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## FAIRBANKS STATE SCHOOL &amp; HOSPITAL

## REPORT FOR HANDICRAFT DEPARTMENT

April, May, June, July,  
August and September, 1937

April - Number of patients covered in Handicraft	4,080
May - Number of patients covered in Handicraft	4,160
June - Number of patients covered in Handicraft (Instructors helped with patient picnics)	2,140
July - Number of patients covered in Handicraft	3,170
August - Number of patients covered in Handicraft (Department moved to new area because of building program.)	1,370
September - Number of patients covered in Handicraft	3,760

## REPORT ON INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT OF PATIENTS

Month	Men	Boys	Total
April	4	3	1451
May	3	0	1454
June	2	6	1450
July	14	4	1450
August	1	6	1455
September	2	5	1452

## **FAIRBANKS STATE SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL**

### **REPORT OF REHABILITATION THERAPIES DEPARTMENT**

**April, May, June, July, August & September**

The personnel of Rehabilitation Therapies continued to serve the patients of the Fairbanks State School and Hospital during the months of April, May, June, July, August and September through either central or dormitory activities schedules.

Briefly we are listing some of the large group activities which occurred during these months at which the staff either assisted or were completely responsible.

#### **APRIL**

Church: Protestant services 5, Catholic services 4, Lutheran services and Sunday School 5, Special Protestant services on Good Friday 2.

Birthday observances - 294  
Social dances - 7  
Play party games - 6  
Ward movies 16 mm. - 65

Auditorium 35 mm. movies - 14  
Community sings - 4  
Square dances - 5

During Holy Week activities were of a quiet passive nature with all auditorium activities being cancelled with the exception of religious activities.

We failed to report the promotion of Mr. Richard Andros from Patient Activities Leader I to Patient Activities Leader II in our last report. This was made possible on March 1 by substituting the Leader II position for the Leader I position. He was selected from a Civil Service list.

#### **MAY**

Church: Protestant services 4, Catholic services 4, Lutheran services and Sunday School 4.

Patient picnics - 10  
Community sings - 1  
Social dances - 1

Ward 16 mm. movies - 91

Male patient vs. employee soft ball games - 3  
One volunteer entertainment group - 3 programs

Auditorium 35 mm. movies - 16  
Play party games - 4  
Square dances - 3  
Birthday observances - 276

Each year with the start of our annual patient picnics in the middle of May we discontinue with our winter inside central activities in favor of

summer central activities. In some cases this means moving the activity from our auditorium to outdoor areas.

Each dormitory of patients is permitted the opportunity of participating in a picnic which includes a picnic menu of hot dogs, buns, potato chips, relishes, cookies, ice cream, lemonade and coffee for the ambulatory patients and ground hot dogs, mashed potatoes, ice cream, lemonade and coffee for the infirm patients and also special consideration is given to the diabetic patients picnic menu.

The type of picnic activities and location of the picnic depends, of course, upon the group being planned for. Wheel chair rides, carnival games, softball, fishing, relays are some of picnic activities. This year we took 11 large groups of our high intelligence groups off campus to a community park for their picnic. A total of 31 picnics were supervised by the activities staff.

Mr. Robert Gashin, Patient Activities Leader I, resigned from his position and his time terminated on May 10. Mr. Gashin went into private business.

Members of the Rehabilitation Therapies staff again organized the mixed doubles bowling tournament for employees of our hospital. One hundred and thirty employees participated in this fourth annual event. Prizes were awarded to the three partners with high scores and also to the three with the lowest scores.

## **JUNE**

**Churches:** Protestant services 5, Catholic services 5, Jewish services 1. The volunteer Lutheran services and Sunday School are discontinued throughout the summer months.

Ward 16 aa. movies - 60

Female employees vs. patients softball games - 2

Male employees vs. patients softball games - 4

Patient picnics - 21

240 patients attended the Fenwick Laborers baseball game at the city park.

Birthday observances - 251

1 volunteer group - dance and concert

140 patients attended an annual raise at the community fair grounds which was sponsored by the local Japanese group.

3,456 candy bars were received from the Jerry Vogel Foundation and distributed to the patients in honor of the birthday of Mr. Vogel's good friend, Morris Riva.

Mrs. Ruth Dismat, Patient Activities Leader I, resigned and her time was terminated as of June 17. Mrs. Dismat's resignation was due to pregnancy.

After an extended illness, Mrs. Clara Tushman, Handicraft Instructor, retired as of June 24.

A former employee, Mrs. Geraldine Rudats, was reinstated temporarily against the position which is vacant due to the leave of absence granted to Patient Activities Worker, Mrs. Mary Kane, in May. Mrs. Kane's present leave without pay expires July 25.

### JULY

Church: Protestant services 4, Catholic services 4.

Female employees vs. patients softball games - 3

Male employees vs. patients softball games - 5

Outside street dances - 2

Ward movies 16 mm. - 40

540 patients attended the Faribault Lakers baseball games at the city park.

July 4th - A volunteer entertainment group - dance and concert.

July 14 - One volunteer entertainment group - 1 program.

July 28 - One volunteer entertainment group - 2 programs.

Birthday observances - 232

Patient Activities Workers, Gerald Johnson and Dewey Gates, were promoted on a provisional appointment on July 22 to Patient Activities Leaders I. The two positions have remained vacant since August of 1956 and May of 1957 and we have been unable to recruit desirable personnel or to obtain a list from Civil Service.

Messrs. Johnson and Gates as Patient Activities Workers have gained in experience and have impressed us as having the necessary ability to perform the duties required of a person in this position. Both have shown interest in improving themselves by attending various workshops, institutes and extension courses.

Mrs. Geraldine Rudats was given permanent status as a Patient Activities Worker in filling the position formerly occupied by Mr. Johnson.

Patient Activities Worker, Mrs. Mary Kane, returned to work on July 25 after a three months leave of absence because of illness.

### AUGUST

Church: Protestant services 4, Catholic services 3

Outside street dances - 2

Female employees vs. patients softball games - 2

Male employees vs. patients softball games - 2

Faribault employees vs. St. Peter employees - 1

Ward movies 16 mm. - 40

Birthday observances - 255

120 patients attended a circus in Faribault. Tickets were purchased by the local F.F. V. Club.

August 11 - Volunteer entertainment group - variety program.

August 15 - Volunteer group - Negro picnic.

120 patients attended Faribault Lakers baseball games at community park.

Patient Activities Worker, Mrs. Margaret Baurenfiand, resigned because of pregnancy.

The Recreation and Handicraft Departments moved from their present locations this month because of the plans to renovate the Center wing of our present administration building. Their new quarters will be satisfactory until the new activities building is completed. A certain amount of hardship will be experienced because of the loss of our present auditorium facilities. Many of our present auditorium programs will be carried on temporarily in other areas, including the Braille School auditorium, in some cases on a smaller scale.

This month we saw the occurrence of our second annual picnic for which the activities staff members carried much of the responsibility. It is estimated that 1,500 employees, their friends, husbands or wives, and children participated in the day long event.

## SEPTEMBER

Churches: Protestant services, 3; Catholic 3; Jewish 1.

Ward movies 16 mm. - 23

Community singe - 8

Social dances - 6

Square dances - 4

50 patients attended a Faribault Laker baseball game the community park.

Birthday observances - 252

September 5 - Volunteer band - 1 dance and 1 concert.

September 27 - 1 volunteer entertainer - 1 program

September 29 - Volunteer entertainment group - 1 program

We have again gone into our winter program on a modified basis because of our present lack of facilities. Until our new auditorium is completed, we will not have 35 mm. movies.

Mrs. Valma Swiven has joined the Rehabilitation Therapies staff as a Handicraft Instructor. Mrs. Swiven previously was an Aide I and fills the vacancy created with the retirement of Mrs. Tushman in June.

Mrs. Priscilla Kern transferred from an Aide I to a Patient Activities Worker. This transfer fills the vacancy created by Mrs. Baurenfiand who resigned in August.

We still have an opening for a female Patient Activities Leader I and a Patient Activities Worker. Names are not available from Civil Service and we have not been able to recruit desirable persons.

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