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as assistant pharmacist was received from the S. C. State Board of Pharmaceutical Examiners in October 1951 her certificate of registration was issued by the S. C. State Board of Pharmaceutical Examiners.

On October 12, 1957 Mrs. Myrtle E. Mackey, R. Ph., chief pharmacist, was elected treasurer of the S. C. Society of Hospital Pharmacists at the quarterly meeting in Columbia.

CHURCH BUILDING FUND

There still exists a great need for an adequate structure devoted to religious activities at both the Columbia and the State Park Division.

As previously mentioned, plans are being formulated for intensive efforts to secure the additional funds required for adequate chapels at the two divisions of the hospital.

The fund for the proposed building solely for religious services at the Columbia Division was initiated by white patients in November 1943, with additional contributions since then from them, from relatives, friends and various groups. The fund has been slightly increased during the past year by a few gifts, and is now a little more than \$60,000.00—which was made possible by matching the \$30,000.00 appropriation of the General Assembly several years ago.

The well equipped Benet Auditorium, Columbia Division, and the Fisher Auditorium, State Park Division, with easy access, continued to enable many more patients to attend church services, and to permit expansion of religious activities.

Every Sunday church services were conducted in the auditoriums, and on alternate Sundays in these buildings: Allan, Saunders, Cooper and Preston, at the Columbia Division; and the Davis and Shand at the State Park Division.

CHAPLAINCY DEPARTMENT

Opportunities for pastoral care continued to increase. The cooperation of the patients and personnel was a most encouraging factor in the efforts to meet many needs and requests. As a result of the increased volume of work the inadequate chaplaincy staff is unable to provide the pastoral care necessary.

The chaplains made a grand total of 16,093 contacts with patients during the past year. These included interviews with newly admitted patients, intensive follow-up counseling sessions, interviews with returned patients, visits with the seriously ill, contacts on request and other visiting as the occasion permitted or as the need arose. With the relatives of patients the chaplains had 259 interviews. Sick employees received 1,273 visits.

Each Sunday worship services were conducted in the Benet and Fisher Auditoriums. Allan, Saunders, Cooper and Preston Buildings (Columbia Division) and Davis and Shand Buildings (State Park Division) were designated areas for other Sunday services. During the mid week 515 ward devotional services were held in other areas for patients who were unable to attend Sunday worship. Special services for Good Friday, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas were conducted on numerous wards and in the chapels. The annual Christmas pageant was sponsored again through the cooperative efforts of the music therapy, occupational therapy and the chaplaincy departments.

Six choirs and choruses functioned with an average of 103 patients participating. These activities involved two part-time music directors who continue to provide music for worship services at both divisions.

Ten theological students and ministers, representing various religious denominations and theological seminaries, participated in the two periods of clinical pastoral training offered.

The hospital chaplains participated in institutes on pastoral counseling in which considerable interest was manifested by community clergy.

There continued to be numerous opportunities for community contacts; addresses being made about the chaplaincy program and related work; and sermons delivered in community churches. There was participation in work shops, institutes and discussion programs about mental health and subjects in this realm.

The Christmas gift program continued to function under the direct supervision of the State Park Division chaplaincy. At the Columbia Division, this work operates under the supervision of the director of volunteer services with the chaplains as advisors. The patients are most appreciative of the thoughtfulness of the many churches involved in this program.

On January 12, 1958 Rev. George A. Bowdler, Jr., assumed his