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Faribault State School & Hospital

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Mr. Morris Hursh, Commissioner  
Department of Public Welfare  
Dr. E. J. Engberg, Superintendent

The Superintendent's report for the month of January is being submitted together with the reports of the Medical, Engineering, construction, and Psychology departments; by the Farmer, Business Manager, and School Principal; on In-Service Training; the list visitors to the institution, and of personnel changes.

Information has already been given in various ways from time to time relative to discontinuing the program at the Sauk Centre Children's Home and opening the Ramsey County Preventorium as an annex of this institution under the name of Lake Owasso Children's Home. However, no mention of it has been made in monthly reports so the following is intended as a review to date. On November 3, 1955, twenty-six male children, who were essentially crib patients, were transferred from the Sauk Centre Home to Faribault as it would not be possible to give them as good care at Lake Owasso with the facilities that would be available there when opened. This move was the first step in closing the Sauk Centre Children's Home. On December 16, 1956, the second dormitory building (Davis) was ready for use and we transferred forty boys from here and transferred from there to Faribault five boys who for various reasons could not receive as good attention there as can be given here or were serious behavior problems.

As additional beds become available at Lake Owasso, patients will be admitted here from the waiting list. They will be transferred to Lake Owasso after their entrance examinations have been completed unless it seems best to keep them here and transfer others in their place from our population.

Unfortunately it has been found necessary to use all of the rooms and dormitories in the administration building for employees because of lack of rooms for rent nearby and of public bus transportation. We shall endeavor to release as much of this space as possible for patients and then hope to have space for about one hundred-twenty patients at the Home. Needless to say, we have been confronted with many problems in opening this former Preventorium to be used for mentally retarded boys, but we believe a reasonable satisfactory program is in effect. Every effort is being made to have it meet the needs of the patients there as well as to provide good working conditions for the employees. Mrs. Jarchow, who continues to be the supervisor as she was at Sauk Centre, has been very diligent and cooperative through this transitional period and we deeply appreciate her efforts to make this a truly worthy project.

Official visits to the institution were made by the following:

- January 12 The Task Force consisting of Mr. Conrad W. Peterson, Mr. Ray Lapegaard, Mr. Bertil Estlund, and Mr. Robert Endres visited.
- January 19 Miss Mildred Thomson and group of Hennepin County Social Workers visited.
- January 25 Mr. Laurel Nelson visited.

Superintendent and/or staff members attended the following meetings during the month:

- January 5 Dr. Engberg attended a meeting at the State Office.
- January 5 Mr. Krafve visited the Lake Owasso Children's Home.
- January 10 Dr. Engberg attended a meeting of the Neurology Society in St. Paul
- January 11 Dr. Smith, Dr. Bruhl, Mr. Roach, Rev. Streufertt, Miss Malloy, and Miss Ross visited the Lake Owasso Children's Home.
- January 13 Miss Boyes visited the Lake Owasso Children's Home.
- January 16 Dr. Engberg, Dr. Smith, Mr. Madow, Miss Perkins, Miss Murray attended the hearing for Restoration to Capacity for *(name deleted for privacy)* at the Ramsey County Probate Court.
- January 18 Dr. Engberg, Dr. Smith, and Mr. Madow attended a meeting of the Conference Committee on Mental Deficiency in St. Paul.
- January 18 Dr. Engberg, Dr. Smith, Mr. Madow, Miss Perkins, and Miss Murray attended the continued hearing for Restoration to Capacity for *(name deleted for privacy)* at the Ramsey County Probate Court.
- January 19 Dr. Smith, Dr. Bruhl, Miss Malloy, and Miss Ross visited the Lake Owasso Children's Home.
- January 23 Mr. Saarela visited the Lake Owasso Children's Home.
- January 25 Dr. Engberg, Dr. Smith, Mr. Madow, Miss Perkins, Miss Murray attended the continued hearing for Restoration to Capacity for *(name deleted for privacy)* at the Ramsey County Probate Court.
- January 25 Mr. McQuoid attended a meeting of Suggestion Award Board in St. Paul.