-drama" done by staff of Pontiac State Hospital. In this fairly new approach to mental illness, the patient is treated by means of drama.

PSYCHO-DRAMA is an impromptu acting-out of interpersonal difficulties with scenes developing around life stories of participating patients. Scenes set up by patients are spontaneous, and may reveal the inner-most feelings. It aims at giving patients opportunity to vent hostility and act painful situations. Discussions are carried on after the scene, and thus the patient may learn how to deal with real problems.

At Wing Lake school, when this program is presented, they will attempt to portray this actual psycho-drama in action. This program on psycho-drama, and Dr. Barahal's talk, will combine with side study groups to constitute the year's study of mental health. A forum moderated by Dr. Barahal is hoped for, to terminate the year's programs.

The Wing Lake PTO feels that this subject is of such importance to all parents and even non-parents in the area that they extend a cordial invitation to attend.

### Diane Wins Award

Diane Major has won a scholastic award during her freshman year at Lake Erie college, Painesville, O. Miss Major, daughter of

the J. V. Majors of East Dartmouth, won the "Faculty Citation for Scholarly Distinction", according to the college secretary. Birthdays, anniversaries, guests, births, parties are all news—call the society editor about them.

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The Robert C. Grunds who moved from Massillon, Ohio, to 1285 S. Bates in December? Grund is a stainless steel salesman for Republic Steel corporation. Their children are Jane L., 10, Robert C., Jr., 7, and Stephen T., 3.

The Pete Burns who live at 1256 Henrietta? They moved from Charles City, Iowa, and Burns is an engineer at Ford Motor Co.'s Tractor and Implement division. Their children are Judy, 11, David, 7, and Robert, 2.

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