

the emergency these patients were transferred to the east wing of the 2nd and 4th floors of The James F. Byrnes Clinical Center until renovations could be made. This involved extra efforts for personnel in both areas.

Much emphasis was placed on the "Open Door" policy with these added to the list of "Open Door" wards: 11A. Center Building; 1st and 3rd wards, North Building; Trezevant Building; 1st floor Men's and Women's Service Williams Building. Selected groups of patients from other wards were given campus privileges and permitted to attend therapy activities unaccompanied.

Nurses and psychiatric aides participated in all ward therapies, volunteer activities, and various programs for patients. Assistance was given with observance of Mental Health Week, "Open House" and tours of the hospital. All through the year many students of schools and colleges; members of the General Assembly; groups from the Opportunity School; 3 instructors and 19 aides from the U. S. Army Nursing Corps of Fort Jackson; and other visitors were conducted through the hospital.

Ward personnel attended regular conferences and group meetings with hospital officials. The director of nursing service was present at many group conferences, forums, professional services staff meetings, various therapy sessions, etc. Also attended were local, District and State professional nursing organizations.

Recommendations:

1. That a new position title, head nurse, for reclassification of registered nurses be established; and that the title, ward nurse, be changed to staff nurse.

2. The requirements for the position of head nurse should be: Two years experience in psychiatric nursing or the equivalent of two years experience in a general hospital or a specialty hospital. There should be demonstration of leadership, professional nursing ability, skills, and capability of assuming responsibility.

### State Park Unit

There was continuance with marked success of the in-service programs in all phases referable to better grooming of patients, improved mental and physical care, and increased industrial therapy opportunities.

tendent, each individual had ten sessions of instructions referable to these regulations. In 142 sessions given to the entire personnel the observance of the rules was given much emphasis.

The departmental meetings for nurses, technicians, senior aides and others of the nursing team were reorganized in February as directed by the hospital superintendent. There was good attendance at the monthly meetings which were informative, elicited interest and enthusiasm and insured good communication to the nursing staff and other departments.

The intensive psychiatric orientation course of 56 hours initiated at the Columbia Unit in September 1953, and at the State Park Unit in April 1954, continued to be reflected in more efficient patient care and a clearer understanding of duties and responsibilities. The course was conducted by medical staff members and representatives from various hospital sections; with certificates awarded by Dr. Hall, hospital superintendent.

	<i>Group</i>				
	<i>No.</i>	<i>Course Began</i>	<i>Course Ended</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>Wome</i>
Columbia Unit	13	Sept. 1, 1959	Jan. 22, 1960	13	13
Columbia Unit	14	Feb. 2, 1960	May 27, 1960	11	15
State Park Unit	13	Sept. 1, 1959	Dec. 18, 1959	15	9
State Park Unit	14	Jan. 26, 1960	May 13, 1960	5	9
Pineland, A State Training School and Hospital	6	Sept. 1, 1959	Dec. 18, 1959	3	6
Pineland	7	Jan. 26, 1960	May 13, 1960	2	11

### Columbia Unit

As stated, there was expansion of activities, with ready co-operation and efficient services rendered the patients.

A great many resignations occurred, with replacements by new personnel which increased the duties of the nursing supervisor with interviews, orientation, teaching and assignments.

With regret the death of Mrs. Ruth R. Snyder, psychiatric aide, women's service, on February 6, 1960, is reported.

Reference to the psychiatric aides of the year 1959, Columbia Unit, and to the service awards will be found elsewhere.

November 1, 1959, the ceiling in the Trezevant Building, occupied by elderly women, collapsed because of heavy rains, and in