



Northeast Oklahoma Correctional Center
Vinita, Oklahoma

(history continued)

In December, 1994, the first offenders were transferred to the newly established facility. Subsequently, a new 264 bed housing unit, a dining/kitchen facility, Central Control, and the warehouse/maintenance building were constructed. Both renovation and construction continue. A portion of the offender population continues to provide institutional maintenance and support functions for both the Oklahoma Forensic Center and NOCC. Other offenders are involved in Prisoner Public Works (PPW) programs and institutional farming operations.

OFFENDER PROGRAMS

Education offers Literacy, ABE and GED classes to all offenders based on Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE) scores, days remaining and scores from Lexington Assessment and Reception Center. Offenders scoring below 8th grade level will automatically be put on the education waiting list.

Prisoner Public Works Program (PPWP)

NOCC has continuously maintained a Prisoner Public Works Program in which approximately 60 offenders participate. The PPWP crews provide services to Oklahoma Forensic Center as well as the community. This program allows participating offenders to gain valuable work skills and experience. Periodically, NOCC receives requests from the community for an offender crew to help with special projects that usually lasts no more than one to two days in length.



Institutional Services

Offenders who are not eligible to participate in the Prisoner Public Works Program are assigned jobs at the Agri-Services unit or various other facility job assignments such as food service, janitorial services, law library, leisure library, canteen, activities, property room, maintenance or yard and garden crews.

INDUSTRY

Agri-Services

The Agri-Services Division utilizes approximately 1700 acres from the Department of Mental Health and the City of Vinita. The farm maintains a commercial beef herd of approximately 220 cows with calves. In a normal year approximately 1,000 tons of hay is baled for winter-feed. Approximately 25% of the hay production is shipped to other DOC farms to help with their winter-feed needs. In addition, this unit sells approximately 200 ricks of firewood per year. The farm coordinator and two farm supervisors oversee the work of approximately 40 offenders. These offenders are assigned to various crews working with the cattle, mule teams, fencing, tractor/equipment operations, and general farm maintenance.

OPERATIONS

Health Services provides routine Medical/Dental/ Psychological/ Psychiatric/Optomtry services Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Our medical department consists of a doctor, two LPN's, two RN's, a full-time psychologist, a dentist, a dental assistant and an online psychiatrist. Optometry appointments are handled by a contract provider.

Religious Services - The chaplain and outside religious organizations provide a variety of religious services at NOCC. Volunteers provide religious programs and various other programs such as: Alcoholic's Anonymous, Institute of Self-Worth and New Life Behavior on a regularly scheduled basis in the chapel.

