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Report for May, 1960

The Power Plant reported 333 trouble calls during the month, which is considerably under the average for the previous months. A hot water circulating pump was installed at the Dairy from one salvaged from the Haven building. A reach-in refrigerator from federal government surplus was taken to the Lake Owasso Childrens Home and it is placed in service there. A severe gas leak developed in the circuit for the vegetable storage refrigerator in the warehouse which was repaired. A new pan washer was installed in the main kitchen, with work progressing on construction of clean dish tables for this unit. Repairs were necessary for the boiler at the Dairy following an inspection by the State Boiler Inspector.

The Chaplain reports that the first year of the more intensive religious volunteer program was brought to a close at the end of May. Eighty-one volunteers were directly connected with teaching of religious classes, seven others served as volunteer organists, and six served as volunteer pastors conducting religious services. Five hundred sixty-six patients had the benefit of special religious classes. It is felt that these classes should be expanded utilizing still more volunteers from local churches to give attention to their own faith group. A letter of appreciation was sent to each of the volunteers.

The regular Protestant and Catholic services were held during the month. Rabbi Kopstein held religious services for the Jewish population on May 5. In addition to the patients in our hospital who are visited each week, 37 patients were visited. This included 34 new admissions, 18 Protestant and 16 Roman Catholic. Four parents or guardians were personally interviewed. Four patients were critically ill and visited by the Chaplain. One was baptized. Two deaths occurred.

In addition to regular staff meetings, the following special meetings were attended by the Chaplain: May 7, Council for Exceptional Children, at the Faribault State School and Hospital; on the same date, a meeting of the Protestant Religious Volunteers at the Baptist Church, Faribault; May 10, Spring Institutional State Chaplains Meeting at Red Wing; May 16, Institutional Chaplains meeting at St. Paul. In the interest of the retarded in the community the following speaking engagements were accepted: May 6, May Fellowship Luncheon of the United Church Women of Red Wing, Minn., approx. 100 women in attendance; May 12, May Fellowship Luncheon at Grace Lutheran Church,

Claremont, Minn., approx. 100 women from Claremont, Dodge Center, and Owatonna in attendance; May 29, at Concordia Lutheran Church, Red Wing, Minn., where the subject was, "The Church's Obligation among the Mentally Retarded."

The Volunteer Coordinator reports 121 volunteers during the month contributing 270 man hours, 81 of these were in religious services, one in the library, eight mending, one hospital child activation, one in clothes room, 20 Bethlehem Academy students, three in violin and piano playing, one in home economics, two in scouting, two sewing curtains, and one in division office work.

Gifts totalling \$476 were received. Three tours were conducted by the Volunteer Services Coordinator, one on May 10 consisting of Faribault high school seniors, one on May 16 consisting of Columbia Heights high school seniors, and one on May 17 which was an orientation of the Homemakers club of Janesville. Twenty-three new volunteers were received; however, 81 religious volunteers disbanded for summer months, as well as 26 students from St. Olaf college. Nineteen other volunteers disbanded their activities for the summer months.

On the evening of May 26 the first organization meeting of a volunteer council was held with future meetings scheduled in order that this group may be organized for the fall activities program.

The Building Foreman reports that during the month the carpenters completed the building of the farrowing house at the piggery, completed replacement of the damaged clothes boxes at the Oaks cottage, started repair to the roof at the Laundry, repaired asphalt tile floor in Pine building, and took care of the regular maintenance work assigned to the carpenters. The masons were occupied with repairing plaster at the Lake Owasso Childrens Home as well as considerable repair to Mohawk building. They also installed a concrete floor in the new farrowing barn, repaired sidewalks, and made extensive plaster repair at Grandview.

The sheetmetal workers were involved in repairs to gutters, valleys, etc., on several building roofs, as well as taking care of all repair work in the shop. The painters have completed redecorating Chippewa cottage and the main Hospital. Work has begun on Haven and Grandview. Outside work has been delayed because of inclement weather.

The Personnel department reports three new employes, two re-instated, two returned from leaves of absence, three leaves of absence were granted, and five separations from service. There was one short suspension and one death--Ruby Frydenlund, Psychiatric Aide II, expired on May 28, 1960. All of the above transactions affected the staff at Faribault. There was one new employe at Lake Owasso and three separations from service. Mr. Johnson reports 24 vacancies at Faribault and five vacancies at the Lake Owasso Childrens Home.

The School population during May was 210, 141 males and 77 females. Mrs. Kirkpatrick is continuing her off-campus course and will complete

it this month. Visitations were exchanged with the Owatonna State School with our teachers spending one day at Owatonna and the Owatonna Faculty visiting here. Mrs. H. Green, Mrs. A. Kirkpatrick, and Miss H. Hoyer were appointed as a committee to study teachers' salaries, with a report to be made to the administration.

The report of the Groundsman covers two months, April and May. Out-of-town travel amounted to 10,550 miles during the two months, which is a trifle over the average for the year. Four hundred ninety-five yards of gravel were hauled from our pit to be used as fill at the piggery, playground areas, parking areas, and on roadways which were badly damaged during the spring breakup. The outside work has been badly delayed by two factors, the excessive amount of rain during the month of May and the transfer of patient helpers to Cambridge and Brainerd. Because of the latter situation much of the lawn cutting has been performed by employed help using power equipment. However, there are some areas where power equipment cannot be used that are being neglected. The new sidewalk construction was started during the month of May and has been of great assistance in keeping the patients from walking on streets and roadways. Mr. Larson reports no injuries or accidents during the two months of his report.

During the month the Rehabilitation Therapies staff conducted or assisted at the following central activities: 14 religious services, four evening volunteer Bible classes, three community sings, two auditorium dances, four outside dances, one auditorium wheel-chair program, two play-party programs, one square dance, eight boys sports, two girls sports, two patient-employee softball games, one social grace party, one modified sports activity for geriatric males, one modified sports activity for geriatric females, two modified sports activities for young hyperactive males, one modified sports activity for young hyperactive females, and four auditorium movie programs.

The extensive central activities program of eight months' duration conducted by the recreational staff was concluded on May 9 at which time the central summer activities program was initiated. The program concluded was designed and planned for gym-auditorium group activity according to the level of patients participating. With the exception of auditorium movies during the month of May and Sunday church services during the summer, the central summer activities program will involve the out-of-doors with focus on picnics, street dances, softball, and intensive playground activity in games and sports. The annual patients' picnics started on May 17 with 20 picnics scheduled for the season. Provision is made to permit all patients to participate, regardless of their physical and mental capability. Seven picnics were held during the month of May with 1,063 patients participating; the largest group to attend was comprised of 335 persons from Willow, Hickory, and Elm. Numerous carnival games and softball were featured. Picnickers also enjoyed the opportunity to visit with each other in a leisurely fashion. The menu consisted of hot dogs, relishes, potato salad, cookies, ice cream, and coffee. Iced lemonade was served to each patient upon his arrival at the picnic area. Again the institution is being represented in the Women's Downtown Softball League with a combined patient-employee team under the direction of Mrs. Geri Radatz, Patient

Activities Worker. An intramural softball program for men is under the direction of Bernard Parisos, Patient Activity Worker at Sunnyside. An extensive program is underway to bring shut-in patients into activities during the summer months. Our patients are also admitted to the Paribault Laker baseball games at Bell Field.

No new patients were added in occupational therapy. Of the patients now seen, Richard Brown continues to show the greatest degree of improvement. He works on puzzles, cosmetics, and woodworking and does remarkably well considering his severe spastic involvement. As sitting tolerance and general endurance increase, he is being included in more activities, such as church, movies, and special programs.

On Saturday, May 28, the Don Wani dance band from Minneapolis furnished music for a patient dance. The occasion was arranged through the Harry J. Moim American Legion Post 611 and Trustees Joint Council #32 of Minneapolis and Mr. Charles Koch. Mrs. Esther B. Bowles of Savage, Minnesota, brought students from her dance studio to entertain the patients on May 22; two programs were presented in the auditorium. Mrs. Marjorie L. Smith, Patient Activities Leader I, has been ill since May 10; Mrs. Mary Kane, Patient Activities Worker, has been on leave since the 16th of March due to the death of her mother and personal illness. Mr. Krooks, Patient Activities Worker of Sunnyside, returned to work on May 29 after a three weeks' absence because of knee surgery.

Two hundred seventy-six patients observed their birthdays during May.

During the month of May the Farm staff finished planting 136 acres of oats and about 190 acres of corn; 38 acres of corn are left to be planted, but because of the soil condition this will have to wait for dry weather. Some of the early corn will have to be replanted because machinery could not be brought into the field for cultivating. Carrots, cabbage, beans, and 1,400 tomato plants have been seeded and planted in the garden area. Fresh asparagus and rhubarb have been furnished from the garden area. One hundred sixty-four cows were milking at the end of May; 30 hogs were slaughtered during the month, with the hog population at 406. Because of the wet soil condition it appears that our farm crops will be severely affected during this growing season.

The Kitchen furnished 297,400 meals during the month. The Farm furnished to the Kitchen 148,855 lb. milk, 20,840 lb. pork, 28 bu. beets, 10 1/2 bu. rutabagas, 1,820 lb. asparagus, 2,050 lb. rhubarb, 135 dz. onions. The Kitchen has rescheduled the working hours of the patient helpers in order that they may have more time off during the week; however the kitchen is also faced with the serious problem of training replacements for those patients that have been transferred.

The Laundry produced 18,117 lbs. per wash day for a total of 471,045 lb. during the month. Plans are going forward on the new laundry and it is hoped that this can be placed in use early in the summer. This function is also concerned with the training of new patient help and because we have been unable to fill the vacancy for a laundry supervisor H. W. Miller also reports an increase in flatwork laundry,

which is no doubt the result of admitting a considerable number of new patients from the waiting list.

The Shoe shop repaired 197 pairs of shoes during the month and also repaired two helmets, two braces, 35 belts, and 47 cues for the recreation department. This function has been severely handicapped because of the transfer of a patient who had been assigned to the Shoe Repair shop for a considerable number of years. If a replacement cannot be trained, it may be necessary for us to obtain another employe in this area. The Tailor shop produced 1,960 garments, 300 towels, and 48 doz. diapers. The Mattress shop reports 11 new cotton mattresses made, 186 mattresses washed and remade, 151 mattress ticks repaired, and 702 lb. of hair washed and renovated.

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