

1941—Secured the re-appropriation of seventy-five thousand dollars ear-marked for the Division for the Blind.

1943—Finding the \$75,000.00 appropriation inadequate to develop the program as desired by both the State Board of Social Welfare and the Kansas Association for the Blind, the appropriation was increased by the Legislature to \$100,000.00 through the efforts of the Legislative Committee of the Association.

2. The Association also employed a placement agent for more than three months, during which time fourteen placements were made.

1945—Secured the re-appropriation of the \$100,000.00 in cooperation with the State Board of Social Welfare; secured permission from the Legislature to use \$50,000 from the Social Welfare fee fund as a revolving fund to enlarge the industrial program.

1947—Secured an appropriation of \$125,000.00 to erect a building for training blind persons in skills that will prepare them for employment in industries, and for production of salable articles; secured the re-appropriation of \$100,000.00 and \$50,000.00 revolving fund for continued enlargement of the state program for the blind.

To preserve the object of the Association—the general welfare of the blind—it is necessary that the Association as a private agency, be vigilant in protecting the achievements thus far attained and in securing future legislation that will meet future needs.

## CONSTITUTION (As Revised 1945)

Article 1. NAME—This Organization shall be called The Kansas Association for the Blind.

Article 2. OBJECT—It's object shall be to promote the general welfare of the blind and deaf blind by sponsoring through legislature a program including prevention of blindness, restoration of sight, placement in competitive industry, and employment of blind and sale of products made by Blind.

2. By providing through home teachers for the literary, industrial, social and economic adjustment of the adult blind in their homes, and for normal development for blind children too young to be admitted to the State School for the Blind.

3. To acquaint the public of the State, through publicity, with the capabilities of the blind and their desire to be accepted as normal citizens in their respective communities.

Article 3. LOCATION—The headquarters of this Association shall be in the city of Topeka, Kansas.

Article 4. Its duration shall be for fifty years.

Article 5. MEMBERSHIP — Any person may become a member of this Association by complying with the conditions as set forth in the By-Laws.