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Visit of Mrs. Bernice T. Crawford, R.F.T.
Physical Therapy Consultant

Mrs. Crawford visited us yesterday in response to our letter of April 30, 1964 to Dr. Helen Knutson, Hospital Services Division, Department of Health, and plans to visit us again on Wednesday, September 30.

During her visit she spent considerable time observing post-operative physiotherapy programs being conducted under the supervision of Mrs. Ethel Hilerich, A.M.H., who has received a short training program being given at the Kenny Institute. Usually Mrs. Janet Vielhauer, R.F.T. of the Rochester State Hospital Staff accompanies the orthopedic surgical consultants when they make their scheduled visits each Wednesday, but was prevented from coming yesterday so Mrs. Crawford did not have an opportunity to meet her but expects to do so on the afternoon of the 30th.

Mrs. Crawford spent the entire afternoon here. Mrs. Blomquist went with her to visit some of our buildings having physically handicapped patients in addition to the post-operative ward. Before leaving Dr. Thorsten Smith, Mrs. Blomquist, and I reviewed with Mrs. Crawford the present program, certain problems, especially the need for a registered physiotherapist to direct and supervise the present, as well as plan a long range program not only for post-operative orthopedic patients but for all patients who would benefit by proper physiotherapy treatment. We found her to be very interested in our program. She assured us she would try to help us in every way possible.

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