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PART ONE  
The Year in Review

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**1963-1964**



The William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute, South Carolina State Hospital



## CHAPLAINCY SERVICE

The Patients' Religious Council continued to sponsor a vesper service each Wednesday evening in Benet Auditorum. Special services for Good Friday, Thanksgiving, and Christmas were conducted.



CHAPLAINS USE CONFERENCE ROOM: Staff Chaplains confer with clinical chaplaincy trainees in one of many conference rooms of the new William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute.

On December 8, 1963, ground was broken for the long-awaited chapel. An appropriate service was held, with an attendance representing the hospital and community at large.

Mrs. Evangeline Emblar, specialist from Music Therapy Service, directed the patients choirs and provided music for devotional services on various wards.

The chaplains have continued to share in numerous mental health and family life programs. Workshops on pastoral care were conducted in several places in the state.

A special pastoral care program was initiated in the Geriatric Service on May 4, 1964. Four retired clergymen from the community who are participating on a part-time basis in this program are: Cyrus B. Dawsey, D.D.; Wiley R. Deal, D.D.; Charles J. Shealy, D.D.; and Paul Wheeler, D.D. This effort is underwritten by funds from the South Carolina Mental Health Association.

G. Jarvis McMillan, chaplain training supervisor, resigned on December 27, 1963. This vacancy has been filled by clergymen from the community on a part-time basis.

Summary of Chaplaincy Activities, July 1, 1963-June 30, 1964:

#### Pastoral Interviews:

With newly admitted patients .....	2,535
With patients (returned from trial visit) .....	1,047
With patients (counseling sessions) .....	1,403
With relatives of patients .....	330
With pastors of patients .....	123
With hospital personnel .....	487

#### Pastoral Visits:

With patients .....	22,260
With seriously ill patients .....	2,517
With sick hospital personnel .....	420

#### Group Work:

With patients, number of sessions .....	521
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#### Worship Services:

Sermons delivered in hospital .....	300
Average attendance each Sunday (all services) .....	641
Protestant Holy Communion Services .....	65
Ward Devotional Services .....	636
Catholic Masses .....	24
Funeral services conducted .....	14

#### Clinical Pastoral Training:

Trainees and Residents .....	15
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### VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICE

Vocational Rehabilitation, in the sixth year of activity at the hospital, further expanded the program with a marked increase in patient participation.

Since the initiation, in 1958, of this cooperative effort of South Carolina State Hospital and the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Agency, more than 5,000 patients have participated in one or more rehabilitation activities, such as counseling, testing, training, evaluation and placement. To date, assistance from local community rehabilitation counselors was requested for 1,266 clients who had left the hospital.

### COUNSELING SERVICE

A total of 592 patients received vocational rehabilitation counseling. One counselor was assigned full time to each Admission-

assessed such things as housekeeping, maintenance, staffing patterns and medical records.

Initially the hospital was accredited for one year. Another survey, expected early in 1965, will determine whether the accredited status will be continued for three additional years. Meanwhile, corrective work will continue in problem areas.

### Now To Palmetto

The Department of Mental Health is also turning a searching eye toward the deficiencies at Palmetto State Hospital with a view toward bringing that facility up to accreditation standards within two years. As a beginning, an appreciable amount of equipment was ordered for Palmetto Hospital in April. A new medical-surgical building and several other construction projects are being planned there.

Several reasons lay behind the reorganization of South Carolina State Hospital's former two units into separate hospitals. It is expected that the two resulting hospitals will be able to render more adequate patient care because each will be only half as large, populationwise, as was the undivided hospital.

One of the compelling reasons for taking this decentralization step last Fall was the fact that the Joint Commission will not survey part of a hospital for accreditation and it would have taken considerable time to get both units ready for a simultaneous survey.

So it was decided to proceed with decentralization and seek accreditation first for the continuing South Carolina State Hospital (formerly the Columbia Unit of the hospital) where the most important training programs are based. There was good reason to fear that the vital Psychiatric Residency Training Program was jeopardized unless the hospital won accreditation soon. Other training programs possibly would have been endangered subsequently.

### CHAPEL UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Construction was begun on the long-awaited chapel for South Carolina State Hospital following groundbreaking exercises December 8, 1963. It is expected that the chapel will be ready for use early in 1965.

This will be the first church building for the hospital since it was established in 1821. It will be called The Chapel of Hope.

An office and service wing has been named Kempson Hall in honor of Chief Chaplain J. Obert Kempson who has served 27 years at the hospital. The chapel parlor bears the name Elias B. Hort Room in memory of the first chaplain of the hospital.

Appropriately, the walls of the chapel are being built of brick from the old wall which was lowered in 1962 to let the community look into the grounds of the hospital with its increasing orientation toward treatment instead of mere custody.

Thus the "wall of separation" is being transformed into "spires of the Spirit."

Now the hospital's 3,300 patients will have a church of their own for the first time. No longer will some of them stay away from religious services because the all-purpose auditorium was used for a dance or bingo game the night before. No longer do conditions continue like those of the early 1950's when worship services were held on the third floor of a building with no elevator—creating nightmarish fire hazards.

When The Chapel of Hope is completed, services for all faiths will be held regularly within its beautifully-appointed walls. In addition, Kempson Hall will provide offices and seminar rooms for the hospital's extensive Chaplaincy Service and the training programs for chaplaincy residents and other ministers wishing to improve their skills as counsellors.

The first gifts for the chapel were made in 1943 by patients and their friends and families. The State Legislature matched the first \$30,000 raised (by 1952), but rising costs and urgent treatment building needs postponed the chapel project.

During the past few years a volunteer committee of clergymen and leading laymen has actively sought to have the chapel made a priority project and has raised part of the money needed to furnish it. The committee has been led by the Rev. J. Rupert McGregor, Th.D.

## **TRANSFUSION SERVICE ACCREDITED**

South Carolina State Hospital's Blood Transfusion Service was accredited during the year by the American Association of Blood Banks.

Accreditation meant that the hospital is maintaining or exceeding the standards of blood bank performance established by the American Association.

Dr. Rosser L. Mainwaring, president of the blood banks association, said the achievement is assurance of the hospital's in-