

700 HEAR DR. LEO STEINDLER

Specialist Makes Strong Plea For More Facilities For Handicapped

Launch Movement For Permanent Work

Care and Life Training For Afflicted Youth is Pressing Need

SENATOR O. E. WELLER INTERESTED

May 16, 1926—Over seven hundred persons at the Royal Theatre on Sunday afternoon heard Dr. Leo Steindler make a plea for the extension of the facilities for the care of the physically handicapped colored people of the State.

Dr. Steindler, who is a specialist on diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and is attached to the Veterans' Bureau rehabilitation service at Fort McHenry, dwelt at length upon the measures that might be taken to alleviate some of the hardships that the handicapped persons of the race must face.

"It is not only a question of providing hospital care for these unfortunates," said Dr. Steindler, "but we must get the right attitude toward them. Treat them as brothers and seek to get them do as much as they can for themselves."

Training that will fit the handicapped for usefulness in spite of their physical debility, is the most pressing need of the group, according to the speaker. The talk was well received by the hearers. Dr. Steindler was accompanied by Dr. William Eledor, also stationed at Fort McHenry.

Other features on the program included music by the blind band, selections by the blind glee club, by the choir of Sharp Street church and a chorus of 150 children from the junior and senior high schools, directed by Mrs. Rosalia Dawson. A blind pianist, Stephen Stanley, rendered a solo.

Talks were also made by Rev. J. Albert Greene, who gave a resume of the history of the Association for the Handicapped, under whose auspices the meeting was held; Linwood Koger, president of the local branch of the N. A. A. C. P., and by Rev. C. Harold Stepteau who made an appeal for funds, for aiding in carrying on the work this organization has initiated.

Rev. George F. Bragg and Rev. John Colbert also had prominent places on the program, and Dr. Ernest Lyon presided. This meeting is the first of a series that has been planned to interest the community in the handicapped members of the race. Robert W. Coleman was largely instrumental in arranging the gathering. Ushers were furnished by the Junior Federation of clubs and were in charge of Mrs. Sarah Boling Mason.

Since 1913 Senator O. E. Weller has been interested in the Association, says Mr. Coleman. It was through his courtesy together with that of Mr. Sargent, Regional Manager of Veterans' Bureau at Fort McHenry, that Dr. Steindler's services were obtained.

