

NEWS OF THE STATE INSTITUTIONS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1932

NEW HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION FEATURES, CONSTRUCTION, ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

STATE HOSPITALS

BINGHAMTON

A new summer house, for the use of women patients in occupational therapy classes, has been erected at Fairmount.

The playground in front of Fairmount has been extended and a concrete shuffleboard court has been built.

The Court Street road from the ball ground to the steward's residence has been resurfaced and covered with heavy asphalt oil, also a section of the road running from the storehouse to Wagner Hall cross roads has been completed. Field stone has been hauled from the farms for rebuilding the main road on Robinson Street where the trolley tracks have been removed; this road is nearly completed.

Patients and ward employees have been engaged in painting the wards, halls, dormitories and porches at Broadmoor during the summer months.

BROOKLYN

The work on the contract for new buildings is considered to be about one-third completed.

Contract for alterations to power plant is making slow progress.

All fire hose is being tested and replacements made where necessary.

Two new pipe machines have been added to the machine shop equipment.

Ventilating fans have been placed in the stack from reception kitchen and the ventilator from the reception diet kitchen.

New bed lamps were installed in male employees sick bay.

We have begun the painting of tin roofs, patient buildings.

CREEDMOOR DIVISION

Work has begun on the construction of new barn and shed at the farm group.

A new centrifugal pump has been installed in one of the old wells which gives a material increase in water supply.

The propagating house and the farm cottage have been painted.

Under special fund appropriation we have finished painting the new acute

sick and infirm building "N" and the painters have started work on the new group for disturbed.

We have begun waterproofing exterior of buildings, and A, B, C and H are finished.

Considerable rough grading has been done in front of buildings "M" and "N"; grading is also being continued on the new athletic field.

Additional vegetable cookers, and a 100-gallon kettle has been added to the equipment in kitchen 2.

There are still many small items to be taken care of in the new disturbed group which is in the Seglin contract.

Work on the five-building contract is about one-fourth completed.

Work on contract for tunnel repairs is nearly finished; contracts for bakery fly-screens, new boilers, electric elevators, and kitchen equipment are complete.

BUFFALO

An incinerator, which provides for the burning of all waste, has been constructed by using the former blacksmith shop.

The women attendants' home has been rewired, redecorated and furnished with new beds.

A cement road has been constructed in the rear of the reception building and considerable grading has been done about that building and at the east end of the main building.

The work of placing a cement ceiling in the engine room and making this room fireproof in other ways is progressing favorably.

A cement road has been constructed in the rear of the executive center, and new roadways and walks provided in front of the engineer's office.

CENTRAL ISLIP

Our new reception building has been equipped and occupied.

Work on the four employees' buildings has been completed and a considerable part of the equipment has been received.

As a result of default of the contractor, work on service connections is being continued by the hospital on special fund estimate.

New strainers have been placed on three deep wells of South Colony.

A new Otis elevator has been installed and placed in operation in both the male and female sides of the new reception building; also one in the dining-room and kitchen building of the James group.

The contract for new refrigeration in kitchen 5 has been completed.

GOWANDA

A crushed stone road, in front of the farm dormitory, was completed in September.

HARLEM VALLEY

Construction on the new buildings is progressing satisfactorily.

HUDSON RIVER

Construction work is progressing on the new buildings for farm colony, tubercular patients, single employees, married employees, staff members, continued treatment of women, and continued treatment of men.

The new sewage disposal plant has been in operation since August 20, 1932. However, there are a few details in connection with this work that have still to be cleared up, and final payment on the contract has not been made.

Progress has been made in the construction of the new occupational therapy building.

The renewal of steam lines and replacing indirect with direct heating in main building, is being continued and paid from \$10,000 allowance in special repairs, which became available on the first of July, 1932.

There is still some work to be done in connection with the addition and renovation of the old boiler house for engineers and plumbers.

General painting throughout the institution has been progressing.

The one-story addition to the steward's office is now in course of construction.

A new portable compressor for the engineering and road departments has been ordered.

Bids have been submitted for the new equipment for the bakery, and the orders have been placed.

In order to modernize our moving picture apparatus, new sound-on-film machines have been attached to our projectors and this has resulted in a vast improvement in this form of entertainment for patients.

KINGS PARK

The following contract work is progressing at this hospital: Male reception building, dining room and kitchen, three employees' homes, continued treatment building, additional dining-room and kitchen, fire alarm and watchman systems, medical and non-medical building, two additional artesian wells.

The following contract was awarded during the month of September: Additional dining-room and kitchen, building O, Veterans' Memorial Hospital Division, to Harold R. Reeves, Huntington, New York for \$11,912.

MANHATTAN

The contract for repairs to boilers and installation of automatic damper control system is nearly completed.

The work of painting the interior of wards 17, 18 and 19 has been completed.

The officers' quarters of east building have been remodeled to accommodate occupational therapists vacating building M.

Work has been begun in connection with renewal of floors in bedrooms of ward 15.

Contract has been awarded for repairs to docks and dredging.

MARCY

Ten laborers employed under the Emergency Relief Fund have done considerable grading around the superintendent's residence, staff house and "D" building.

An outside entrance to the basement of the south wing of the administration building has been made. The sidewalls of this basement have been cemented. A sidewalk from the new entrance to the administration building has been laid leading to the front road.

The exterior painting of the four physicians' cottages, the superintendent's residence and the steward's residence, has been completed.

In the latter part of July a severe thunder storm caused the basement of the superintendent's residence to become flooded. New surface drains have been laid to overcome this difficulty.

On August 3, a new electric serving table arrived for the farm colony. The cafeteria system has been instituted and this is working out quite satisfactorily.

On August 20, a new convertible ambulance for the transfer of patients was received at the hospital.

On August 24, a projection lantern and special screen was received. This projection apparatus will be used during demonstrations for the school of nursing and various medical meetings.

The construction work of the piggery, slaughter house, propagation house and truck garage is progressing satisfactorily and is about 50 per cent completed.

The laying of cable and installation of additional ornamental lights on the grounds was started during the past month and is about 80 per cent completed.

A used York Ammonia Compressor has been transferred from the Binghamton State Hospital to this institution. The ground for the foundation of this machine has been excavated and forms installed preparatory to the pouring of cement.

A culvert on the main drive has been completed. About 1,500 feet of sidewalk has been laid from the Rome road.

Several hydrant houses have been built near the farm buildings and equipped with hose and other fire apparatus.

The macadam roads on the hospital grounds have been covered with bituminous material and fine stone.

An addition to the milk house has been completed. An order for a pasteurizer to be placed in this addition has been submitted to the Division of Standards and Purchase for approval.

MIDDLETOWN

Work on a contract for the reconstruction of five buildings and a new cafeteria which was discontinued in April, because of the failure of the contractor, was resumed after July 4 under the direction of the bondsmen and construction is regarded as 27½ per cent completed.

A new boiler for which appropriation was made by the 1932 legislature is substantially completed.

The hospital patients and mechanics have laid this season 1,481 square yards of concrete roadway, 398 feet of gutter and 404 feet of curb.

A garage which will hold 12 trucks and hospital cars is being built by home labor.

PILGRIM

On July 5, 1932, 50 female patients were received from Harlem Valley State Hospital.

On July 11, 1932, building No. 4, for disturbed males with capacity of 280, was opened on reception of 120 patients from Kings Park State Hospital. Additional 121 patients were received July 14, 1932.

Building No. 10, for female disturbed patients with capacity of 280, was opened August 3, to receive 70 patients from buildings 6 and 7.

Fifty female patients were received from Central Islip State Hospital on each of the following dates: August 23, 25 and 30, September 1, 6, 9 and 13.

On September 15, 23 male patients were received from Marcy State Hospital.

On September 20, 40 female infirm patients and on September 23, 28 male infirm patients were received from Manhattan State Hospital.

PROGRESS ON CONTRACTS AT HOSPITAL

Number of building	Contractor	Kind of work	Per cent
5	W. H. Taverner Corp.	Electric	99
5	Heat Control S. Co.	Heating	98
6	J. McWilliams, Inc.	Construction	99
6	J. E. Brown, Inc.	Heating	95.5
6	C. H. Darmstadt, Inc.	Sanitary	99
6	Engert-Hellman, Inc.	Electric	99
16	Brady Concrete Co.	Construction	83
16	J. D. Duffy, Inc.	Sanitary	80
16	H. Z. Altberg, Inc.	Electric	85
16	Raisler Htg. Co.	Heating	85
Farm	John Young, Jr.	Construction	99
Farm	Engert-Hellman, Inc.	Electric	75
Farm	L. L. Lewis Co.	Heating	90
Farm	E. V. McGovern Corp.	Sanitary	90
8-13-41	Astoria Htg. Co.	San. kitchen equip.	99
34-35	York Ice Mch. Co.	Refrigeration	99
All	Otis Elevator Co.	Elevators	87
29	Vilter Mfg. Co.	Refrigeration	80
29	Arkay Co.	Kitchen equipment	85
29	Bareham and McFarl	Kitchen equip. san.	..
29	Hermann's Cont. Co.	Kitchen equip. heat.	15
36	Carbondale N. Y. Co.	Refrigeration	..
36	I. J. White Co.	Ovens' machine	12
Farm	H. Z. Altberg, Inc.	Electric service connec.	85
34-37	Otis Elevator Co.	Interlocks	60
All	Jamestown Sc. Mfg.	Insect screens	25

ROCHESTER

On August 8, 1932, work was begun on installation of a new electric elevator in the Genesee building. This elevator will make possible the delivery of food directly to the three dining-rooms, one on each floor of this building. It will replace a dumbwaiter which was inadequate and incapable of elevating the food in insulated food containers.

On August 15, two new wards were opened in the Livingston building which were made available by alterations in connection with the new dining-room wing. These new wards are made up largely of space formerly used for dining-room purposes for this building. The new space adds 99 to the hospital's capacity.

On July 20, a cafeteria was opened in the new three-story dining-room wing on the Livingston building. This cafeteria, which is fully equipped, replaces two employees' dining-rooms and provides for all of the hospital employees, except those who are cared for in the clerks' cafeteria and staff

dining-rooms. Up to the present time we have heard nothing but favorable comments and present indications warrant our primary assumption that it would be an economy and, at the same time, increase the efficiency. This cafeteria fortunately is centrally located, therefore, it is easily accessible to the whole institution.

During the summer considerable grading has been done around the Howard group and elsewhere about the institution where excavating, road building, etc., have been done previously.

Several hundred feet of sidewalks have been laid and we are now building a parking place for the cars owned by the hospital employees.

The replacement of hot water pipes throughout the older part of the institution has made favorable progress and is now drawing towards completion. Owing to the reduced cost of materials this work is being completed at approximately 50 per cent of the estimate cost when it was begun two years ago.

The Genesee building which is of three-story construction, has always been divided so that one-third of the building was occupied by male patients and two-thirds by women. When the new wards in the Livingston building were opened, all men patients were removed from the Genesee building. These vacated wards will be occupied by women of the infirm group. The wards have been completely renovated and are ready for occupancy, but we cannot move into them for the reason that the new elevator being installed in this building would make the service of food somewhat difficult. It is expected that they can be occupied about the first of November.

ROCKLAND

Metal partitions and doors have been installed across the corridors on the second and third floors of the patients' buildings in the reception service, which admits operation of the wards in larger units thereby effecting an economy in use of personnel.

Thirty-two inside protecting window screens have been installed in some of the wards for violent and destructive patients.

Insect screens have been installed in four wards in the male and female infirmary buildings and two wards in the reception service.

A retaining wall has been built along the Orangeburg road near the superintendent's residence.

Considerable progress has been made in the grading around the administration building and group No. 1—the reception service. Several shrubs have been planted near the administration building.

Two tennis courts have been completed.

Concrete sidewalks have been laid east of buildings 34 and 36.

The control board in the pump room has been moved to a place near the main switch board in the engine room which makes it possible for the engineer on duty in the engine room to better observe the operation of the wells. The electric cable between well No. 3 and the power plant has been renewed.

Equipment for chemical and bacterial analysis of our sewage effluent has been purchased.

The exterior doors of all of the buildings have been repainted.

ST. LAWRENCE

Work has been started on the new cold storage building, and on additional fire escapes at Flower building.

UTICA

The roof to the assembly hall which was badly worn has been replaced by a new tin roof.

The physiotherapy department has been enlarged by a new brick addition which will accommodate the X-ray equipment thereby enlarging the treatment rooms.

The old skylight on the roof of the power plant has been replaced by a new one.

The roofs to the farm building at Graycroft, and wards 10, 11 and 12 of the main building have undergone extensive repairs.

The exterior of the two houses at Graycroft farm colony has been repainted.

WILLARD

Extensive repairs are being made to the foundation walls at Edgemere, a group of buildings containing 300 patients.

SYRACUSE PSYCHOPATHIC HOSPITAL

The work on paving the entrance to the hospital and a parking space under contract was begun August 22, 1932, and is progressing rather slowly.

STATE INSTITUTIONS

CRAIG COLONY

The State highway passing through the Colony premises was the first improved road in Livingston County, having been macadamized in 1907. Contract was awarded early in the summer to rebuild this road with concrete. Recently the Public Service Commission issued an order to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company pertaining to a new underpass at Sonyea, thus

permitting the straightening of the highway, and the use of the old underpass for Colony purposes only.

NEWARK STATE SCHOOL

The west dormitory basement has been painted and fitted up for occupational therapy classes, a stockroom and dye room. Classes were started August 1, 1932, under direction of Dorothy A. Pollock, who was appointed occupational therapist on that date.

Three classrooms have been painted and fitted up for school purposes for the boys on the second floor of the west dormitory.

The living room on the south of the second floor of the west dormitory has been fitted up for a habit training class for 20 patients, and was opened September 1.

A new coal crusher, to use in connection with making up coal samples for analysis, has been purchased for the boiler house.

Complete equipment for the dental office, laboratory, dental X-ray and mechanical rooms have been installed in the boys' division.

Cement and brick walks and approaches to the Nevin Home have been completed.

We found and opened up a sand bed on the recently acquired Sherman farm, from which we are now using the sand for the new walks.

SYRACUSE STATE SCHOOL

A new macadam service road has been constructed in the rear of the junior colonies at the Fairmount group, together with an extension of the main road to the new assembly hall.

A sanitary sewer and water service lines have been constructed, under a special fund appropriation for the assembly hall and the junior colony now under construction.

WASSAIC STATE SCHOOL

Operating room and sterilizing equipment has been purchased, and installed in our temporary hospital.

The two kitchen and dining-room buildings, and all but two of the dormitories, have now been connected with the roads by cement walks.

Flagstone walks have been laid in front of two of the staff houses.

The second male infirm building was opened for patients on August 12, 1932.

Pictures have been purchased, and hung in the patients' buildings, which adds considerably to the attractiveness of the day rooms.

A new silo, 16 feet by 30 feet has been erected, and is already filled.

On August 24, 1932, a contract was awarded the Albany Bridge Company of Rensselaer, N. Y., in the sum of \$5,783.25, for the construction of a concrete bridge across the Ten Mile River. The new bridge will give access to the farm lands and also to the pump house and will replace the wooden structure now in use.

The boys of the institution have been kept busy during the summer months at farm work and grading about the various buildings.

A regular meeting of the Dutchess-Putnam Medical Society was held at this institution on September 14. A clinic was given by Dr. Arthur W. Pense.

NOTEWORTHY OCCURRENCES

STATE HOSPITALS

BINGHAMTON

During the months of July and August picnics were held for groups of patients, three times a week, at Pine Camp, averaging about a hundred patients a week.

Trolley car service, on the line running from the city to the hospital, was abandoned July 30, 1932. Motor busses began operating in place of the trolley cars July 31.

The annual field day was held on the hospital grounds on August 25; 22 events were held for the patients and employees. The occupational therapy department erected a large booth for the exhibition and sale of articles manufactured by patients.

Graduation exercises for the training school for nurses were held on the evening of September 8; six female nurses were graduated, five in the registered nurse group and one in the trained nurse group.

The training school for nurses opened on September 10, with 16 pupils enrolled, 3 men and 13 women, all in the registered nurse group. A new departure in the training school methods has been inaugurated; the student nurses will be intensively trained for from four to five months, so that the theoretical work of the first year will be shortened, and it is hoped that this change will result in a more solid theoretical ground work of the first year's subjects.

Five of our third-year pupil nurses went to the Binghamton City Hospital for affiliation, on September 12.

Asa English, steamfitter, retired on pension July 1, after 25 years' service.