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FARIBAULT STATE SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORT

March, 1959

Dr. Dewey Force and Richard Weatherman spent Thursday, March 12, at our school, completing plans for the workshop to be held here in August. The University of Minnesota is sponsoring this two credit workshop for teachers of the trainable retarded. Dr. Force and Mr. Weatherman were most enthusiastic about our new facilities and we are happy to be able to share them with teachers from all parts of Minnesota.

Ten of our School Safety Patrols went to the Shrine Circus in St. Paul, with patrols from all of the Rice County schools. Mrs. Mahoney and Miss Lee, who accompanied the patrols were pleased to report that their appearance and behavior was such that they were proud to be in charge of the group.

Two of the Faribault Public School patrols refused to ride on the bus with our boys and girls. Fortunately the incident was so well handled by members of the American Legion, in charge of loading the buses, that our children were not aware of the discrimination.

Children usually reflect the attitudes of their parents, so it seems that efforts to educate the general public in accepting and respecting the handicapped have been slowly succeeding but cannot be relaxed at present.

Miss Lee's class of deaf retarded children enjoyed the Tom Thumb movie at the Paradise Theater. She planned this excursion as an Easter treat for her group.

On Thursday, March 26, the school department moved out of the old Center building into Rogers Memorial Center, the new school and activities building. The faculty worked for three days of their Easter vacation so that classes could be resumed April 6. Everything is so elegant and everyone so impressed with their new surroundings that an awed hush is prevalent all over the place. Perhaps there's an unconscious fear that a loud noise would wake everyone up and they'd find themselves back in the old building.

Olive Lynch
Principal

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The school department moved into Rogers Memorial Center the last week in March and was ready for work April 6, after the Easter vacation. Students and teachers alike are enjoying the new facilities; spacious, well lighted, well equipped, self-contained classrooms: - what more could you want?

On Thursday, April 23, the Faribault-Owatonna Chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children held their final meeting of the year in Rogers Memorial Center, Faribault.

The program featured special methods and techniques for teaching retarded children.

Mrs. Beatrice Knutson, Faribault, was chairman of a committee of teachers to demonstrate special class techniques, used in working with the trainable retarded.

Miss Lee and her class of deaf children gave a rhythm demonstration.

Mrs. Brazil's older girls, with volunteers from the audience, played a game with adult appeal, to teach color and number recognition.

Mrs. Knutson conducted a lesson in language development with a group of trainable boys.

Exhibits from all class rooms were planned to show the progress of the trainable child in the school setting.

Owatonna exhibited finished products from their industrial department and also put on a tumbling exhibition.

We were pleased to have as our guests at the meeting, teachers from Gillette, St. Mary's Hall and almost all of the elementary teachers from the Faribault Public Schools.

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