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Minnesota Bedlam Revisited

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State Pushes Hospital Building Program

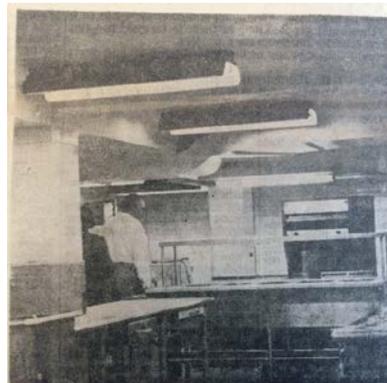
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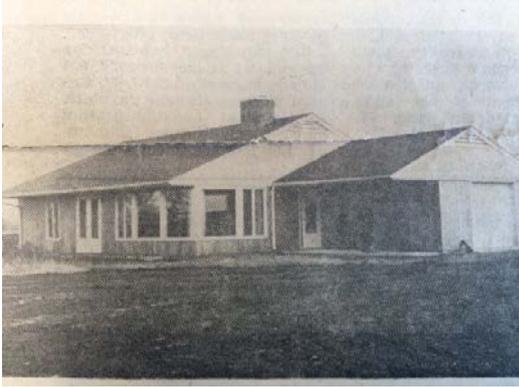
By Arthur Hager

Millions of dollars worth of new buildings are going up on the grounds of Minnesota's mental hospitals. Staff houses, special buildings for the aged, new treatment centers—these are a few of the projects completed or under construction. The picture below shows the almost-finished administration and receiving building at Hastings state hospital. The building cost \$917,000. It will include offices, a library, gymnasium-auditorium, a cafeteria and 40 beds each in a private room.

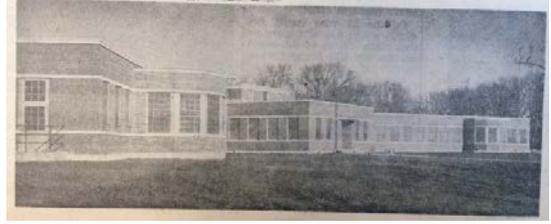


Kitchen of the new building for mentally ill patients with tuberculosis is shown right. The building, a remodeled men's dormitory, at the Anoka state hospital, has modern equipment and every facility to prevent TB germs from spreading.





Pictured above is one of the four new staff houses at the Hastings State hospital. Because of difficulties in laying pipes, the Hastings houses cost about \$23,000. The staff home at Wilmar State hospital, pictured below, costs about \$17,000.



One of the eight new buildings for aged mental patients is shown above on the grounds of the St. Peter State hospital. Called "geriatric" units, they offer bright, pleasant surroundings. Each building has room for about 150 patients.

