

Foster Home Proposal Aims To Help Oldsters

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — 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 J. 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.

The plan, still in the discussion stage, would call for a fairly self-sufficient oldster 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 oldster would have a "home" and some supervision.

Dr. Alfred Kraft, assistant director of the hospital, said current living patterns have put many 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 parent."

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 oldsters, according to the experts.

The intensive treatment of chronically ill oldsters 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, impending 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 to regain his dignity and interest in life, to dress himself, get around socially and play games, as well as do many other normal things of life.

So the oldster recovers. He is ready to go home. However, his children are either not around or are wrapped up in their own concerns.

His relief check or small annuity is not enough to allow him to live decently. He may reside in substandard rooming-houses and hand out in cheap taverns.

The return to the hospital is not long in coming.

And that's where the foster care plan comes in.

Taste, Coordination In Room Combine For Beauty

Good decoration is made of two things — taste and co-ordination. Being able to bring together all the fine points of a room is just as important as carefully selecting the furnishings themselves. A cake may be made of the finest ingredients, but if they aren't combined properly the cake is a failure. So it is with a home.

The importance of establishing a mood or feeling in a room, or in a house, is particularly evident in modern dwellings with open-floor plans, but it applies to any house. In an open-floor plan the rooms should seem to flow into one another because there are fewer halls, doors, and general separations. Each room should have a personality suited to its function, but the eye should travel for one area to another without jarring interruptions.

One of the most popular ways to get an over-all tone today is with the woods from the western pine region. Beautiful, sturdy and varied, they are one of the home owner's best values in decoration. Now, too, with the great resurgence of interest in the natural fibers and materials, wood is replacing much of the cold and sterile decoration that was "modern" a decade or so ago.

It's fair to say that early-American paneling set the stage for popular use of wood in homes today. The tradition of wood has always been with us, but now there are many varieties that were unavailable to our forefathers, and this has prompted people to show more and more imagination in their uses of paneling.

For example, there are ten different woods from the western pine region alone. The colors range from the very light of Idaho white pine and Engelmann spruce up through the darker tones of larch, incense cedar, and inland red cedar. Others that are stocked by local lumber yards are Douglas fir, white fir, sugar pine, lodgepole pine and ponderosa pine.

As the modern interest in paneling grew, people began to look further and realize that paneling itself could be used in many ways.

Instead of lining furniture up against paneled walls, they could make built-ins of paneling lumber and put these walls to work. Now, of course, home-owners are going even further and are installing plank and beam ceilings to round out the pleasant effect that wood gives. Such ceilings are economical as well as striking because the upper side of the planks serve as the sub-flooring for any rooms above or as sub-roofing.

Not only can use of paneling bind a room together, it also ties a room to adjacent areas in the home. For example, you might well want to leave your living room paneling "natural" with a clear finish and paint or stain the same paneling in the dining room. For variation, your living room paneling could be in a clear wood and in your den, generally a more informal room, you might use the same western pine lumber but in a knotty grade.

By the same token, rough and smooth textures of paneling can be interesting next to each other or in adjoining rooms—rough unfinished paneling in a casual game room or family room and the same lumber in a sleek more formal paneling in your living room, dining room or bedroom.

These are simply a few of the situations where wood can be used to tie your home together, for paneling is appearing everywhere from cellar to attic. Because of its warmth and practicality it is being used in the most modern kitchens. Thanks to the development of sealing agents it also is appearing in high-moisture areas such as bathrooms. In fact, there isn't a room in the house that can't be made attractive and up-to-date with lumber.

MONOXIDE METHOD

HARRELLSVILLE, N. C. (UPI) — When commercial poisons failed to get rid of his rats, E. Blythe rigged a piece of old water hose to the exhaust pipe of his truck and ran the other end over the rat holes. He hasn't been bothered by the rats since.

Farm Income May Dip In 1959 After Gain

WASHINGTON (UPI) — American farmers cashed in during 1958 on improved prices for many of the things they raise combined with near-ideal growing

weather. But an estimated 20 per cent increase in net farm income did not signal the beginning of the end of the nation's farm problem.

Hats Tell About Men In The Middle East Regions

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BEIRUT (UPI) — In the Middle East, the key to a man's character may often be the hat on his head.

Centuries of blazing sun, desert storms and evening chills have made wearing a headpiece a necessity and custom has stamped them with traditional colors and patterns.

Sheikhs or religious leaders of the Middle East's two great Moslem sects wear different colored scarves wrapped around their turbans — white for Sunni Moslems, green for Shiiites.

There are two basic kinds of headgear in the Middle East — the cylindrical red felt, or tarboosh as it is called in Arabic, and the flowing desert headress of Lawrence of Arabia, called a kaffiyah.

Under the Ottoman Turks, the fez was a symbol of advanced social status reserved. Gradually it became the badge of the city dwelling white collar worker or merchant, and the village elders.

The fez is in use all over the Middle-East with the exception of the Arabian peninsula. There, in Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Oman and other Persian Gulf sheikdoms, the kaffiyah is worn by all social classes.

It can vary from the shabby

flapping cloth of a goat herder to the elaborate gold encrusted white silk headresses of Arab princes.

Basically, the kaffiyah is a piece of cloth about a yard square which is folded in half, then placed over the head to cover the hairline, and allowed to flow down the wearer's back.

It is kept in place by rope-like strands of black goats' hair piled one on another and called an agal.

Probably the most famous kaffiyah is the red and white checked headress of Jordan's Arab Legion. So devoted were the legionnaires to their traditional headress that they frequently refused to swap it for a steel helmet during the Arab-Israeli war.

Palestinian refugees often wear a blue and white checked kaffiyah.

The kaffiyah gives the wearer maximum protection from the sun, and can be whipped around his face leaving only a slit open for his eyes in a desert dust storm. The fez is not only worn by itself, but forms the basis for the Arab turban.

When it is being worn as a turban, a skullcap, or taquiyah is placed underneath. Then a long scarf is wrapped layer on layer around the fez. The folds are usually at least an inch thick and come up even with the edge of the fez, but leave its red top exposed.

The priests of the Middle East many Christian sects add another dimension to the picture.

Greek orthodox priests wear high round black stovepipe hats with a flaring overlapping edge at the top. Maronite priests in Lebanon wear shorter equally rounded hats.

Armenians wear boxlike hats with flowing black silk trailing down the sides.

In Turkey, homeland of the fez, the hat is almost extinct, a victim of the drive for modernization started under Kamal Ataturk. Ataturk himself started the banish-the-fez drive by appearing in public in a fedora.

MISSING CLUE

POULTNEY, Vt. (UPI) — Wondering why his newly organized department had been receiving so few calls, Poultny police chief William Durfee found that its number wasn't in the telephone directory yet.

Fiend Shoots Guide Dog

GAZELLE — "Hassa," a beautiful German Shepherd dog, 9 months, who was raised to be a guide dog by Jan Carter of Gazelle as a 4-H Club project, was found shot in the left shoulder last weekend at a nearby ranch. He was taken to a veterinarian and is now reported recovering. The shooting is under investigation by the Siskiyou County sheriff's office.

Hassa was given to Jan when he was 9 weeks old. He was ready to be taken to San Rafael for further training as a guide dog for a blind person.

Hemingways In Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Ernest Hemingway's first visit to Las Vegas drew this comment from the novelist:

"My wife, Mary, and I are flabbergasted by the ferocity of the slot machine players, the chuck-wagons and the wild faces of the women dice players."

The Hemingways came here from Idaho where he has been writing a book for the last five months.

Gunman 'Treats' House To Drinks

DETROIT (AP) — A customer at an East Side bar became angry when he was refused service because he was drunk.

The man drew a gun and took \$79 from the till and six patrons. Then he ordered the waitress to give him a beer and drinks for the house. She did.

The gunman left after drinking his beer.

Comedian Ill, 'Kidney Disorder'

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Comedian Eddie Foy Jr. is in Cedars of Lebanon Hospital for treatment of kidney disorder. The 32-year-old showman will be hospitalized for three or four days, his physician said. He has a recurring ailment.

The record - breeding harvests of 1958 and the prospect of another big production year in 1959 brought predictions of some relief for consumers who paid record-high retail food prices this year. They were expected to average a little lower in 1959.

But Agriculture Department economists were predicting that farm income would head down again next year. With that decline, administration farm officials will face new problems in handling crop surpluses which began to build up again in 1958.

And Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson's plans for adjusting the nation's agriculture to a big-volume production era faced heavy going on Capitol Hill following wide Democratic gains in farm areas at the polls in November.

Benson must feel this winter like a man riding a political feris wheel.

Early in 1958, he seemed to be about as popular among Midwest Republicans as an ant at a picnic. They denounced him as a political liability and demanded his resignation.

Benson refused to quit. And as the year wore on with livestock prices high and crop prospects soaring, the open grumbling in party circles seemed to fade away. Then, late in the summer, the Secretary scored a notable victory when the Democratic-controlled Congress approved a bill easing production controls and reducing support floors for three major crops — cotton, corn and rice.

Benson hailed passage of the 1958 farm bill as a step forward in his campaign to get the government out of farming by relaxing Federal controls and bringing price supports down toward free market levels. When the congressional campaign opened, the administration farm chief became one of his party's busiest speakers. He served notice he would push for more price-cutting legislation when Congress returned in January.

The election results, however, spelled new trouble for the Benson program. Several GOP lawmakers from farm states interpreted them to mean that the Midwest and Great Plains farmer, once a solid Republican, now distrusts the party and its leading farm spokesmen.

But Benson preferred to read farm opinion from the results of a Nov. 25 corn referendum in which corn growers were asked to decide whether they wanted continuation of acreage controls and present price support levels or were willing to abandon the controls and accept lower supports.

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