

DEPARTMENT Public Welfare**Office Memorandum**

TO : Dr. E. J. Engberg, Superintendent  
Faribault State School and Hospital

DATE: January 8, 1962

FROM : Ardo M. Wrobel, Consultant  
Rehabilitation Therapies *Ardo M. Wrobel*

SUBJECT:

*Suppt.  
Mr. Engberg  
Dr. J. M. M. M.  
Suppt. File*

I have recently received the monthly report for October 1961 of the Rehabilitation Therapies Department. I find these reports most interesting and informative and would like to thank you for getting them.

I would like to make note of the October report because I feel that it contains information about the Rehabilitation Therapies program that I consider significant development and genuinely good programming.

First off I would appreciate it if you would relay my congratulations to your staff for their diligent effort to make their programs therapeutically sound.

The following seems to me of particular interest: For the first time in eight years the patients attended the Halloween dance party in costumes; the upper-level adult dance group was granted mixed seating privileges; and the patients responded with model behavior. Dance music was provided by the resident's dance band and two local volunteers.

The boys sports activities consisted mostly of teaching these young boys how to pass, catch, and kick a ball and a few were very adept at this. They have the boys kick a ball to one of two boys at the end of the field and they in turn would try to run the ball back through ten to twelve players without being tackled.

About twenty men residing at Springdale helped scrounge for the lumber necessary to complete the construction of the outdoor Christmas scene.

The women residing at Iris at their council meeting invited the men from Sioux Cottage to a party. They baked and iced twelve cakes under the supervision of a rehab. employee and she was most impressed with the initiative demonstrated by the women.

Each of the 233 residents observing birthdays in October were honored with an addressed birthday card, ice cream, and a decorated cake square.

The Coverall is in its eleventh year of publication which includes news from each of the 34 resident cottages written by the various residents. It also includes a cross-word puzzle for concentration, guess-the-song contest with clues for alertness, and the Hobby-Merry-Go-Round which is an illustrated craft idea with instructions. The residents assist in preparing the Coverall for publication and assist in assembling the pages.

Textile painting continues to be a favorite activity among the girls and leather lacing and bead mats rate high with the men. The cooking class baked cookies and cakes for Halloween treats and also prepared hot dishes.

Department In-Service Training included review of case abstracts, various phases of occupational therapy, conducted as a part of the Patient Activity Assistant II Training Program which is a state-wide training program.

This is to confirm verbal arrangements for a visit to your hospital on Tuesday 23 January 1962.

AMW/jg

cc: Dr. Richard Bartman  
Mr. Raymond Roach