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## s. c. state hospital administrative services

S. C. State Hospital was surveyed for renewal of its accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals and notification was received that a three-year renewal had been granted. S. C. State Hospital was the first state mental hospital in the southeast to be accredited by the national organization when it was first surveyed in 1964.

One of the recommendations of the accreditation committee was that building 16-A, the last wooden frame building at S. C. State Hospital used for patient care, be destroyed. Even though overcrowding exists throughout the hospital, the patients housed in this building were moved onto other wards and in November, 1967, Dr. William S. Hall removed the first board of this old building.

Other permanent improvements include the addition of a wing to the James F.

Byrnes Clinical Center. The additional space is being used to house a five-chair dental clinic, a combined hospital-wide pharmacy, and an after-care clinic.

For years the problem of housing children has existed. Even though it was generally accepted that the children should not be housed on the same wards with adult patients, the lack of facilities and trained staff prohibited any other arrangement. In 1967 the children were moved into a remodeled ward in one of the maximum security buildings. Plans were developed for renovating and remodeling one of the hospital's older buildings, the Trezevant Building, to house all children and adolescent patients.

However, after an intensive study of the building, it was decided that it could not be made suitable for housing these patients at a reasonable cost. The Mental Health Commission then authorized the loan of one of the cottages of the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute to be used for the children until a permanent building could be authorized and constructed.

