

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS

Appointed by the Governor. Term five years.

J. WOOLSON BROOKS, Des Moines; term expires June 30, 1962.
 GERALD I. GRIFFITH, Des Moines; term expires June 30, 1962.
 OSWALD H. THORSON, Waterloo; term expires June 30, 1962.
 HAROLD F. BIANCO, Mason City; term expires June 30, 1966.
 CHARLES V. RICHARDSON, Davenport; term expires June 30, 1966.
 JACQUELINE DAY, Des Moines, Executive Secretary.

The Forty-second General Assembly passed a law forming a board of architectural examiners, specifying that all persons who wish to practice architecture in Iowa under the title "architect" must secure a certificate from the board. Authority to revoke certificates is granted the board in case those holding same do not meet the requirements of the law. Three regular meetings are held each year in March, July and October and special meetings on call. Examinations are held in Des Moines in March and October.

COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND

Main Office, Rehabilitation Center and Library located at
 Fourth and Keosauqua, Des Moines

DISTRICT OFFICES

730 Higley Building, Cedar Rapids
 326 LaFayette Building, Waterloo

Two members are appointed by the governor for a term of two years and the third to be the superintendent of the school for the blind, ex officio.

Director, KENNETH JERNIGAN.

LEE IVERSON, Benton County, Vinton; Superintendent of the Braille and Sight Saving School.

W. C. HAHLE, Bremer County, Sumner; term expires June 30, 1962.

MRS. MARY LOUISE SMITH, Wright County, Eagle Grove; term expires June 30, 1963.

The Commission for the Blind, created in 1926, offers services to the blind in Iowa in order that they may receive the necessary training and opportunity to become independent, competitive citizens. There are several departments of the commission through which such help is given.

At the rehabilitation center in Des Moines blind adults are given instruction in the skills of blindness. Courses for students include Braille, travel, home management (cooking, cleaning, shopping and sewing), shop work with regular industrial machinery, typing and personal grooming. There are also other courses in attitudes and techniques that bring to the student a true understanding of blindness—that it need not mean helplessness and is, in fact, no more than a physical nuisance if training and opportunity are available. It is important to the blind person (especially the newly blind) to learn that blind persons are actually working as full time, regular electricians, machinists, farmers, lawyers, scientists, teachers, salesmen, etc. For those who are unable to attend the center, the home teaching department gives such instruction.

When a blind person has acquired proficiency in the skills of blindness, the vocational rehabilitation department offers him specific training in a vocational skill. The blind person is then helped in finding and obtaining employment.