

# Hospital Trying Out Foster Parent Plan For Older Patients

Pittsburgh—(AP)—A "foster parents" plan for elderly and chronically ill patients is being worked out at a multi-million dollar hospital here.

The proposal has put new hope in the hearts of patients who have responded to treatment and rehabilitation at the John K. Kane Hospital, Allegheny County's new "model institution" for the chronically ill.

Approximately 400 of these patients are nearly completed self-sufficient and ready for discharge. But they have no place to go.

To overcome this obstacle and keep beds free for incoming patients who really need them, the hospital is developing a "foster care" plan.

**Monthly Sum**

The plan, still in the discussion stage, would call for a fairly self-sufficient older to receive \$100-\$125 a month from some level of state government. The patient then would be placed in a home, perhaps with a kindly couple whose children have grown up, married and moved away.

The plan has a two-way pitch.

The income would help the couple make ends meet and retain their home in the face of rising costs. And the rehabilitated older would have a "home" and some supervision.

Dr. Alfred Kraft, assistant director of the hospital, said

current living patterns have put elderly persons in the "unwanted" category.

"In earlier days," he said, "there always was a spare bedroom or even a whole upstairs floor in which grandfather could live. However, with the advent of small apartments and split-level ranch-type homes, there is just no room for an elderly and perhaps ill patient."

**Startling Results**

While the sons and daughters, if they live in the area, are not hard-hearted where their parents are concerned, some do feel their primary responsibility is to raise their own offspring rather than care for older, according to the experts.

The intensive treatment of chronically-ill older has produced some startling and dramatic results at Kane Hospital. The medical staff there believes in what it calls "comprehensive restorative service."

Example: a typical patient 70 years old might well have arteriosclerosis, impeding gangrene, heart trouble, hernia and cataracts of the eye. The doctors treat all these ills.

The patient may also be socially, psychologically ill. He may have lost his home, his money, his family and friends with the passing years and vicissitudes of life.

The patient is encouraged

## Portland Trucking Company Accused

San Francisco (AP)—Associated Truck Rentals, Inc. of Portland, Ore., was charged in U.S. District Court Wednesday on 36 misdemeanor counts of violating regulations of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

It was alleged that the firm pretended to lease trucks to the Standard Wholesale Grocery Co. of Oakland when it actually was acting as a trucking contractor rather than a renter.

## Infant Death Rate Decrease Forecast

New York—(Science Service)—Reductions in death rates from 1955 to 1970 in the United States will be much greater, proportionately, for infants and children than for adults and older people, Dr. James D. Tarver of Oklahoma State University has reported.

Using 1930-1954 mortality rates as the basis for his projections, Dr. Tarver predicted that infant mortality rates would decrease nearly 50 percent during 1955-1970.

He accounted for the relatively high reductions in infant and child mortality by the fact that infants and children have benefited the most from recent progress in medical knowledge and sanitation.

## Eagle Point Girl Gets Certificate

Corvallis—Kay L. McCorkle of Eagle Point has been presented a special certificate for achievements in music at Oregon State college.

The music department annually gives certificates to outstanding students who have been members for either two or four years of the college band, chorus, or orchestra. Miss McCorkle has been in the band for four years.

She graduated this spring from OSC in business and technology. Her home address is star route box 45, Eagle Point.

At one time or another, according to the National Geographic Society, the temperature has climbed above 100 degrees in every state of the Union.

## Many Americans Suffer Impairments

Washington—(Science Service)—Americans suffer from "impairments"—deafness, blindness, speech defect, cerebral palsy, and loss or absence of hands and feet—at a rate of some 141 per 1,000.

Almost six Americans in 1,000 can not read a story in an ordinary newspaper, even with the help of glasses.

Another 2,000,000 Americans—more than 12 per 1,000—have visual impairments less severe than blindness. About one person in 2,000 is totally deaf, while other hearing impairments affect 33.9 Americans in 1,000.

This latest report, in a series on the nation's health published by the Public Health Service here, points to the increasing number of older persons with impairments of some kind. In these persons 75 years old or older these defects were about 12 times greater than the number found in persons under 25 years of age. Servicemen and persons in mental and other long-term institutions were not included in the survey which covered the period July 1957 through June 1958.

**ROCKEFELLER KIN DIES**

Villanova, Pa.—(AP)—Mrs. Elizabeth Williams Roberts Clark, mother-in-law of New York Gov. Nelson R. Rockefeller, died Wednesday. Mrs. Clark, wife of Percy Hamilton Clark, Philadelphia attorney, was the daughter of the late George B. Roberts, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

## Salem Teachers Offered Job Help

Salem—(AP)—Salem Classroom Teachers Association voted Wednesday night to help its members find jobs in other school districts.

The move reflected their disappointment over two Salem school district budget defeats.

Some 175 teachers also voted not to support actively the third Salem school budget that will go to the voters July 9.

The first two budgets included salary hikes higher than the \$180 provided in the third budget up for consideration.

In a resolution the teachers said "because of the moral obligations toward themselves and their families, the Salem classroom teachers ought to seriously consider seeking employment in other

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