

COMPILED by RAY C. ROACH, PATIENT ACTIVITIES LEADER
 TEMPORARY PATIENT PROGRAMS SUPERVISOR, BY APPOINTMENT OF DR. E. J. ENGBERG
 SUPERINTENDENT

For period OCTOBER 1 1953 Through OCTOBER 31 1953

INSTRUCTIONS: Total patient's program activities led by staff members to lettered columns. Not later than the seventh day of the month, forward the previous month's report to Statistical, Division of Public Institutions, 410 Globe Building, St. Paul, Minnesota.

		TEAK	TOUZ	SAL	LEN	RUTH	ROY	RAY	MARG	EFFIE	DICK	MARY	LOR	EMM
		LEAVE BLANK	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	
Arts, Crafts	1			15	170		570	275	150		75	90		410
	2						45							185
	3													
Dan- cing	1							205				195		
	2		100	175	265	350	550	75	95	50	275	300		565 35
	3													
Drama- tics	1													
	2													
	3						150							300
Enter- tain- ment	1		3113	75				250				655	400	
	2			682	520	2070	1850	1350	1135	1131	1725	1300	500	2000
	3				50				35		160			
Liter- ary	1		30		100	535	1150	975	300	400	180	525		30
	2													
	3													20
Music	1						145	750	50		460	230	600	620
	2						1060		135	50		300	800	270 311
	3													
Nature Outing	1													
	2													
	3			52	26		790	260	45	145	240	215		585
Social Events	1		175	406	876	500		235	75	54	380	115		190 45
	2						160				100	200		160
	3						150					70		
Sports Games	1							135	5		50			
	2													
	3				100	130	345	50	45		330	140		330
Other	1													
	2		100	332	200			500			3100			325
	3													

- * 1. - On Wards
 2. - Inside (Gym, Auditorium, Etc.)
 3. - Outside (Trips, Grounds, Etc.)

NARRATIVE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Instructions: Discuss in some detail new developments, trends, and changes within the department during the month.

The last week of October was a very busy week for our activities staff with the Halloween parties in the spot light. A total of forty-nine (49) Halloween parties were held. They were very well planned and went off smoothly. A variety of games were played at each party. The games were planned to suit the various buildings' type of patient* For example: At our infirmary we tried trick guessing games which worked out very successfully. One activities person stayed in the room with the patients while another activities person left the room. While the one activities person was out of the room, the patients and the other activities person would pick out an article. They would then call in the person who would have to guess which article they had selected. The patients were all very delighted when the person would correctly guess the article. It is very difficult to find things that appeal to the infirmary type patients because of their varied handicaps. However, this type game certainly does the trick.

Every Thursday afternoon a "Tea Dance" is held in one of the Skinner Division playrooms. The purpose of the dance is to activate all the girls who otherwise are sitting idle on the wards. This year at our dances, we are attempting to teach the girls a Grand March. This project is under the direction of Miss Sally Quinn, Patient Activities Worker, of Skinner Division. Thus far it has proven very successful and very popular with all of the girls. It has already been used at one of our all school dances and the girls who had received previous instruction helped those who had not. After several more months of repetition we hope our patients will be reasonably familiar with this procedure. This is an important step in social adjustment.

The mother of one of the boys at Elm building donates ten dollars (10.00) each month for the purpose of putting on a party for all the boys in the building. Her son is one of these boys. For the first party, Roy Welsaadt, patient Activities leader I of the Bast Grove Division formed a committee of eight (8) patients to plan the party and also to decide as to the refreshments that were to be served. The patients did very well in planning the party. This system of having parties planned by the patients gives them a feeling of self-sufficiency, which to a degree they are. This plan has been so successful that Mr. Welsandt hopes to find some other patients who have children in some other building who want to sponsor something along these lines.

During the month of October Dick Endres, Patient Activities Worker of the Sunnyside Division, took four (4) different groups of male patients for a half mile hike into the wooded section, which is located on our campus. The main purpose of the hike is a marshmallow roast. Don Fitchison and Dick Endres had previously built stone roasting pit at this choice spot in the woods. The patients were allowed to roast their own marshmallows but were very closely supervised. After the roasting of the marshmallows, the patients and Mr. Endres sat around the fire and talked.

In the handicraft department the girls are learning to do many things. They are given projects according to their ability. They are doing such things as, Swedish weaving, knitting, crocheting, needle point work, sewing institution towels, pillow cases and napkins. In addition to this, a special arts and crafts class has been organized for those girls having talent in some form of art. This class is to be held only on Saturday mornings because many of the girls work and are free at this time only. The

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~ Superintendent Patient Program Supervisor I

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department also has eight (8) evening groups for girls who work during the day.

On Saturday October 10th, the annual Faribault hobby show was held in the Faribault High School. Many of the Patient Activities Staff were called upon to demonstrate their various skills. About fifteen (15) students from our school were taken downtown to exhibit their crafts to the many people who visited this show.

A program aimed at Rehabilitation was held at the Dairy this month. The boys invited a group of girls to a party. The evening was spent dancing and the boys served the girls a delicious lunch. The patients were placed on their honor and their subsequent behavior proved worthy of this trust. No behavior problems were encountered and we plan to hold more of these parties in the very near future. They are excellent for the patient with the higher I.Q. who hate a good chance of returning to society.

Mr. C. Raymond Bowers resigned at our institution in October. He had the position of Patient Program Supervisor I. He resigned to take a position in the state of Wisconsin. Mr. Ray C. Roach was appointed by Dr. E. J. Engberg as acting Patient program Supervisor on a temporary basis.

Miss Helen Tousignant has joined our staff as a Patient Activity Worker. She is now going through her orientation period. She has taken a newly allotted position.

Mr. Harwood K. Rinsem was on a sick leave for two weeks in October due to a deep laceration of his right leg.

Mrs. Marge Smith, Patient Activity leader I of the Skinner Division, was on Federal Court Jury duty in St. Paul for all but seven (7) days of the month of October.

The activities department has started laying plans for the Thanksgiving and the Christmas Holidays which will be upon us very soon.

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