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WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

To the stranger who asks "What is this Place?" when approaching Moore General Hospital, there are plenty of facts and figures to give him in reply. The physical valuation of the hospital, which has 218 buildings at the present time, is listed in dollars as worth \$3,974,327.

The installation had a mushroomed development, completed in 105 days back in the fall of 1942, and the first patients were admitted on November 10. There were nine of them - admitted to one ward. Now it is nothing unusual to have 100 to 200 patients to come in each day. Since the army hospital became a tropical disease center last September, the average number of patients in the hospital has been more than 3,000 with approximately 1,000 of these on furlough.

Selection of Moore as an ideal spot in which to cure diseases contracted in the tropics was made, largely because of the remedial qualities of the Land of the Sky climate. The elevation, freedom of the spot from insects, the temperate climate which continues summer and winter play a major part in the speed in which a soldier recovers.

The single-story buildings, spaced well apart and connected by corridors, allow plenty of light and air and an occasional glimpse of the mountains. The wards are large and airy and there is a comradeship in them. The same comradeship that soldiers develop in their fighting outfits overseas, is apparent in the wards where a soldier may not know the name of his next bed mate but he knows how to kid him.

Current construction at the hospital is for the purpose of providing better recreation facilities. A gymnasium erected at a cost of about \$40,000 is nearing completion. This big building is on the north section of the post, a tennis court and a handball court near by. It will be equipped with bowling alleys besides all type of apparatus for physical fitness.

A swimming pool will be opened soon. This is an outdoor pool, 100 x 50 feet, standard in design and a bathroom is conveniently located beside it with showers for men and women. The pool and buildings in the same area are being built by Barger Bros., of Mooreville, who were the original contractors for the hospital construction.

The gymnasium and new library are being created by Robinson Bros. of Asheville. The library is of cement blocks and will supply more space for a reading room and for the increasing number of books which are purchased for the patients.

This year, a new exterior has been constructed on the front of the entrance to the hospital. It is colonial in design and gives a charming appearance to the installation. Several hundred small trees and shrubs have been planted on the grounds this year, giving them permanent beauty.

The most colorful spot on the grounds is the garden near the Red Cross Building. This was made by the garden club of this area.

One of the most active spots on the installation is the paved recreation area in front of the east side of the hospital. Here hundreds of men, ambulatory patients, are members of a class in physical conditioning each morning the weather is good. The rest of the day there is volley ball and shuffleboard with much cheering and cries of "Hubba, Hubba" as the ball goes over the net.

Targets for archery, croquet lawns and a putting green have been made on a plot of ground east of the hospital, and the athletic field in that section has a great deal of work done on it this year to put it in excellent condition. Bleachers have been put up there and baseball or softball games attract large audiences there daily.

Emphasis is laid on athletics for they help a soldier get well. The present gym, a converted warehouse, has punching bags, weights and various strengthening apparatus, some of it is directly designed physical therapy. The corps of instructors, officers and enlisted men college and high school sports, give excellent training in the instructor's particular fields to the men.

These are the things that are evident to the man driving past on the highway - these aids of exercise and good weather in restoring strength.

The dispensary, which is the reception center for soldiers from his vicinity when they become ill or injured while on furlough, is the place where all patients check in, have their case diagnosed and are sent to the ward where their disease or injury is treated, and so the place where the final check-ups are finished, and a patient leaves.

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U. S. Treasury Department

Since last September about 80 percent of the patients have been returnees with some disease contracted in the South Pacific. The skin disease and malaria are most prevalent and the internal diseases which required special diets to aid in recovery. Cooks in one mess hall work entirely in preparing special foods and visitors are advised to check with the ward officer or nurse before bringing foods to patients.

The laboratory plays a major role in the function of the hospital. Additions to the building have been made this year to make room for the research activities conducted there. Over 100 laboratory technicians have been trained here. A department in parasitology has been established and a unit of the United States Public Health Service conducts surveys there on malaria mosquitoes.

Although the majority of cases treated at Moore are for tropical disease, surgery is an important part of the service given at the hospital, with many wards filled with men receiving surgical treatment. The orthopedic wards where the men are in traction, waiting for shrapnel-shattered bones to heal, gives evidence of the professional skill that is devoted to healing bones. Many of the men who are given surgical care live within an area of a few hundred miles of the hospital for the Army policy is some other hospital specializes in the care they need.

Important clinics in the hospital include the X-ray; Ear, Eye, Nose and Throat; Allergy; Electrocardiographic; Dental; Physical Therapy and Obstetrical. The latter was established in June of 1944 and about 150 babies have been born there since.

The administrative services are no less of importance. There is the Detachment of Patients office, the registrar's office, military personnel office made up of civilians and military personnel, busy with the patients' records, and their requests. And there is also the all-important Finance Office giving place to paying returned battle veterans at once.

Services that are particularly interested in the social welfare of the patient, are the Red Cross, and the Special Services and the Information and Education sections. Those who are charged to help in his particular problems are the chaplain and the personal affairs officer.

Remedial in its effects is the Occupational Therapy department - with its woodworking shop, arts and crafts studio and typewriter classroom. This is part of physical therapy.

Separation and Classification are constantly expanding sections of the hospital. On the days men are discharged for physical disability, offices are set up in one building where interviews are conducted with the Veterans' Administration representative, the Red Cross, and the United States Employment Service. So a soldier gets almost everything done in a day or two before checking out for home.

Discharges are in the minority, however, and the back-to-duty edict still holds. Special training to restore men for active duty is conducted at Sand Hill Reconditioning Center, between West Asheville and Enka.

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make corrections

Editor

Sgt. Thomas G. Stafford
Home on Furlough



SGT. THOMAS G. STAFFORD

Sgt. Thomas G. Stafford of Black Mountain is home on a thirty day furlough. Sgt. Stafford has seen eight months overseas, in Germany, France, and Austria. He is in the 44th division of the 7th Army under General Patch.

He is spending his vacation with his wife Viola and little daughter Amelia.

Jobs in Foreign Countries

WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION
J. S. Dorton, State Director
(M. R. Dunnagan
Raleigh, N. C.)

Due to many inquiries from individuals about war jobs in foreign countries in recent months, the War Manpower Commission has prepared and distributed to local offices of its United States Employment Service copies of a "Guide to Foreign Employment Opportunities", merely as information and not in an effort to recruit workers for foreign jobs.

Dr. J. S. Dorton, manpower director in North Carolina, warns that the process of securing work in a foreign country is long and tedious, since it takes several weeks to complete necessary records and papers. Also, many of the jobs open are not classed as essential or given priority, and no workers who are now in these types of work in North Carolina can be released for jobs in foreign countries.

Information contained in this "Guide" is not detailed and contains nothing on wages, hours, working or living conditions, nor can we ignore employment stabilization and priority referrals" said Dr. Dorton. "In case certain workers, not now in essential industry, want to apply for any of these jobs, we can take the applications and put them in touch with agents of the foreign employers, if their leaving will not interfere with our essential work in this State," he said.



PAL

PERFORMING DOG
WAS PERFORMING AT
THE AGE OF THREE MONTHS

Pal, half Collie, half Shepherd dog owned by Mr. Blair performs almost unbelievable tricks and can undergo a most severe obedience test.

Two and one half years ago Mr. Blair purchased it from an elderly man while walking down the street in Asheville. This was due also to a promise he had made his daughter that he would buy her a dog.

The dog started these performance at the age of three months. Mr. Blair explains the fact that every time he started to do anything the dog would seem most anxious in helping it. This was only a matter of a few minutes the dog would jump over his arm, retrieve sticks thrown for him. He has reached the point now where he understands the signs and language used by his trainer. Mr. Blair has shown his dog several times and explains that the dogs knowledge saves him many steps. The dog opens the gate and chases the chickens out of the yard, takes requisitions from one place to another and waits for a reply, while at Moore General Hospital.

The dog is ask to retire at night so the last thing that he does is to turn off the yard light and pull the gate shut on his house.

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Industrial and Residential Construction

In no other activity in the state is the normal reservoir of labor as large as in construction. This is an essential characteristic of job-to-job industries and while there is every reason to believe that the residential and industrial that will clamor for labor as soon as restrictions are removed will carry the construction industry to heights not known before the war, it is doubtful whether it can or should result in full employment. The activity is highly seasonal with fluctuation simultaneously in opposite directions depending upon geographic and industrial characteristics of the area.

In 1943 construction was only 13.11 percent above the 1940 level. However, in this state war construction began in August, 1940 and while the index for that year was only 13.20 percent above the long time trend, it was 48.24 percent above the 1935-1939 average and in 1943 was 70.63 percent above. It seems probable, therefore, that with only such post-war construction as can now be foreseen, employment will tremendous road construction program of the twenties resulted in a declining trend for the period 1924-1939. An upward swing was just getting under way when the movement was accelerated by war contracts, and it may be expected that this upward movement will continue by its own power under a pre-war momentum.

According to Silas F. Campbell, chief of the Bureau of Research and Statisticians.

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