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Officers of Retarded Children Council Here Attend Stark Meeting

Officers of the Carroll County Council for Retarded Children attended a meeting of the Stark County Council in Canton Monday evening. Dr. James Purcell, head of the division of mentally retarded of the state Department of Mental Welfare, spoke.

Attending were Mrs. Franklin Fuss, president; Mrs. Robert Price, vice president; Mrs. Robert McClester, secretary, and Mrs. Harold Wynn, treasurer. At this meeting, the local council joined the state organization.

During his talk, Dr. Purcell pointed out that it costs \$649 per child to keep a youngster in a class for mentally retarded. He said this is a saving of more than \$300 over the cost of placing the child in an institution.

Dr. Purcell said that 56 percent of the mentally retarded classes in the state are in school buildings. Mrs. Fuss, Mrs. Price and Mrs. Wynn plan to attend the state convention in Youngstown April 24-26.

Local council officers report the Carrollton Junior Woman's Club has contributed \$50 toward the project of establishing a class for the education of mentally retarded children in this county.

Parents and others interested in the class are urged to attend a meeting Thursday evening, April 24, in the home ec room of the high school building here.