PICTURE STORY
Mental Patients Start to Get ‘Treatment’
CHAPTER 11

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For the mentally ill patient, “treatment’ should include just about everything—decent food, pleasant surroundings, adequate clothing as well as recreation activities and special psychiatric treatment, such as electric shock. Minnesota’s mental hospitals are only beginning to give this total kind of treatment.

Woman pictured left had a lobotomy operation recently. To keep her from scratching her head, hospital workers said, she is strapped to a bench. Right, a man patient sits quietly in a strait-jacket. Without it, hospital aids say, he will scratch out his eyes.
Men patients pictured above are playing ball with a recreation worker. Patients also enjoy using the table tennis set.

At most state mental hospitals, beauty parlors are being put to good use. Above a woman patient gives a manicure to another patient. At left, a patient selects a shirt and tie at one of the hospital’s new “department stores.”