

*These "shorthand" notes from Angeline Hassler were transcribed from her manuscript in St. Boniface Archives by Evangeline Ripp. Angeline, Vera Boedigheimer's mother, like Vera, was a zestful, inquisitive, observer.*

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**(Front Cover)** This belongs to Angeline Hassler. My trip through these State buildings. Some places very sad. When on Grand Jury duty.

Oct. 18, 1938. Escorted by Bert Smith, visited **County Jail**.

Oct 18. **Penitentiary** mail censored both ways. Library, radio. **Meals** cost less than 3 cents per person per meal. 460 lb. beef for 1 meal, 1500 lb. turkey for 1 meal, 800 lb. flour daily. Butcher 15 hogs each Monday, 60,000 gallons fruit each year - can themselves, 30 barrels (50 gallon size) pickles, 30 barrels (50 gallon size) sauerkraut.

Supt. James Lewis. **Inmates** at flax plant, print shop. Had dinner at pen - beef and bouquet of gladiolas. Costs \$20.00 per month to keep. Saw prisoners eat at noon on Oct. 19, Wed. Escorted through pen(itentiary) by Deputy Wardens Mr. Hawley and Mr. Rogers. Have 1049 (inmates), 11 being women, can handle 1200. Women's Dept. canned 1800 qts fruit & jelly.

**Greenhouse.** Mr. Baxter, saw new homes for guards. 123 serving life time. Went through entire prison from lethal gas chamber to bull pens, saw men exercise on island.

**Annex.** Escorted by Hawley & Rogers, run by trustees, 57. Do farming, have 116 breeding hogs, 650 pigs in all, 250 turkeys, 100 cows, have own fire protection.

Oct. 20, 1938, Thursday, escorted by Mrs. Patterson. 49 girls at home, 12 to 25 years, have 50 acres, girls do most all of work, only have 2 men for farm work, 7,000 1/2 gal jars fruit & vegetables, 14 milk cows, cost \$38 to \$41 per girl each month. Ate at **girls' home**.

Oct. 20, 1938, Thursday, escorted by Dr. Byrd through **entire institute**. 14 cottages, 1002 inmates do own baking, have movies for inmates.

Oct. 21, 1938, Friday, escorted by Mr. Laughlin, 82 **boys**. 35 extra hired help, make own clothes, use 1400 cords of wood, have 30 cows, 100 hogs, 400 chickens, wage for help runs from \$65 to \$100, \$36.00 a boy per month, 600 gallons sauerkraut, make own sorghum, have Catholic chapel in amusement hall. Had dinner at school - fried halibut.

Oct. 21, 1938, Friday. **Very poor** 10 rooms, 14 patients, county pays \$20.00 a month for their support.

Friday, **Mute School**, Oct. 21, 1938, escorted by Dr Steed. 132 students 6 to 21 years, 43 employees, inmates normal, 900 cords wood per year, \$432-\$460 per year, 5000 1/2 gal. fruit.

Oct. 24-25, 1938, **State Hospital**, Monday & Tuesday. Male - 1411, female - 1209, together 2620 and 550 out with relatives but still under Dr. Evans care, totaling 3170 in all. Increase around 120 per year. Cost \$14.00 per person a month, cost institute \$1200.00 a day to operate, jumped \$4,000-\$6,000 per year in medicines alone.

47 bed patients, 100 sheets, 50,000 gallons veg. & fruit, 32-49 flour, make 1200 loaves bread, pork costs 1 cent per lb., milk 10 cents a gallon.

9 **Drs. on staff**, 70 criminally insane, 26 from pen. 20 cords of wood daily. Best of hospital equipment, saw funeral chapel etc. \$110,000 cost of patients that are employed.

**Cottage Farm.** (escorted by) Scott. 70 acres, turkeys 428, 6000 birds, 60,000 lb. prunes, 500 tons hay, 200 tons alfalfa. Rec. from cows 300-500 gallons daily, 23,685 bushel spuds, cows 101, 110 cords wood per month, 250 hogs.

**State Highway Shops.** Escorted by E. H. Hallack, employ 95 persons.

**Highway Police.** 13 work out of Salem. Salary \$150.00 month, hear broadcasting station, saw guns, tear bombs, bayonets, and cartridges, speed of some guns 20 shells in 1 1/2 seconds.

**Blind School.** 97 pupils, 10 regular teachers, 30 employed, school 9 months, 450 cords wood year, cost per child per month \$39.00 to \$48.00.

**State House.** Escorted by Mr. Flagg, Martin.

**Senate Room.**

**House of Rep.**

**Printing Press.** 40 people employed. Rec. 16 carloads of paper yearly