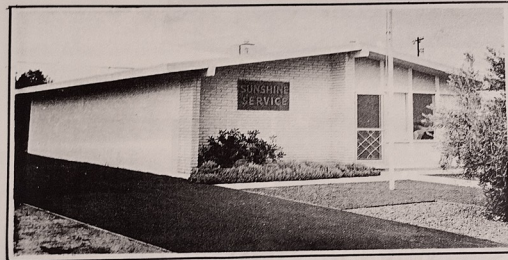


SUNSHINE SERVICE INC.



The Sunshine Building Office and Store Room

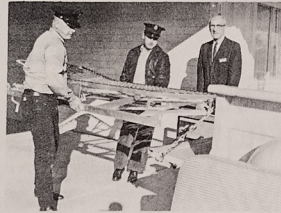
10307 Coggins Drive, Sun City, Arizona 85351

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9:00 TO 12:00 AND 1:00 TO 4:00
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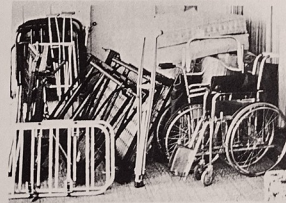
In the Beginning Rev. Thistlethwaite and His Wife, Fern, Worked Together. She was Telephone Girl and Office Secretary.



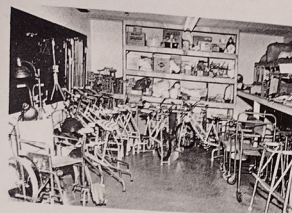
The Rural Fire Department of Sun City Moving a Hospital Bed



Mrs. Virginia McFadden, One of the Office Girls, Who Will Greet You at the Sunshine Office



A View of the Equipment Stored in the Thistlethwaite Land, Which Showed the Need for Our First Building.



These Views Show Crowded Condition of the Sunshine Store Room



Here Rev. "T" is Calling On Mrs. Elder at the Hospital. Her Husband is Standing Near.



Lloyd Culbertson Has the Use of One Leg and One Arm, But He Travels in a Sunshine Wheel Chair about a Mile Every Morning.

WHAT IS THE SUNSHINE SERVICE?

By Hazel V. Meyer, Publicity Chairman

It is the success story of an organization. That success is due to the vision, inspiration and never-ending effort of its founder, Rev. E. Duane Thistlethwaite, and the hundreds of Sun Citizens who have given their time, effort and money to make this success possible.

Now for a little history. In 1961 Rev "T.", as his friends call him, was appointed chairman of the then Sun City Civic Association, Sunshine and Sick Visiting Committees. Five members of this association contributed \$200.00, primarily to help some Sun Citizens who found it difficult to pay their community center recreational dues. At that time a Sun Citizen wanted to come home from the hospital to his wife rented a hospital bed for a month at a cost of \$35.00. The Sunshine Committee had an opportunity to buy second-hand hospital beds for \$25.00 each. Rev. "T." thought this a good idea. With an assist from another Sun Citizen, he bought four such beds and used the rest of the committee's funds to buy some second-hand hospital equipment. And so began the supply of Sunshine Service sickroom equipment that cost more than \$24,000.00!

In 1963 the Sunshine Committee came under the auspices of the Home Owners Association, when it took the place of the Sun City Civic Association.

In the beginning, the equipment, when not in use, was stored in the carport storage room and in the enclosed lanai of Rev. "T.". Later, when it became obvious that the committee had to have more room for the growing supply of equipment, plans were made for the construction of the Sunshine Building, now located at 10307 Coggins Drive in Sun City. The Del Webb organization gave the land, furnished the architect, provided the improvements and landscaping and built the building at cost. More than \$12,000.00 to cover the cost of the building was raised by sending letters to the clubs and without an organized campaign. Many Sun City organizations, clubs and individuals contributed.

In order to receive the deed to the land, the Sunshine Committee became incorporated, changing its title to "Sunshine Service, Inc." It is now an independent organization.

Sunshine Service is financed solely by contributions and memorial gifts from individuals, organizations and clubs. A number of Sun Citizens have remembered Sunshine Service in their wills. All money received is used to buy new equipment, repair older equipment, pay the utilities and other expenses of the building and for the salaries of a nurse and two secretaries, each of whom work half time. All checks must be signed by two officers of the corporation who know where the money goes. The services of Chairman "T.", the 25 Board members and the more than 400 district chairmen, subdistrict chairmen, neighborhood chairmen and other workers are all voluntary.

It must be remembered that there is a constant, in fact phenomenal, growth in Sun City. Therefore the needs served by the Sunshine Service are ever-increasing. Although there is a steady flow of contributions to the Sunshine Service, there is also a steady outgo of money. As a matter of fact, the organization had about \$500.00 more in August of 1968 than in August of 1966.

Plans are now being made for increasing the size of the Sunshine building as there is a great need for more storage space. The Del Webb organization will construct the expansion at cost.

There have been rumors that Sunshine Service is sponsored by the Del Webb Corporation or by the Sun City Community Fund. There is no foundation for these reports.

And now, more specifically, what does Sunshine Service do?

(1) It is a helping hand in time of illness, bereavement or heartaches of many kinds.

(2) It lends hospital beds, trapeze, walkers, wheelchairs, commode chairs, hydraulic lifts, traction units and many smaller pieces of sickroom equipment, without charge, to any Sun Citizen who requests them.

(3) Neighborhood chairmen visit those in their neighborhoods who are alone and ill. They offer their services, if desired, in time of bereavement.

(4) It provides all residents with a window card which contains vital information for use in an emergency.

(5) It helps residents get household or nursing help in case of accident or illness. (The remuneration paid such help is a matter between those who need help and those who want work.)

(6) It lends up to \$500.00, without interest, to Sun Citizens in case of a death, when insurance, social security and other payments may be delayed and money is needed for living expenses.

(7) In cooperation with the Visiting Nurse Service, Inc., it helps provide nursing service to Sun Citizens.

(8) Neighborhood chairmen, district chairmen and the Sunshine Office maintain a card file of Sun Citizens. The card gives information as to names, addresses and telephone numbers of next of kin to be notified in the event of an emergency, name of doctor, and church affiliation, drugs to which the Sun Citizen may be allergic and other information which might prove helpful in an emergency, particularly where both husband and wife might be in an accident.

The window cards, distributed to residents, have been very useful and in a few cases, have literally proved to be lifelines. The red "X" alerts passersby to the fact that the resident needs help. The reverse side of the card gives information needed in an emergency.

For years the hospital beds were delivered and returned by the Lundberg Mortuary at Youngtown without charge. This service has been assumed by the Sun City Rural Fire Department.

Efforts are being made constantly to organize the newer neighborhoods with the appointment of district chairmen and neighborhood chairmen.

And now something about the founder. Rev. "T" is the motivating force behind Sunshine Service. He has been its chairman from the beginning. His daily calls to hospitalized Sun Citizens have cheered and encouraged hundreds. This service and his other efforts in behalf of Sunshine Service have earned him the name, "Mr. Sunshine." Working eight to ten hours a day, this "retired" 76-year-old minister believes that one should not "retire from life" when one retires from one's life work. Commenting on Sunshine Service, he says, "We try to bring good cheer and sunshine to chase gloom away. So often people need someone with whom to discuss their problems as much as they need the sickroom equipment. I am ready to go out any time of the day or night if I can help." That he has helped and continues to do so is vigorously affirmed by countless Sun Citizens.

So far as is known, there is not another community service just like Sunshine Service in existence - thanks to the vision of Rev. "T." and the public spirit and voluntary service of Sunshine Service workers. Sun Citizens are invited to visit the Sunshine Building to see the sickroom equipment and learn more about what "Sunshine" is doing.

Gifts to Sunshine Service, Inc. are Income and Gift Tax Deductible.

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