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**South Carolina State  
Hospital**

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## REPORT OF ARCHITECTS

July 1, 1954

Dr. William S. Hall, Superintendent  
S. C. State Hospital  
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Dr. Hall:

We submit herewith our report for year ending June 30, 1954 covering the construction program for the South Carolina State Hospital and Pineland, a State training school for the mentally retarded of the Negro race for which we are the Architects.

Project No. 204, the Four Ward Buildings for Disturbed Patients at Columbia Division was completed by the Daniel Construction Company and accepted by the Owners and the Architects on December 16, 1953. The Daniel Construction Company has done an excellent job throughout and these buildings have already received favorable comment from mental hospital authorities. The State Highway Department is to pave the roads surrounding these buildings. All equipment has been purchased and installed and the buildings are ready for occupancy.

Project No. 206, Two Ward Buildings for Disturbed Patients, were ordered constructed by the Commission at the State Park Division. One of these buildings for men, the other for women. They are duplicates of the two new Ward Buildings in Columbia which were constructed for the maximum disturbed patients. Plans and specifications for these buildings were completed and bids were received October 29, 1953. The low bidder was McKoy-Helgerson Company of Greenville to whom the contract was awarded. At this date progress is good, the workmanship excellent and the project about six to seven weeks ahead of schedule. Plans and specifications are now being prepared for the central heating unit to provide steam for these two buildings. Bids to be received in September.

Project No. 207, Physicians' Residences in Columbia, is progressing rapidly. The Commission ordered us to prepare plans and specifications for three additional residences. Plans were prepared for two last year but bids were not received. Bids on all five were considered by the Commission on November 12, 1953 and the low bidder, S & M Builders of Columbia was awarded the contract for the General Construction, Plumbing and Elec-

trical Work. Contract for heating was awarded to the Carolina Heating Company, Inc. Sewer and Water Distribution to M. L. Gaines and the Curbs and Gutters to the Higbe Concrete Company. The street paving to be done by the Highway Department. At time of this report all five houses are progressing rapidly. They should be ready for occupancy in August 1954.

Project No. 208, Auditorium Building and Library at Columbia and Project No. 209, Auditorium Building at State Park have been designed completely. The sketches have been approved by the Commission and we were ordered to prepare plans and specifications. It is expected that contract will be awarded early in September 1954.

Project No. 503, Pineland School, State Park, S. C. This is a new institution for the Negro mentally retarded for which funds were appropriated by the General Assembly. The Commission selected a site comprising 300 acres on Farrow Road about one-half mile northwest of the State Park Division of the hospital. It is bounded by Farrow Road on the south and by highway connecting Farrow Road to Highway No. 21. The topographical map has been completed and studies are being made for the final general layout of roads, buildings, and the design of individual buildings.

In the latter part of July 1953 the Commission decided on an inspection tour to study institutions for the mentally retarded to learn as much as they could about the latest developments. On this same tour inspection of Medical-Surgical Buildings for State Hospitals was also made, preparatory to preparing studies for such a Unit in Columbia. On the trip were Mr. G. A. Buchanan, Jr.; Dr. William S. Hall, Dr. W. P. Beckman and Architect R. S. Lafaye. The first stop was Washington, D. C. for a first hand discussion with members of the Division of Hospital Facilities pertaining to our expected tour. Visited then were the Elwyn Training School, Media, Penna.; State Hospital, Norriston, Penna.; Mansfield Training School, Mansfield, Conn.; Southbury Training School, Southbury, Conn.; and Letchworth Village, New York. The tour was well worthwhile and a large amount of valuable information was obtained.

As of date of this report final sketch layout of buildings has been completed, decision has been made on construction which can be done now with available funds, as follows:

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- (1) Part of School Building. This consists of four class rooms and administrative areas.
- (2) Two Dormitories for the School group—36 beds each.
- (3) Four Dormitories for Home Groups—72 beds each.
- (4) Site and road grading.
- (5) Water improvements to State Park area (including tank and distribution for Pineland School).
- (6) Electrical Distribution and Street Lighting for Pineland School.

At present construction will provide 360 beds of a total estimated requirement of 1250. Plans and specifications for the above are being prepared with construction expected to start by the end of 1954.

Respectfully submitted

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