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Building, condemned years ago, is today a disgrace to the State of South Carolina. It ought to be replaced and would have been replaced if the General Assembly had appropriated the money to replace it. The hospital's architects estimate the cost of total needed construction, including equipment, at \$18,042,200—as of today. It would be impossible to expend this sum wisely in any one year and the Board does not recommend the expenditure of any such sum in any single year, but every item in this list of projects is needed today, not tomorrow. Well down on the list are the chapels and recreation buildings for both Columbia and State Park, but only because there are matters of still greater urgency. It is an indictment of South Carolina that the State Hospital is a community of more than 5,300 people without a single church or a single adequate recreational facility.

The \$1,000,000 appropriated to the hospital by the General Assembly in 1946 for building purposes has been used, with Federal assistance, to give the hospital approximately \$1,500,000 of new construction. With these funds there have been constructed:

At the State Park Division: a new receiving and active treatment building, setting up for the first time an active treatment division at this branch; an administration building, providing for the admission of patients to the State Park Division without the necessity of a check-in at the Columbia Division, for the first time; a new sewerage disposal system, and a wire fence enclosing the hospital area to give the institution better control of personnel and patients and to halt the thefts of coal and other supplies.

At the Columbia Division: a new ice manufacturing plant; a modern warehouse and refrigeration building, renovation of the ground floor of the Administration Building to provide necessary space for administrative personnel; a canteen building; a modern maintenance shops building and extension of the steam lines to four ward buildings.

The enlargement of one ward building at the Columbia Division to house both male and female tuberculous patients, making available 100 beds for other patients, and the restoration of a ward building at the State Park Division which was partially burned, are now in progress and will be completed in the next fiscal year.

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Your attention is called to the inadequate laundry facilities at both divisions of the hospital. The present kitchen facilities are also entirely inadequate. And adequate, nutritious and appetizing food is a basic need for every patient.

To our regret the South Carolina State Hospital is not accredited by the American Psychiatric Association for the training of physicians in psychiatry. This is one of the chief reasons for the difficulty encountered by the hospital in securing the services of young physicians, who must elect to go to areas in the country where they can secure training accredited for certification in the specialty of psychiatry. It is impossible, perhaps, to think in terms of getting the entire hospital accredited for such training without the expenditure of much more money than we would suggest. It does seem possible, however, to develop within the hospital area an active and intensive treatment center and teaching and training facilities which could be accredited for psychiatric training. If the money can be found, this should be done as soon as possible.

To all of the employees of the hospital, in both the medical and the business or maintenance departments, the State of South Carolina and the Board of Regents, as the representative of the citizens of South Carolina, owe a great debt of gratitude for a job well performed under almost impossible conditions.

The time is here and now for the State to reward this faithful service, on behalf of South Carolina, both by increased compensation and improved working conditions, and also by making more resultful their labors in amelioration of what is South Carolina's, as it is the nation's No. 1 health problem. These are South Carolinians, these 5,300 patients in the State Hospital, and South Carolina should not forget them.

Respectfully submitted

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