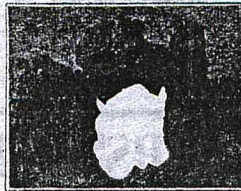


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Our Responsibility

A ROTARY dinner was held at a local hotel on Monday evening. The guest speaker was Mr. L. Adler of the Camp-hill School in Hermanus.

The Camphill Movement has 18 schools and villages in seven countries. Mr. Adler is a member of the staff who, together with other dedicated people, are devoting their lives to the task of preparing mentally handicapped children to blend into the environment of the outside world.

In this country there is a problem as it is not possible to absorb these children into the trades and industries so work-shops and equipment is a MUST in the three schools in this country.

Money has to be found for the already planned work-shops. The staff have to virtually share out available funds so do not have fixed salaries like other institutions.

This together with the difficult task of continually maintaining co-operative relations with parents and friends are what these wonderful people have to contend with, but Mr. Adler stressed that their reward came to them in the spontaneous gestures of gratitude from the children themselves.

Mr. Adler gave up his career as an art dealer in a big city to take on this completely different cause. He stated that he has found a peace incomparable to the material rewards of the "rate race" in coming so close to human beings in distress.

Here in the Overberg on our own doorstep much is being achieved for over 50 mentally retarded small people. Is this not a challenge deserving the attention of all fund-raising in our own district?
