OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AT NORTH DAKOTA STATE HOSPITAL, JAMESTOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

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The occupational therapy department at the state hospital is carried on under the direction of a trained chief occupational therapist, Miss May Howarth Anderson, and two assistants, formerly attendants who have been trained for this work.

The class rooms are open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and a daily average of about 70 patients are receiving this form of prescribed treatment which includes besides the foot and hand power loom weaving, all sorts of hand rug making, reed and raffia basketry, rake-knitting and wood work.

Besides these occupational activities there are two occupational aides under the direction of the Veterans' Bureau who are conducting this form of treatment with the ex-service men.

There are 28 of these young men in our hospital, all of whom are in the occupational therapy classes.

The occupational therapy department has been running about 12 months and during the year 250 patients have passed through the department, some to the industrial department of the institution, and others have been paroled home.