

**One Hundred And Twenty-Seventh
ANNUAL REPORT**

of the

**South Carolina State
Hospital**

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PROBLEMS OF ADMINISTRATION

The shortage of professional and attendant personnel, as reported last year, remains critical. Personnel in other departments is also inadequate, with a resulting material effect on operating efficiency. A reduced work week and increased compensation for employees still appear as the only solution.

Numerous and varied inequities exist in salaries and wages for jobs in the same classification and particularly between the Columbia and State Park Divisions. Continuous efforts are being made to eliminate these inequalities and thus make for improved morale.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

An accompanying report of the superintendent reflects activities generally in the business department. While satisfactory progress is being made in organization and operations, both inadequate personnel and insufficient funds make it impossible to overcome the tremendous need for repairs to the physical plant, both buildings and equipment. It has not yet been possible to extend the sprinkler system and thus reduce to some degree the danger from fire.

NEEDED PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS

The physical condition of the S. C. State Hospital plant is appalling, despite considerable improvement. Years of maintenance neglect have aggravated conditions and converted minor repair needs into a major reconstruction job. The hospital is overcrowded and undermanned.

While needed permanent improvements for the hospital are many, those of an emergency nature include the following:

Enlargement and renovation of kitchen at Columbia.

Ward building replacement for disturbed mentally ill at Columbia, 300 beds.

Ward building at Columbia for female patients, 250 beds.

Ward building at Columbia for male patients, 250 beds.

Extension of sprinkler system in buildings not classified as fire resistant.

Respectfully submitted

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