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SUNNYSIDE UNIT OBSERVATION

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Sioux - Mr. Meill was teaching the men how to cast a fishing rod and reel. He said he has four or five at a time and has them practice. He had about every kind of allure, and was instructing the residents in which one to use to fish for different types of fish. The "caring for" clothes is going well, but he is anxious to obtain wardrobes so all the clothes will be available to each resident. All the residents are interested in the rabbit raising, but the prime responsibility for these belongs to the man that owns thorn.

Sioux building appears to be very homelike and the residents are availing themselves to the library and music room, whenever they wish. There appeared to be an adequate supply of paper, books, puzzles, model planes, and cars, etc. available in these rooms.

The atmosphere seemed to be happy and all appeared contented and relaxed.

West - The residents have been assigned to technicians and each technician tries to work with his group when he has time on his shift. There was one technician on Friday and the residents were watching T.V.

The furniture they obtained from the Jaycees has been used to furnish their training room. They have programs in shaving, washing, sign recognition, number recognition, telling time (several can now tell time by quarter hour). I was pleased to see the employees' coffee room was being used for the residents snack room also.

The door to this area was locked and the sign over the door was "Employees Only, Residents Keep-out". I was told this is going to be changed. I had not mentioned it, the technician said it would be changed.

Hillcrest - The upstairs recreation room has been rearranged and looks quite nice. I was told the door is kept locked at times as some of the residents do not take good care of the area. I am hopeful this will be left open all the time, when the residents become more accustomed to having magazines, catalogues, papers, puzzles, etc., available all the time there will be less confiscation of the supplies.

The picnic area is progressing nicely. The fireplace is nearly complete, they have transplanted some trees they dug up in the woods, they obtained flowers and have a flower bed planted and with residents funds have purchased redwood lawn furniture (which was being assembled) and a grill. This? area looked nice.

They have obtained straight chairs and there is a chair by each resident's bed, it is rather crowded but certainly is nice for the residents. The curtains are rather ragged and if the building is going to continue to house residents the curtains should be replaced. They have squirrels, birds, etc., the residents feed and tame. Ms seems to be a very rewarding activity for them.

Chip.W. - The two technicians were working in the clothesroom sorting and putting away clothes. This to me is work a custodial worker should be doing when we have an adequate staff of custodial workers. They have assigned groups of residents to each technician, but with the many clinical calls for residents they have difficulty in completing an activity when they start it. In the evening one technician takes three

residents to the bathing area on Pawnee I and can then give individual instructions in bathing, drying and washing heads. They felt the residents are doing well in this program. They have programs in shaving, washing, dressing, bedmaking, sign recognition, manners, etc. They wished they could do the training more consistently. There were books, magazines, papers, etc. available in the ward area. The little dayroom they have furnished in one of the small dormitories was occupied by several residents looking at magazines.

Chip. E. - There were three technicians on ward (change of shift time). The residents were looking at catalogues and magazines and a few watching T.V. on large dayroom. The small dayroom has a davenport and some easy chairs and looked quite cozy. Three residents, who had just returned from work after lunch were napping on the davenport. The basement recreation room is developing quite nicely, there were no residents in this area, the technicians said it is used in the evening when the men return from work. They have residents assigned to training programs in shaving, dressing, social manners, some reading, bathing, washing, dressing, etc.

Pawnee II and HI -There was one technician on duty, he had all the residents in the play yard and he was observing from the door as he had to answer phone and could not be in yard. The residents were swinging and seemed to be entertaining themselves quite well. One had a tin top of a barrel and had two sticks he was using, pretending he was playing a drum. Two others were clapping their hands keeping time to this improvised drum.

Activity Room Area - There was no one in this area because of the shortage of personnel on the wards. They are badly in need of more materials in their activity areas. They try teaching many of the ward programs in this area as they have only a few residents at a time here. With supplies available perhaps some residents could utilize this area without supervision. They need supplies and additional personnel to be able to utilize this area well.

In the large activity area there were about ten Pawnee residents playing the record player and dancing.

I was pleased to see they allowed the residents down there when there was no employee available to be with them.

I would like to recommend, that a schedule be set up for the use of activity rooms. If staff is short perhaps after the person or persons have had their scheduled time with their groups, they could relieve on another area so another group could have time in the activity center.