

Annual Report of Manager John O'Keefe of Railroad Men's Home is Published

The annual report of the manager of the Railroad Men's Home to the Officers of the Home Society and Members of the Supporting Brotherhoods for 1928 has just left the press of the Udell Printing company. It is a very neat and attractive 6½x9, 40-page booklet and contains much interesting information in connection with the past and present history of that institution.

The Manager, John O'Keefe, has just finished his 25th year in the service of the Home society, and reports that when he came to the Home in November 1903 there were 18 in-

mates housed in three old wooden buildings that were heated by 13 stoves and three furnaces, and the danger of fire,—especially in zero weather, was difficult to estimate.

Valuation

The total cash assets at that time were \$5,577.57 and \$6,000.00 would be a very generous estimate of the value of grounds, buildings and equipment, making a total of \$11,577.57. Today the valuation placed on grounds, buildings and equipment is \$427,722.36. There has been admitted to the Home since its inception four hundred and thirty-five (435) men who,

had it not been for this refuge, many of them would have been charges on their relatives and friends or the community from whence they came. There have been one hundred and fifty-two deaths and one hundred and forty-four have vacated, and twenty were expelled. There have been eighteen insane trials. The number of residents in the Home as of December 31, 1928 was one hundred and three (103). The total cost for maintenance for 1928 was \$67,053.56.

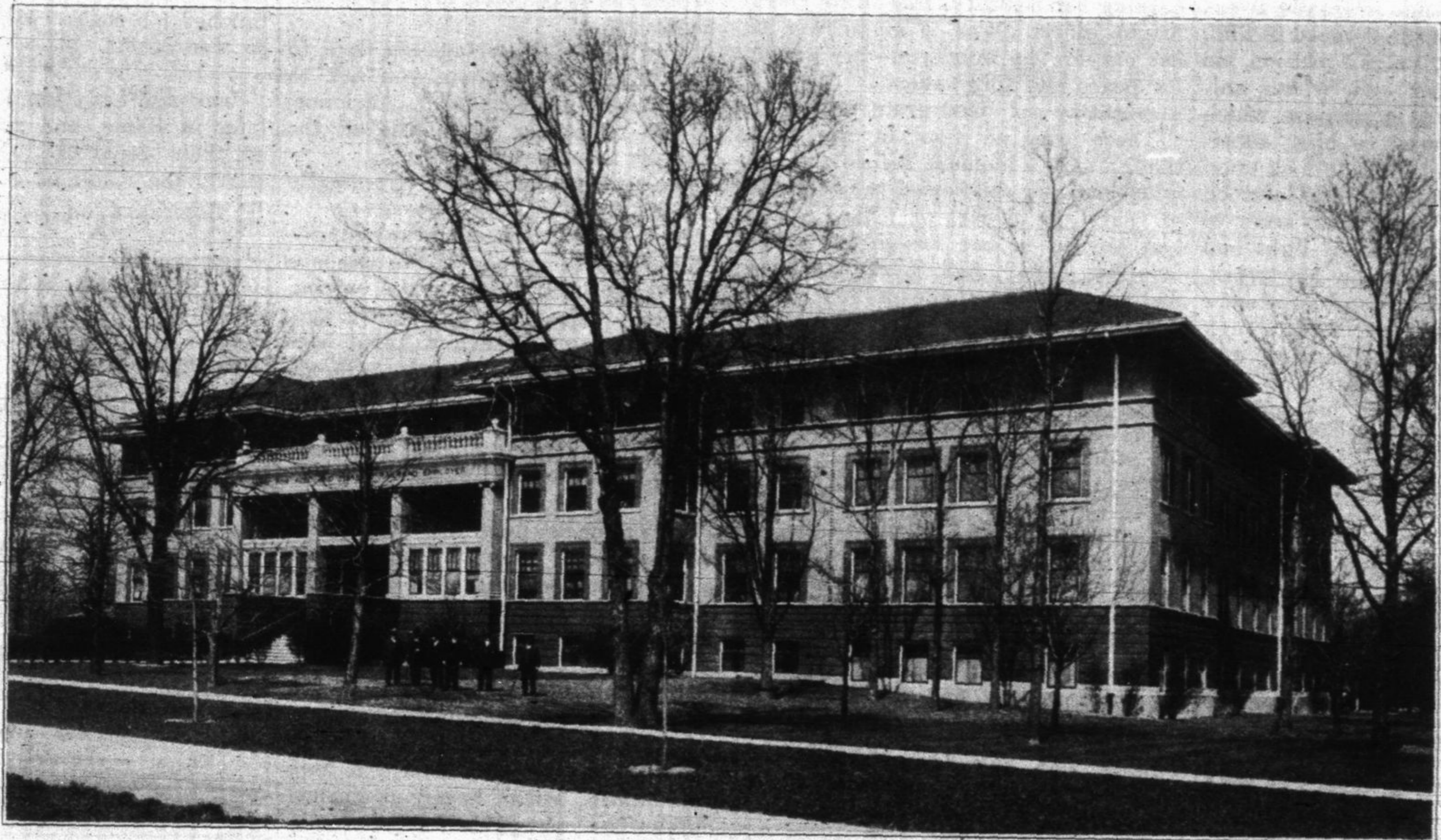
Expense Per Man

The expense per man for the past

five years is as follows: Cost per inmate:

Year	Per day	Per week	Per month	Per year
1924	1.90	\$13.30	\$57.86	\$684.33
1925	2.38	16.68	72.28	867.37
1926	2.31	16.24	70.39	844.70
1927	2.11	15.27	66.17	794.01
1928	2.13	14.94	64.74	776.83

Mr. O'Keefe observes it might be argued that the cost per man per day for maintenance in the Home is large, and sometimes this figure is contrasted with the cost of living elsewhere. If the cost covered only what is generally termed a person's meals and lodgings, this cost of operation might be regarded as excessive, but when consideration is given



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to the fact that the service given the men in the Home covers not only meals and lodging, but clothing, laundry, tobacco, postage stamps, barbering, the services of doctor, dentist and oculist, medicines and hospital service (including all operations and the constant service of trained nurse) and numerous smaller items necessary for their welfare and comfort.

Fire-Proof Building

The buildings are fireproof, modern and up-to-date in every respect and the equipment of latest design. There are 12 electric motors in use to supply current for the same number of power-driven machines in use, the average cost of light and power being about one hundred and seventy-five dollars per month. Eight carloads of coal are used during the winter months, at an average cost of \$7.35 per ton.

The grounds are well kept, and indeed, during the summer months the Home is inspected by visitors from all parts of the country, and we hear many well deserved compliments with reference to it. And this newspaper goes on record as bespeaking for Mr. and Mrs. O'Keefe, manager and matron,—many more years of pleasant business relationship in our community.



JOHN O'KEEFE  
Secretary-Treasurer and Manager



MRS. JOHN O'KEEFE  
Matron

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