

The Kind of a Home

THEIR FATHERS WANTED THEM TO HAVE

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NOT LONG ago a former G.I. visited the V.F.W. National Home. A painful limp told the story of his wartime courage more eloquently than the many ribbons he was entitled to wear. It was this man who summed up the wonderful story of this child welfare program with words I shall never forget.

"I remember the men in my outfit who showed me the pictures of their kids," he said. "Some of those fellows never came home. Only God knows if I've seen the baby pictures of some of these same children. But as far as I am concerned, *those are the same kids.* The V.F.W. is giving these youngsters the kind of home I know their fathers wanted them to have."

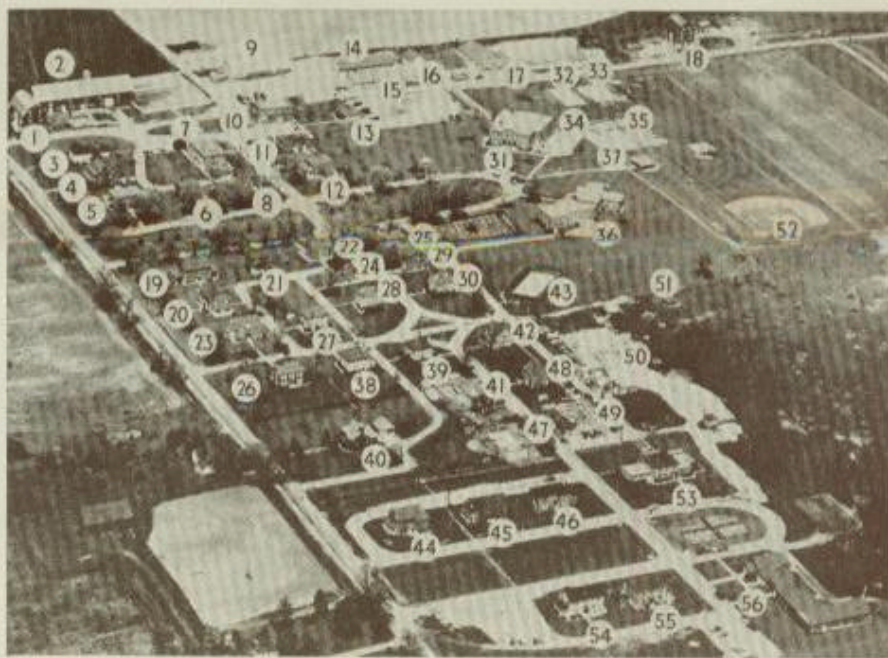
These simple words explain why your purchase of our 1956 Christmas seals, our major source of revenue, is so vitally important to the continued operation of the V.F.W. National Home. Every dollar that you give will be spent for the food, clothes, shelter, and physical welfare of the children entrusted to our care.

This care includes the splendid facilities of the public schools of Eaton Rapids. Through the cooperation of the churches of Eaton Rapids, our children receive religious training in the denominations in which they were reared.

Please be as generous as you can in responding to this one annual appeal from the National Home to the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary.

Make this gift your personal Christmas greeting, not only to our children at the National Home, but to the memory of every man who died in the service of his country—with a picture of his loved ones close to his heart.

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The cottages and other facilities of the V.F.W. National Home pictured in the aerial view on the following pages are identified in the keyed photograph above. (1) Barn. (2) Dairy Barn. (3) Farm House. (4) Michigan Cottage No. 2. (5) Illinois Cottage. (6) Massachusetts Cottage. (7) Administration Building. (8) Virginia Cottage. (9) Farm Implement Shed. (10) Garage. (11) Laundry. (12) Ass't. Manager's Home, formerly Michigan Cottage No. 2. (13) Boy Scout Cabin. (14) Apple Storage Building. (15) Maintenance Shop. (16) Cider Mill. (17) Fire Barn. (18) Storage Building. (19) Pennsylvania Cottage No. 1. (20) Pennsylvania Cottage No. 2. (21) New Jersey Cottage. (22) Indiana Cottage No. 1. (23) California Cottage No. 1. (24) Home Life Director's Residence. (25) New York Cottage. (26) Ohio Cottage. (27) Minnesota Cottage. (28) Washington Cottage. (29) Missouri Cottage. (30) Connecticut Cottage. (31) Community Center. (32) Tennis Court. (33) Shuffleboard Court. (34) Swimming Pool. (35) Playground. (36) Hospital. (37) Cootie Field House. (38) Maryland Cottage. (39) Wisconsin Cottage. (40) Home Manager's Residence. (41) Pennsylvania (Fred Stover) Cottage. (42) Iowa Cottage. (43) Tennis Court. (44) California Cottage No. 2. (45) West Virginia Cottage. (46) Kansas Cottage. (47) North Carolina Cottage. (48) Michigan Cottage No. 3. (49) South Dakota Cottage. (50) Indiana Cottage No. 2. (51) Playground Shelter. (52) Baseball Diamond. (53) Nursery. (54) Colorado Cottage. (55) Penna. Cottage No. 3. (56) Guest Lodge.