

# Education Workshop Takes Field Trip To Nebraska School for Blind

Monday, July 19, the special education workshop of Teachers college made a field trip to the Nebraska School for the Blind at Nebraska City. This is the second trip made this summer for the purpose of studying the present resources that are being and can be utilized in a special education program for the physically handicapped child; the first trip was made to the Orthopedic hospital.

Guests of the Nebraska School for the Blind were: Professor D. A. Worcester, director of the workshop group; Professor Leroy T. Laase, co-instructor, Mr. Ray Taibl, supervisor of special education for the state of Nebraska; Mrs. Ray Taibl, field agent for the Nebraska societies for crippled children; Mr. Harry Hines, director for the state department of the blind; and Mrs. Harry Hines. The teachers were: Miss Mary Andersen, Lincoln; Milrae Anderson, Aberdeen, South Dakota; Mrs. Orlethia Abbott, Alliance, Ne-

braska; Joan Kinnie, Grand Island; Mary Moodie, West Point; Betty Chipman, Omaha, Mrs. Alta Reade, Plattsmouth; Mrs. Mary Sorenson, Lincoln; and Betty van Velzen, Alliance.

### The New Look

"The Nebraska School for the Blind takes on 'the New Look,'" says the Workshop group. Anti-quoted walls, windows and dark halls are fast becoming just a memory. Gone are the days of the old drop-cord poorly illuminated rooms. The adaptive illumination of the new sight-saving room is the highlight of the "New Look," and no doubt will be the beginning of a "new way" of life for those who live in partial darkness. This new method of lighting embodies all principles of optimum illumination for the needs of the individual child. The soft pastel painted walls, the light streamlined adjustable desks, the natural color and neutral floors, the non-glare blackboards and the shaded windows to eliminate

any glare are all a part of the new program to provide vision for studying purposes for the partially seeing. This one modernized room affords quite a contrast to the remaining classrooms.

### Replacement

Modern equipment is gradually taking the place of worn-out and out-moded facilities. Wire recording machines are used for the transcriptions of important lessons and other information which can be recorded and played back to the blind listener. In this manner the learning is hastened. It would take several hours for a student to read the same information by the Braille method. However, Braille is still the only method of teaching reading and arithmetic to the blind.

The Talking Book has been obtained for the purposes of giving the blind student experiences otherwise unknown to them. Records may be secured from the Library of Congress. Mr. W. G. McMillen, superintendent of the school, demonstrated the use of the records by playing one which was designed to give the blind children experiences of the farm.

McMillen has many more ideas that he wants to work out in improving the training and experiences of these blind children and people. It will take time, See Workshop, Page 4

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## Disabled Vets to Get Mileage For Vocational Rehabilitation

Veterans Administration now may pay a mileage allowance to disabled veterans authorized to travel for vocational rehabilitation purposes.

Public Law 660, 80th congress, granted VA this authority.

The law allows veterans training under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act (Public Law 16) to choose either of two methods of reimbursement for travel costs.

They may receive an allowance based on the mileage traveled or they may receive the actual ex-

penses of such travel, including lodging and subsistence.

Attendants needed by the veterans during authorized travel may be reimbursed on a similar basis.

Previously, VA was allowed to pay only the actual expenses incurred by travel performed for these purposes.

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