Training School Separates Retarded Kids Adults

Idea For Goldsboro Training School For Mentally Handicapped Was Conceived In 1945; Dedication Set

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GOLDSBORO — The problem of the mentally retarded children in the United States is an important one for there are about 160,000 mentally retarded children known in the United States, which means 1 out of every 1,000 of the general population is so severely handicapped that they require constant supervision for all their life.

Some cannot talk, some cannot walk, some respond to only minimum social training, but they all deserve nursing care each State has provided special training schools for these mentally retarded children.

Until now the Negro mentally retarded children of North Carolina have not had a special training school but the State was aware of the situation and therefore the Goldsboro Training School was planned and funds raised to meet this need.

At the present time the physical facilities of the Goldsboro Training School have been completed and will accept students when space is available from the whole Negro population of the State of North Carolina. This School has been constructed to meet the modern concepts for the training and education of mentally retarded children and personnel has been provided to take care of a very adequate and modern program.

Great effort has been made in the past month to organize the skeleton personnel of the School and at the present time the School has an Acting Superintendent, Director of Training and Education, Acting Cottage Life Director and School Principal. The Recreational Department has an active director and music theranist.

It is important to realize that a good program can be initiated and carried out with well qualified personnel but is of great importance that they are oriented to the program. To meet this need a special in-service training program has been set up and carried out for personnel already employed in the Training School.

Until recently all Negro mentally retarded children were admitted to the State Hospital at Goldsboro but these mentally retarded children, whom we now call students, have been transferred to the Goldsboro Training School where they are already receiving training in the form of recreational and occupational therapy.

Our Hospital file indicates at present approximately 140 cases pending admission, however, a survey made early this year by the Department of Welfare, under the Direction of Dr. Winston, shows that there are 600 mentally retarded children waiting for admission to the Training School. The present capacity of the School is 600.

The formal opening of the Goldsboro Training School is tentatively planned for November and in the near future each County Department of Welfare will be notified and instructions provided for the procedures for the new admissions of the mentally retarded Negro children.

The Governor of North Carolina has recently appointed a Negro Advisory Board for the school consisting of leading Negroes in North Carolina. This Board will work in an advisory capacity in conjunction with the State Hospital's Board of Control.

This school came into being by an act of the Legislature during the General Assembly of 1945 after a report of a survey committee, appointed by the Governor, had made its report concerning the need for such a school. The late Mr. Thomas O'Berry of Goldsboro was Chairman of this study committee.

Although the school was officially established from a legal standpoint in 1945 the succeeding Legislatures never made funds available with which to construct the school even though they were requested during each successive General Assembly.

It was not until 1953 as you know, when a bond issue was carried on October 3rd that funds were made available with which to construct the school.

The arcntectural firm of McMinn, Nerflect and Wicker was then employed to make preliminary plans for the various buildings. Mr. McMinn went to California and Arizona in the west to study plans of various institutions for the mentally retarded. Members of the Hospitals Board of Control and others, including myself, made trips into the east to observe the schools in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and still other trips to schools in Virginia. After pooling all information we arrived at the plan which now exists at Goldsboro.

It was originally planned for the school to have a capacity of 1,200 children but rising costs and other factors necessitated reducing the dormitory facilities to 600 at the present time. The utilities such as water, sewer, electricity, roads, the central kitchen, infirmary, administrative building, multi-purpose building and the school building are adequate to care for 1,200.

The four dormitories which we now have were constructed without equipment for $1,857,539.93. You can readily see that had we constructed four more dormitories that the total availability of four and one-half million dollars would have been nearly used up for dormitories alone. To date for the entire project there has been spent $4,067,088.67. There remains to be constructed certain housing units for personnel and equipment for the buildings.

The dormitories are of two types, one small dormitory and one large, each for boys and girls. The small dormitories have a maximum capacity of forty children, complete with living quarters, dayrooms and dining facilities. The large dormitories actually are four separate dormitories with a central area used for dining room and kitchen area. This area is common to all four wings of the building.

These large dormitories were designed for the lower grade mental defectives and are equipped with forced ventilation, provision being made in winter for the air to be circulated through charcoal and filtered rather than induce altogether cold air. This ventilating system can also be used as a supplementary heating system simply by closing and opening valves.

We believe that a tour of this school will show the people of North Carolina that their money has been spent wisely and we are quite proud of this project.

MINISTERS' BANQUET — Left wing table is shown as some 125 ministers and delegates to the 4th N. C. NAACP Conference banqueted on opening night of the convention in Charlotte. Dr. Edward J. Odom, NAACP Church Secretary speaks to the ministers urging the promotion of registration and voting campaigns through their churches. The ministers resolved to do so. (J. B. HARREN PHOTO).

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED BY PARENTS — Mr. and Mrs. Carmie L. Horne of Guilford, N. C., and Harrsburg, Pa., recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Clara, to Thomas R. Young, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Young, Sr., of Greensboro.

5,000 Expected To Hear Diggs In Ala. Sunday

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.— An anticipated crowd of 5,000 persons is expected to hear Congressman Charles C. Diggs when he speaks Sunday, October 7 at the Sixteenth Stree Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. W. C. Patton, president, Alabama State Coordinating Association For Registration and Voting said this week.

The address by the Congressman will climax a two-day meeting of voter-registration leaders of Alabama and will spark the opening of a fall campaign to spur Negroes over the state to registr, pay their poll tax and get out to vote during the coming elections.

The Coordinating Association for Registration and Voting has been in existence since 1950 and has kept before the people of the state their civic responsibility of registering and voting. For sometime now the Assoiation has coordinat-Birmingham (Jefferson County) and other cities with telling result. In addition to the registration program a campaign to get persons obligated to pay poll tax and do so before the deadline February 1, 1958.

Representatives from all over Alabama's 67 Counties are expected to attend this two-day meeting which will be devoted entirely to the proposition of registration and voting. The two-day meeting will include the proposition of registration and voting.

Mrs. Delilah Hussey:

Reporter Present As Kinston Church Leader Dies Suddenly

By J. B. HARREN

KINSTON — (SPECIAL) — Have you ever been in the home of friends whom you had just met when a member of the family walks in from church in a pleasant mood, goes to her room, falls and NEVER speaks AGAIN??? Well that was the experience of this reporter and his wife Sunday in Kinston, N. C.

JUST FROM CHURCH

We had participated in the Men's Day program at White Rock Presbyterian Church and had been taken to the home of Mr. William C. Hussey, 74-year-old real estate dealer, 1108 Lincoln Street along with the Rev. O. E. Sanders, for dinner. The foursome was engaged in listening to Mr. Hussey describe the Kinston of long-ago when Mrs. Delilah Boykin Hussey, his wife for some forty-odd years walked in from her daughter's car and greeted us, whereupon she proceeded to the kitchen where one daughter was preparing to serve dinner.

After the introduction and as Mrs. Hussey moved into the dining room we had jokingly remarked to the husband that: "She is a good wife to have Good you all these 40 years." Little did we expect that to be our parting word! It was, tho.

In a few minutes a daughter was distressingly calling — "Come and help get mamma up; she's fallen!" We joined Rev. Sanders, and the children in getting Mrs. Hussey on the bed, where Mrs. Harren assisted the daughters in trying to revive her while Dr. Harrison was summoned from just a few blocks away. He was there quick.

Meanwhile, frantic telephone calls were being made as Dr. Harrision reported no sign of life evident, no pulse!! Those were terrible words to hear — especially for the immediate family who then was telephoning New York relatives. Yet, they did not want to believe that their dear mother and wife had just enjoyed a service at her First Baptist Church where she sang in the choir, rode home and then "went away" so calmly, peacefully and quickly within ten minutes after her arrival home in apparent normal health.

Even the neighbors could not believe it. One elderly man came in and 'cried like a baby.' Father Hussey, not too strong himself, was bearing up admirably as we departed upon the arrival of the mortician. Life is like that.

Being on the scene and helping to handle the dear mother brought vivid memories of the last minutes of my father whom I held in January, 1922 as he passed away.

Survivors resides the husband, include seven children as follows: Mrs. Drucilla H. Hearn, Mrs. Charlotte H. Tolle, Mrs. Mascaline H. Simms, Miss Delilah Hussey, Robert M. Hussey, W. Frank Hussey and Charles E. Hussey.

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Group Chartered To Locate Negroes In Northern Areas

ATLANTA (ANP) — A 35-year charter was granted in Fulton Superior court here Friday to a private corporation whose purpose is to relocate southern Negroes in white northern residential areas.

The charter was granted to three incorporators, Rev. A. A. Fowler, Jr., orginator of the plan; Roy Harris, Augusta politician; and Alan Kemper, state welfare director. Name of the non-profit enterprise will be American Resettlement Foundation, Inc.

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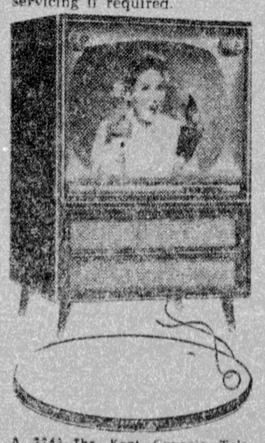

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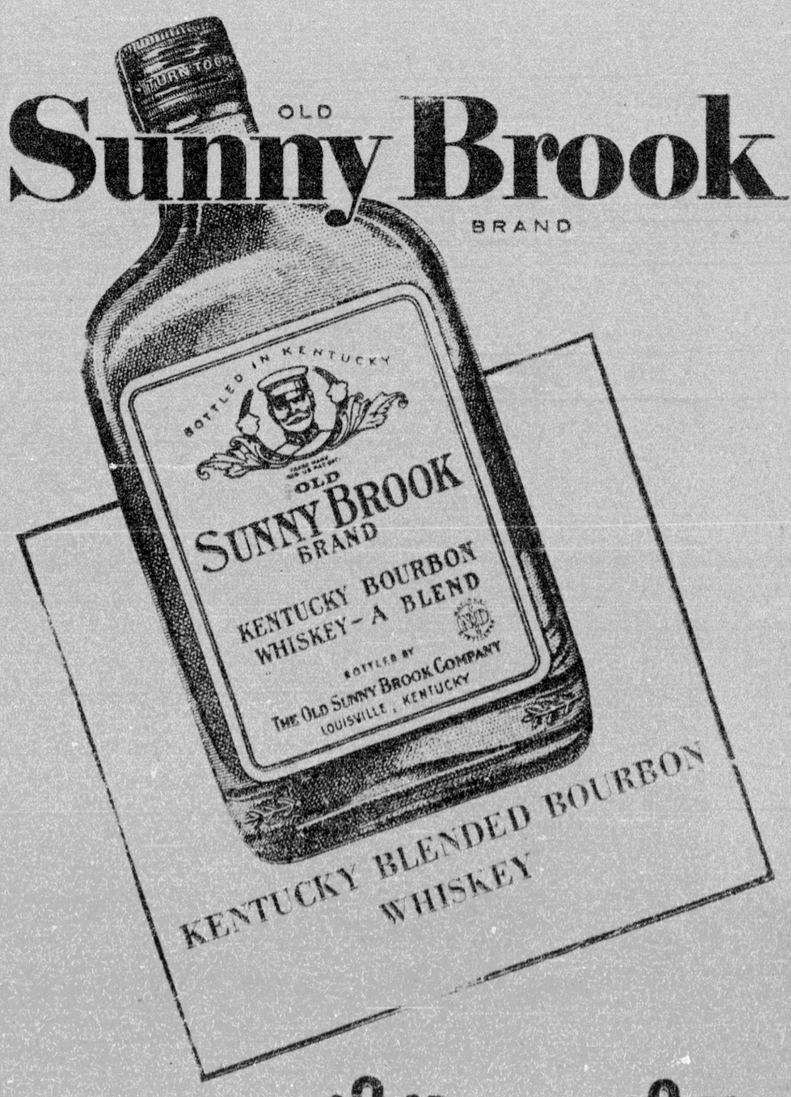

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