

### Mental Patients Get New Deal In Treatment

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St. Paul, Minn. (UP)—A new deal for Minnesota's 10,500 mentally ill persons, and one that may catch on nationally, has begun. It may take weeks, even months, for all the improvements to be carried out in the state's seven mental hospitals. But there will be immediate effects as the first half of the two-year \$25,000,000 appropriation fund granted by the 1949 legislature becomes available.

There will be, for instance, a single food diet for patients and hospital employees alike. When the employees eat steak, so will the patients. When fresh oranges or other fruits are served, almost a rarity now, all will share them. The state will spend 65 cents a day per patient for food, which is more than double previous allowances and higher than any other state allows.

There will be individualized clothing for the confined patients and a touch of color here and there to brighten up life in an institution. There won't be any more sackcloth, formless gowns or dirty gingham aprons.

**Recreation Provided**  
Patients won't sit their days out on wooden benches, in ill-lighted halls with only a guard to watch over a roomful of them. There will be cheerful recreation rooms, with books, phonographs, games and puzzles. Sewing rooms, movies and organized dancing parties and hair-dressing parlors will give a degree of privacy intended to speed the patient along recovery road.

Restraints will be removed from nearly all patients. The extra 2,500 employees made available for the next two years will make possible personalized care, so that patients won't have to be tied to their beds for lack of anybody to watch over them. Best of all, modern medical methods will be put into play in up-to-date operating rooms, so that the wonders of science can be used in brushing away some of the cobwebs in the brains of the mentally ill.

**Governor Prevails**  
The program, aimed at returning patients to normal, useful lives instead of leaving them in hospitals for years, came from a doubtful legislature that was "softened up" in an eight-month preliminary campaign carried on last year by Luther Youngdahl, Minnesota's crusading governor.

Shocked into action by visits to the hospitals and by hearing patients referred to as "nuts" or "lunatics," Youngdahl jumped into the campaign with both feet and carried his message into hundreds of Minnesota communities. By speeches, radio talks and organization of local committees, the governor built up public pressure that the state legislature couldn't ignore.

"We can't put these people away in a hospital and forget about them," he argued. "We in America have a responsibility to bring our mentally ill back along the road of recovery."

**Money for Research**  
The funds granted were almost double any previous appropriations allowed in Minnesota. Also, there was \$177,000 granted for mental health research, more than all the other states spent together in the last two years. Minnesota was ready to take the leadership and passed a mental health "policy" bill which made it a law for the first time anywhere that Minnesota would put its mental health care on the highest possible level.

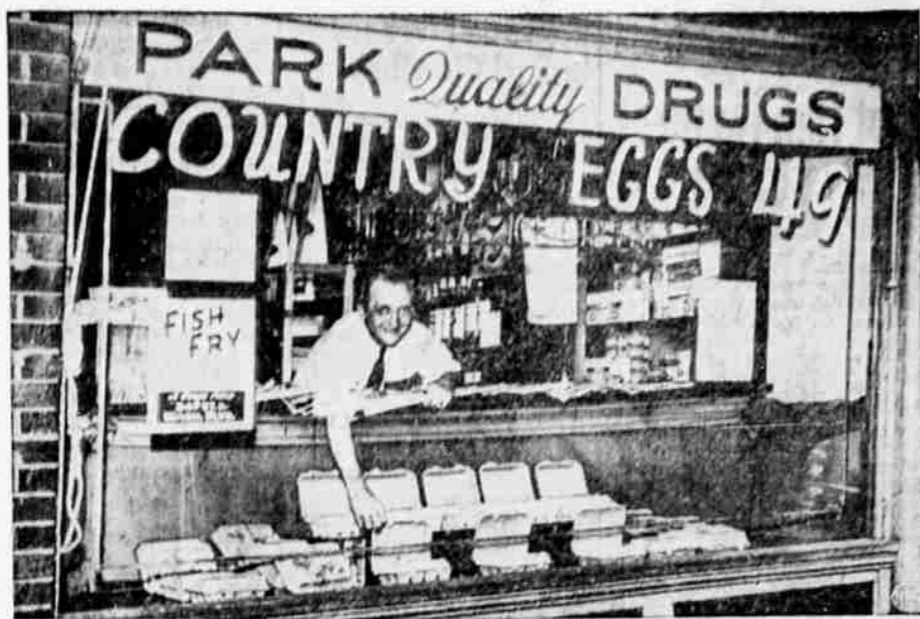
The challenge has awakened other states, from which officials have written Minnesota for briefings on how the campaign was carried on. The American Psychiatric Association is watching the campaign closely, and state officials have a feeling that their "new deal" may become a national improvement program for mental patients.

"There can be hope for these people and their families, if the public is aroused to do something about it," Youngdahl said.

#### PAYS \$2.50 FINE

Mrs. W. M. Carnagey, 526 Harmon, paid a \$2.50 fine in police court Tuesday, on a charge of sprinkling on the wrong day. She had deposited \$10 bail last week. Her violation of the ordinance had been unintentional she stated.

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#### Alfalfa

Alfalfa, July 21 (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Miller of Portland spent several days last week at the home of his son, Harold Miller, and family.

Jack Shumway has started drilling a well this week. Mathers and son are doing the work.

Mrs. Herb Mayfield entertained a group of young people Tuesday in honor of her daughter, Arlene's birthday anniversary.

The Alfalfa livestock club met Wednesday evening, July 13, at the swimming pool. The boys enjoyed a swim and wiener roast.

Mrs. Marion Smith and Mrs. Frank Allen accompanied a group of youngsters to Rally day in Bend Friday. Both the cooking and sewing clubs attended 100 per cent and received awards.

Friends here were saddened to hear of the death of Mrs. Millard (Pinky) Rouse. Mrs. Rouse died in Coos Bay Friday, July 15, and funeral services were held there Monday. She is survived by her husband and a son, Mr. and Mrs. Rouse lived in the Alfalfa community many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Smith and family picnicked at Scout lake Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Hix and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Weaver of Redmond.

A group of young people from the Westminster Presbyterian church accompanied by Rev. Robert Nicholas picnicked and swam at the swimming hole Thursday evening.

Mrs. Frank Allen, Misses Norma and Ruby Page spent Sunday at the Petersen rock gar-

dens. Ruby Page spent Sunday night with Norma Page.

The Desert Riders Saddle club has received an invitation to attend the amateur rodeo at Rodney Rosebrook's Sunday, July 24. Each family going is asked to bring one dish for the potluck dinner and table service for each person attending.

O. J. Grover was guest of honor at a birthday party held Monday, July 18. Those present were Mrs. O. J. Grover, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wick and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Grover and family, Miss Marion Grover, and Elmer Gustafson of Madras.

Mrs. Frank Allen and granddaughter, Norma Page, drove to Lower Bridge Wednesday where they visited Mrs. Allen's son, Erwin Poffenberger, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Livesley and family and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Doerfler plan to leave Thursday on a 10-day vacation trip into Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Grover and daughters, Marion and Ivy, and grandchildren, Mary Grover and Phillip Wick, drove to Klamath Falls Sunday. They visited Crater and Diamond lakes.

Bob Craven and Miss Karie Bjornrud of Salem visited last Sunday at the Grover and Wick homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Livesley and family went to Elk lake Saturday and returned Sunday.

Arlis Haupt is visiting at the John Owens home while his parents are in Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Schaaf of Rhane, N. D., visited his cousin, Lester Wick and family, one day last week.

Dean Le Clerc of Junction City who was employed at the Marion Smith ranch last summer, drove over Sunday after his horse for which Smith had been caring.

Mrs. Ernest Hays enjoyed a visit from her brother Sunday. He is an engineer for the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Wick and two children of Eugene spent the week end with his brother, Lester Wick, and family.

**SOLICITOR ARRESTED**  
Edgar L. Winckel, 19, who gave his place of birth as Denver, deposited \$75 bail Tuesday on charges of soliciting magazine subscriptions at residences. Hearing date has not been set.

**TRUCK OVERLOADED**  
Paul H. Beal, Portland, and Charles R. Fallon, Sisters, Wednesday were both fined \$14.50 by Duncan McKay, justice of the peace, on a charge of carrying an overload on their trucks.

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David Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Taylor, of Salem, is spending some of his vacation with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Osborn.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynford McBain, who have been working in the orchards near Hood River, returned home Monday noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris were Redmond visitors over the week end.

Mrs. Dwayne Hagman spent Thursday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Eby, near Redmond.

Mrs. Carl Robertson returned home Sunday from the St. Charles hospital where she had been a patient for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bone of Grandview, Wash., visited Saturday night with Mrs. Mary Beard.

Mrs. J. M. Freeman and son, Willis, returned home Saturday afternoon after visiting a few days with relatives near Stayton.

Culver residents visiting in Redmond Saturday afternoon were Mrs. Leonard Grant, Mrs.

#### Arnold Pettybone, Mrs. C. R. Hagman and Mrs. H. E. Keeney

Mr. and Mrs. J. McNally, who have been visiting relatives and friends in Washington for some time, have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hagman and daughter, Lorelei; Lyle Greenwood and Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Hagman drove to Lebanon Sunday morning to attend the Richards family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Keeney were dinner guests at the J. P. Head home Wednesday evening.

Z. Flint of Portland is spending several days at the J. M. Freeman home.

**DELPHIA, DROP THAT GUN**  
Wheeling, W. Va. (UP)—A false alarm addict has been bragging about his feats to local firemen. When they answered a false call, a note on the alarm box said: "This is my tenth false alarm and you haven't caught me yet. Ha Ha!"

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Charges of failure to stop resulted in \$2.50 bail forfeitures for George Mansfield, 20, 1304 Kingston, and Theodore Paul Taylor, 22, 304 West Seventh.

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#### PAIS TO THE END

Indianapolis (UP)—The big colie and the little white shag dog were paid to the end. When the little one died beneath the wheels of a speeding auto, the colie raced to the rescue but was too late. The colie pulled his little pal from the street and they stood by a day and night until city officials took little shag away.

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