

Out Of The Slight Of Morganton

Doctors Simply Don't Have Time To Treat Individual Cases

By TOM P. JIMISON

(This is the fifth of a series by Mr. Jimison describing his experience while a patient for a year in the State Hospital for the Insane at Morganton. Mr. Jimison is a former well-known North Carolina minister, lawyer and newspaper columnist.)

A day or two after my arrival Dr. J. S. McKee Jr. began my physical examination. The hospital has a good laboratory and each patient is given a thorough

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Occasionally Dr. Watkins goes through the laboratory wards, and on such occasions he is uniformly courteous and is available to the humblest patient. This cannot always be said of the other doctors, but it must be remembered that the others have to hear all the complaints all the time. However, the superintendent had the reputation of being agreeable and solicitous when he was a ward doctor.

Dr. R. H. Long became assistant superintendent when Dr. Watkins was elevated to the superintendent. He is a very pleasant and affable man despite the fact that he has been incapacitated by illness for long time.

POPULAR AND ABLE
The most popular man at the hospital is Dr. Allan McLean. He is a double first cousin to the late Governor McLean, and looks almost exactly like that stalwart statesman from Robeson. We all affectionately called him Doc Flynn because he was always affectionate toward the patients and President Roosevelt. He works on the women's side of the institution, but when he was there he always found time to get acquainted with many of the men. No one was too humble for him to nod, and he treated each with a sort of dignified kindness which left a fine flavor. No man there had better background of culture and family tradition, or was better educated, or better informed, yet he treated all as his equals. There was scarcely an employee there who was not obligated to him for some favor and, with the exception of two or three who believed not in his comradely ways, he was universally loved.

Dr. J. R. Saunders was also in the women's department when he was here, but he sometimes had to help with the men when the hospital was short on doctors. He is prominent in the Young Democratic Club, recently having been elected treasurer of the state organization. Dr. Saunders is not popular with the employees or the patients, though I found him to be right affable in a slightly patronizing manner. He is expected to be slated for superintendent when Dr. Watkins retires, provided that Dr. Long is still incapacitated.

CAPABLE AND STUBBORN
Dr. J. S. McKee Jr. was my doctor all the time I was there. He comes of a long line of physicians, has not yet reached middle-age, and is very capable. He is slender, handsome, has the appearance of a scholar, but he is delicately strung, is somewhat fractious, impatient, fretful at times, and has retained the stubbornness of his Scotch ancestry. He is respected for his ability and loved for his gentlemanly ways and his interest in his work. I became very much devoted to Dr. McKee and his vigorous and beautiful wife, Betty. I used to urge them both to leave and get to a place where Dr. McKee would have time to practice psychiatry.

Dr. W. E. Brown, was one of the newest and youngest members of the staff. He worked with the women patients and was very popular. He was smart as a whip, and was wholly immersed in his work. His enthusiasm never waned and his temper never flared. I used to go to walks with him, to bowl, used to loaf with him after the day's work was done, so I think I learned him well.

He had but one interest and that was the welfare of his patients.

Dr. Achard, a fine old French gentleman, did all the laboratory work. As to other doctors, they came and went. Drs. Grimes, Fitzgerald, Barker, Gardner, maybe others whom I have forgotten, came to remain a few weeks or a few months. Those whom I knew were pleasant and alert, but the place did not suit them. Dr. Gardner remained longer than any of the others.

TOO LIBERAL TO LAST
Dr. Grimes was there when I went, but he was too liberal for Morganton. The other doctors paroled only those patients who were willing to work, or allowed the freedom of the yard to the few who were recommended by the ward attendants. As a consequence many men were never allowed on the ground. They sat along barren corridors and gazed through the curtained windows at the friendly sun.

Dr. Grimes began giving yard parades to men who had been on the yard for years. When attendants protested he replied, "This is no prison; it is a hospital." He left in about a month. However, not a man paroled by Grimes tried to escape.

(To Be Continued)

Avert Strike At Detroit

War Dept. Action Holds Up Walkout

DETROIT—Busy buses and street cars carried war-job workers to their factories at usual speed today with a strike threat by city employees wiped out at least temporarily subsequent to intervention by the War Department. Members of the City Employees Union (CEU) voted at a mass meeting last night to postpone their strike, called for 4 A. M. today, upon being assured by Undersecretary of War Robert F. Patterson that a walkout would interrupt production of planes, tanks and guns.

TAKE REFERENDUM
Union officials said a referendum on a strike would be taken next week—depending on the outcome of further negotiations with city officials. The union's demand for a flat 15 per cent wage increase.

It had been feared that a strike might result in paralyzing the city's transportation system. The city's transportation system is composed of 1,320 to 218. The City Employees Union is one of a number of A. F. of L. and C. I. O. groups with members among Detroit's 37,000 municipal job-holders.

Police Commissioner Frank D. Paman had ordered his force of 4,000 bureaucrats on emergency duty to have up Mayor Edward J. Jeffries' declaration giving "full police protection" to all persons desiring to work.

A delay of the strike was recommended by Arthur M. Strington, union business agent, after receiving this telegram from Patterson: "A strike on your part would interrupt Detroit production of planes, tanks and guns desperately needed in the conduct of the war, delay in the receipt of which may cost many lives."

"Under these circumstances I expect you to settle your dispute by negotiation, mediation, or arbitration resorting to the War Labor Board if necessary."

City Slickers Are Convicted

Warlick To Sentence New Yorkers Today

GREENSBORO—P. A. Jury in Guilford Superior Court convicted two New York men, Thomas A. Reine, and E. Pigott-Simkin, yesterday of conspiracy to defraud and attempt false pretense.

The men, the State charged, sought to collect millions of dollars through a scheme they called American Civilian Aid. Inc. The State charged the organization was nonexistent save in the minds of the defendants.

They tried to get prominent Greensboro citizens interested in the organization, counsel for the State claimed, and attempted to defraud a local woman out of \$5,000 which had been pledged in a Y. M. C. A. drive.

Judge Wilson Warlick is expected to sentence the men today.

Motor Carriers To Study Imposed Scale of Rates

RALPHIGH—Proposed revision of a uniform scale of rates by the State Utilities Commission imposed on cotton truckers last Fall will be considered at a conference of motor carriers here Aug. 30.

Officials of the Commission said that some of the truckers want the rates revised so that they can compete better with railroads on large cotton shipments.

Mayor Williams Selects Sanford Defense Leaders
SANFORD—Mayor Warren B. Williams, Lee County civilian defense chairman, announces the appointment of chairman of four committees in continuing the city's defense program as follows: fire protection, James O. Bridges, chief of fire department; police protection, patrol, traffic control, guard, blackout enforcement, panic prevention, bonds and associated duties, T. P. Watson, chief of police; emergency supplies and maintenance, E. S. Gray, Jr. and emergency medical director for city of Sanford, Dr. A. A. James Jr.

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