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*****COLLECTORS' ITEM*****

Hang on to this newsletter! Someday it may be worth hundreds of dollars! Yes, this is it. Volume I Number I of the W.I.H. Newsletter. (fanfare) Seriously though folks, we're going to try to publish a newsletter at more or less regular intervals (like every two months). The purpose of the newsletter will be to keep us all informed about what's going on that may be of passing interest or vital importance to the handicapped. If we find out anything that you ought to know, we'll tell you about it in these pages. And if you find out anything that we ought to know, we hope you'll let us know about it so we can spread the word. We plan to make this newsletter a way of meeting each other and discussing things through the mails. It can be a clearing house for information, a rallying point for causes, or a sounding board for our gripes. All of us have discovered good places to eat or shop, or enjoy a good time, invented short cuts or gadgets that can make things simpler for someone in a wheelchair or crutches. So what do you say? Drop us a line, give us a call. Let us know what you want us to print and we'll tell the whole town.

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PUBLIC FACILITIES WITHOUT PHYSICAL BARRIERS?

On June 5 the Tulsa city commissioners passed a city ordinance by a unanimous 5-0 vote requiring the incorporation of the American Standards Association specifications for accessibility to the handicapped in all public accommodations. The provisions of the city ordinance include such buildings as movie theaters, restaurants, clubs, shopping centers, and professional buildings. The facilities include ramps, wide doors, bathrooms with wide stalls and grab bars, low telephones and drinking fountains and parking spaces. The City of Tulsa has acknowledged both the problems and frustrations faced daily by the many handicapped persons living within its boundaries and the need for effective enforcement through its building code and inspection mechanism.

CIVIC CENTER PARKING

Beginning this summer, the police will give parking tickets to cars unauthorized to park in reserved spaces for the handicapped at various locations in the civic center complex. Only those cars which display the international symbol of accessibility in a window or on a bumper will be allowed to park in these spaces. This means that these spaces will be kept open for us when we need them, but it also means that some of us may have to pay traffic fines for parking in spaces intended for our use if we do not have the proper identification. So to avoid such a 'revoltin' development' you can get the decals by calling Mike Phillips (747-6691) or Charles Davis (936-6875). They can supply you with the needed symbols, and any other information you might need.

RECENT LEGISLATION:

What can you say about a state legislature with its feet planted firmly in the past? Well, aside from a few obscenities, you try to say encouraging things like "just wait til next year." Such, at least, is the case in regard to legislation affecting the lives of handicapped citizens throughout Oklahoma this past session. After months of conferences and coordination, a number of us wheelies attended a House hearing on two bills (HF 1135 and HF 1136) pending before the state legislature.

The latter bill passed without much opposition in the House or Senate. Representative David Riggs and Senator Roger Randell of Tulsa were authors and staunch supporters of this bill affecting all state tax-supported construction to be built in Oklahoma in the future. Such buildings will now be required to utilize the American Standard Specifications for accessibility. But this is hardly half the battle.

House Bill 1135 was soundly defeated in the House, and was never introduced in the Senate. This bill would have made all private new construction or modification of facilities accessible to the handicapped as well, such as theatres, restaurants, hotels, etc. Another shove will be needed next legislative session to push for passage of

this and similar legislation. And we need help, lots of help, to achieve this goal. When the public begins to recognize the international symbol of accessibility in doors, signs, and parking areas everywhere, they begin to see the often "invisible" handicapped citizen. That's me, and you. But just wait til next year.

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STEEL*WHEELERS:

Tulsa now has its own wheelchair basketball team. For several months a group of wheelchair athletes, organized by Mike Childers, have been working out at various gymnasiums around the city. For much of that time, the "team" has been a very active but rather disorganized collection of wheelchair jocks. Recently, however, they have acquired the services of Dwayne Roberson, Oral Roberts' University's most valuable junior varsity player last year, as our coach. Dwayne was an all-state high school player in Illinois before coming to O.R.U. and is very much interested in helping to organize our group into a strong, contending wheelchair basketball team. We feel certain that with his help, and a summer of sweaty workouts, and a few practice games, we will be able to field a worthy team, playing all comers, including the local D.J.'s, civic organizations, and high school teams throughout the Tulsa region. Anyone interested in trying out for the team should contact coach Roberson at 747-5576. We hope to demonstrate that practice makes perfect whether it's wheelchair basketball or eliminating architectural barriers.

EATING OUT IN A WHEELCHAIR:

The Villa-Capri Restaurant, 6125-G S. Sheridan, has been designed to be fully accessible to anyone in a wheelchair. There is a ramp at the curb, a special entrance (just push the buzzer located beside the main door), and a really roomy bathroom with grab bars all provided for the convenience and comfort of the handicapped patron. Besides being accessible, the restaurant is a fine place to dine. Inside, the decor reflects the atmosphere of an old Italian village at night. A fountain bubbles at the center of the courtyard, while white doves perch on the roofs of nearby villas. The service is quite possibly the best in Tulsa. Several dishes are prepared at the table in the continental manner, and of course all the dishes, both Italian and American, are delicious. Certainly the Villa-Capri is worth a visit by anyone who enjoys fine dining. Be sure, though, to call ahead for reservations. The prices are not excessive, and the welcome is genuine.

Besides the Villa-Capri, there are several other restaurants which are quite accessible. The following list is not a complete accounting of all accessible eating places, of course, but it might serve as a beginning for anyone who might want to try an evening on the town. (By the way, the W.I.N. newsletter is currently searching for someone to check out the bars and Go-Go palaces. The line forms to the left, and no pushing please.)

SKY*CHEF DINING ROOM: Airport terminal. Curb ramp directly opposite main terminal entrance. Free parking in "short term" parking area, if your ticket is validated at the cashier's stand after the meal.

THE SHERATON INN AT 41st and Skelly Bypass: Eight specially designated rooms for wheelchair patrons, fully accessible coffee shop and dining room; ramps at main entrance and east end of restaurant entrance.

VILLAGE INN PANCAKE HOUSE: 3302 S. Memorial; Ramp at NW corner of the building; ample space inside, good service.

ITALIAN INN: London Square, 57th and Lewis: accessible entrance in front of Petty's Food Store; heavy doors, ample room inside.

And others we aren't aware of ourselves. Please help us keep everyone informed by any information you might have.

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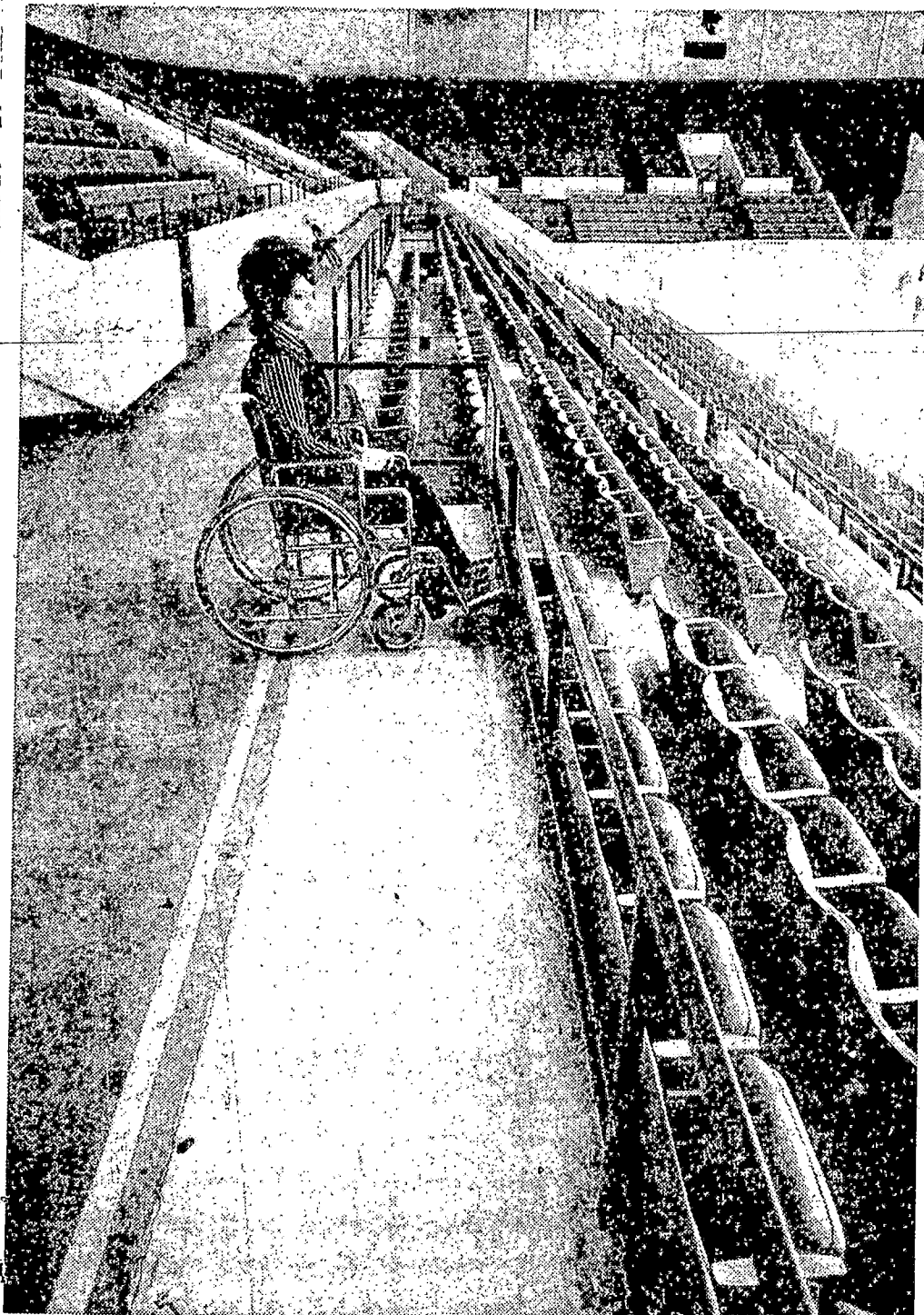
The State Employment Office has a central registry of handicapped persons for use by state employers, under the state merit system. If you have taken a state merit exam in any area, you may qualify for a place on the registry. For further information, call 583-0811, and ask for Mr. Pinter.

As we have stated, this is our initial attempt at communicating with each other through the mails. We feel there is a lot that can be accomplished through this newsletter. It is your newsletter, to do whatever you feel is needed. We want to know what you think.

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Helping the Handicapped

Committee Hopes to Change Building Practices

By DOUGLAS SARFF

Tulsa architect Mary Carolin Cole lives in a house with a real tree growing in her living room and through the roof.

She also heads a mayor's committee working for people who too often stay at home rather than battle an environment designed against them — namely the handicapped.

If the committee has its way, there'll be some changes made in building practices in Tulsa.

MISS COLE THINKS the only way to understand the difficulties handicapped persons face while going about their daily lives is to try shopping, banking, sending a letter or going to a movie in a wheelchair.

Parking spaces are too narrow. Curbs and steps are Trojan walls before the entrances, which won't admit a wheelchair.

Inside, the drinking fountains and telephones are too high and toilet facilities impossible. Elevators would help, but the usual escalators and stairways might as well be mountains.

THUS, APPROPRIATELY, the nine-member group headed by Miss Cole is called the Mayor's Committee on Architectural Barriers. The committee has two functions:

To certify public accommodations which are found to be "accessible" to the handicapped; and to write an accessibility amendment for the city's building code.

To date, only nine places in Tulsa have been — or are about to be — certified "accessible," as follows:

Target Store, Goodwill Industries, Hillcrest Rehabilitation Center, Warren Professional Building, Sooner Federal Savings and Loan (Brookside), B.C. Franklin Park, the Civic Assembly Center, Mabee Center, Allied Limb and Brace Co. and Sheraton Inn-Skyline East.

IF A PLACE DISPLAYS a luminous certification sticker depicting a person in a wheelchair, it has met the following conditions:

- A ground level entrance or entrance ramp.
- Doorways wide enough for wheelchairs.
- A water fountain and public telephone within reach.

- Lav stalls.
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THE COMMITTEE is presently studying the applicability to Tulsa of a Duluth ordinance which is considered a landmark in the field.

Called "the Duluth amendment," it requires accessibility of the following types of buildings under construction or renovation:

Arenas, armories, banks, art centers, auditoriums, churches, city buildings, club houses, courthouses, dance halls, department stores, hotels and motels;

Also hospitals, funeral homes, libraries, lodge halls, manufacturing buildings, passenger terminals, service stations, recreation buildings, restaurants and schools.

MISS COLE acknowledges that such an extensive ordinance will be "a while coming" and may attract some opposition.

To the possible objection that the creativity

of architects might be restricted, she replies:

"I've designed three homes for people in wheelchairs — and they're all different. A ramp can be made as beautiful as a flight of steps."

AND TO THOSE who may protest on grounds of additional building costs, she says: "It's good business to accommodate the handicapped."

"There are probably 30,000 people in the Tulsa area impaired with heart disease, multiple sclerosis, emphysema and other conditions."

"With a few minor changes, a bank or store can make new customers of all those people,"

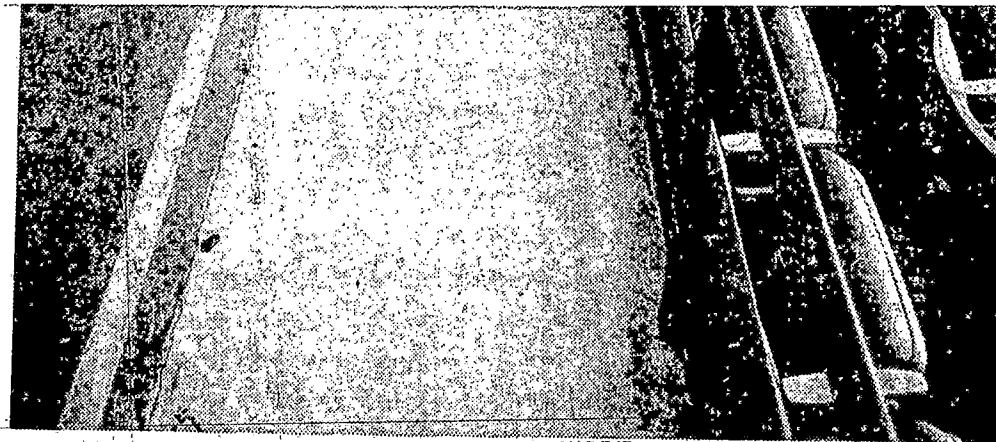
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CHARLENE HARTSON AT CIVIC ASSEMBLY CENTER



ACCESSIBLE BUILDINGS PROVIDE RAMPS

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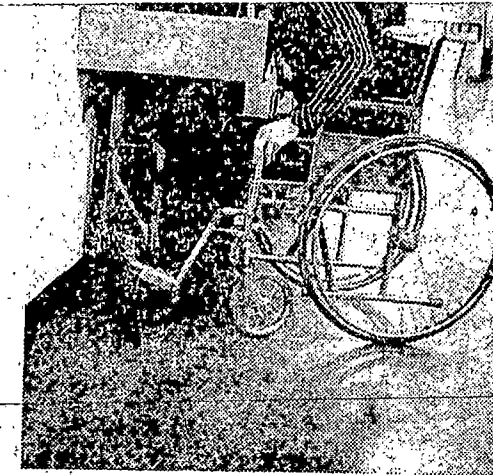
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—A ground level entrance or entrance ramp.
—Doorways wide enough for wheelchairs.
—A water fountain and public telephone within reach.

—Lavatories with grab bars and wide toilet stalls.

—Parking spaces ample enough to permit transfer from car to wheelchair and marked "reserved for handicapped."



DRINKING FOUNTAIN FOR HANDICAPPED

Helping the Handicapped . . .

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and pay for the improvements many times over.

"OF COURSE," she adds, "it is always cheaper and more artistic to design accessibility into a building before it is constructed."

The obstacles committee sends representatives to various shopping and office buildings both to examine applicants for certification and to urge improvement of facilities.

Miss Cole says the first Tulsa building to be certified "accessible" was the Target Store last spring — an example of a facility which, though already in use, was modified.

Working on the recommendations of the committee, Target lowered a drinking fountain and a telephone, installed special lavatories, widened some aisles and enlarged some parking spaces.

BY CONTRAST, the Mabee Center was designed from scratch to provide accessibility. The same is true of the First National Bank tower under construction downtown.

Miss Cole says the committee is also "in contact with" officials of Southroads Mall, the City-County Library system, the Williams Companies, the Tulsa School Board and the branches of the City-County Health Department.

The committee is two years old. Its former chairman, architect Ivan Griffith, says federal

and state building construction has for some time been under regulations to provide accessibility.

ACCORDING TO MISS COLE, however, the downtown Post Office is "a perfect example of a government building which is not accessible," since "nobody in a wheelchair can get through those doors."

Griffith, who still sits on the committee, draws from architectural theory to justify the projects of the group.

"An architect must consider who will use a building he designs.

"For us, this means showing other architects, as well as builders, engineers and contractors, that the handicapped are users too."

BESIDES MISS COLE and Griffith, the other members of this potentially powerful committee are:

Caroline Deatherage, an interior designer; Dr. John Byrne of Children's Medical Center; Dr. Mildred McKee, TU sociology professor; Dorothy Goodrich of St. Johns School of Nursing, and Ken McRight and Mike Phillips, both "wheelchair persons."

Cities all over the country have such barrier committees, and like the one in Tulsa have had mixed success.

On the other hand, neighboring Texas only recently enacted Duluth-style provisions into state law.

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MINUTES

TULSA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION ORGANIZATION

JUNE 5, 1972

The minutes of the previous minutes were approved as read.

Mr. Bolton contacted Finis Smith concerning tax exempt license plates for handicapped persons and was informed that tax exempt plates apply only to disabled ambutee veterans. Mr. Smith has written a letter to Public Safety about handicapped persons using a decal on their cars for parking purposes.

There is a Wheelchair Workmanship Project headed by Mr. Morgan. However, Mr. Morgan was not at the meeting so the Project could not be explained at this time.

Mr. Buchanan reported that the Organization has received some contributions from businessmen in Bixby. Mr. Buchanan also explained that the money given to Mrs. Haizlip was payment for her help in organizing the Organization. She later used the money for postage expense in mailing sent out by the Organization. Anyone wishing to be a contributing member was asked to do so. Official receipts and membership cards will be furnished to the club free of charge.

It was suggested that meeting notices be sent out, as many of the people are not getting word of the meetings being held. Upjohn Corp. will make the copies and use their postage meter if someone from the Organization will address and stuff envelopes. Rehab patients volunteered to do this. Susan Quinn will call members.

Some suggestions were made as to fund-raising. One suggestion was a garage rummage sale at Oertle's in the Fall, and Johnny Steel offered to do a country-western benefit show. Another suggestion was a wheelchair basketball game at ORU. Jerry Compton will contact PVA to get information on what teams are available and what expense will be involved.

Mike Phillips will contact a friend in Oklahoma City about clubs they have there. Another person suggested to contact for input was Rooney MacNamare who is a paraplegic.

Mike Phillips showed the slide show which he and other members of the WIN committee have shown to various civic groups. Some accessible places are as follows:

Oiler Park (enter from 15th Street. Games are free of charge)
Fox Theater (parking in back of theater.)
Park Lane and Continental Theaters (seating available but no
ramps to enter buildings.)
Village Cinema
Target Discount Store
Warren Professional Center
Wooloroc Museum

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Sallager (Cherokee Village) (Theater has seating -- Village itself not very accessible.)

McFarland Library at T. U.

Tulsa City-County Library

Home Federal

Some buildings to be remodeled for accessibility are:

Tulsa Assembly Center - Will have ramps at every entrance, accessible bathrooms on each floor, ramped platforms for seating as well as area for wheelchairs and/or folding chairs at East side of arena on main level, low telephones and drinking fountains.

There will be reserved parking on the Fairgrounds next to the IPE building during the Fair (other reserved parking around the fairgrounds for events other than the State Fair), bathrooms at the Pavillion will be made accessible. Pavillion is accessible except for rodeos and horse shows.

ORU arena will be accessible and available seating.

The WIN committee has not been able to contact park department officials about making the fishing facilities accessible.

Jerry Compton reported that WIN has met with two legislators, Roger Randall (Senator) and David Riggs (Representative from Sand Springs) about enacting laws into the legislature concerning architectural barriers.

The bills hoped to be introduced into legislature are:

1) ~~enforcement of laws already on the books~~

2) public accommodations

(a) new buildings

(b) existing buildings

It is hoped that laws will be in the building codes that specify requirements for accessibility by a wheelchair and that already existing buildings comply with ASA standards when any remodeling is done.

3) Accessible polling places

(a) centrally located polling place

(b) make all polling places accessible

(c) absentee ballot voting

4) Employment - hope to have bill which would make it illegal to deny employment to handicapped person if can be determined that person would not be in danger at the job and was not below average in production. Would like to have a board to go to with grievances. It was suggested that perhaps Civil Liberties Union could help in this area. California already has a law protecting those in the teaching field.

The bills will be filed in November and will be entitled to public hearings. Some members of the organization need to attend the hearings to show support of the bills. If anyone can help in the campaigning of Mr. Randall or Mr. Riggs, please volunteer. They could use help in telephoning, stuffing envelopes, etc.

The committee has had some publicity from newspapers and television. A benefit softball game was also held whereby \$40 was earned. Mr. Phillips was interviewed by KWGS and KTEW will show a t.v. special June 18 produced by T.U. students. After remodeling of the Fairgrounds and Tulsa Assembly Center are finished, newspaper articles will be written.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by:

Charlene Hartson, Secretary

MINUTES

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION ORGANIZATION

AUGUST 7, 1972

Mr. Ken McRight chaired the meeting in the absense of President Karl Bolton. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Mrs. Jackie King stated that she is a leader for eight Campfire girls and these girls could stuff envelopes (mailing for minutes) as a service project. If the organization wishes to have these girls perform this service for us, Mrs. King can be contacted at 835-0307.

Mr. McRight will get in touch with Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Walker concerning the printing of the decals and membership cards.

Mr. Buchanan reported that the club's financial situation remains the same. The club has a balance of \$79.01 in the account.

The Oklahoma Rehabilitation Association will hold a conference at the Camelot Inn August 28. Registration fee is \$2.00. Presentations will be made by the Mayor's Commission on Employment of the Handicapped and the Architectural Barriers Committee.

Mike Phillips and Ken McRight have talked with Mr. Robert Hunter, Director of Park & Recreation Department, and Mr. C. R. Holden, Director of Water and Sewer Department, about making fishing facilities at Yahola Reservoir accessible. An engineer will be assigned to study the problem to determine if a new floating dock should be constructed or if a ramp should be made at the present pier. A study will also be made on the Lynn Lane Reservoir. Mayor LaFortune is in support of the projects.

Mr. Roy Saunders reported to the Architectural Barriers Committee that a total of \$4,625 will be used to modify the Assembly Center.

The Architectural Barriers Committee has written to Dr. Gordon Cawelti, Superintendent of Tulsa Public Schools, about making public schools accessible.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Childers, who recently have moved to Tulsa, attended the meeting and are interested in organizing wheelchair sports activities -- especially basketball. Anyone interested in this idea should contact Mr. Childers at 584-5726.

The Tulsa Area Health and Hospital Planning Committee is working on making transportation available to those going to and from health facilities.

Mr. McRight read the Charter to those present at the meeting. A copy of the Charter is attached for your review. We will vote on it at the next meeting.

Due to the Labor Day Weekend, the next meeting will be held on Monday, October 2nd, Hillcrest Rehab Center, 7:30 P.M. Do try to attend.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Charlene Hartson, Secretary

TULSA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION CLUB - BY-LAWS

In the endeavor to better serve the handicapped community of Tulsa regarding public facilities, employment, education, health services and social activities, we do hereby establish the Tulsa Vocational Rehabilitation Club (Tulsa Vo-Rehab Club). A non-profit organization, it will include not only the disabled, but all others who are interested in working toward a better and more equitable society for all its citizens.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization is the Tulsa Vocational Rehabilitation Club - hereafter referred to as the Vo-Rehab Club.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The purpose of this organization is to improve the opportunities for the handicapped of our community in all aspects of living - employment, public facilities, education, housing, health services & social life.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 - Membership Types: The Vo-Rehab Club shall consist of
(a) Regular Members and (b) Honorary Members.

SECTION 2 - Regular Members:

- (a) Qualification & Admission: Any person desiring to aid in achieving the Vo-Rehab goals and purposes may apply by signing and submitting appropriate cards (together with payment of dues). The Secretary will sign and issue appropriate membership card. Any question on qualification will be referred to the Executive Committee (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer).
- (b) Rights and Obligations: All members must abide by Vo-Rehab By-Laws. Members have one (1) vote each in any Club issue requiring vote of members. Members may be elected to any office in the club.
- (c) Removal: A member may be removed for cause by a 3/4 vote of the Club. He must be given 30 days notice of intent to remove - together with a statement of charges; he must be given the opportunity to defend himself.
- (d) Dues: Members may pay Annual Dues as follows -
 - Regular Participating Members \$ 2.00
 - Contributing Members \$ _____
 - Supporting Members \$ _____
 - Patron Members \$ _____
 - Century Club Members \$ _____

All members are subject to the same rights, obligations and

conditions of removal. However, the Club may provide for distinctive membership cards or other special recognition to be determined by Club vote.

SECTION 3 - Honorary Members:

- (a) Qualification and Admission: Persons who have made a valuable contribution to the cause in aiding and achieving Club goals may be elected to Honorary Membership by Club vote.
- (b) Rights and Obligations: An honorary member is exempt from any and all fees of membership and is entitled to all rights of membership except the right to vote or hold office. The Executive Committee may provide an appropriate token of Honorary Membership.
- (c) Removal: An Honorary Member may be removed for cause a 3/4 vote of the Club. He shall be given 30 days notice of intent to remove along with statement of charges. He will be given the opportunity to defend himself.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

SECTION 1 - Officers Listed: The Officers of the Vo-Rehab Club shall be - a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary & a Treasurer.

SECTION 2 - Tenure: All Officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. They may also be re-elected and succeed themselves, should they choose to run for re-election.

SECTION 3 - Election: The President and Vice-President shall be elected by the Club Members at their Annual Meeting. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected at the first meeting following the election of the President and Vice-President.

SECTION 4 - Vacancies: Any vacancy shall be filled by Club Election at the first meeting following the vacancy.

SECTION 5 - Qualifications: All officers must be members in good standing of the Club.

SECTION 6 - Duties:

- (a) President - The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and the Executive Committee - and shall be a member ex-officio, with a right to vote on all committees. He shall at such times he deems proper make suggestions and perform other duties incident to the office of President.
- (b) Vice-President - In case of the inability of the President to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President. Otherwise, he shall perform other duties which may be assigned by the President or Executive Committee.
- (c) Secretary - The Secretary shall keep a correct and permanent record of the meetings of the Club and Executive Committee and present them as directed at any meeting. The Secretary shall keep current the membership list with their addresses and phone numbers. ~~The Secretary shall issue notice of meetings upon direction of the President.~~ The Secretary shall be the keeper of the Seal of the Club. At the expiration of his term of office, he shall promptly hand over all documents and papers to his successor.

- (d) Treasurer - The Treasurer will be custodian of all Club funds and shall be accountable for their safe-keeping. The Treasurer will keep financial records, account for all receipts and disbursements and make financial reports to the Club at such times as designated. All checks, drafts and other orders for payment of money by the Club - and all receipts for payment of money to the Club from any source will be issued by the Treasurer. The Treasurer will submit his records for audit annually. At the expiration of his term of office, he shall promptly hand over all money, papers, record books or other property belonging to the Club to his successor.

ARTICLE V - ADVISORY BOARD

- SECTION 1 - Composition: The Advisory Board shall consist of at least six (6) but no more than ten (10) members in good standing of the Club.
- SECTION 2 - Tenure: All Advisory Board members shall serve a term of three (3) years.
- SECTION 3 - Election: Advisory Board members shall be elected by majority Club vote. Approximately 1/3 shall be elected each year.
- SECTION 4 - Vacancies: Vacancies in the Advisory Board shall be filled by a 2/3 of remaining Board members.
- SECTION 5 - Removal: Any Board member may be removed by a 2/3 vote of members present at any meeting called for that purpose.
- SECTION 6 - Compensation: Advisory Board members shall serve without compensation.
- SECTION 7 - Powers and Duties: The Advisory Board will act in an advisory capacity only - orally or by written report to any and/or all Officers, Members, Committees - as they see fit.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

SECTION 1 - Meetings of Members:

- (a) Time and Place - The Club will hold a regular Annual Meeting at such time and place as the Executive Committee may determine.
- (b) Order of Business: The order of business shall be:
- 1 - Calling Meeting to order.
 - 2 - Proof of Notice of Meeting or Waiver.
 - 3 - Reading of the Minutes.
 - 4 - Receiving of Communications.
 - 5 - Reports of Officers (Committees).
 - 6 - Election of Officers & Board Members.
 - 7 - Unfinished Business.
 - 8 - New Business.

Any question of priority of business shall be decided by the Chair without debate. This order of business may be altered or suspended at any meeting by a majority vote of the members present.

- (c) Notice: Notice of Special Meetings shall be given by mail

or phone at least 10 days - but not more than 30 days before meeting time. When possible, notice shall be published in the newspaper.

(d) Waiver of Notice: A meeting may be held at any time and place and action taken provided a Waiver of Notice be obtained by Executive Committee vote (Members to be contacted in person or by phone).

(e) Quorum: The presence in person of ten (10) percent of the members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business.

(f) Voting: Each member in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

(g) Proxies: Any member entitled to vote at any meeting of members may vote by proxy. The person exercising the proxy must be a member in good standing.

(h) Special Meetings: Special meetings of the Members of the Club may be called by the Executive Committee - or by written request of ten (10) percent of the Members. Notice for Special Meetings must be given at least five (5) days prior to the meeting time.

SECTION 2 - Meetings of the Advisory Board:

(a) Time and Place: Chairman's Prerogative.

(b) Notice: Same as Club (Waiver same).

(c) Quorum: Attending members.

(d) Rules of Order: Same as Club.

(e) Special Meetings: Same as Club.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

SECTION 1 - Standing Committees: The Club shall elect annually Standing Committees as follows:-

(a) Executive Committee (Same as Officers).

(b) Transportation

(c) Housing

(d) Health Services

(e) Barriers

(f) other

SECTION 2 - Special Committees: The President and Executive Committee may designate special committees at their discretion.

SECTION 3 - Quorum: 1/2 of Committee shall constitute a quorum for conduct of business.

SECTION 4 - Vacancies: Vacancies in Committees shall be filled by designation of Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII - RECORDS

SECTION 1 - Financial: The Club shall keep correct & complete of all financial transactions.

SECTION 2 - Membership: The Club shall keep correct and complete records of all members entitled to vote.

SECTION 3 - Minutes: The Club shall keep minutes of the meetings of the members.

SECTION 4 - Rights of Inspection & Privilege: All books and records of the Club may be inspected by any member for proper purpose at any reasonable time. Books and records of the Club will be made available to others in the interest of the Club.

ARTICLE IX - SEAL

The Executive Committee shall provide a Corporate Seal which shall be in the form of a circle and have inscribed thereon the name of the Club and the words Corporate Seal of Oklahoma.

ARTICLE X - AMMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

These By-Laws may be ammended at any meeting of the Members by a 2/3 vote of the voting members present and voting - providing that the proposed ammendment has been submitted in writing at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which it is to be acted upon.

MINUTES

TULSA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION CLUB

APRIL 5, 1972

Karl Bolton, President, brought the meeting to order.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Bolton introduced and welcomed Miss Cole. She is an architect and on the Mayor's Committee on Architectural Barriers. She reported that she and Mike Phillips of the WIN Committee had toured the Fair Grounds. They obtained permission from the Fair Grounds Management for parking for wheelchair individuals. In the Pavilion, the restrooms can be made useable with a few changes. Mr. John Elsner, Executive Director of the Tulsa State Fair, said this could be done. In this building there are seats with vision for all events except the rodeo. They found the Educational Building to be the most accessible, but suggested that a small ramp be put in front. Mr. Elsner will check about an additional ramp in the center. A ramp is needed for the Exposition Building. Mike Phillips will meet again with Mr. Elsner in one month to see if any of these suggestions have been acted upon.

Miss Cole listed seven suggestions that would make the Civic Assembly Center more accessible. They were: 1) better platform and ramp on the lower level, 2) alternate seating arrangements, preferring that the press box be opened up, 3) the freight elevator be manned at all events, 4) one bathroom on each level be made accessible, 5) drinking fountains be lowered, 6) a ramp at each entrance, 7) two or three reserved parking spaces at each entrance.

Miss Cole summed up her report by saying that this committee hopes to make architects aware that these things should be done when the building is constructed.

Ken McRight reported that Mr. Iven Griffith has a list of ordinances from Duluth, Minnesota which will be submitted to the City Commission. He also related that a law had been passed, effective January 1, 1973, allowing the handicapped to have tax-exempt car tags.

Mr. McRight discussed recreation for the handicapped in Tulsa. Mr. Griffith asked him to write him a letter stating the goals of the Club regarding the local lakes and the fishing facilities. In this letter he stated that an immediate goal was to have the long pier at Mohawk made accessible. He also requested that a pier be made accessible to the wheelchair individual on the new Lynn Lane Reservoir.

Mr. McRight reported that he has been working on the Constitution and By-Laws. He has received a copy of the Paraplegic Association's Constitution and By-Laws. They asked if this Club would like to become a chapter of their organization.

Pat Haizlip brought a copy of the state law which states that buildings which are built with public funds must provide facilities for the handicapped. Elevators are sometimes the exception to this if the cost is prohibitive, however, this must first be given special approval by a board.

Mr. Bolton reports that the Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity has not yet reached its goal in the fund raising drive but recently a number of businessmen have contacted them interested in pledging money in order to have their name in the booklet.

Sarah Higgins reported that the Blue Show Review will be put on April 6, and 7, 1972. This program is put on by the handicapped, and is to be held at the Tulsa Recreation Center for the Physically Limited. Everyone was invited.

Mrs. Deakins reported that she had made a number of contacts to obtain information about housing for wheelchair individuals. The Federal Housing Authority said handicapped individual were eligible for FHA loans. The Tulsa Housing Authority is no longer renting to wheelchair individuals. The Chamber of Commerce provided a list of real estate companies affiliated with them which are willing to help the handicapped.

The Treasurer, Bill Buchanan, reported that the Club has \$46.11 in the bank.

Mr. Bolton suggested that means for supporting the Club be discussed. Several possibilities were discussed. These possible means of financing were: 1) contributions, which would be tax deductible, 2) be backed by or become a part of a foundation, 3) the Community Chest, 4) be self-supporting through dues.

Mrs. Haizlip introduced Grace Hinke, Associate Director of the Tulsa Rehabilitation, and Jan Shipley, Chief Occupational Therapist.

Mr. McRight said that Jerry Compton is interested in arranging a tour to Wool-a-roc Museum.

Doyal Knowles from the WIN Committee reported that he is working on a slide presentation concerning architectural barriers which is going to be presented to the Southside Rotary Club and the Downtown Civitans.

Mr. Bolton has been given a book Wheelchairmanship Project which he will report on to the Club.

Mrs. Deakins and Mrs. Fitzhugh volunteered to bring refreshments to the next meeting.

The meeting time and place was again discussed. It was decided to continue meeting on the first Wednesday of the month, at the Tulsa Rehabilitation Center.

Mr. Bart Row offered to take anyone interested on a tour of the Rehabilitation Center after the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by:

Marsha Walker, in the absence of the Secretary

MINUTES

TULSA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION CLUB

MARCH 7, 1972

In the absence of President, Karl Bolton, Vice-President Ken McRight brought the meeting to order.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with the correction of Methodist Church rather than Baptist Church as stated in the minutes.

Mr. McRight stated that Mike Phillips of the WIN Committee and Ken Bolton, President of the Rehab Club, discussed the possibility of the two clubs merging. They felt it would be beneficial to both clubs to do so. The WIN Committee would operate as a branch of the Rehab Club and hold its own meetings. Mr. McRight put this into a form of a motion. The motion was seconded by Bill Potts and was carried by the vote of the members.

Mrs. Haizlip reported that Mr. Harris at Moton Health Center said the Club could use their bus if the meetings were held on Wednesday evenings. Rev. Williams of the Trinity Methodist Church said their bus could be used with driver's services donated.

Upon the suggestion by Mrs. Deakins, a motion was made, seconded, and carried that when meeting notices are sent out that a name and phone number be included indicating transportation services. This way anyone needing transportation could call the number for making arrangements.

A motion was made by Mrs. Haizlip that a correspondence committee be formed. The Upjohn Homemakers Club had previously offered to type the meeting notice cards. The motion was seconded and carried. Those serving on the committee are: Martin Kalmeyer, James Coleman, Sarah Higgins, and Leonard Revels (chairman).

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the meetings be held every first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be held at the Tulsa Rehab Center at Hillcrest Hospital at 7:30. Parking facilities will be checked out and instructions as where to park will be included in the next meeting notice.

The Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity of T.U. is sponsoring fund-raising drives for the Vocational Rehabilitation Club. The goal of \$1500 is set and will be used to publish a guide for the handicapped as to buildings with easy access. This guide will also list services

available to handicapped individuals.

Any extra funds will be used to eliminate barriers on the T.U. campus. A letter of appreciation will be sent to the Fraternity.

Ken McRight has checked with City and County offices about fishing facilities for the handicapped. He is going to discuss with the Water Commissioner the possibility of a convenient dock being built at the proposed Lynn Lane Reservoir.

Mrs. Deakins reported that the Housing Committee has not been able to meet but that she has made contacts herself with THA, FHA, and Chamber of Commerce. Persons in wheelchairs are eligible for FHA loans. She hopes to soon have a list of rentals available for disabled persons.

Mr. Tumbleson of the Oklahoma State Rehabilitation Office stated that HUD recognizes the need for housing and a 200-unit low-income apartment complex might be built in Tulsa.

It was mentioned that an employment seminar sponsored by the Oklahoma State Vocational Rehabilitation Office will be held in Tulsa August 28 and Mr. Tumbleson encouraged everyone to attend. Those interested in joining the National Rehabilitation Association may do so by contacting the Rehab Office.

Mrs. Hartson reported that the WIN Committee has surveyed the Assembly Center and recommendations for this building have been presented to Mayor LaFortune and Roy Saunders. A ramp has been constructed at the Warren Professional Buildings due to the efforts of the Committee and Looboye's at Southroads Mall has expressed their interest in complying with the accessibility standards.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by:

Charlene Hartson, Secretary

THE WIN COMMITTEE REPORT

During the past few months, the WIN Committee of the Tulsa Vocational Rehabilitation Club has been working on the problem of architectural barriers. It is our hope to publish a monthly report so that members of the Rehabilitation Club will know which buildings are accessible and will make use of facilities which are provided for them.

As part of a campaign to educate the public about the problem of barriers, the WIN Committee has prepared a series of slides showing the types of barriers which the handicapped must deal with in the Tulsa area. These slides will be presented to civic and church groups throughout the city. As of now, we are scheduled to speak to the Downtown Civitan Club, the Downtown Rotary Club, and the Oil Capital Chamber of Commerce. In order to publicize the problem of barriers on a wider scale, Mike Phillips and Lex Freeden appeared on the Betty Boyd Show and discussed several of the slides.

Lex Freeden also appeared on several TV spots to raise money for a pamphlet which will serve as a guide to Tulsa for the handicapped. At present, funds are not sufficient for the publication of the pamphlet, but in the meantime we hope these reports will serve to inform our members of new developments in the fight against barriers.

And the developments as of now are these:

1.) The Warren Professional Building at 6465 S. Yale, now has two reserved parking places at the west end of the parking lot, a ramp at the curb near the west entrance, and wheelchair restrooms on the ground floor.

2.) The Target Store at 1701 S. Yale has been certified by the mayor's committee on architectural barriers. Any building awarded this certificate must be completely accessible for the handicapped, and the Target Store is very convenient. There are two reserved parking spaces, special restrooms, ramped entrances, low telephones and water fountains, and even a special checkout lane which is wide enough for wheelchairs.

3.) Members of the mayor's committee and WIN have toured the Assembly Center and proposed improvements which will open the building to the handicapped. The project has the backing of Mayor LaFortune, and at present, cost estimates are being made by the management of the Assembly Center. Proposed improvements include reserved parking, ramped entrances, improved seating, and restroom facilities for the handicapped.

4.) Mary Caroline Cole, an architect on the mayor's committee and Mike Phillips of WIN have contacted Mr. John Elsner of the Tulsa Fair Corporation about making the annual state fair more convenient for the handicapped. Special parking and restroom facilities were discussed, and although details are not yet decided, Mr. Elsner was very cooperative and seemed to want to help.

5.) Two of "Green Country's" top tourist attractions have contacted WIN about facilities for the handicapped. The TSA-LA-GI Theater in Tahlequah, Oklahoma has written as follows: "Here at the famous theater at TSA-LA-GI we have made special provisions for persons in wheelchairs in the form of two box seat areas at the top and back of the amphitheater seating area. We can accommodate four or five wheelchairs in each. Cars may drive to within a hundred yards of the boxes and ramps are used rather than steps. We have been privileged to host a number of persons in wheelchairs. In fact, some who come to see the production of the "Trail of Tears" fairly regularly call us in advance to be sure that we save them a space in the boxes for the handicapped."

Also, the general manager of Woolaroc has written to inform us about improvements at their museum in Bartlesville. "Wide easily-maneuverable rampways have been constructed at the entrance and between floor levels of the museum; a special parking area sonnected by a concrete walkway to the museum exit has been constructed for ease in unloading and loading wheelchair guests. The Lodge is easily accessible at the west entrance. The National Y-Indian Guide Center and the first 1,000 feet of the Thunderbird Canyon Nature Trails were planned and constructed with wheelchair accessibility in mind."

We have no first hand knowledge of either of these facilities, so there may be barriers that are not apparent to the people at TSA-LA-GI or Woolaroc. We believe that a group from the Rehabilitation Club should visit these plaaces as soon as possible to check them out for the rest of the members.

6.) A benefit softball game will be played on May 21st at Newblock Park. The exhibition double-header will match the Oklahoma Army National Guard team against the TRESCO team managed by Bob Ceatham of the Tulsa Vocational Rehabilitation Club. Game is 2:00p.m. that Sunday afternoon. Admission will be \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for children. Club members will be admitted free.

And there's more to come. Watch next month for news of wheelchair fishing facilities, a bank which will soon be opening its doors to the handicapped, legislation concerning barriers in the state of Oklahoma, and more.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Phillips, Pubilicity Chairman

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