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CHAPLAINCY

Pastoral Care

The major portion of the chaplains' time continues to be spent in pastoral care of the patients.

All newly admitted patients, as well as those returned from conditional discharge (trial visit) are visited by the chaplains. Since the development of the treatment teams, an increasing number of referrals for intensive counseling are received from both patients and other staff members.

The chaplains regularly visit patients who are physically ill; and also visit the ill hospital personnel.

Worship

Worship services are conducted each Sunday at the Columbia Unit in the Benet Auditorium, the Preston, Cooper, Saunders and Allan Buildings. At the State Park Unit services are held each Sunday in the Fisher Auditorium.

Catholic Confession and Mass were conducted regularly at both Units.

Ward devotional services were held at twenty-two locations on bi-weekly basis for those unable to attend regular Sunday services.

Special services were held on Good Friday, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas in the Benet and Fisher Auditoriums, as well as on many of the wards.

Religious Emphasis Week was observed February 5-10, 1962 at the Columbia Unit, and special Holy Week Services were observed at the State Park Unit. Visiting clergymen from the community were special guest speakers at both Units.

During the year, the Music Therapy Department was very helpful in recruiting and training choirs to provide music at the various religious services throughout the hospital.

Clinical Pastoral Training and Residency

During the year, nine theological students and ministers from several seminaries and different denominations participated in the clinical pastoral training program.

A clinical pastoral orientation course of one day each week for ten weeks was conducted during the spring of 1961 with fifteen ministers participating.

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Personnel Changes

On January 1, 1961, Chaplain G. Jarvis McMillan, originally from Wallace, North Carolina, became the third full time chaplain presently at the Columbia Unit. In 1954 he received a B.S. Degree from the North Carolina State College, Raleigh, N. C., and in May 1958 graduated from the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.; and was ordained and installed as associate pastor of the Lakeside Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Va. A summer course in clinical pastoral training was received at the Western State Hospital, Staunton, Va., in 1957; and Chaplain McMillan came directly here upon completion in December 1960, of his chaplaincy residency training in the Topeka State Hospital, Topeka, Kansas.

In addition to regular chaplaincy duties, he is assigned special responsibility for the clinical pastoral training programs.

Community Activities

The chaplains had many opportunities for community contacts with clergy, church, school, civic and mental health groups, delivering numerous addresses and sharing in workshops of various types referable to counseling and other phases of religion and health.

At the State Park Unit the Chaplaincy Department worked with the churches in South Carolina in providing Christmas gifts for the State Park patients. The Christmas gift program at the Columbia Unit was under the direction of the Volunteer Service Department.

Research

A special Research Grant was received during the year from the National Institute of Mental Health. The general aims of the project were stated as follows:

- a. To determine what is the appropriate role(s) for the community pastor as he relates to a person on trial visit status from mental hospital.
- b. To determine how the chaplains can enable the community pastor to better fulfill his role(s) as a resource person.

The program consultant for the project was Miss Emily Spickler, former Executive Secretary of the Council of Clinical Pastoral Training, Inc., New York City.

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CHAPEL BUILDING FUND

Recently there was re-activated a project to secure additional funds for a much needed place of worship at each Unit of the S. C. State Hospital.

The fund for the proposed building solely for religious services at the Columbia Unit was initiated by white patients there in November 1943, with additional contributions from them, from relatives, friends and groups. The amount has gradually increased to about \$64,000.00—made possible by a matching grant of \$30,000.00 from the S. C. General Assembly. This money is now on deposit to be used for a chapel when a sufficient amount is available.

For more than ten years a site for the chapel has been designated on the Columbia Unit campus, and plans have been prepared for this place of worship.

At present all religious services at the Columbia Unit must be conducted in the Benet Auditorium and other auditoriums in which cultural and recreational programs are presented.

For some time a representative committee of clergymen and laymen has been in conference with the hospital superintendent, Dr. William S. Hall; the Columbia Unit medical director, Dr. Lawson H. Bowling; and Chief Chaplain J. Obert Kempson, referable to securing required funds for the chapel at the Columbia Unit, as well as one for the State Park Unit where a similar situation exists.

CHAPEL FUND GOLF MATCH

On Saturday, May 28, 1961, at the Camden Country Club, Camden, S. C., a challenge golf match was played by top professionals, Sam Snead and Mike Souchak, with a portion of the proceeds applied to the chapel funds for the Columbia Unit of the S. C. State Hospital. In this challenge match, witnessed by more than 1,000 spectators, including a number of hospital patients who traveled to Camden in a special bus, the winner was Sam Snead. At a "Tee Off" luncheon on May 8, 1961, in The James F. Byrnes Clinical Center, Johnny Spence of Columbia, a golf professional now prominent in religious work and the promotional chairman of the intensive chapel drive, explained the existing great need for a definite place for worship, and for securing funds. Another phase of the chapel fund drive was for

golfers throughout the state to compete against the two great professionals, Sam Snead and Mike Souchak. By contributing to the chapel fund, the golfer played a round on his local course and turned in his score card. The lowest score or the one lower than that of the pros, at their match in Camden was the winner.

COORDINATOR OF ACTIVITY THERAPIES

On July 15, 1960, Richard F. Wells, registered occupational therapist, assumed the newly created position of Director, Occupational and Industrial Therapies, S. C. State Hospital, with his scope of activities including the Columbia and State Park Units.

Effective December 1, 1960, the title of this position was officially changed to Coordinator of Activity Therapies, with the responsibility for these departments: library, music therapy, occupational and industrial therapy, recreation therapy, rehabilitation shop and rehabilitation home economics.

Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Wells attended the Cleveland Art School; received a B.F.A. Degree from the Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; and a B.S. Degree from the Ohio State University, Columbus, where he majored in occupational therapy.

There has been considerable experience in his chosen field. Prior to coming here, he was Supervisor, Industrial Therapy, Cleveland Psychiatric Institute, Cleveland, Ohio, with part time activity in the psychiatric section, Marymount General Hospital, Cleveland.

LIBRARY

This department has the responsibility for operating a library for patients at each Unit of the hospital, and a diversified medical-professional library for the professional services staff of the Columbia and State Park Units, as well as of Pineland, A State Training School and Hospital.

The staff is composed of one professional librarian and two library assistants.

General Service to Patients

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