

One Hundred And Twenty-Fifth
ANNUAL REPORT

of the

**South Carolina State
Hospital**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1948



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NEEDED PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS

There are problems confronting the hospital which give the Board and the administration much concern. The hospital has fallen heir to these because of the lack of foresight and planning on the part of the good people of the State.

To relieve the existing situation and the overcrowded condition there is urgent need for the following structures:

Medical and surgical buildings for white patients—capacity 250.

Maximum detention building for Negro men, State Park.

Administration Building, State Park.

Ward building for white men—capacity 250.

Ward building for white women—capacity 250.

Cottages (8) for married physicians.

Addition to nurses' home to take care of affiliate nurses.

Living quarters for white attendants.

Building for mental hygiene department.

Building for centralizing mechanical department.

Columbia dairy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is earnestly hoped that the General Assembly will immediately take the necessary steps to make provisions for the care of the alcoholic, the aged, and the mentally deficient Negro. Of necessity, having to deal with these problems has become an enormous one for the hospital.

REQUESTS

The detailed survey of renovations to the present hospital plant and the necessity for additional new structures were presented to the Budget Commission as a supplement to the maintenance budget request. The survey revealed that the amount of money necessary for this purpose is \$6,000,000.00, and it is earnestly requested that this amount be made available by this session of the General Assembly to be spent over a period of five years.

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REPORT OF ARCHITECTS

July 1, 1948

Dr. Coyt Ham, Superintendent
S. C. State Hospital
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Dr. Ham:

We submit herewith our report for the year ending June 30, 1948, covering construction program under our charge at the South Carolina State Hospital.

The Act appropriating funds for construction work at the various State Institutions having been signed by the Governor, the Board of Regents immediately started studying the needs of the State Hospital. Listed as urgent were the following items:

- (a) Weatherproofing of Williams Building and Research Laboratory Building.
- (b) Steam Heating System in Building No. 1 at State Park.
- (c) Extension to Sewer System at State Park.
- (d) New Ice Plant in Columbia, S. C.
- (e) Extension of High Pressure Steam to Buildings Numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4, in Columbia and the removal of old hot air furnaces, substituting steam coils for heating in these buildings.
- (f) Construction of Maximum Detention Building in Columbia, S. C.
- (g) Construction of Women's Hospital and Receiving Ward Building at State Park.
- (h) Alterations in Administration Building, Columbia, for New Treasurer's Office.

It is proposed to construct all the new buildings in conjunction with the Hill-Burton Hospital Construction Act which is being administered in South Carolina by the S. C. State Board of Health, headed by Dr. Ben F. Wyman and Dr. C. L. Guyton. Under this program the state will pay two-thirds and the Government one-third of the cost of construction and equipment. Applications to the Board of Health will be prepared as soon as the projects are sufficiently developed to arrive at the approximate cost.

The Board of Regents appointed engineers to design the Ice Plant in Columbia and Extensions to the Sewer System at State Park. We were retained as architects for the balance of the program.

Dr. Ham and R. S. Lafaye went on a trip to Milledgeville, Georgia, for the purpose of inspecting the new buildings completed at that institution. The program which started several years ago is about completed and cost approximately \$6,000,000. The buildings are modern in every respect and while their technique is somewhat different, there were items of construction which were new and we feel that the trip was well worthwhile.

The working plans were originally made for the Maximum Detention Building in 1941. This building could not be constructed at that time. Study of these plans, together with suggestions from the Public Health Service has made it desirable to completely re-design this building. These sketches are under way and are being carefully studied. It is our suggestion that before working plans are started on this building that the details be thoroughly worked out, not only with the State Hospital, but in conformity with the requirements of the Public Health Service.

The sketches for the new Hospital and Receiving Ward at State Park are being studied and developed in the same manner. Contract was awarded to the Guaranteed Waterproofing Company of Atlanta, Georgia, for weatherproofing the Williams Building and the Research Laboratory Building. The contract was awarded on April 8, 1948, their contract sum being \$7,549.00. This work has been satisfactorily completed.

On May 5, Part 1 of application for Maximum Detention Building was submitted to the Hospital Division. On May 27, 1948, the Board approved preliminary plans and instructed the superintendent to submit applications to the Hospital Division for the following items:

- (a) Heating Building No. 1, State Park—Estimated Cost—\$30,000.
- (b) Sewage Disposal System, State Park—Estimated Cost—\$85,000.

(c) Maximum Detention Building, Columbia, S. C.—Estimated Cost—\$414,000.

(d) High Pressure Steam Distribution, Columbia, S. C.—Estimated Cost—\$56,000.

Plans for the heating, Building No. 1 were completed at State Park and contract was awarded to W. B. Guimarin and Company of Columbia on June 17, 1948. Their contract sum was \$15,725.00. Work on this contract is to be completed in time for the heating season of 1948.

We are preparing plans for the Extension of High Pressure Steam to Buildings Numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Columbia. This contract cannot be awarded and the work completed in time for the 1948 heating season, therefore, contracts will be awarded in the spring of 1949 for this work.

Respectfully submitted

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