General Information

In recent years, through the efforts of Cedric Adams' Christmas Gift Drive, the Patients at Faribault State School and Hospital have experienced very joyous holiday seasons. We wish to express sincere thanks on behalf of our patients to all those who have contributed to the success of this project.

The 3,335 mentally retarded patients at Faribault and the Lake Owasso Children's Home are evenly divided between males and females. They range in age from tiny infants to adults in the 80's. In previous years there has been a shortage of Christmas gifts for the adults, particularly the adult males, which we hope those who generously contribute to the gift drive will rectify.

No doubt you would like to know how these gifts are distributed to the patients after they are received at the Institution. Early in December the person in charge of each building is asked to list the gifts each patient desires. An appointment is then made for these Charge-Aides to come to the room designated as the "Cedric Adams Room", where all the gifts that have been received are displayed, and to make a personalized selection of the gifts for each patient. A detailed record is kept of the gifts each patient receives.

Special Suggestions

1. Caution: Please do not send matches, lighters, or inflammable items as patients are not permitted to have them.

2. Gifts of clothing: Good clothing in any size or quantity can be used, all used clothing should be washed or dry-cleaned before delivery to the institution.

3. Gifts of money: Cash contributions are accepted and are used throughout the year for patient activity. Please make check payable to Faribault State School and Hospital and indicate if the money is to be used in Chaplaincy program or recreation program.

4. Wrapping: Gifts should not be wrapped but gift wrappings may be included with gifts. Employees and volunteers will wrap the articles for the patients.

5. Identifying: We wish to acknowledge and thank each donor for gifts given to patients, and will find it helpful if names and addresses of senders are clearly written or printed on packages.

6. Mailing: Gifts may be mailed directly to the institution or left at the Administration Building. Because of the large number of patients to be served, and the even larger number of gifts received, it is very desirable that the gifts be forwarded to us as early as possible. Our mailing address is Faribault State School and Hospital, Station A, Faribault, Minn.
### Gift Suggestions for Women and Girls

- Talcum
- Face Powder
- Perfume
- Toilet soap
- Toilet water
- Combs
- Costume jewelry
- Barrettes
- Bobby pins
- Hair curlers
- Stationary
- Ball point pens
- Pencils
- Powder puffs
- Mittens
- Sweaters
- Scarfs
- Bathrobes
- Slippers
- Nylon hose
- Hair nets
- Lingerie
- Gum
- Cigarettes
- Watches
- Nail polish
- Handkerchiefs
- Candy
- Picture albums
- Children's magazine subscriptions
- Face tissue
- Aprons
- Wheel chairs (adults & children's)
- Varied table games
- Hair brushes
- Anklets
- Hand lotions
- Towels
- Washcloths
- Tooth paste
- Deodorants
- Compacts
- Sun glasses
- Emery boards
- Wallets
- Lipstick
- Home Permanents
- Shampoo
- Cosmetic cases

### Gift Suggestions for Men and Boys

- Swimming suits
- Neckties
- Bow-tios
- SOCKS
- Shirts
- Belts
- Gloves
- Pipes
- Smoking tobacco
- Chewing tobacco
- Cigarettes
- Shaving cream
- Shaving lotion
- Talcum
- Hair brushes
- Eversharp pencils
- Handkerchiefs
- Slippers
- Safety razors
- Picture Albums
- Ball point pens
- Watches
- Cuff links
- Tie clasps
- Tooth paste
- Shampoo
- Towels
- Washcloths
- Deodorants
- Sun glasses
- Hair oil
- Children's magazine subscriptions
  (also adults)
- Stationary
- Candy
- Gum
- Scarfs
- Combs
- Wheel chairs (adults and children's)
- Varied Table games
- Snuff
SUGGESTED RECREATIONAL GIFTS FOR ALL AGE GROUPS

- Erector or mechanical sets
- Chinese checkers
- Ice skates
- Checker boards
- Picture puzzles (Adult's & Children's)
- Lincoln Logs
- *Electric Trains
- Tinker toys
- *Playing cards (Bridge)
- Rubber toys - all types
- *Card games (Flinch, Old Maid, etc.)
- *Dolls and accessories
- Card Tables
- *Stuffed animals
- Building blocks
- Plastic rattles
- Bicycles
- Plastic crib toys
- *Wagons
- Crib games
- *Tobaggans
- Blackboard on standard
- *Kiddie cars
- Flashlight
- *Scooters
- Snow shovels (small)
- *Sleds
- Cowboy suits
- Skis
- Balloons
- *Rocking horses
- *Roller skates
- Cap guns
- Picture albums
- Fishing equipment
- Autograph books
- Paste (Library)
- *Scrap books (new and filled)
- View-masters
- Phonograph Records (adult's and children's)
- Rubber balls (large)
- Story albums
- Goldfish and bowls
- *Wading pools
- Bubble pipes and soap
- Spin tops (medium and large)
- Varied table games
- Croquet sets
- Footballs
- Dishes (play)
- Softballs
- Baseballs
- Trucks and tractors
- Basketballs
- *Harmonicas
- Toy Xylophones
- *Pool tables
- *Radios (In working condition)
- •Large toy drums
- *Phonographs (In working order)
- •Harmonicas
- Educational toys
- •Pool tables
- *Radios (In working condition)

CHILDRENS FURNITURE

- Tables and chairs
- Rocking chairs
- Playhouse equipment
- Brooms
- Toy stoves, refrigerators, etc.
- Toy furniture

HANDICRAFT MATERIALS.

- Small looms
- Paint craft kits
- Model airplane kits
- Model auto kits
- Coloring books, picture and story
- Modeling clay-plastic
- •Embroidery pieces - stamped
- Embroidery floss
- Jewelry kits
- Leathercraft kits
- Paints, finger, textile
- Plastic mold sets
- Printing sets
- Sewing cards
- Shell art materials
- Weavette looms
- Woodburning sets
- •Crochet cotton
- •Materials for making dresses
- Pottery Kiln
- •Yarn, all types
- Patterns, all types

*INDICATES ITEMS MOST SOUGHT AFTER BY PATIENTS,
Special Projects

Clubs and organizations frequently request permission to conduct special projects in conjunction with mental health activity. Such projects are welcomed and can be arranged by writing to the Superintendent. We suggest the following as projects for clubs and interested groups.

1. Collections
   A. Magazines, good comic books, all-occasion cards, and story books are in demand, by our patients, the year around,
   
   B. Games and Sports Equipment, such items as roller skates, ice skates, sleds, skis, tricycles, etc, are such in demand here and are frequently lying unused in many homes.

2. Sponsoring rides. Transportation to community activities (Shrine Circus), sending patients to summer camps, etc,

3. Providing cookie and candy treats for holidays and special occasions.

4. Making articles such as aprons, bibs, stuffed animals, pull toys for distribution to the patients.

The institution staff would be very willing to advise groups on other such projects and assist in formulating plans to carry them out,