

SELECT AND INTERESTING FACTS OF OUR HOME'S HISTORY

1921

Among our Home's Board of Trustees were two Civil War veterans, a widow of a Civil War veteran, and a Spanish-American War veteran. In this year the law was changed to include a veteran of World War One. Our Superintendent at that time was also a veteran of the Civil War. Quite a representation of our country's military history. Due to the 1920 change in the state law, increasing the acceptance age of the children to 18 years, a second year of high school was introduced. The Ladies of the Grand Army established the first scholarship fund for graduates, and an educational fund known as the Levitt Memorial Fund was also made possible for graduates. At the close of 1921, 343 children under the age of 16 years were present, at per capita cost of \$552.92. What a difference a century makes.

1922

1922 found our Home to be recognized as a haven for children of WW1 veterans; that it was, and that it continued to be. We had an outstanding basketball team which, because the school was not an accredited high school, had to find their competition in church and community organization teams. In 1922 there were no graduates because of the age limit having been extended to 18 years, and the students were to have 3 more years of high school to receive a diploma.

1923

On May 10, 1923 Superintendent Luther Short submitted his resignation to the Board of Trustees. At that meeting Leslie A. Cortner, a veteran of WW1 and a resident of Winchester, IN, was selected to succeed him. With Mr. Short's resignation the office of superintendent passed from a veteran of the Civil War to a veteran of WW1. On October 1st Mrs. Dorothy Cortner became our Home's matron, succeeding Ms. Ella Woodward of Bloomington, IN. The summer months found our small canning factory producing 1700 gallons of tomatoes, beans and apples. In October the ex-students, Spanish War veterans and the Auxiliary held a reunion at our Home (the first?) In November sweaters were purchased for the children to wear- the very first deviation from strict school uniforms.

1924

1924 saw the first four-year high school graduating class. A much needed addition was made to the hospital nursery, later to be known as Division 24. Division 2 was opened in April, with Ms. Lyda Sparks as governess. Physical education for girls came on board in this year, along with the Gregg method of shorthand. The library of 5000 volumes was reorganized and indexed, making it much easier to know the titles of and access those volumes. On June 4, 31 cases of small pox developed among the children. Fortunately, the disease was in a mild form, and all the children recovered completely. After this experience all children were vaccinated, and all new admissions thereafter had to show a "good

scar" of vaccination for small pox before admission to the Home. Our Home's annual Christmas celebration gained new partners; the American Legion and Auxiliary, Department of Indiana; the Women's Relief Corp (WRC); the Ladies of the Grand Army; and the Auxiliary of the United Spanish War Veterans.

THESE AND MANY MORE VERY INTERESTING FACTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF OUR HOME ARE CONTAINED IN A BOOK COMPILED BY MR. AND MRS. CORTNER. IT IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON OUR WEBSITE, isschalumni.com, AND IN OUR ALUMNI STORE. ON HOMECOMING DAY, DROP IN AND VISIT OUR STORE FOR OTHER SUCH BOOKS, AS WELL AS MYRIAD OF ISSCH/MORTON MEMORIAL ITEMS.