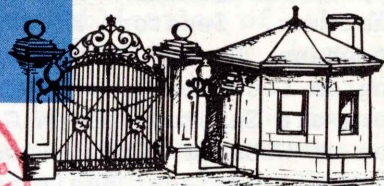


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LEGISLATION

The bill, providing federal per diem payments to be set aside in a special fund for matching money for renovation, remodeling or construction of new facilities, is now in committee in the House and Senate of Iowa Legislature.

This legislation House File 1114 was introduced by Representative Harold Fischer of Grundy County and co-sponsored by Representatives Larry L. Perkins of Pottawattamie County Sub-District #3, Keith Dunton of Keokuk County, John Tapscott of Polk County Sub-District #11 and Donald L. Lippold, Black Hawk County District #5. The companion bill, Senate File 1109, was introduced in the Senate by Senator John L. Mowry of Marshall County and co-sponsored by Senators William F. Denman of Polk County District #3, Elmer F. Lange of Calhoun, Ida and Sac Counties and James E. Briles of Adams, Montgomery, Taylor and Union Counties.

The Veterans' Organizations of Iowa believe that this legislation is necessary and the easiest way for Iowa to secure the matching funds which are available at the Veterans Administration in Washington, D. C. Veterans Administration Administrator Donald E. Johnson, at the Commanders and Adjutants Conference in February, reminded the convention and the Solons present that this is an opportunity for Iowa to get ready for the large veteran population of 65 years and over who will be knocking at the door of the Iowa Soldiers' Home for service for some 178,000 members by 1982.

These companion bills are in the Sub-Committee. The House Bill is in the Social Services Sub-Committee chaired by Representative Art R. Kitner of Buchanan County with Representative Howard A. Hamilton of Cedar County and Representative Donald V. Doyle of Woodbury County as Committee Members for District

#2. The Senate Bill is in the appropriation Sub-Committee with Chairman, Senator Richard L. Stephens, Henry, Louisa and Washington Counties. Committee members are Senator Joseph C. Coleman of Webster County and Earl Bass of Madison, Adair and Cass Counties.

The Veterans' Organizations urge that you contact your Representative and Senator and the legislators on these Sub-Committees and the Governor of Iowa, letting them know your wishes in this important legislation.

MRS. LOFTUS DIES

The Iowa Soldiers' Home extends to the family of Mrs. Ward M. Loftus our sympathy in their hour of sorrow. Mrs. Loftus, widow of the late Commandant Ward M. Loftus, died in California following a stroke. Funeral and burial was in Tama County.

Mrs. Loftus will be missed by her family and the many friends she had throughout the State of Iowa.

MAYOR VISITS ISH

Mayor William B. Crosby of Marshalltown, Iowa, was a recent visitor at the Iowa Soldiers' Home. He visited with Commandant Jack J. Dack on the House File 1114 and Senate File 1109. This

bill, backed by the veterans' groups, provides for the setting aside of federal aid funds for matching money with the Veterans Administration.



Mayor Crosby said this will be an excellent opportunity for the Iowa Soldiers' Home to demonstrate that the care given to the residents can also be the kind of care all the geriatric chronically ill residents of Iowa need.

NEW DIRECTOR AT VA HOSPITAL

Jack J. Dack, Commandant, and Allan Mac Naughton, Staff Assistant, of the Iowa Soldiers' Home were in attendance at the appointment of Burdeen F. (Fred) Brown as Director of the Iowa City Veterans Administration Hospital, by Donald E. Johnson, Administrator of Veterans Affairs. The Iowa Soldiers' Home staff is looking forward to working with Mr. Brown.

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LAUNDRY MANAGERS MET AT ISH

Hubert Myers, Laundry Manager at the Iowa Soldiers' Home, hosted the February 19 quarterly meeting of the Iowa Association of Institutional Laundry Managers on behalf of the Iowa Soldiers' Home. Approximately forty managers and laundry equipment and supply manufacturers' representatives attended.

A topic of the meeting was, "What the Professional Staff Expects of Their Laundry Services". This was the first time this subject had been discussed before the organization by a nursing panel. It was one of the informative highlights of the meeting. The Iowa Soldiers' Home felt fortunate to be the first institution under the Department of Social Services to host this group. The Home is the only institution besides the University of Iowa and its hospital to hold membership in this association.

Representation at the meeting included St. Luke's Hospital, Cedar Rapids; St. Mary's Hospital, Iowa City; Iowa Lutheran and Iowa Methodist Hospital, Des Moines; Archbishop Bergan Murphy and University Hospitals, Omaha, Nebraska; St. Francis Hospital, Waterloo; Marshalltown Area Community Hospital, Marshalltown; Fort Madison Penitentiary, Fort Madison and Anamosa Reformatory, Anamosa. Also represented were the Mental Health Institutes at Independence, Clarinda, Mount Pleasant and Cherokee. The Iowa

Annie Wittenmyer Home, Davenport; State Juvenile Home, Toledo; Woodward State Hospital, Woodward and the Glenwood State Hospital-School, Glenwood, were in attendance.

CARE OF STROKE PATIENT SESSIONS HELD AT ISH

The workshop on, "The Care of the Patient with a Stroke", held at the Iowa Soldiers' Home, was completed the week of March 23. The workshop was sponsored by the College of Nursing, University of Iowa, Iowa Regional Medical Program and Area VI School. Fifteen area nurses, including two Iowa Soldiers' Home nurses attended the workshop and the principal faculty was Mrs. Maridean Maas, Liscomb, Iowa, Assistant Professor, College of Nursing, University of Iowa. The primary objective of the workshop was to better prepare registered professional nurses in the care of stroke patients with the emphasis on the team approach to the care of the patient with a stroke. Various Iowa Soldiers' Home professionals including Tom Sweet, Speech and Hearing Clinician; Maridee Meyer, Activities Director; Arthur Glynn, Administrative Dietician; Ruth King, Physical Therapist; William Turner, Consultant Social Worker; Janet Specht, Director of Nursing, participated in the workshop.

RUTH KING GOING TO JAPAN

Miss Ruth King, Registered Physical Therapist, head of the Physical Therapy Department at the Iowa Soldiers' Home, is taking a one year leave of absence. Miss King will leave the middle of April to go to Japan to teach rehabilitation and physical therapy at Kyushu Rehabilitation College in Kitakyushu, Japan. The Kyushu Rehabilitation College is one of two in Japan, the other being in Tokyo.

The staff and residents of the Iowa Soldiers' Home will miss this dedicated lady while she is gone. We know her students in Japan will reap rich rewards from the skill, the needs of the geriatric patient, as well as that patient with a chronic illness or physical handicap. Jack J. Dack, Commandant, stated that this honor and opportunity which has come to Miss King is a credit to her ability. This invitation from the college brings credit to her and the Iowa Soldiers' Home.

We are very proud to have her as a member of our team. We wish her well in this new experience as a teacher of Physical Therapy.

SUPREME GRAY BACK VISITS ISH

Mrs. Adele Roderick, Hawaii, Supreme Gray Back of the Cootie-Ettes on a national tour, visited the Iowa Soldiers' Home in the early weeks of March. Mrs. Rod-

erick was most impressed by the facility and the care and treatment programs she saw at the Iowa Soldiers' Home. This was the first opportunity she had to visit and tour a state operated veteran facility. Her visits to veteran facilities previous to her visit in Marshalltown have been to Veteran Administration Hospitals.

She reported that this visit gave her a view of the overall picture of the various veteran facilities available to veterans in those states fortunate enough to have State Veteran Homes.

Mrs. Roderick returned to Waterloo to resume her nationwide tour with her next stop in Michigan.



Mrs. Adele Roderick, center, and her husband, right, stopped by to visit with Ruth King, left, at the Physical Therapy Department while on their tour.

REMOTIVATION SESSIONS

Remotivation sessions are structured discussion groups of ten to twelve residents led by nursing personnel. The purpose of these groups are to provide stimulus for thinking, to assist in maintenance of orientation, and to promote socialization among residents. There has been an on-going Remotivation Program at the Iowa Soldiers' Home for two years which has proven successful in terms of benefits, to both residents and staff. In keeping with our objective of being a demonstrative facility, Darlene Longman, Remotivation Coordinator, has recently met with persons interested in Remotivation from other communities and care settings.

On March 3 Mrs. Longman and Nancy Finders, an Iowa Soldiers' Home Remotivator, demonstrated Remotivation techniques to a volunteer group in a nursing home in Cedar Rapids. The demonstration was followed by discussions with the group and plans to teach the formal 30 hour Remotivation Course to the group.

On March 19 Mrs. Longman and Janet Specht, Director of Nursing, met with twelve nursing directors from the Des Moines area nursing homes at Riverview Manor in Des Moines. The discussion centered on the methods and objectives of Remotivation. Plans are being made for Mrs. Longman to teach the Remotivation Course to representatives from these twelve homes. Thus,

the numbers of aging and chronically ill persons benefiting from this proven technique will rapidly expand.

Remotivation adds another dimension to patient care equally important to physical care -- that of stimulation and socialization. The Iowa Soldiers' Home is providing leadership for the use of Remotivation in Iowa Nursing Homes.

IRENE BARNES RECEIVES CERTIFICATE

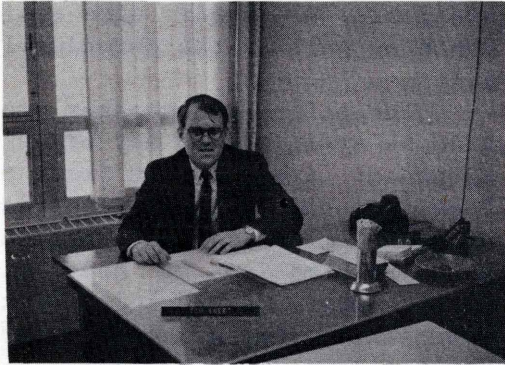
Irene Barnes, Ceramic Instructor at the Iowa Soldiers' Home, was awarded a certificate as a Certified Ceramic Teacher following her completion of 64 hours of an advanced ceramic technique seminar held in Des Moines. The certificate was awarded by the Duncan Ceramic Products, Inc., world's largest manufacturer of ceramic hobby products.

This certificate designates Mrs. Barnes as a fully qualified teacher of the latest ceramic color and decorating techniques. It is awarded only after the successful completion of a prescribed course of seminar instruction and a comprehensive practical and written examination.

Training, such as this, is another example of the Iowa Soldier's Home's efforts to update our programs. The opportunity for the educational growth of job knowledge strengthens our overall efforts in providing gainful activities, led by experts, for the members of the Home.

THOMAS SWEET RETURNS TO ISH

Thomas R. Sweet, Speech Therapist and Auditory Clinician has returned to the Iowa Soldiers' Home after the completion of his military obligation.



Mr. Sweet joined the Iowa Soldiers' Home staff after graduating from the University of Northern Iowa. While in service Mr. Sweet was assigned to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. Upon completion of his Washington assignment he was sent to Korea for six months. He was discharged from the Army upon completion of this assignment.

Mr. Sweet's wife and two children are now living in Marshalltown.

EASTER PARADE AT ISH

The Iowa Soldiers' Home had its own Easter Parade on Tuesday, March 24 when twenty-two residents participated in a style show, modeling the latest in spring styles. The style show was organized and coordinated by Darlene Longman, Remotivation Coordinator, with much assistance

from the ladies who live and work on Loftus II. Styles including hats, purses, jewelry, a beautiful negligee, poncho, dusters, through Sunday best were shown to the large group of residents and personnel who attended. Braces, walkers, wheelchairs or shakiness certainly did not hamper the beauty nor the enthusiasm of the show. A grand time was had by all.

OUTSTANDING CITIZENSHIP AWARD GIVEN

The Iowa Soldiers' Home received the Outstanding Citizenship Award for 1970. This award is made by the United Campaign for the participation and community support provided by the employees of the Iowa Soldiers' Home. Each year the employees of the Home give their financial support to the various organizations supported by the United Campaign.



Presenting the award to Jack Dack, Commandant, is Cindy Crabtree, left, and Mollie Johnson, right.

GOOD RESPONSE TO
ISH SLIDE PROGRAM

The response to the Iowa Soldiers' Home Slide Program has been excellent, Commandant Jack J. Dack reported. We have had many requests for the program over the State of Iowa since the publication in the Veterans' Organizations Newspapers.

This is an important segment of our overall program. We feel this slide presentation informs the Iowa Citizens about their Iowa Soldiers' Home and the programs that are benefiting the Iowa Veteran and other aged

and chronically ill Iowa Citizens. Our care and treatment programs are pointing the way to the Iowa communities so they may improve the care and treatment available to their aged residents as well as the chronically ill.

The slide and speaker program is available to any organization or group in the State of Iowa. If the program chairman of your organization desires more information or available dates, write to Jack J. Dack, Commandant, Iowa Soldiers' Home, Marshalltown, Iowa 50158.

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