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## Minnesota Bedlam Revisited

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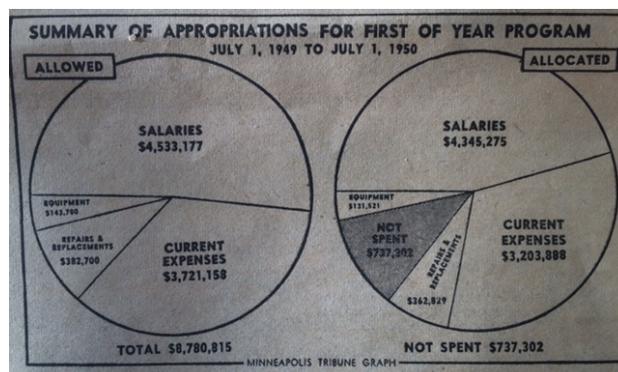
### PICTURE STORY

### Much Remains to be Done in State Mental Hospitals

### CHAPTER 13

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A close look at Minnesota's mental hospitals shows that while much has been done, much remains to be done. While training programs have been set up, there should be more training for more workers. While there have been improvements in surroundings, there still is crowding, bleak rooms and too many people just sitting.



These two charts present a summary of the \$8,780,815 appropriation granted Minnesota's mental hospitals for the first year of the mental health program – July 1, 1949 to July 1, 1950. The chart on the left shows how the appropriation was divided. Carl Jackson, director of the state division of public institutions, said the \$737,302 was unspent in the first year because of the many problems involved in getting the program under way. He indicated, however, there may be some deficits in the current year of the program.



In one of the new buildings for elderly patients, this woman picture above sews doll clothes and listens to the radio. Two years ago, she probably would have been sitting idle on a hard bench in a crowded ward.



Above, two women patients sit in a corridor of one of the state's mental hospitals. The picture below shows the same corridor, crowded with beds – as it was two years ago. New buildings have helped relieve some of the over-crowding.



A hospital library – bright, cheerful and furnished with comfortable chairs – is a favorite place of patients. Book carts are taken into some wards of the hospital for patients who are not allowed to visit the library.



Sound training for more hospital workers is the answer to some of the hospitals' problems. Above is a class of student nurses. Betty Lenz is the instructor.



Too many patients, not enough room: that's still the story in the state's mental institutions. The picture above shows one of the crowded men's wards.