

LEGISLATIVE BUILDING COMMISSION NOTES

On Friday, November 17, I toured the Faribault State School and Hospital with the Legislative Building Commission. Members of this commission are: Senators Chris Erickson, J. H. Josefson, Clifford Lofvegren, and Harold Popp. The Representatives are: Harry Basford, Peter Fugina, Eugene Knudsen (chairman), Sally Luther, and John Skeate. Also on the committee is Senator Wm. Heuer. The underlined were in attendance.

Present from the Department of Welfare were: Dr. Richard Bartman, Mr. C. G. Chapado, Ove Wangansteen, and Morris Hursh.

Present from the Department of Administration were: Wm. Stevenson, Al Nelson, and Paul Cummings.

Mr. Carol, president of the Faribault Chamber of Commerce was present.

From the institution, Dr. E. J. Engberg, Mr. Kraeve (asst. hospital administrator), Dr. Thurston Smith, Mr. Thurber (business manager), the groundskeeper, and the construction foreman.

Dr. Engberg made the presentation for the institution. He reported first on recent building completions and improvements; then he outlined their requests for new equipment and buildings. The major requests are as follows: 1963 - \$1,250,000 for a new central kitchen; \$1,000,000 for a replacement dormitory for male patients; \$1,000,000 for a replacement dormitory for female patients; \$528,000 for a wing to the existing hospital; \$95,000 for a chapel building. In 1965, they are requesting a replacement building to replace Chippewa Cottage--\$1,700,000. In 1967, a replacement building to replace Ivy Cottage for \$1,700,000. In 1969, replacement of Hillcrest Cottage--\$800,000. In 1971, replacement of Poppy Cottage--\$800,000.

The total requests from 1963 thru 1971 are for \$9,418,600.

In accompanying the committee on this tour, I felt it was one of the most complete that they had made in many years. All of the buildings scheduled for replacement from 1963 thru 1971 were visited. A visit was also made to the farm. We visited the kitchen and the service building and it was my feeling that the legislators quite unanimously feel that this must be replaced.

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