

Hospital Without A Registered Nurse:

# Out Of The Light Of Morganton

## Sex Magnified at State Hospital By Its Many Prohibitions

By TOM P. JIMSON  
This is the ninth article by a series by Mr. Jimson describing his experience while a patient in the State Hospital for the Insane at Morganton. Mr. Jimson is a former member of the Carolina minister, lawyer and newspaper columnist.

It is worthy of note that the State of North Carolina runs a hospital containing more than 2,000 patients without a single registered nurse. In fact, that was true when I was at Morganton in 1941. There was one nurse there, a very personable young woman, who had been trained at a general hospital, and the doctors told me that she had failed to complete the course. Many of the so-called nurses are kitchen or cotton mill girls who are given a certificate of an old man in the community, one day. "Nurses, hell," I usually worked in the store until around 10 at night. P. M. I usually worked in the store until around 10 at night. P. M. I usually worked in the store until around 10 at night. P. M.

In the morning I had been moved to the ward C, the only open ward in the hospital. We had to keep the windows closed to keep a few belongings in our rooms, and were permitted to shave. The men were shaved by the nurses. The doors were open from 8:30 A. M. to 1:30 P. M. I usually worked in the store until around 10 at night. P. M. I usually worked in the store until around 10 at night. P. M.

For awhile those of us on C were allowed to stay out till the middle of the night. We were to run out and after the custom of the institution, we all had to suffer for it. That is the hospital method of getting folks to squeal on each other. If one man violates a regulation, the privileges of all are curtailed.

"OVER THE HILL"  
The "elopements" at Morganton were a daily incident, and some of them are spectacular. If a really demoralized patient escapes, diligent search is made for him, and he is usually found. But if a sane man goes over the hill, his family is notified, but the search is never a pretext. A few of the attendants drive around for an hour or so, usually on the roads which they hope he has not taken, and return.

Dr. Saunders suggested to the staff that we should have a list of bloodhounds to track down the escapee. It was but a few minutes until the news was on the grapevine. "By gannies, it is to be done," said John Term, "I'm sure it would stop the escape of this here runaway." We made a big joke of it, named the bloodhounds Jack and Jill, and some of us used to bark at a doctor when we wished to attract his attention. We were all members of the staff were sex-magnified.

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The hospital community is, in many respects, composed of the same kind of people found on the outside. There are a few idiots there who have been committed because their families do not want to be burdened with their care, but who still live there without it. Idiots? Chronic alcoholics are supposed to be sent to Dix Hill, at least in the outside world. At Morganton, where can you go without finding a town drunkard? The patients include in the habit of picking up empty tobacco bags, strings, snuff tins, soap and pieces of cloth which they stuff in their pockets and carefully hoard. They even stuff such things in their pockets when they are being taken to the showers after their pockets have been filled, and have to be unloaded every few days. There are few inmates who are respectable citizens on the outside, but who are committed because they are too foolish when one reflects that what they heard is just as valuable to them as the money which the rich people hoard is to them.

**MAKES MONEY**  
There are real money-hoarders in the hospital. One man has been there for a quarter of a century. A few years ago he got hold of a piece of land in the outside world, and he multiplied it. He invested it in watermelons which he sold at 10 cents a slice. While he had thus accumulated a few dollars he began a loan shark business. He would lend out money to patients, but an attendant could borrow \$5 till the next monthly payday if he would give up an order on his time for \$6. When I was there this insane financier had accumulated a few hundred dollars, and was still plugging his trade.

**CASSIDY AND HIS FIDDLE**  
Tim Cassidy was an Irishman from the port of Dublin. His sandy complexion and hair, his twinkling blue eyes and his cheery smile belied his real name. Cassidy, Tim was a small farmer, prosperous in a mountain way, and a hard worker. When he was brought to Morganton several years ago he appeared to be completely demoralized, but he was not. He and he smared his face and head with all the fifth he could get rid of on attendants told me that.

There are many highly intelligent men and women in the hospital. There are lawyers, physicians, preachers, dentists, merchants; there are college and university graduates, accomplished musicians, and then he was on lines of endeavor. The man who has sat at his desk and smoked almost unceasingly while he pondered some problem of his business or profession, and then he has been sitting in the hall twaddling his thumbs and trying to solve the man who has a problem of how he may get a chance to smoke. The man who has had a subordinate, the woman who has had servants, find themselves being ordered about by attendants who would have been sent to the back door in the outside world.

**ANOTHER EFFECT**  
The hospital is a peculiar and beneficial effect, especially to new industrial users of sugar, from the new rationing basis will be an elimination of the necessity of obtaining special decisions on allocations.

Several large industrial users in this area were not in business last year. The sugar rationing basis will be an elimination of the necessity of obtaining special decisions on allocations.

**Costa Rica To Celebrate Roosevelt's Birthday**  
SAN JOSE, Costa Rica—A national holiday, marked by a period of celebrating in a purely political campaign, will be observed by Costa Rica Friday in celebration of the birthday anniversary of its leading Roosevelt.

# Workers Not To Receive Salaries

## Purely Voluntary

Authorities stuck a pin today in the rumor balloon which has been floating around town bearing word that certain defense workers will receive regular salaries. Reports that men and women in certain types of work, especially the women at the Charlotte filter center and men in the fire and police auxiliary groups, were to be given small payment for their work have reached the ears of civilian defense officials, who today denied that any such plans had been announced.

**MAKES LATER**  
Civilian defense work is purely voluntary, it was explained, and does not call for any salaries, however small. Certain defense workers in England are now receiving small wages, mainly in order to keep defense groups under strict control, but salaries were not paid for many months. Small wages may be paid to certain workers before the war ends, but no such plans have been reported from defense headquarters.

**SIX BROTHERS IN SERVICE**—Two of six brothers in the service are shown above. They are Benny Dexter Rominger, left, and Gray W. Rominger, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel C. Rominger of Banner Elk. Their mother was honored this week at a ceremony held in Banner Elk as the only North Carolina mother with six sons in the service. These two boys are stationed at the Charlotte Air Base. Other brothers in the service are Charlie at Fort McPherson; Clyde at Morrison Field; Howard at Daniel Field; and Johnny at Fort Bragg. They have three other brothers not yet in the Army and two sisters who want to be Red Cross nurses. (News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin.)



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# Arrested in Connection With Death

## Negro Nabbed by Pittsboro Police

The last arrest in connection with the murder of James Mack, Negro, 22, was made when Tom Glenn, Negro, 22, was taken into custody at Pittsboro. Police Chief Harry M. Joyner said today.

Glenn was arrested on request of the Charlotte Police Department and Detectives Altman and McCall left this morning to return him to Charlotte. He is alleged to have participated in the murder of James Mack, Negro, 22, at 1021 E. Fifth Street, who was slain in a drunken brawl on 16 Barber's Court on April 20, 1941.

At the time, Henry Glenn, a brother of the man under arrest, at Pittsboro, was arrested but he denied any guilt, claiming the deed was done by his brother.

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