

NOTEWORTHY OCCURRENCES

STATE HOSPITALS

BINGHAMTON

On December 15, this hospital was awarded the first prize for growing potatoes for 1936, by the Department of Farms and Markets, 441 bushels per acre being harvested on an 18-acre plot.

At field day, held August 12, 21 events were provided for patients and employees. St. Mary's Home band furnished music.

School of nursing commencement exercises took place at the assembly hall on October 14. The graduating class consisted of five women and one man, all in the R. N. group.

The Christmas entertainment, held December 24, was divided into two parts: in the first part, patients in the occupational therapy classes presented the entertainment; the second half of the program was provided by employees and entertainers from the city.

Mrs. Mary Anne Belec Casey, principal of the school of nursing, resigned August 1. On August 16, Mrs. Saima K. Huber was appointed principal and Mrs. Edith Hammond Jennings was appointed acting assistant principal.

The following employees retired after 25 or more years of service, on the date indicated:

Rennie E. Dodge, chef, August 31.

Oscar P. Chase, clerk and postmaster, October 31.

Mrs. Florence E. Dodge, chief supervisor, August 31.

Mrs. Mary Loftus, charge night attendant, retired October 17.

The following employees died during the six-month period reported:

Orlow E. Demming, mason, at his home, in September.

Michael Sheehan, cook, following automobile accident, October 23.

Elmer Swanson, attendant, while on leave of absence, October 10.

Mrs. Mattie M. Wombacker, cook, November 2.

BROOKLYN

Graduation exercises for the school of nursing were held on September 12. Mrs. Grace W. Whitehall, secretary of the Board of Visitors, delivered an interesting and appropriate address to the class, which consisted of 2 men and 10 women.

Dr. Christopher F. Terrence, three graduate nurses and a medical stenographer spent six weeks on the psychopathic wards of Bellevue Hospital,

where they assisted in the administration of insulin treatment to schizophrenic patients during the months of November and December.

BUFFALO

At the annual election of officers of the Board of Visitors, Mr. Edward G. Zeller and Mrs. John R. Hazel were reelected president and secretary, respectively.

An orchestra composed entirely of patients furnished the music for the Hallowe'en party on October 22, which was attended by about 400 patients.

Members of the occupational therapy department attended the meeting of the Western New York Occupational Therapy Association, held at Brigham Hall in Canandaigua on August 7, and also the convention of the American Occupational Therapy Association in Cleveland, in September.

Mrs. Harriet Healy, attendant, retired on August 31, after 25 years of service.

Miss Irene Raszman, attendant, died on July 11.

Patrick Spellman, watchman, died on August 22.

CENTRAL ISLIP

The Suffolk County fair was held in Riverhead, August 25-29. Articles from the occupational therapy department were shown and farm products and flowers exhibited. The hospital received blue ribbons for its displays. Wood carving was awarded a special blue ribbon. A group of patients attended the fair on August 27.

Dr. G. A. Kempf, senior surgeon, United States Public Health Service, working with the National Committee for Mental Hygiene, arrived at the hospital, October 7, to spend several days studying the organization and methods used. The information is to be used in a nation-wide survey of the care of the mentally ill.

CREEDMOOR

Christmas carols were sung by a group of patients who went from ward to ward on the morning of December 24; this same group sang carols at a Christmas day church service.

HARLEM VALLEY

Dr. Mannfried Sakel of Vienna began on December 8 a course of instruction in the technique of hypoglycemic treatment of schizophrenic patients. The course is to continue for six weeks, and is being attended by the following State hospital physicians:

Dr. Herman B. Snow, Binghamton State Hospital.
 Dr. David Ruslander, Buffalo State Hospital.
 Dr. Marcus Schatner, Central Islip State Hospital.
 Dr. R. J. Mearin, Creedmoor State Hospital.
 Dr. Grant E. Metcalf, Gowanda State Hospital.
 Dr. James Taylor, Kings Park State Hospital.
 Dr. L. Larimore Bryan, Marcy State Hospital.
 Dr. Solomon Kleiner, Middletown State Hospital.
 Dr. Richard F. Binzley, Pilgrim State Hospital.
 Dr. Robert C. Hunt, Rochester State Hospital.
 Dr. James E. Brown, St. Lawrence State Hospital.
 Dr. Cyril J. C. Kennedy, Utica State Hospital.
 Dr. James M. Murphy, Willard State Hospital.
 Dr. George A. Jervis, Letchworth Village.

HUDSON RIVER

A large number of the medical staff attended a meeting of the Dutchess County Psychiatric Society held at Matteawan State Hospital on October 22. Dr. Bernard Glueck discussed "The Hypoglycemic State in Treatment of Schizophrenia."

From September 1 to 4 articles made by occupational therapy classes were exhibited at the Dutchess County fair. Garden products of the hospital were also shown. On the recommendation of the judges the hospital was presented with a special cup.

At the commencement exercises of the school of nursing, September 19, there were 13 graduates, 7 women and 6 men. The address to the class was delivered by Professor J. Howard Howson of Vassar College.

The following members of the nonmedical staff attended meetings as indicated:

Mr. George Magee, chief engineer, New York State Sewerage Works Association, Geneva, N. Y., October 9 and 10.

Mrs. Gladys Russell, principal of the school of nursing, annual meeting of the New York State Nurses' Association, held in New York City on October 13.

Mrs. M. Kohler, chief social worker, State Conference of Social Workers, as visiting delegate of Dutchess County Chapter, Rochester, October 19-23.

Mrs. Margaret Schoonmaker, chief occupational therapist, and two of her assistants, convention of the American Occupational Therapy Association in Cleveland at the end of September.

Several members of the medical staff attended the twenty-seventh annual luncheon of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene in New York City, November 12.

A surgical motion picture entitled "Traumatic Surgery of the Extremities" was shown to the medical staff and nurses on December 21.

KINGS PARK

The Long Island Psychiatric Society held a meeting at York Hall on October 20. The following officers were elected: Dr. George F. Snoops, president; Dr. Richmond Beck, vice-president; Dr. Donald M. Carmichael, secretary and treasurer. The address "Psychopathology of Suicide" was given by Dr. Gregory Zilboorg of New York City.

The following employees retired from the service of the hospital during the past six months period:

James Ackerly, painter, August 1.

Kate Doran, charge attendant, September 1.

Nora O'Connor, supervisor, September 18.

Mary Malone, attendant, October 7.

Alan Quarry, special attendant, November 1.

Anna Barry Allan, special attendant, December 1.

John Clifford, night attendant, December 1.

Two employees died during the same period:

Mary Worman, December 5.

John King, December 28.

The following nonmedical staff members resigned in this period:

William Trueman, master mechanic, October 1.

Dr. Albert Wiggins, dental interne, October 4.

Miss Mary Katherine King, assistant social worker, December 31.

Dr. Walter L. Trudeau, dental interne, was promoted to the position of dentist on August 1.

Mr. Ralph Piper was appointed master mechanic, October 15.

MANHATTAN

Mr. Arthur W. Stace, editor of the Ann Arbor (Mich.) News, visited the hospital on September 8, to obtain material for a series of articles on the New York State hospital system. His purpose is to set before the people of Michigan the development of mental hospitals in New York, particularly as related to the indications for increase of accommodations for the mentally ill in his own state.

A meeting of the Psychiatric Society of the Metropolitan State Hospitals was held at the hospital on October 5. Officers were elected, and the following papers were read and discussed:

"Head Injury Cases Who Claim Damages," by F. Ross Haviland, M. D. Discussion by Karl M. Bowman, M. D.

"Some Pathologic Findings in the Nervous System Associated with Trauma," by S. Eugene Barrera, M. D. Discussion by Nolan D. C. Lewis, M. D.

Commencement exercises for the school of nursing were held on October 13, seven graduates receiving diplomas. Dr. Martin Cohen, president of the Board of Visitors, addressed the class. Mrs. Irving H. Saypol of the Board of Visitors, distributed prizes to the students. The speaker of the evening was Dr. Karl M. Bowman, director of the psychiatric division of Bellevue Hospital.

A Hallowe'en party and entertainment was held in the assembly hall on the afternoon of October 29 and the evening of October 30. The program consisted of five vaudeville acts provided by patient talent, games, and general dancing. Prizes were awarded to winners of games and favors were distributed.

Christmas festivities were observed by the customary arrangements, 36 Christmas trees being distributed to ward and to employees' homes and two placed on the grounds and electrified. On December 28 a holiday dance was held for patients. Liberal donations were made by four publishing houses (who provided about five dozen books), the Junior League of America, the Milliners' Association (who gave mufflers and caps) and a philanthropist, Mr. Edward Hydeman, who provided tickets for 12 children of paroled patients to attend a performance of "White Horse Inn."

MARCY

The affiliated school of nursing was instituted at the hospital on September 1, on which date seven students began their three months course in psychiatric nursing. These students represented the Cohoes Hospital, Ellis Hospital (Schenectady) and St. Elizabeth Hospital (Utica). They returned to their respective hospitals on December 1, to be succeeded by a group of 16 affiliates.

Dr. Hippaka, director of guidance of the public schools at Madison, Wis., visited the hospital with a number of his pupils in the summer session at Oswego Normal School.

The occupational therapy department held an exhibit and sale at the Vernon fair from September 16 to 19. The annual bazaar was held in the assembly hall from November 30 to December 3.

A meeting of the visiting and consulting staffs in connection with the medical staff of the hospital was held on December 8. Papers were read by Doctors Wright and Dodds, and the discussion was opened by Dr. Eugene N. Boudreau of Syracuse.

The Christmas holidays were observed as follows: The annual Christmas party for patients under the direction of the occupational therapy department, on December 24; the Christmas party for ex-service patients on December 28, at which each ex-soldier received a shirt and a tie, and candy and cigarettes were distributed.

MIDDLETOWN

Field day was held on July 15, with the usual program of athletic events. A special feature was a marching drill of women nurses in white uniforms, under the direction of Supervisor Thomas Stevens, an ex-sergeant.

During the summer four picnics for patients were held in a grove on Shawagunk Kill, not far from the hospital, where swimming and outdoor sports were enjoyed.

A Hallowe'en dance for employees and patients was held on the evening of ovember 2. Prizes for the most handsome and the most grotesque costumes were awarded.

The employees' Dramatic Club presented its play, "A Day in Judge Leeson's Court," on October 29. A small admission fee was charged, the proceeds being donated to the hospital library fund.

Through the courtesy of Middletown Lodge of Elks, nearly 300 patients attended the Elks' circus held in the State Armory on November 19.

The Middletown High School Dramatic Club presented a musical comedy, "Betty Lou," on November 17, at the hospital.

Commencement exercises of the school of nursing took place on October 14. The address to the graduates was made by Dr. Willis E. Merriman, superintendent of Manhattan State Hospital. Diplomas were presented by Mr. Robert H. Clark, president of the Board of Visitors. The following were the graduates receiving the R. N. degree:

Miss Bertha Mae Brown.

Miss Julia Elizabeth Woodhams Geer.

Miss Mildred Banker Ogden.

Miss Evelyn Marjorie Van Wert.

PILGRIM

Dr. Adolph Meyer, psychiatrist-in-chief of Phipps Psychiatric Clinic, Baltimore, visited the hospital on July 25 and August 21.

Dr. Grover A. Kempf of the United States Public Health Service, visited the hospital October 22, to obtain material for the nationwide survey under the auspices of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene.

Mr. Harry Lutgens, director of institutions of California, and Walter Rapaport of Napa State Hospital (California), visited the hospital on November 12.

The annual visit to the hospital of the Japanese Association of New York was made on December 6, and was this year enhanced by the presence of Hon. Inoue, Japanese consul in New York.

Professor Morehouse of the Engineering School, Villanova College, visited the hospital on December 8, with a group of students. An eight-hour test in the power house was conducted as a part of the professor's course.

Mrs. Kazmier K. Firth, assistant principal, school of nursing, was promoted to the position of principal on August 19.

Miss Matilda Remsen, occupational therapist, was appointed chief occupational therapist at Rockland State Hospital, November 15.

ROCHESTER

During the six-month period under review, the following distinguished visitors were received at the hospital: Senator Charles J. Hewitt of Auburn; Senator Earle S. Warner of Phelps; Dr. Walter B. Martin, superintendent of Albion State Training School; Dr. W. D. S. Cross of the Homewood Sanitarium, Guelph, Canada; Dr. F. A. Carmichael, superintendent of the Osawatomie State Hospital, Kansas; and Dr. Ralf Hanks, superintendent of Calaway State Hospital, Missouri. Mr. Ray T. Slater, senior examiner, Department of Civil Service, came to the hospital, to conduct examination of four ex-service men who claimed disability preference.

At the request of Dr. Beaven, president of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, three students of that institution were extended the privileges of the hospital to further their insight into personality problems. The arrangement was made to determine, if possible, what, if any value there would be in such a procedure. The results seemed to justify the expectation that divinity students would obtain a good insight into mental hygiene and some of its problems which might come to the notice of religious advisers.

The annual graduation exercises were held in the assembly hall, being the first large function to be held in the auditorium since its completion. The graduating class comprised two men and five women, all in the R. N. group.

Late in November the hospital became aware that there was a smallpox epidemic in a section of its district. Consequently, all employees who had not been vaccinated within five years were immunized; 173 employees were thus treated.

Dr. Glenn W. Carlson, dentist, resigned on October 8. Dr. James P. Taylor was appointed dental interne on November 9.

ROCKLAND

Annual field day was held on August 20. In addition to the usual program, professional entertainment was provided and a philharmonic orchestra was furnished by the W. P. A. Federal Music Project of Westchester County.

On September 24, a program of exercises in the dedication of the new children's group was held on the lawn in front of the buildings. Following a concert by the Westchester Philharmonic Orchestra and the speaking program, guests were invited to inspect the buildings and to partake of a buffet luncheon in the hospital exchange and employees' lounge. Among the speakers were: Hon. Herbert H. Lehman, Governor; Dr. Frederick W. Parsons, Commissioner of Mental Hygiene; Dr. Frederick Tilney, director of the Neurological Institute, New York City, and Douglas A. Thom, commissioner, division of mental hygiene of the Massachusetts Department of Mental Diseases. It was estimated that approximately 1,600 guests were in attendance.

During the summer the hospital maintained an adult education school, supported by W. P. A. funds. Classes were held from June 15 to September 15, in the various hospital buildings. The faculty consisted of seven instructors who were the regular members of the Rockland Junior High School staff. There were no educational requirements for admission, and no tuition fees were necessary. The following courses were given: Accounting, business English, bookkeeping, economics, chemistry, sociology, French, Italian, general mathematics review, modern drama, history and current events. There were 17 classes—12 for regular day employees, two for night employees and three for patients. Total registration of employees was 184; of patients, 116.

A new 16 mm. projection apparatus and screen have been purchased for the children's group with hospital exchange funds. Arrangements have been made with Museum of Natural History, New York City, to obtain educational films free of charge to use in this machine.

Graduation exercises for the 1936 class of the school of nursing were held on October 28.

Miss Samia K. Mandelin, assistant principal of the school of nursing, resigned September 15, to accept the position of principal of the school at Binghamton.

Mrs. Marion Roberts, social worker, resigned October 1.

Miss Helen Howell, assistant social worker for the past four years, was promoted on November 1, to social worker.

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Swope, occupational therapist, resigned November 15.

William Reilly, attendant, died November 9.

ST. LAWRENCE

Employees in the 25-year pension fund, retired and active, held a dinner meeting at the Crescent Hotel, Ogdensburg, on October 22. They were addressed by Hon. William D. Ingram, county judge of St. Lawrence County.

Anthony Lapetina, Ph. G., was appointed pharmacist on September 8.

The following employees retired from the service of the hospital during the six-month period under review:

Jennie Lightfoot, laundress, on physical disability, after 19 years of service, July 15.

Kate Cleary, charge nurse, after 29 years of service, July 31.

Libby Mea, attendant, after 25 years of service, July 31.

Harriet Mason, charge attendant, after 29 years of service, on September 30.

Harriet Hobbs, R. N., chief supervisor, after 27 years of service, October 5.

The following employees died during the same period:

William Ulrich, tailor, appointed in January, 1927, died on August 7.

Sylvia Carr, attendant, employed in December, 1918, on September 3.

Gaspard LeDuc, foreman, employed 22 years, on December 31.

UTICA

Commencement exercises of the school of nursing were held in conjunction with Faxton and Memorial hospitals of the city of Utica in the John F. Hughes School auditorium on September 11. Six nurses received their diplomas. Dr. Carl A. Kallgren, dean of Colgate University, gave the address.

In September, the Oneida County Mental Hygiene Committee inaugurated a modest periodical, issued in collaboration with the Utica Council of Social Agencies, and entitled "Your Community." The editor is Miss Eva M. Schied, chief social worker at the hospital, and executive secretary of the committee, assisted by Mrs. Leslie B. Sims.

Aside from the customary observances of the Christmas holidays, Mrs. Tom Johnson's party for ex-service patients was held on December 23. On December 31, a venison dinner was made possible through the kindness of the State Conservation Department, which confiscated a fine buck, killed out of season, and donated it to the hospital for this purpose.

Mrs. Mabel Kirkpatrick, social worker, completed the required course of instruction at the Smith College School for Social Work at the end of the summer term, receiving her diploma in September.

Miss Catherine Charles, assistant social worker, was granted a leave of absence on October 1, in order that she might continue her studies at the New York School for Social Work.

Miss Ethel A. Randall was appointed chief occupational therapist, on a temporary status, July 1.

Mrs. Pauline M. Olmstead, a graduate of the Philadelphia School of Occupational Therapy, was appointed to the occupational therapy department on August 5.

The following employees retired during the past six-month period :

Thomas Quigley, nurse, August 14.

Edward Ellis, attendant, November 9.

John M. Wankel, December 29.

WILLARD

In 1877 train service to the Willard State Hospital was begun so that coal could be delivered in that manner to each building. Eventually all supplies came to be delivered by that method, and in time passenger service was established and three regular trains per day were scheduled; these trains carried mail, express, freight and passengers. This service was discontinued on July 2, 1936, to be replaced with motor trucks.

Five employees detailed to fire duty occupied quarters renovated on the second floor of the fire department on July 31. These men receive extra compensation at the rate of \$10 per month, and their schedule is so arranged that two men are on duty every night, in readiness to take out fire apparatus if needed. All these men have received special training and instruction from the fire inspector.

Between 500 and 600 employed patients attended a wiener roast in the grove near Pines building on October 21. During the afternoon out-of-door games were enjoyed and the wieners were roasted on an open hearth. On November 19, 208 working patients were entertained at Pines building.

Messrs. R. D. Kelley and G. M. Gilkinson, engineers, Fire Insurance Rating Organization, Syracuse, inspected the firefighting apparatus on December 16.

Drs. Harry J. Worthing and Walter M. Pamphilon were called to Lyons to testify as to the sanity of Nicholas Romack, on December 22.

Peter G. Ten Eyck, Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Markets of New York State, presented a certificate to the Willard State Hospital in recognition of increased milk production. The certificate states: "This certificate is presented to the Willard State Hospital in recognition of the efficient management of the institution's daily herd during the year 1936. Willard State Hospital ranks second in the 1936 milk production contest."

Average production years 1934-1935..	8,334.30 lbs. per cow
Average production year 1936	10,783.89 lbs. per cow
Increase of 29.4 per cent, or	2,449.59 lbs. per cow

PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTE AND HOSPITAL

On September 1, 1936, Dr. Nolan D. C. Lewis took over the directorship of the institute.

On December 19, 1936, the quarterly conference of the Department of Mental Hygiene was held at the institute. Dr. Lewis reviewed the activities of the institute during the past year.

In July, 1936, Dr. Meyer M. Harris as head of the department of internal medicine of the institute, took over supervision of the clinical pathological laboratory. This laboratory was formerly manned and supervised by personnel of the Neurological Institute of New York in accordance with an agreement made between the Psychiatric Institution and the Neurological Institute at the time of the opening of the institute at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

A research laboratory for the study of dementia præcox under the personal supervision of the director, has been established under the Masonic Research Foundation. This laboratory is concerned with the investigation of tissue structures in dementia præcox and some other mental disorders and also has to do with study of the growth processes in embryos.

As in the past, a postgraduate course in neurology and psychiatry, participated in by the institute, the department of psychiatry of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University and the Neurological Institute of New York, was given from October 5 to December 11, 1936, with the institute staff taking the usual active part in the teaching. We were fortunate in having as a visitor, Dr. Bernard Dattner of Vienna who kindly consented to deliver a lecture on the treatment of neurosyphilis to the members of the course.

The course was made available to the following State hospital physicians:

Dr. Daniel Thaw, Binghamton	Dr. G. Davidson, Manhattan
Dr. N. Beckenstein, Brooklyn	Dr. Elizabeth Bryan, Manhattan
Dr. J. A. Bianchi, Brooklyn	Dr. B. A. Schantz, Middletown
Dr. Harold E. Hartnett, Buffalo	Dr. C. Kleiman, Marcy
Dr. F. Rosenheim, Central Islip	Dr. T. A. Lacy, Pilgrim
Dr. Robert J. Hall, Creedmoor	Dr. P. Polatin, Pilgrim
Dr. P. Tomlinson, Gowanda	Dr. G. H. Harkin, Rochester
Dr. J. S. Fleming, Gowanda	Dr. H. K. Johnson, Rockland
Dr. E. W. Briggs, Jr., Harlem Valley	Dr. D. Whitehead, Utica
Dr. Alma Freeman, Hudson River	Dr. R. J. Depner, Wassaic
Dr. Leo Wolfson, Hudson River	Dr. G. N. Guthiel, Willard
Dr. C. L. Fessenden, Kings Park	Dr. G. M. Walters, Willard

In addition to the State hospital physicians, six outside physicians were enrolled in the course.

The department of internal medicine in collaboration with the department of clinical psychiatry of the institute, has undertaken a study of the treatment of dementia præcox with insulin. This work is now in progress.

Dr. Mannfried Sakel of Vienna, the originator of the insulin therapy in dementia præcox and who is now teaching and demonstrating his methods in this country, was kind enough to deliver a lecture on this topic to the institute staff members as well as to the State hospital physicians attending the postgraduate course.

SYRACUSE PSYCHOPATHIC HOSPITAL

A psychiatric program was presented at the hospital at a meeting of the Thursday Night Club on November 5.

The annual meeting of the consulting and visiting staffs was held at the hospital, November 9.

STATE INSTITUTIONS

CRAIG COLONY

The Second District Nurses' Association held a regular meeting at the colony on September 29.

Commencement exercises for the school of nursing took place on October 13, which was also the date of annual meeting of the Board of Visitors.

On November 26, the dairy barn, containing 350 tons of hay, was destroyed by fire of unknown origin. All of the herd, except one cow, was saved.

Mount Morris Rotary Club presented a minstrel show on December 7.

Because of the evidence of smallpox existing in Dansville and other communities near the colony, there was a general vaccination of all employees and patients during the middle of December.

A group of students from Alfred University attended a clinic at the colony on December 2.

Patient Michael Muscato was released on writ of habeas corpus, September 4.

Dr. A. G. Bennett, consulting ophthalmologist, died on December 29.

One employee retired during this six-month period:

Ida E. Wright, supervising matron, September 3.

The following employees died during the period reported:

Robert Beggs, fireman, July 14.

Theresa Rozansky, student nurse, September 11.

Mable Childs, laundress, November 26.

LETCHWORTH VILLAGE

Employers of paroled girls working in Rockland County were entertained at the institution on July 21. The purpose of this visit was to promote a better understanding of the institution's aims and methods, and the type of girl placed on parole, and to give the employers an opportunity for constructive criticism concerning our preparole training system.

Two physicians were sent here during August by Dr. Parran, surgeon-general of the United States Department of Health, for training in mental defect before going abroad where they are to examine mentally defective immigrants in foreign ports.

Mr. Fergus E. Redmond of Haverstraw, was appointed a member of the Board of Visitors on August 21, to fill the vacancy incurred by the death of Mr. James H. Morrissey.

Mrs. Charles S. Little and Miss Barbara Little, the widow and daughter of our former superintendent, Dr. Charles S. Little, left the institution on September 4, after having spent a good part of their lives at Letchworth Village. It was a sad day for both of them and for many of us.

The Rockland County Medical Society met at the institution on October 14 at Kirkbride Hall. As the Board of Visitors met there the same day, members of the board were invited to attend the meeting of the medical society and to have dinner with them.

On November 18 the New York State Department of Labor conducted a demonstration of dust-control machinery at its field laboratory at the institution. This equipment is designed to eliminate the hazard of silicosis.

Commissioner Elmer F. Andrews of the Department of Labor, together with interested parties and newspaper reporters attended the demonstration.

We have been requested by the New York City department of health to allow them to send two physicians here from the Rockefeller Institute to make some inoculations to test the capacity of vaccines for the prevention of influenza; we have accepted the proffered services.

The New York City Board of Education has arranged with us to use Letchworth Village for the examination of candidates for the position of school psychologist. On December 30, 13 students came here for examination by our staff of psychologists and the director of research.

A small sense-training class has been started in the male infirm group, for the young low-grade children of that group.

NEWARK STATE SCHOOL

On August 31, the Quarterly Conference of the Department of Mental Hygiene was held at the school. The program is given elsewhere. There were about one hundred in attendance.

Dorothy A. Pollock, chief occupational therapist, and Newton A. Depuy, occupational therapist, attended the Syracuse State Fair the week of September 7, together with eight boys from the institution who were boarded at the Syracuse State School for the week. They produced two marionette shows and three performances of Hansel and Gretel and Lazy People in Ginland were given daily.

The superintendent, Dorothy A. Pollock, Newton A. DePuy, Marguerite Mechie and Elizabeth Fitchpatrick attended the annual convention of the American Occupational Therapy Association in Cleveland, September 28 and 29.

In September, a new craft, a class in photography for boys was introduced by the occupational therapy department.

The teachers and occupational therapists attended the teachers' convention in Rochester, October 30 and 31.

On November 20, a Boy Scout court of honor was held in the school building. First and second class degrees were awarded, together with a number of merit badges. One boy became a star scout, the third highest degree in scouting.

On November 24, the board of supervisors of Wayne County was entertained at the school for the purpose of seeing the building for the new laboratory.

At the request of a committee from the Wayne County Medical Society, the board of supervisors of Wayne County appropriated funds for a con-

tract with the Newark State School laboratory to do the laboratory work for the county. This contract was then approved by the Department of Mental Hygiene, the Comptroller and the State Board of Health.

Several graduate nurses attended the Genesee Valley Nurses' Association which met in Rochester in November.

Twelve Boy Scouts acted as caddies during November, to relieve a shortage at the local golf club.

Dr. E. A. Baumgartner, pathologist, was elected president of the Wayne County Medical Society for the coming year.

During the Christmas season 1,859 packages were received for patients.

Miss Geraldine Longwell, psychologist, Cornell University, spent the summer at the school at the behest of Dr. Edgar A. Doll, president of the American Association for Mental Deficiency. Results of her tests, with the social achievement scale made on colony, parole and family care cases, are being prepared for publication by Dr. Doll.

Miss Doris Reed of the State Teachers' College, Buffalo, worked during the summer under direction of the dietitian.

Miss Jeannette Radder of the University of Rochester, was employed during the summer as a volunteer social service worker.

Mrs. Sarah T. Banckert was appointed social worker effective December 1, 1936, as result of competitive civil service examination.

On August 19 and 20, the Lions and Rotary clubs of Newark were entertained at the school for the purpose of visiting the new buildings.

ROME STATE SCHOOL

A group of students attending the summer session at the Oswego Normal School visited the institution for a clinical demonstration, August 1.

A group of workers from the Schenectady Bureau of Social Welfare spent several hours at the school on August 26, making a tour of the buildings in the morning and, following luncheon, attending the weekly staff meeting.

Dr. S. Russo, director of the Auburn Collegiate Center, brought a group of young men and women to the institution, on September 2 and November 11.

The fifth district branch of the State Medical Society met at the school, 125 members attending.

Professor C. E. Meyers brought a large group of students from North High School, Syracuse, on November 6.

Thirty members of the children's group of the Utica Council of Social Agencies visited the institution on November 17.

SYRACUSE STATE SCHOOL

The school's troop of Boy Scouts attended the Boy Scout camp at Constantia for a two-week period in the summer.

The athletic schedule for boys was a well-rounded one. The soccer team played a number of games with outside teams and made a good showing. A number of informal inter-colony games were also played in soccer and in touch-football. The older boys played an eight-game schedule with high schools of the city and county.

The sixteenth annual picnic for parole girls was held at Long Branch on August 27. The colony and parole girls' dance was held in the music hall, main school, October 29.

All the school children visited the State Fair in September.

WASSAIC STATE SCHOOL

A Boy Scout troop has been organized and is holding regular meetings in club rooms at building R. It is an active troop, joining with troops outside the institution in a number of activities.

Two child guidance clinics have been started during this six-month period.

Miss Ethel Goodwin, assistant social worker, resigned on November 15, to accept the position of social worker at the Harlem Valley State Hospital.

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL OF THE MEDICAL SERVICE

APPOINTMENTS

Medical Interne

Abrahamer, Dr. Hyman W., Gowanda State Hospital, July 1.

Ayars, Dr. L. S., Kings Park State Hospital, July 16.

Baum, Dr. Theodore, Rome State School, July 1.

Bergmann, Dr. Jerome W., Creedmoor State Hospital, August 22.

Boldt, Dr. Waldemar B., Letchworth Village, July 1.

Captanian, Dr. Aram, Pilgrim State Hospital, September 29.

Casciano, Dr. Adolph D., Rockland State Hospital, July 1.

Cassino, Dr. Frank A., Creedmoor State Hospital, October 1.

Delaney, Dr. George J., Pilgrim State Hospital, July 1.

Dick, Dr. Murray, Pilgrim State Hospital, October 1.

Donaldson, Dr. James R., Pilgrim State Hospital, July 1.

Fiero, Dr. Rollin P., Rochester State Hospital, September 1.

Goldberg, Dr. Mortimer, Brooklyn State Hospital, August 1.