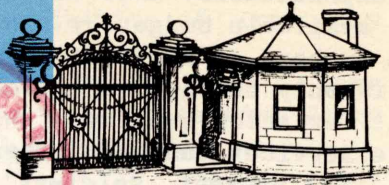
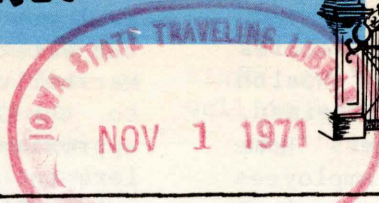


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BEDS CLOSED!

Jack J. Dack, Commandant of the Iowa Soldiers' Home, announced that despite the heavy demand for Health Care Services, a unit (35 beds) in the Sheeler Health Care Facility is in the process of being closed. There are 217 aged, ill, and handicapped veterans, wives, and widows awaiting admission to the Home. The greater number of these prospective Residents require the Hospital or Nursing Care bed.

Such action, following recommendation by the Administration to and with approval from the Department of Social Services, resulted from a thorough evaluation and study of the appropriations for the Home received from the Legislature for the 64th Biennium.

The Home received an appropriation for Fiscal Year 1971-72 of \$2,707,434 and for Fiscal Year 1972-73 of \$2,797,168, a 10% increase over the 63rd Biennium (or an annual increase of $6\frac{1}{2}\%$).

However, with increased medical costs of 10-14% yearly; yearly merit increases (5%) for employees; and implementation of the Jacobs Pay Plan (5%) for the majority of employees, the increase is not sufficient to continue to provide the present required level of Health Care Services for the Residents. A position by position projection of the present staffing pattern, together with monies required for continued operational expenditures, reveal a deficit of \$120,326 for Fiscal Year 1971-72 and \$179,729 for Fiscal Year 1972-73.

During the past 63rd Biennium, the Home, in attempting to maintain an adequate level of care while experiencing soaring costs, was forced to reduce its staff by twenty-four positions to meet its appropriation. With insufficient monies for the current 64th Biennium, the Iowa Soldiers' Home with an already reduced staff was left with no other alternative but to bring the level

of expenditures into line with the available budget by reducing the number of Residents served. It is only through such measures that existing quality of Health Care Services can be maintained.

The present Soldiers' Home staff consists of 310 employees providing around the clock seven days a week care for 513 Residents. With the closing of the unit in the Sheeler Health Care Facility, a reduction in the number of staff will be noted. Approximately twenty-five positions will be lost. This reduction, it appears, will be accomplished through attrition rather than a layoff.

In comparing costs of operation of the Iowa Soldiers' Home with other State Home medical costs and like facilities such as the Veterans Administration, Dack feels the Marshalltown operation demonstrates efficiency and economy in service. For example:

V. A. Hospital Care	\$52.64
V. A. Nursing Home Units	26.34
V. A. Domiciliary	9.64
State Home (Hospital Type Care)	\$26.79
State Home (Nursing Home Care)	15.62
State Home (Domiciliary Care)	8.81
ISH (Hospital Type Care)	\$19.70
ISH (Nursing Home Care)	13.20
ISH (Domiciliary Care)	8.80

During the past 63rd Biennium, through monies received from the Residents based on their

ability to pay for Health Care Services at the Home and the Federal per diem reimbursement from the Veterans Administration, the Marshalltown Facility returned to the General Treasury of Iowa approximately three million dollars out of a five million budget. It is anticipated that during the 64th Biennium the Home will return to the Treasury of Iowa over 50% of the appropriated budget.

Dack is hopeful that through the understanding of the Legislature, the efforts of the Veterans Organization of Iowa who are most concerned, and the Department of Social Services, that the General Assembly will provide supplemental funding when they convene in January so the closed unit at the Home can be restaffed and opened. A valiant effort on the part of concerned Legislators to obtain additional funds for the Iowa Soldiers' Home during the last days of the first session of the 64th General Assembly was defeated in the House 44 to 38.

The need and demand for service to Iowa's aged and chronically ill veterans is obvious. However, in order to provide the necessary Health Care Services it requires personnel, and personnel in these days of inflation cost money. Till then, those on the waiting list will have to wait longer for admission and the list will grow in number.

HARRY MALLOY RETIRES

Harry E. Malloy, Volunteer Coordinator and Community Liaison Representative in the Activities area is retiring effective October 11, 1971. Mr. Malloy has spent thirty five years of his working career in the employ of the State of Iowa serving the Veteran and his dependent at the Iowa Soldiers' Home.



He served the Home as Quartermaster for some 24 years. Then during the Administration of Commandant Ward M. Loftus, Mr. Malloy entered the recreation area in 1960 and had the responsibility of the Recreation and Activity Department. As the Department grew Mr. Malloy assumed the responsibility for coordinating the volunteers who come to the facility.

His friendliness and knowledge of proper organizations

and community resources led to his responsibility of Community Liaison Representative.

The Iowa Soldiers' Home staff and residents wish Harry well in his retirement.

THE GEORGEMOBILE

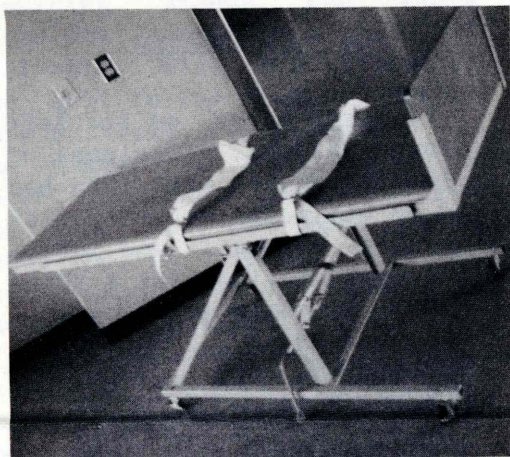
Pictured below on the left is George Huffman, a resident of the Iowa Soldiers' Home, who has given up his push-cart method of delivering the mail and inter-office communications for a three



wheel bicycle. Jack Dack is shown presenting a \$5 Canteen book to Art Palmer, center, a resident of the Iowa Soldiers' Home, who named the bike The Georgemobile. Shown in the back are Merlin Ziel and Lyllis Schoeberlein.

PAUL SCHAPER MEMORIAL

Mrs. Paul Schaper of Cedar Falls has placed a tilt-table at the Home as a Memorial to her husband Paul. We know the many folks who gave Mrs. Paul Schaper memorial money will be pleased.



Paul Schaper was a former Department Commander of World War I. It is indeed fitting this memorial be placed at this Home in his memory for use by his buddies of World War I, II, Korean and the VietNam Conflict.

DONATION TO ISH

Mrs. Eva Clark, Hospital Representative, AMVETS, Department of Iowa at the Iowa Soldiers' Home, is shown presenting a check to Mr. Dack from the Department for use at the Iowa Soldiers' Home.



We are indeed grateful to this lady, her fellow co-workers, and the organization she represents, as it is through efforts such as hers and the AMVETS Auxiliary we are able to do some of the things here at the Iowa Soldiers' Home.

DOLLARS FOR CHRISTMAS AT YOUR IOWA SOLDIERS' HOME

There are 85 shopping days until Christmas. Christmas away from family and friends can be very lonely and depressing. Especially, if you are confined to a hospital bed or wheelchair and have no way of joining loved ones because of your physical disabilities.

You can assist in a project of providing the finances for the Iowa Soldiers' Home to insure Christmas joy for the veterans and their wives or widows at the Home. A dollar (\$1.00) sent to the Commandant, Iowa Soldiers' Home, Marshalltown, Iowa 50158 will enable your money to be used in bringing Christmas happiness to the less fortunate veteran.

MACNAUGHTON APPOINTED ADJUTANT

Mr. Jack J. Dack, Commandant of the Iowa Soldiers' Home, Marshalltown, Iowa, announces the promotion of Mr. Hillis A. MacNaughton to the position of Adjutant. This promotion was effective September 1, 1971. Mr. MacNaughton has been employed by the Home as a Staff Assistant since September 19, 1965.



Among many other duties of the position of Adjutant, Mr. MacNaughton will be responsible for close liaison with the Soldiers' Relief Commissioners throughout the state pertinent to prospective Residents, and for coordinating with veterans organizations and the Veterans Administration

to insure that the Residents of the Iowa Soldiers' Home receive benefits to which they are entitled by virtue of their military service during wartime. Mr. MacNaughton will also be responsible for the Residents' social security, medicare, and private annuities. He will also work with the Residents in financial affairs counseling and assistance, and be a member of the management team.

Mr. MacNaughton is well qualified for his new position. In addition to his six years of employment as a Staff Assistant at the Home, he was Administrator of the Evans Memorial Nursing Home in Cresco, Iowa, for one year. He is a veteran of World War II and is an officer in the American Legion, Frank Lewis Glick Post #46, Marshalltown, Iowa, and a member of Voiture 568, La Societe Des 40 Hommes Et 8 Chevoux. Mr. MacNaughton is also a Representative Director, Marshall County TB and Respiratory Disease Association and a member of Troop 301 and the District Committee of Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. MacNaughton received his BA in Political Science from the State University of Iowa and has a diploma in Mortuary Science from the College of Mortuary Science, St. Louis, Missouri. He has also taken several college level courses in Nursing and Veterans' Home Administration.

He is married and the father of two sons and one daughter.

Mrs. Witt, a resident of the Iowa Soldiers' Home since January 7, 1970, was honored by the Dessel-Schmidt Post #225, Tolstein, Iowa. She was presented with a Life Membership by



Department Commander Dale Renaud at a recent coffee and reception in her honor at the Iowa Soldiers' Home, Heinz Hall, Recreation Room.

Mrs. Witt was a Army Nurse during World War I. We congratulate her on her long time service to the American Legion and her many friends. Her home post Dessel-Schmidt Post #225 is to be congratulated on their selection of the Life Membership for this very deserving lady.

RAGS ARE NEEDED

We need your help in securing rags preferably cotton material -- sheets, pillowcases, cotton dresses, shorts. The rags need the eyes and hooks or buttons removed. These will be used in our maintenance and paint areas. Send your rags to the Quartermaster, Iowa Soldiers' Home, Marshalltown, Iowa 50158.

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