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HELP SANTA !

Santa again needs your help as Christmas 1969 is only a few weeks away.

The Veterans Organizations, their Auxiliaries and other individuals have been most helpful in providing the gifts and money necessary to make a joyous Christmas for the most important people at the Iowa Soldiers' Home - the residents. The Home can provide some of the materials for Christmas for our residents. It is, however, the little extras that you or your organization can supply that rounds out the Christmas Festivities. Remember, your check will be used for gifts or the expenses of Christmas Parties.

Gifts needed are transistor radios, new jewelry, pipes, electric razors, shirts, wallets, toiletries, men and ladies pajamas, table games, new bath and body preparations, pen and pencil sets, stationery, stamps, bed jackets, ladies sewing kits, new craft patterns, knitting sup-

plies, men and ladies slippers, and new lighters. Send your gifts to the Iowa Soldiers' Home, Attention: Harry Malloy.

Groups are always welcome at the Iowa Soldiers' Home. If you have some entertainment and can get away during the holidays give us a call on the telephone, and we can arrange an audience for you.



HANDICAPPED TELEPHONES

A new telephone for the handicapped has been installed in Marshalltown on the northwest corner of the Court House square by the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company. This action is the result of a request from the Iowa Soldiers' Home Rehabilitation Team and is the first telephone of its kind to be installed especially for the handicapped in the United States.

The Northwestern Bell Telephone Company was contacted concerning a telephone that would be easily accessible to a person in a wheelchair. Mr. Holliday, the manager of the local office, was very interested and pointed out that the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company has always provided various phones to meet the needs of the handicapped. He sent the request to Mr. William Mc Kibben in the Des Moines office and, on October 17, Mr. Mc Kibben and Mr. Holliday met with the Iowa Soldiers' Home Rehabilitation Team. Mr. Mc Kibben is in charge of all the public telephones in the United States and never before had been asked to provide this type of phone. First, the county supervisors were contacted by Mr. Mc Kibben for permission to install another telephone on the Court House square, and now Marshall-

town, Iowa, is the location of the first public telephone installed especially for wheelchair occupants and will serve as a pilot project for the company.

The Iowa Soldiers' Home Rehabilitation Team is composed of eight R.N.'s, five L.P.N.'s, and one Registered Physical Therapist. All of the R.N.'s and L.P.N.'s, have had special training in rehabilitation procedures in one of the training centers located in California, Pennsylvania, Minnesota and Iowa. An extensive rehabilitation program has been implemented at the Iowa Soldiers' Home by this team. One hundred and fifty nursing personnel have been taught the rehabilitation procedures necessary to help the members of the Home help themselves as much as they can for as long as they can.

Evelyn Villines, Executive Secretary to the Governor's Committee for Hiring the Handicapped, is serving as consultant to the team.

GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE

AT ISH

Governor Robert Ray's task force, known as the Governors Economic Committee, visited the

Iowa Soldiers' Home, November 3, 1969. They asked many questions along with seeing the many programs that are being developed and carried on here at the Iowa Soldiers' Home.

ISH COURTYARD

The courtyard gifts are coming in fairly well. However, we know it will take a concerted effort on the part of each organization and unit to make this dream a reality.

ALL VETERANS' DAY AT ISH

The Marshalltown Garden Club recently provided \$400. The American Legion, Third District, Department of Iowa, provided a check for \$200. The highest individual contribution has been made by Sam Opstvedt who reserved one of the shuffle board courts, a \$675 gift.

The All Veterans' Committee made up of representatives from all the Veterans' Organizations and their Auxiliaries developed and planned the All Veterans' Day Program at the Iowa Soldiers' Home. This program, for the City of Marshalltown was well attended.

The speakers were Major Gary Elliott and First Sergeant Paul J. Smith of the United States Marine Corps. These men spoke of the problems of the youth of today. The older veteran needs to speak out about the love of his flag and country. Both of these men are Veterans of the Conflict in Viet Nam. They know the hardships of War and why we are in Viet Nam. It was stated that over twenty per cent of the men in the United States Marine Corps sign up for either a six month or one year extension on their tour of duty. The youth, once it is over the exuberance of high school and college, has made excellent servicemen and truly good citizens.



Mrs. R. B. Landon, left, and Mrs. J. R. Bradbury, center, are shown presenting Jack J. Dack, Commandant of the Iowa Soldiers' Home, a check from the Marshalltown Garden Club.

FAIR AT ISH

The Arts, Crafts and Ceramic Departments will present their annual Christmas Bazaar on December 2, 1969. The hours are from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. The show will be held in the Arts and Crafts Room. We urge you to make up a carload of your friends and come to the Home.

This is an excellent way to pick up those Christmas gifts.

RESIDENTS ATTEND FOOTBALL GAMES

Each of the Saturday home games at Iowa City have found some of the ardent football fans from the Iowa Soldiers' Home in attendance. They have suffered along with the rest of Iowa at bumps the Hawkeyes have had to take. In turn, they have also cheered the bright moments in the life of these young Hawkeyes.

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