

Capitol News - Number of Mental Patients is Less Than Predicted in 1951

LINCOLN—Ten years ago a report by a group of experts predicted this state would have 5,200 patients in its 3 mental hospitals by 1961.

The report, by the American Psychiatric Association, also said Nebraska needed immediately another 1,800-bed mental hospital. It was then that the state began taking a concentrated look at the problem of its mentally ill citizens.

Today, says Dr. Cecil Wittson, state mental health director, Nebraska has only 3,967 patients in its hospitals, not the 5,200 anticipated. This, he added, is despite the fact that in 1955 the all-time high of 4,826 was reached.

What made the difference? The state did not build another hospital. It estimated the Nebraska Psychiatric Institute in Omaha, to be jointly under the Board of Control, which governs state institutions, and the University of Nebraska.

Research programs were begun. A series of governors, legislatures and boards of control went along with increased expenditures for aiding the mentally sick.

The Institute and out-patient clinics began treating the mentally ill intensely and earlier. As early as 5 years ago a mental patient needed 24-hour treatment. Now, says Wittson, in a large number of cases, this no longer is true. Someone suffering from a mental ailment can check in and out of the Institute or the clinics just like a visit to a doctor for a physical ailment.

If the rate of progress continues, by 1965, Nebraska will have only 3,000 beds occupied in mental hospitals instead of the 5,200 predicted and will have treated many thousands more persons on an out-patient basis. That's the prediction of Wittson who says Nebraska now far exceeds the national rate for reduction of patient loads in state mental institutions.

Congressional Districts

One fact emerged from debate in the Legislature over reducing Nebraska's Congressional districts from 4 to 3. That was the realignment of the state will be an issue at virtually every stage in the legislative mill.

"I'm going to fight it all the way across," reported Sen. K. L. Bowen of Red Cloud, chairman of the government and military affairs committee. Bowen's committee sponsored a proposal that

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was rejected by the lawmakers who substituted another by a 22-18 vote and then advanced it off the initial debate stage by a 29-11 margin.

As sent off the first debate stage, the easternmost district would be comprised of Washington, Douglas, Sarpy and Cass counties. The western district, covering more than two-thirds of the state's land area has its eastern boundary the eastern sides of Boyd, Holt, Antelope, Boone, Nance, Merrick, Hamilton, Clay and Nuckolls counties.

The middle district would encompass the remaining counties, including Lancaster. Nebraska must redistrict because its population growth, as measured by the 1960 Census, did not keep pace with the national increase. The plan given initial approval by the Legislature, was approved by a coalition of western and northern senators. Bowen said if the committee plan is ignored by the Legislature, committee hearings should be done away with since they serve no function.

Western senators were the prime movers in the amended version on grounds the west would not have a Congressman who would be tuned to the needs of ranching and wheat areas. Conceivably, they argued, under the committee proposal which would have divided the state horizontally along the Platte River generally, all three Congressmen could come from the Missouri River counties.

The suggestion tentatively approved would put Reps. Phil Weaver of Falls City and Ralph Beermann in the same district, thus, one would lose his Congressional seat in the next election.

Legislature Districts

Turning to the matter of its own membership, the Legislature refused a proposal to force changing of legislative districts every 10 years. An attempt to revive a bill killed by the government committee was beaten 31-11. The Unicameral has never been redistricted since its inception in 1937.

Rural legislators in many instances, feel that redistricting especially if population only is a guide as now required by the Constitution, would allow Lincoln and Omaha to dominate the body. Urban senators say the number of persons each represents is sharply varied and realignment is necessary.

Hot Time
There will be a hot time in the Legislature this spring but it won't all be from debate.

Another attempt to air condition the legislative chamber has proven impractical and it appears now the lawmakers will have to shed their coats when the mercury rises.

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WD-Ralph Beckwith to Harold V Rosenkrans & wf 4-5-61 \$1- Lot 6 Blk 6 O'Neill.

Verdigre News

By Vac Randa

Last week the annual spring meeting of the Northeast District Women's Society of Christian Service was held at the Methodist church in Bloomfield when Mrs. George Thrapp of Verdigre was awarded special life membership for long service and accomplishment. This award was presented to her as a surprise by the district president. Announcement of organization of the Verdigre group was made, and last month the local Methodist Ladies Aid voted to become a part of the WSCS becoming the 52nd such society in the northeast district. Mrs. Jean Walstrom of Verdigre, the district youth officer, appeared on the program and held clinic training session for local youth secretary.

Among those from Verdigre who attended this meeting included Mrs. Ben Roubicek, Mrs. Emil Kreyck, Mrs. Dave Nelson, Mrs. George Thrapp and Mrs. Jean Walstrom.

Work is rapidly progressing on the new Verdigre clinic this week with three carpenters and a helper. Work next week will be done on the inside. The outside of the building will soon get siding and finishing material.

which will be then ready for the painters brush. Much work was accomplished in the past week, and at this rate it won't be long before the clinic will be ready.

About thirty-five students from Verdigre attended the Seventh Annual Science Fair at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion under the sponsorship of Mrs. Della E. Best, science teacher. The fair was held Friday April 14 and the following entered projects: Kathryn Maly, Kenneth Sonder, Joyce Kotrous, Mary Jean Davlik, Betty Randa, Janet Rudloff, Nancy Swoboda, Darlene Van Buren, Larry Verna, Marvin Soucek, Robert Frank and Barbara Liska. Each of the students were awarded a certificate of excellence. The parents attending were Mrs. Otto Jedlicka, Mrs. John Kounovsky, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Svoboda, Mrs. Bruce William, Mrs. Edward Pavlik, Mr. Bolton Randa, Mrs. Joe Verner, Mrs. Otto Liska and Mrs. Henry Prokop.

The annual fourth quarterly conference meeting was held in the local Methodist church Thursday, Dr. Robert Embree of O'Neill, district superintendent, officiated. Mrs. Embree was also present and also lay leader, Floyd Root of Belden. Articles of Corporation were adopted by the trustees of the church. The trustees are Otto E. Sandor, Marlo M. Custer, Emil W. Uhler, Dr. Verle Walstrom, Roscoe Groeling, Emil Bartos, Floyd Hildreth and Fred Frank. W. Dave Nelson is chairman of the official board and Louis A. Pavlik was the notary. Mrs. William Fosterman was named to be in charge of official records and registration and Mrs. Fred Marshall takes over the leadership of commission on missions. Mrs. Floyd Hildreth, together with a committee of graduate MYF youth adults, will be youth superintendent.

Orchard News

Mrs. Wilbur Mahood
Phone TW 3-3185

Mr. and Mrs. Don Drager and family of Lincoln spent the weekend in the John Stelling and Carl Nelson homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Pearson and family were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Dempster. Linda Fox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fox, entered the "Name the Drive-In" contest in O'Neill and won second prize of \$5.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harris of Brunswick visited the J. W. Mahood home Saturday afternoon. The Bridge club met with Mrs. Wayne Lautenschlager Tuesday

evening. Mrs. Allen Hill and Mrs. Gail Brodie won prizes.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barkley of Sheffield, Ia., and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sukup of Aredale, Ia., were weekend guests in the Edward Sukup home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reed visited their son, Ronald Reed and family at Des Moines, Ia., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Withee visited their daughter and family Sunday afternoon.

William Buck entered an Omaha hospital last week.

Clifford Ziegenbein went to Omaha Monday to enter a hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Kang and Randy of Washington, Kans., spent the weekend with Mr. Nagel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Nagel, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Wilson attended the funeral of Wendell's uncle, Fred Buck of St. Edward last week.

Sunday a birthday dinner for Mrs. R. A. Willits was given at the David Willits home. Those attending were R. A. Willits and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Marshall of Verdigre.

Those helping to celebrate Mrs. Oliver Dempster's birthday Sunday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jensen and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Weber.

American Legion met April 11 with 100 members present at the

THE FRONTIER, O'Neill, Nebraska, Thursday, April 27, 1961

Legion hall. Mrs. Gerald Maple, president, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Ray Hill and Mrs. Pearl Johnson were colorbearers. It was voted to have a water heater installed at the Legion hall. May 27 is to be Poppy Day. The committee members are Mrs. Lyle Schleusener, Mrs. Jack Klassen and Mrs. Lee Bjornsen. Mrs. Ray Hill and Mrs. Gerald Maple are to purchase memorial wreaths for deceased members. Mrs. Lee Bjornsen was presented her past president pin by Mrs. Maple.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Jennie George, Mrs. Pearl Johnson and Mrs. Fred Deterville.

Sunset chapter, Order of the Eastern Star held initiation ceremonies here Thursday evening. In charge were Mrs. Henry Drayton, worthy matron and Gordon Johnson worthy patron. Fifteen members of Jephtha No. 85 of Ewing and 15 members Creighton Chapter No. 100, were guests. The serving committee served a buffet.

Mrs. R. A. Willits was guest of honor at a party Monday afternoon when several friends surprised her at her home on her birthday. Those present were Mrs. Homer Barton, Mrs. Louise Beal, Miss Helen Mitchell, Mrs. Milo Snyder, Mrs. Jessie Show, Mrs. Vern Cleveland, Mrs.

Gertrude Davis, Mrs. Beulah Berney, Mrs. Harvey Holbrook Jr., Mrs. Raymond Stevens. The Rev. Duane Lenz entered the Samaritan hospital at Kearney Monday for surgery.

Fast Matron's club met at the Masonic Temple, Wednesday afternoon with nine members present. The project for the afternoon was tying two quilts. Mrs. Marion Shipman, president, conducted the business meeting. Hostesses were Mrs. James Clifton, Jr., and Mrs. Oliver Dempster. Mrs. D. L. Fletcher presented a poem. The next meeting will be May 17. Mrs. Gordon Drayton and Mrs. Gordon Fletcher will be hostesses.

The Couples Pitch club met with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Knapp Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mitchell were guests. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Sirek and Leon Mitchell won prizes.

Mrs. J. W. Mahood and Louise Stelling visited in Creighton Monday morning.

Mrs. William Fry and Mrs. Wayne Fry and family of Ewing were Wednesday afternoon callers in the J. W. Mahood home. Mrs. Lester Withers underwent minor surgery in the Plainview hospital the first of the week and will undergo major surgery next Monday in the Methodist hospital at Sioux City.

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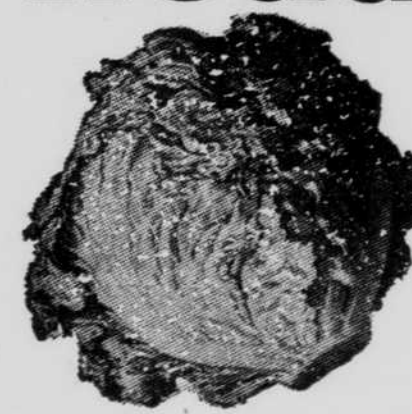
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