

SUPERVISOR'S HOME REPORT

HOMES FOR AGED

Date September 18th 1950

ADDRESS:

WATERLOO COUNTY HOME
369 Frederick Street
Kitchener, OntarioName of
SuperintendentMr. E. AmosI. GOVERNING BODY: Name: Waterloo County Home Board

Chairman:

Mr. J.M. Moffatt, Mayor

Address:

City Hall
Galt, Ontario

Secretary:

Mr. E. Amos

Address:

369 Frederick Street
Kitchener, Ontario

Treasurer:

Mr. E. Amos

Address:

369 Frederick Street
Kingston, OntarioDate of
Board
Meeting:1st or 2nd Friday
each monthIs Governing
BodyIncorporated: Yes

Members of Board:

Dr. S.F. Leavine, MayorCity Hall
Kitchener, OntarioMr. O.J. Wright, Reeve
Township of WoolwichMr. F.I. Willson, Warden
County of WaterlooMr. Amos Wilkinson, Reeve
Township of Wellesley

By-laws:

YesNo. of Paid
Employees,
(Other than
(Supt. and Matron):23Employee
Occupations:Matron, 2 Trained Nurses, 1 Nurses' Aide, 3 Orderlies,
Housekeeper, 2 Cooks, 3 Maids, Seamstress, Office Man,
Tailor, 3 Farmhands, 2 Engineers, Nightwatchman, Laundry Man.

II. ACCOMMODATION: (As of above date):

NUMBER OF BEDS		NORMAL ACCOMMODATION	TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION	TOTAL BEDS	MONTHLY RATE	
					PENSIONERS (O.A.P. & B.P.)	OTHER PAYING RESIDENTS
	MALES	<u>84</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>See Comments</u>	
	FEMALES	<u>43</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>68</u>		
	COUPLES	<u>(Included in above figures are two married couples)</u>			POCKET MONEY	
	TOTAL	<u>127</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>197</u>	O.A.P. & B.P. -	<u>\$3.00</u>
					Others -	<u>See Comments</u>
RESIDENTS	NUMBER IN RESIDENCE (AS OF ABOVE DATE)			MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
	<u>Old Age and Blind Pensioners: (2 Blind Pensioners)</u>			<u>46</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>74</u>
	<u>Paying Residents:</u>			<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>
	<u>Residents' Costs Borne by the Institution:</u>			<u>50</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>80</u>
	<u>Paid for by Municipalities:</u>			<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>
	<u>Paid for by the Province of Ontario:</u>			<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>
	<u>TOTALS</u>			<u>101</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>164</u>
				MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
	<u>Ambulatory:</u>			<u>54</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>85</u>
	<u>Bed Patients:</u>			<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>
	<u>Mentally Incompetent:</u>			<u>40</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>60</u>
	<u>Married Couples:</u>			<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>TOTALS</u>			<u>101</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>164</u>

III. HOME RECORDS:

Method of Investigation—
Admitting Persons for Care:Admission forms are used in accordance with
The Homes for the Aged Act, 1949.Consideration as to
Placement in Private Homes:NoneWho Maintains
Home Records?Mr. E. Amos and Mr. W.A. AmosAdmission
Forms?Yes ☒No ☐History
Record?Yes ☒No ☐Discharge
Forms?SeeCommentsYes ☐No ☒Resident's
Effects
Record?Valuables
are kept
in safe.Yes ☐No ☒Home
Inventory?Yes ☒No ☐

IV. MEDICAL CARE:

HOME PHYSICIAN:		Is There accommodation for Bed Patients?	
Dr. N.R. McMurchy, 215 Frederick Street, Kitchener		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Separate Building <input type="checkbox"/> In Same Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
No. of Registered Nurses..... 2	Are Medical Findings Recorded on Personal File?	Are Dental Services Provided:	Are Persons Medically Examined Prior to Admission?
No. of Practical Nurses..... 1	In book kept by Nurse & Doctor Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No. of Orderlies..... 3	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Medical Re-Examination and Supervision: Residents are medically examined when necessary. See Comments.			

V. LIVING CONDITIONS:

Are Residents Services Used at The Home?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Type of Services Rendered:	Male: 20 assist with farm and household duties Female: 12 assist with household duties		
How Frequently Do Residents Receive Baths?	Weekly	Sufficiency of Wash Cloths and Towels:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Condition of Bedding:	GOOD FAIR POOR Sheet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Blankets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Mattresses <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Frequency of Bedding Change:	Weekly	Is a Contract Let for Pest Control?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	How Often Are Premises Treated for Vermin?	Under Contract By Staff: When required
Are Premises Stated to be Free From Vermin?	Yes	Cooking Under Direction of:	Dietician <input type="checkbox"/> Practical Cook <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matron <input type="checkbox"/>	Food:	Good
Clothing Issues:	New clothing issued when required	No. of Residents Receiving Tray Service	10 Men 10 Women		

VI. RECREATION AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY:

Self-Recreation Measures:	Males—	Indoor.....	Cards and checkers available
		Outdoor.....	Horseshoes available
	Females—	Indoor.....	Cards, Chinese checkers and other games available
		Outdoor.....	Nothing
Organized Entertainment Measures:	Approximately 20 entertainments during 1949		
How Many Books Available in Library? (Approx.)	60	How Many Books Added Since Last Visit?	15
Residents may have a card from the Kitchener Library.		What Accommodation is Provided for Rest Periods?	Residents have use of beds at any time
Number of Newspapers and Periodicals Supplied by the Home:	Daily Newspapers 18 Weekly Newspapers 3 Periodicals 3		
Work or Hobby Rooms:	Male:	None	Female:
		None	
Type of Useful Articles Made by Residents	Male:	1 repairs furniture	Female:
		Knitting and crocheting	
Are Occupational Therapy Measures Supervised?	No	Are Materials for Articles Supplied Free?	Yes, if asked for
Do Residents Obtain Direct Benefit of Sale of Articles?	Yes		
Religious Services Held Regularly in the Home?	Every Sunday - sometimes during the week.	Churches in Close Proximity?	Yes

VII. CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING:

Exterior Materials:	Brick, metal, wood	Interior Finish and Type of Colouring:	Wood, plaster, Various colours	Number of Storeys:	3	Stairs and Stairwells:	Plaster, wood, cement
Ceilings and Walls:	Plaster, metal	Floors:	Wood, tile, cement, terrazzo	Dumb-Waiter Shaft:	Wood		
Laundry Chute: (Infirmary)	Wood	Elevator Shaft: (2)	Plaster on brick	Accommodation for Married Couples in Same Building?	No	In Separate Building?	No

VIII. CONDITION OF BUILDING:

Dormitories and Sleeping Quarters: Crowded, Some will be improved when decorated. Wood floors would be easier to keep clean if covered with suitable covering.		Halls and Other Rooms: Some will be improved when decorated and the wood floors covered with suitable covering.		Superintendent, Matron and Staff Quarters: In Same Bldg.: Superintendent and Matron. In Separate Bldg.: Staff - Main building and in Farm building	
Dining Rooms: Good		Kitchen and Equipment: A new steam kettle and a mixer of suitable size, would be an asset.		Laundry and Equipment: Good	
Lighting System: City of Kitchener System		Water System: City of Kitchener System		Sewage System: City of Kitchener System	
Number of Bath Tubs and Showers: Men: Tubs 4 Showers Nil Women: Tubs 4 Showers Nil		Number of Wash Basins: Men: 21 Women: 6		Number of Water Closets and Urinals: Men: W.C. 20 Urinals 13 Women: W.C. 6	
Type of Heating Plant and Equipment, and Horse Power: 2 High Pressure Steam Boilers 150 h.p.		Maximum Gauge Pressure: 250 & 300 lbs Blow 125 lbs		Is Boiler Covered by Certificate Issued by Dept. of Labour (Date)? Nov. 3, 1947 Date of Boiler Inspection: July 12, 1950	
Certificate of Engineer: 1 - 2nd Class		Is Furnace Room Fireproof? Fire resistive		What pressure in Steam Tables or Other Vessels? Kitchen 4 lbs Laundry 80 lbs	

IX. FIRE PREVENTION MEASURES:

Location and Number of Interior Stairways: (State if Open or Enclosed): 9 - See Comments			
Location and Numbers of Fire Escapes (Type): 4 - Centre - Rear - 3rd Floor to Ground - Iron Stairs South East - Rear - 2nd Floor to Ground - Iron Stairs South West - Rear - 2nd Floor to Ground - Iron Stairs Centre - Rear - 2nd Floor to Ground - Iron Stairs			
Location of Stand Pipe and Hose: None		Annual Examination of Hose (Date): N/A	
Location and Number of Fire Extinguishers: 25 - Boiler room, kitchen, halls		Type of Extinguishers and Number of Each Type: 19 Soda Acid 3 Pyrene 3 CO-2	
Sprinkler System or Annunciator: Sprinkler		Fire Alarm (Type): Automatic	
Indicators or Red Lights? Yes		Night Watchman? Yes	
Fire Drill for Residents: No Staff: Yes		Number of Water Buckets: No	
Location and Number of Hydrants: 2 - 1 Front 1 Rear		Do Exit Doors Open Outwards? Yes	
Equipped with Panic Type Hardware? Yes		How Often Tested? Quarterly	
Electric Wires in Conduit: Yes		Recharged: June 19, 1950	

X. OPERATION OF FARM:

Number and Type of Buildings: 17 - 2 Houses, 2 Garages, 3 Barns, 5 Implement Sheds, 1 Horse House, 1 Pigpen, 2 Henhouses, 1 Driving Shed			
Condition of Farm Buildings: Good, fair and poor		Total Acreage: 425	
Acreage: Cultivated: 285 CROPS: Nil FRUIT: Nil GARDEN: 2 1/2		Cattle Tested: Yes	
Number of Cattle and Type: 60 - Jersey		Cattle Accredited: Yes	
Record of Daily Production: Yes		Milk Pasteurization: No	
Sufficiency of Pasturage: Yes		Number and Type of Horses: 2 - Belgian	
Number and Type of Swine: Nil		Number and Type of Poultry: 400 - White Leghorns	
Number and Type of Other Stock: None		Tractor: Yes - 4	
Sufficiency of Implements: No		Condition of Implements: Some good and some poor.	
Farm Inventory: Yes			

XI. DESCRIPTION OF SITTING ROOMS:

- Men
- 1st Floor, approximately 15'x24', cement floor, 7 windows with no drapes, cream walls and ceiling, brown dado, 2 ceiling fixtures, 4 wall fixtures, 30 chairs with drawers built under the seats in which the men can keep their tobacco, etc., 2 tables, radio. Also used as a Smoking Room.
- 1st Floor, approximately 18'x36', wooden floor, 9 windows with no drapes, cream walls and ceiling, brown dado, 3 electric fixtures, 38 chairs some with drawers under the seats, 2 tables. Also used as a Smoking Room.
- Basement, approximately 25'x33', cement floor, 4 windows with no drapes, 6 electric fixtures, 8 chairs, 2 tables. There are a number of wooden lockers for the men in this room, which is also used as a Smoking Room.
- Women
- 1st Floor, approximately 18'x22', wooden floor with rug approximately 9'x12', 4 windows with drapes, white walls and ceiling, light brown dado, 2 electric fixtures, 9 rocking chairs, 2 tables, radio.
- 2nd Floor, approximately 18'x22', hardwood floor with congoleum rug about 9'x12', 6 windows with drapes, white walls and ceiling, brown dado, 2 lighting fixtures, 11 rocking chairs, 1 straight chair, 1 couch, 2 tables.

XII. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Purchases & Improvements
- New terrazzo floors have been laid in the women's toilet rooms 1st and 2nd Floors, the basins and toilets have been re-set, and new tile walls have been built. A new tile floor has been laid on the women's corridor 1st and 2nd Floors, and new tile has been laid in the halls in front of the elevator on the 1st and 2nd Floors. A new tile wall has been built in the staff bathroom. The urinals in the three men's toilet rooms, 1st and 2nd Floors, have been re-set. A new toilet room for the men has been made in the basement having a terrazzo floor, two toilets and a urinal. A barber shop has been built in the basement with a terrazzo floor.

New ceilings have been put up in what is known as the Concert Hall, women's dining room, stairway from 2nd Floor to Basement, and the men's locker room. The stair treads from the 2nd Floor to Basement have been replaced with non-skid lead treads. Painting is done in a progressive manner and between visits to the Home a number of the residents' rooms and corridors have been painted.

A new roof has been put on the house on what was known as the Shuh Farm, and a septic tank is being made near the house on what was known as the Weaver Farm, where a bathroom will be installed. Since the last visit to the Home a two-furrow tractor plow, tandem disk, sprayer, and bailing machine have been purchased for use on the farm.

- Monthly Rate & Pocket Money
- As of this date there were 74 Old Age and Blind Pensioners in residence, including 4 partial pensioners, one of whom receives \$25.06, two \$32.50 and one \$33.00 per month. The Home is trustee for the pensioners.

Pensioners pay from \$25.00 to \$40.00 per month, and all, including the partial pensioners, receive \$3.00 per month pocket money. 38 of the pensioners are considered unable to look after their pocket money properly and it is kept in trust for them.

One Paying Resident pays \$5.00 per week, 6 pay \$1.25 per day, 1 \$25.00 per month, 1 \$30.25 per month and 1 \$40.41 per month. Three receive \$3.00 back as pocket money. A number of the remaining residents receive pocket money of \$3.00 per month for small services rendered or, if they ask for some spending money.

- Discharge Forms
- The Reeve of each municipality has to give the Superintendent a release.

XII. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: (Continued)

Medical re- Examination & Supervision

- It is noted that the residents are medically examined prior to admission to the Home, and after admission when a medical examination is necessary. In this connection attention is drawn to Section 16 of the Regulations pursuant to The Homes for the Aged Act, 1949, as follows:

"(1) At least once a year a resident shall take a complete medical examination conducted by the physician for the home.

"(2) The physician shall keep a written record of the examination.

"(3) Under subregulation 1 'complete medical examination' includes a test of vision, and a dental examination.

"(4) Where the physician directs, a resident shall be given a special diet.

"(5) At the request of the superintendent the physician shall attend and treat a resident or a member of the staff of the home.

"(6) The physician shall inspect sanitary conditions in the home at least once a month and take any steps necessary to correct insanitary conditions."

Location & Number of Interior Stairways

- | | | | |
|-----|----------|--------------------------|--------------|
| - 9 | - Centre | - Attic to 3rd Floor | - Closed |
| | Centre | - 3rd Floor to 2nd Floor | - Closed off |
| | West | - 2nd Floor to Basement | - Closed off |
| | West | - 2nd Floor to 1st Floor | - Closed off |
| | West | - 1st Floor to Basement | - Closed off |
| | East | - 2nd Floor to Basement | - Closed off |
| | Centre | - 2nd Floor to 1st Floor | - Closed off |
| | Centre | - 2nd Floor to 1st Floor | - Closed off |
| | Centre | - 1st Floor to Basement | - Closed off |

Home

- A new site has been purchased by the County of Waterloo comprising 350 acres of land, approximately 1½ miles south-east of Kitchener, for the erection of a Home for the Aged. The property is 1/4 mile from No. 8 Highway, and consists of 2 farms which were known as the Shuh Farm and the Weaver Farm. Official approval of the site has been given, as required by Section 4 of The Homes for the Aged Act, 1949.

Fire Report

- In the Supervisor's Home Report of June 21st, 1949, it is noted, with regard to the report submitted to the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office by the Kitchener Fire Department, that Recommendations 1 and 2 would be completed shortly, and that recommendations 3, 4 and 5 were under consideration. Noted hereunder are the recommendations made together with the Supervisor's comments thereon as of this date.

Fire Report

Supervisor's Comments

1. The doors to the fire escapes should open outward and be equipped with panic hardware so that the doors will open on application of a pressure of 20 lbs.

Completed.

2. Install either an asbestos blanket or a flame-proof woollen blanket in the kitchen and keep it folded in a convenient location for immediate use in an emergency.

Completed

3. Move the incinerator farther from any building. We understand that the Fire Chief has already made this request and we feel that the incinerator should be located in a place considered by him to be safe.

The incinerator has not been moved but it has been coated with tin and this was stated by the Superintendent to be satisfactory to the Kitchener Fire Chief.

XII. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: (Continued)

Fire
Report
(Continued)

- Fire Report

Supervisor's Comments

4. Although the sketches submitted with the report appear to indicate that at least most of the stairways are enclosed and fitted with doors so as to prevent communication of smoke from floor to floor, we are not quite sure whether this is the case with every stairway. If there are any stairways that are not so enclosed we suggest that this should be done so that each floor will be separated from the other floors insofar as smoke hazards are concerned.

Completed.

5. We assume that an audible alarm is actuated as soon as the sprinklers start to operate. The report does not indicate whether any alarm is immediately transmitted automatically to the fire department at the same time. If not, we suggest that an arrangement might be made with the City by which an alarm would be automatically sounded in the fire hall when a sprinkler has opened.

When a sprinkler head opens the alarm is not transmitted automatically to the fire department. It is recommended that further consideration be given to the suggestion by the Fire Marshal's Office that such an arrangement might be made with the City Fire Department.

Dumb Waiter &
Laundry Chute

- In the Supervisor's Home Report of June 21st, 1949, it was recommended that the dumb waiter and laundry chute, which are wooden lined on the inside, be metal lined. This recommendation is again brought to your attention.

Mentally
Disturbed
Residents


- A number of the residents of Waterloo County Home appear to be mentally disturbed in varying degrees. In some cases it is said that these persons require custodial care. Some residents are locked in their rooms for certain periods during the day and some most of the day and night.

In a Home for the Aged actual custodial care is undesirable. The locking of doors and the use of other means of restraint should not be necessary. Where there are residents who are mentally disturbed and special protective measures are indicated, consideration should be given to the employment of sufficient properly qualified staff to look after the needs of such residents.

It is recommended that all residents who are considered to be mentally disturbed be re-examined in order to ascertain whether or not some are admissible to a mental hospital.

It is specifically recommended that the iron cage in the infirmary, where a number of mentally disturbed male residents are quartered, be removed.

The Supervisor would like his thanks conveyed to Mr. and Mrs. E. Amos, Superintendent and Matron, for their courtesy and assistance at the time of his visit to the Waterloo County Home on September 18th, 1950.


Supervisor