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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

South Carolina State Hospital

AND

Pineland, a State Training School

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1955



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Devotional booklets and materials have also been provided by the churches of Columbia and vicinity. Regularly ministers of the various faith groups from over the State visit their parishioners.

The chaplains continue to receive numerous requests to speak and to lead discussion groups not only about their work but in the field of mental health and its relationship with religion.

#### Clinical Pastoral Training Program:

Nine theological students and ministers participated in the Clinical Pastoral Training program jointly sponsored by the hospital with the Council for Clinical Training, Inc., New York City. This program continues to be well received by the participants and by the hospital.

#### Personnel changes:

On September 1, 1954, the Rev. William M. Major, pastor of the Methodist Church of Langley, S. C., became a full time chaplain at the Columbia Division. The Rev. Alonzo W. Harley from Beaumont, Texas, who became chaplain at Pineland on October 1, 1954, has been rendering chaplaincy service at the State Park Division.

### LIBRARY SECTION

The past year is a significant one in the development of library service in the South Carolina State Hospital. The construction of an auditorium-library building at the Columbia Division, with a similar building at the State Park Division, will provide the necessary physical facilities for rendering more effective service to each group the library is attempting to reach, the patients, the medical staff, other professional staff and the personnel generally.

A part time library assistant for the Columbia Division was employed in September 1954, but the expanded facilities will be such as to require an increase in the present library staff. A portion of the librarian's time must necessarily be spent on ward visits as all patient readers will not be able to come to the library.

#### Library Service to Patients

During the year 878 individual patients borrowed reading material; the circulation total 15,919.

On 51 wards of the hospital 38,456 periodicals were distributed to patients.

The library purchased 476 books, and 136 were added to the collection through contributions.

During the year 16 periodical subscriptions were contributed to the library, and 8 subscriptions were purchased.

Such routine duties as typing, filing catalog cards, shelving books, processing acquisitions, keeping circulation records and sorting contributed magazines were performed by four patient volunteers.

A patient committee continued to assist in securing, selecting and editing articles, book reviews and other appropriate material for the library section of the hospital paper.

### Medical Library

The library subscribed to 16 journals in the medical and related fields, and added 25 books to the collection. The circulation totaled 765 with 151 individual borrowers.

Talks were made to each group in the psychiatric orientation course for attendants on the interpretation of library service in a mental hospital; and to students in the clinical pastoral training course conducted in the hospital on the therapeutic use of reading material.

The librarian attended the National Meeting of the American Library Association in Minneapolis and participated in the Hospital Libraries Division Conference.

The social service section of the hospital, through the worker at the State Park Division, cooperated in circulating reading material to patients there.

The generosity of individuals and groups in supplying magazines, and the services of a Junior League volunteer are greatly appreciated.

### OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

There was increased interest in the handicrafts offered in the occupational therapy section at the Columbia Division, and expansion in the areas of the hospital rendered this service.

Patients in the new buildings for white women, the Allan and the Saunders, became quite interested in making many chair



## REPORT OF ARCHITECTS

July 1, 1955

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

Dear Doctor Hall:

We submit herewith our report for the year ending June 30, 1955 covering the construction program for the South Carolina State Hospital (both Columbia and State Park Divisions) and Pineland, A State Training School.

The buildings were designed and plans and specifications completed by us under the supervision and in consultation with you, the staff and the Medical Health Commission, Mr. G. A. Buchanan, Jr., Chairman. Bids were advertised and in all cases awards were made to the lowest bidder.

The Mental Health Commission employed a resident engineer, Mr. Chas. H. Davis, to give his time completely to supervision of the work in conjunction with us. The salary of the resident engineer was paid jointly by the Commission and us.

*Project No. 206*—Two Ward Buildings for Disturbed Patients were started in October 1953 by McKoy-Helgerson Company of Greenville, S. C. Their contract was substantially completed in October 1954 except for final connections to some equipment purchased by the hospital. All work was completed and final payment was made in April 1955.

Plans and specifications for the Central Heating Plant for these two buildings were completed and bids received September 2, 1954 and contract was awarded to W. B. Guimarin and Company of Columbia, S. C. Sub-Contractor for the Boiler Building was C. G. Shockley Construction Company of Columbia, S. C. The hospital, at our suggestion, had already purchased the boilers and other equipment in order to save time in completing the work. Work on this project was completed and accepted April 5, 1955.

*Project No. 207*—Physicians' Residences. The work was constructed and completed by S and M Builders and accepted as completed December 30, 1954. All of these houses are now occupied.

*Project No. 208*—Auditorium Building And Library—Columbia Division. This building is nearing completion, and should be finished in six weeks. All major items of construction have been completed, or are now in the finishing stages. The painting is well underway; the electricians are almost finished hanging fixtures. Fine grading has been done and sidewalks laid out ready for pouring. The mechanical work is progressing satisfactorily.

*Project No. 209*—Auditorium Building—State Park Division. This building is about 98% complete. A semi-final inspection was held by the architects on June 30, with copies of the report being given to the contractor on July 6. As soon as the contractor advises that he is ready, we will make another inspection prior to acceptance. There is no work going on at this project except correcting the items found unsatisfactory.

Both Projects Nos. 208 and 209 are being constructed by the Atlantic Building Corporation of Columbia, S. C. Said contracts were awarded on September 2, 1954 and work started immediately thereafter. Contract for library shelving and movable library equipment has been given the Southern Desk Company, Hickory, N. C.

*Project No. 502*—Water Improvements—State Park Division. Contract for this work was awarded some months ago. The work is being engineered by Barber-Keels and Associates. The resident engineer reports as follows:

"This project is now finished and the pumping station is ready to operate. The concrete reservoir is full of water. The electrical connections (of 110 volts) has to be accomplished at the elevated water tank at the Pineland School site. As soon as these connections are made (work is now going on at this spot) the water system will be completely finished and in working order."

*Project No. 503*—Pineland School. Plans and specifications for the first group of buildings consisting of Part of the School and six Dormitories were completed and bids received on January 6, 1955. Prior to this a clearing and grading contract to prepare the site so as not to delay starting construction was awarded to Spotts and Company of Newberry, S. C. As of January 6, 1955 this part of the work was completed.

Contract for construction of the first units was awarded to the low bidder Craig-Roberson Construction Company of Columbia, S. C. Work was authorized to start January 31, 1955. Time of



completion being two hundred ten calendar days. Completion date August 29, 1955.

The contractor has been delayed considerably throughout the construction by non-delivery of steel, glazed tile and other materials. He has endeavored to make up the lost time, however, it appears now that his construction time as agreed upon was not enough and the work will not be completed in our opinion until sometime in December 1955. The following progress report of the resident engineer confirms our opinion:

"The contractor for Project No. 503 still has not been able to gain any of the lost time during the first five months of his contract. It appears that he is barely over the half-way mark toward completion and it may be, therefore, that it will take him the nine or ten months to complete building. The school is the nearest finished; the roof deck has been poured, and all the brick and block work finished. The mechanical work is kept up with the general building progress. The four large type dormitories are over half finished, and they are getting ready to pour the roof decks in the coming week. The masonry contractor has gotten well underway (in 2 of the large dormitories) on laying up the interior glazed tile on walls and partitions. All of the concrete septic tanks have been poured and work will begin at once on the tile fields. The overall job is about 50 to 60 percent completed."

*Miscellaneous.* Suggested designs have been made for the alterations and improvements to the Thompson and Talley Buildings in the Columbia Division. The hospital proposes to do this work with its own maintenance crew, with sub-contracts for only certain items such as tilework. This is the best and most economical method of doing this type of work.

Respectfully submitted

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