

One Hundred And Twenty-Third  
Annual Report

of the

**South Carolina State  
Hospital**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1946



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## NEEDED PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS

Attention was directed in the last annual report to the need for a central heating plant at State Park; the erection of a separate unit for the Negro mental defectives now housed with the mentally ill; a central shop building in the city; and a building for patients with criminal tendencies.

As will be seen in the architects' report, preliminary sketches and estimates have been made covering a long range building program for the ultimate completion of the hospital.

Included in the study is a complete new unit at State Park for a Training School for Negroes (the mentally deficient) which will release five hundred beds at State Park for the Negro mentally ill.

Applications have been made to the Federal Works Agency for advance planning funds based on sketches and estimates made for the Training School for Negroes; also for an Administration Building at State Park. The latter project was approved by the Federal Works Agency, and preplanning funds are now available with plans and specifications being prepared.

Plans and estimates have been made for a central shop building in Columbia; and a central heating plant at State Park.

The central shop will provide adequate facilities and is urgently needed to expedite handling the large amount of repair work required in caring for the nearly five thousand mentally ill patients.

The central heating plant at State Park in addition to providing more adequate and better regulated heating facilities will result ultimately in an economic saving over the present system of heating each building separately.

The heating system in Building One at State Park, the oldest structure in this unit, has deteriorated beyond repair and must of necessity be replaced to provide adequate heating for the two hundred and fifty patients housed there.

The sewage disposal plant at State Park was originally constructed to sufficiently care for two thirds of the present population, so this must be doubled in capacity as a precautionary health measure. This is recommended by the consulting engineers and the sanitary engineers of the South Carolina State Board of Health.

## REPORT OF ARCHITECTS

July 1, 1946.

Dr. Coyt Ham, Superintendent  
South Carolina State Hospital  
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Doctor Ham:

We submit our report for the year ending June 30, 1946.

No new construction at Columbia or State Park has been done under our supervision. Our service during the year has been principally in connection with maintenance and repairs.

At the request of the Superintendent and the Board of Regents we made preliminary sketches and estimates covering a long range building program leading to the ultimate completion of the South Carolina State Hospital.

Included in the study was a complete new institution at State Park for a Negro Training School (for the mentally deficient). Construction of the first unit of this institution will release 238 beds at State Park for the Negro mentally ill patients.

The following applications were made to the Federal Works Agency requesting Advance Planning Funds based on some of the above mentioned sketches and estimates:

## STATE PARK

Administration Building.....	\$ 58,750.00
Training School—First Priority Group.....	941,330.00
Training School—Second Priority Group.....	502,415.00
Training School—Third Priority Group.....	624,300.00

Other sketches and estimates were made, for which no applications for Advance Planning were made, as follows:

## COLUMBIA

Church Building.....	\$83,950.00
Central Shop Building.....	62,564.00

## STATE PARK

Central Heating Plant.....	\$472,953.00
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In addition to the above, a preliminary application for construction grant of funds was made for the Building for Patients with Criminal Tendencies at a cost of \$225,000.00. Plans and specifications for this building have already been completed.

Respectfully submitted

LAFAYE, LAFAYE & FAIR

Architects.

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