

STATE HOSPITAL AT MORGANTON SHOWS CHANGES

Made Into More Attractive Place For Inmates.

Morganton, July 21—The Morganton State Hospital, largest of North Carolina's mental institutions with 2,642 patients, today summarized improvements made possible as a result of Governor Broughton's interest and a legislative program which he sponsored.

In a report compiled for the new unified board of control which met in Raleigh Friday to take over the administration of four State institutions, the hospital listed expenditures of \$180,058 over and above legislative appropriations for the past year, made possible by a grant by the Council of State to meet what was considered emergency conditions' and to provide salary increases and more nurses and attendants for the care of patients.

Outgoing directors expressed appreciation to the Governor for help which was termed beneficial both to patients and employees. "As a whole the directors are very happy over the condition that now exists in the institution," the report stated.

The Morganton units 2,642 patients come from 46 counties in the western half of the State, according to a count at the start of the fiscal year July 1 when control officially passed into the hands of the 16-member board authorized by the 1943 General Assembly and appointed last week by Governor Broughton.

By counties the number of patients follow: Alexander, 30; Alleghany, 20; Anson, 30; Ashe, 41; Avery, 20; Buncombe 185; Burke, 76; Cabarrus, 71; Caldwell, 58; Catawba, 60; Cherokee, 33; Clay, 17; Cleveland, 75; Davidson, 77; Davie, 29; Forsyth, 165; Gaston, 115; Graham, 11; Guilford, 180; Haywood, 53; Henderson, 57; Ire-

Look! Listen! Live!

Too many automobile drivers apparently can't see danger, even though their eyes are wide open, when they are approaching a railroad crossing.

If you think that reads like a riddle, what else does the actual accident shown here mean to you? Here's the report on it:

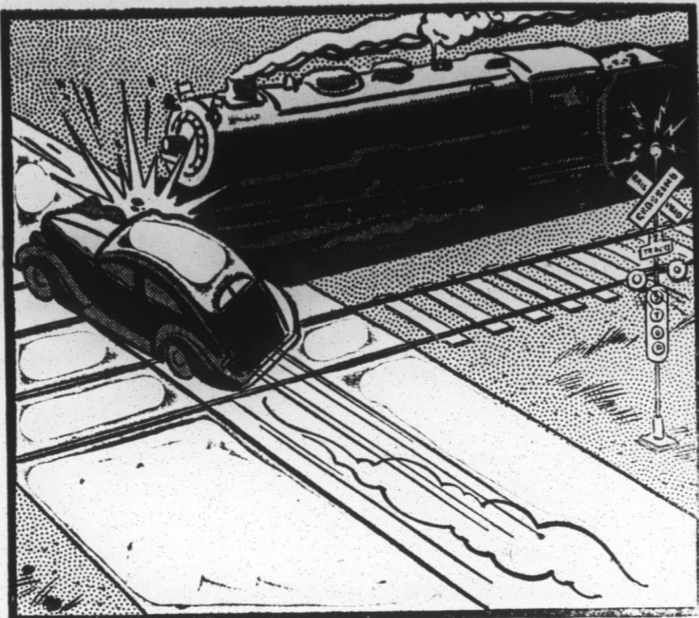
The driver's view of the crossing was clear and unobstructed for a distance of three miles. Flashing light signals warned of the approach of a train.

But the driver, with two passengers drove onto the crossing. Result: Two occupants of the car killed, one injured, car wrecked and train delayed.

The surviving passenger of the car said the three were sober and were not drowsy from tiredness—but had been talking.

In other words, distraction of the driver by conversation with passengers blinded him to deadly danger, even though his eyesight was good.

The National Safety Council is conducting a special campaign to stop these accidents which every



day delay 38 trains a total of 22 hours—a shattering blow to the nation's war transportation effort. To help win the war—to save yourself and others needless suffering—the Council asks you to be sure the track is clear before you start across.

dell, 75; Jackson, 29; Lincoln, 38; McDowell, 34; Macon, 28; Madison, 45; Macklenburg, 150; Mitchell, 15; Montgomery, 28; Polk, 18; Randolph, 72; Richmond 40; Rockingham, 68; Rowan, 80; Rutherford, 75; Stanly, 40; Stokes, 27; Surry, 90; Swain, 20; Transylvania, 20; Union, 53; Watauga, 25; Wilkes, 82; Yadkin, 43; Yancey, 30. Special cases outside the district number 15, bringing the total to 2,642. Inebriates are not admitted at the Morganton unit, it was pointed out.

Among improvements under the medical department, an open air courtyard for women patients, started by the late Dr. F. B. Watkins, former superintendent, was described as of outstanding significance in the treatment of patients. The courtyard area, shaded by giant oaks, includes a rock garden, lily and wading pools, outdoor ovens, lawn seats and an especially designed pergola—all enclosed in a white picket fence and offering an inviting setting for picnics and general recreation. The landscaped courtyard was built from the recreation fund maintained by the hospital.

Physical improvements designed to increase food production are part of the current program. Two new poultry houses, each with a capacity of 1,000 laying hens, are nearing completion, and construction of others is planned to develop a flock of 6,000 hens to produce sufficient eggs to furnish at least one a day per patient throughout the year.

Nearly 100 acres in Irish and sweet potatoes will be harvested this year with an expected yield of 18,000 bushels—sufficient to provide for the full needs of the institution for the entire year.

A new cannery building is virtually complete, with part of its equipment already installed, and will be in full operation within a week, canning fruits and

vegetables of all kinds. All surplus produced on the hospital farm will be canned, and, in addition, arrangements have been made through Burke County Farm Agent R. L. Sloan for purchasing surplus fruits and vegetables from farmers in Burke and adjoining counties. A total of 24,000 one-gallon cans are ready to be filled, the hospital reported.

The swine herd was reported increased to 800 head, leading to development of a herd of at least 1,200 head to meet the hospital's pork requirements.

In addition to large quantities of vegetables and meats produced on the hospital farm, the commodities division of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare has given to the institution during the past two months food valued at approximately \$15,000, including two carloads of potatoes, a carload of carrots, a carload of green beans, 8,100 dozen eggs, 21,000 pounds of dried beans, 48,000 pounds of cereal, 24,000 pounds of prunes and 21,000 pounds of flour and grits.

two loose B gasoline coupons and James H. White, revenue collector, was charged with the possession of a quantity of loose C coupons, and with the use of such coupons illegally.

The cases were heard before Daniel L. Bell, chief hearing commissioner of the Fourth OPA Region.

ODDITIES OF THE WAR

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