

books and magazines on talking book records, and taped material. It also distributes talking book machines on which the records may be played. Library service is available to any blind person over five. Homework units are established in the homes of some blind person, and products produced are marketed throughout the state.

The commission serves as a center source of supply for a great variety of specialized products, tools and aids useful to the blind, children as well as adults. Braille watches and clocks; Braille writing devices, Braille paper; specialized rulers and other measuring devices which can be read by touch; canes of all types; cooking utensils with specially marked dials; standard playing cards with Braille markings added; other games such as chess, checkers, bingo, and scrabble (with special markings as needed); Braille thermometers and barometers; specially marked volt meters and similar electrical measuring devices; special marked insulin syringes for blind diabetics; and braille cookbooks are samples of the items stocked. These items are made available to the blind of the state at the commission's cost, or they are provided without cost when the blind person is unable to pay, when there is a clearly demonstrated need for the product, and when the resources of the commission will permit. The commission also assists blind persons to procure at cost certain needed nonspecialized items such as tape recorders, tape, and headphones for talking book machines. Again, there are instances in which these items are provided without charge when there is need and when resources will permit.

A number of blind children do not attend the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School at Vinton, but are enrolled in regular public schools throughout the state. Upon request the commission works with the division of special education of the Department of Public Instruction to procure books and specialized material for those children and to provide counseling and guidance.

A register of the blind in Iowa showing cause of blindness, age, and other statistical information valuable in program evaluation and planning, is maintained by the commission. There are an estimated 6,000 blind people in Iowa. About 5,000 use the library services; about 500 to 600 each year use the vocational rehabilitation program; several hundred receive instruction through the home teachers; and about 100 are involved at homework production.

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