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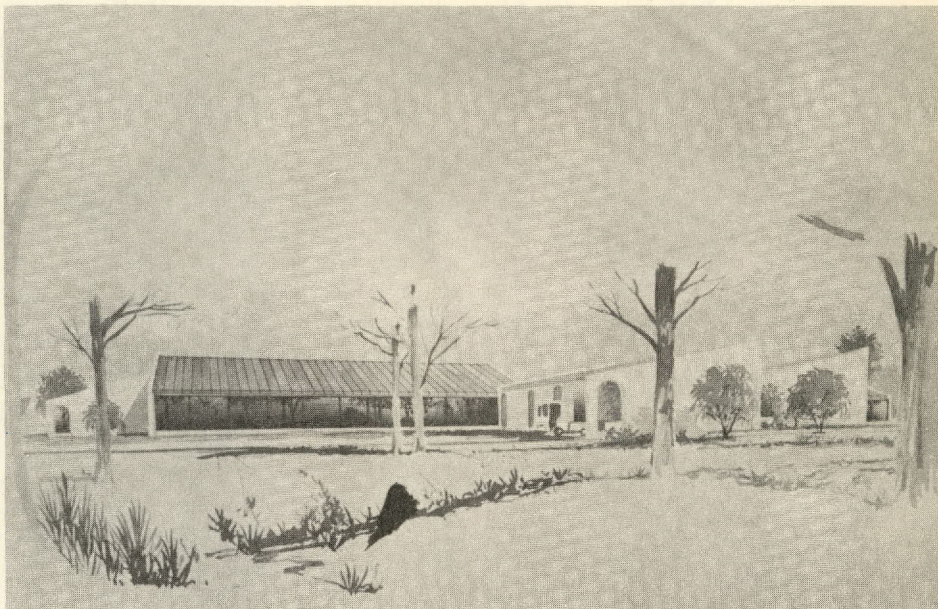
State Legislators Visit Central Office, Tour State Hospital

Members of the Texas House Committee on Mental Health and Mental Retardation visited Central Office and Austin State Hospital February 3 as part of an orientation on objectives and goals of TDMHMR.

During the visit, representatives received briefings about the Department's widespread operations from David Wade, M.D., TDMHMR Commissioner, and other key administrators.

Representatives visiting the facilities February 3 included Renal Rosson, Snyder, committee chairman; Harold Davis, Austin, vice-chairman; George Baker, Fort Stockton; Ben Grant, Marshall; Jack R. Hawkins, Groesbeck; John Poerner, Hondo; and Joe Wyatt, Bloomington.

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NEWEST MR FACILITY--Brenham State School, newest TDMHMR facility to be built for the mentally retarded, will reflect Spanish Modern styling, as illustrated in the architect's drawing above. To be located on a 200-acre tract near Brenham, the school will serve retardates from Eastern Texas.

Adding **IMPACT** To Your Life- - -

Something bright, sparkling and new is headed your way.

It's a revamped and redesigned monthly news magazine, one that will replace the "Report" and "Local MH/MR Notes."

The name of the new, newsy magazine is "IMPACT." If all goes well--the switchover in printing times, a change in style and an expansion of news, special features and photographic coverage--"IMPACT" will be in circulation about April 1.

If a few gremlins pop up--they sometimes do in the news business--the "Report" will be rolling through the presses again next month, but only for one issue. And May will be the

"IMPACT" month.

To pave the way for the new magazine, the Public Information Office staff combined "Local MH/MR Notes" and the "Report" into a single issue for this publication.

News reports from the community MH/MR centers and the various units of TDMHMR are blended together into one mixture. This will be the basic concept of "IMPACT" in the future: a single news report for all.

"IMPACT" will have a single goal, too: to present in-depth news stories, features and pictures on people, programs and progress of TDMHMR.

Watch for "IMPACT."

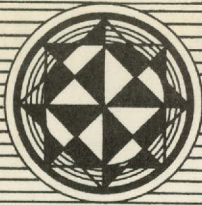
TDMHMR Board Accepts Grants Totaling \$744,531 For Department Projects

The Texas Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, meeting in Austin February 13, accepted \$744,531 in federal, state and foundation grants for training, research and program development at TDMHMR facilities.

Charles H. Brown, M.D., Wichita Falls, chairman of the Board's Care and Treatment Committee, recommended acceptance of the awards and praised staff work in initiating the grant applications.

Six grants totaling \$67,313 from the Texas Foundation for Mental Health and Mental Retardation went to the Texas Research Institute of Mental Sciences, Houston, for various studies and research programs.

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mh-mr in the news SPOTLIGHT

Austin State Hospital has received a \$25,000 gift from Houston Endowment, Inc., to be used in the construction of an all-faith chapel. Goal for the project, sponsored by the Volunteer Council, is \$200,000.

The Bastrop Outreach Center has enlarged its facilities at 800 Walnut Street. Operated by Austin State Hospital, the center serves Bastrop, Fayette and Lee Counties.

The all-faith chapel at Big Spring State Hospital, to be dedicated March 3, will be named in honor of R.L. Tollett, Big Spring oil executive.

Weekly group therapy sessions have begun in Fort Stockton at the Pecos County Courthouse. Mrs. Kay Dufek of the Monahans outpatient clinic of Big Spring State Hospital is directing the Tuesday meetings.

Mexia State School has collected about \$14,000 in cash and savings stamps toward its goal of \$20,000 to purchase a traveling bus for the school's Sunshine Singers choir.

Handiwork by patients and staff of Kerrville State Hospital was displayed at a recent open house sponsored by the Dietert Senior Citizens Claim. The Claim is a senior citizens center sponsored by the hospital's Volunteer Council.

The Lubbock Halfway House, part of Lubbock State School's outreach program, has resumed operations at a new location. The program was moved to 2318 Ninth Street after the former location was destroyed by a tornado on May 11, 1970.

Patient visits to the Dallas State Mental Health Clinic during 1970 increased to 16,665, or 20 percent over the previous year, according to Juanita Kirby, M.D., director.

Denton State School residents recently presented a program of music and drama as an expression of their appreciation to staff, volunteers and other guests who supported the residents' Christmas program.

The Vernon Lions Club has "adopted" 25 patients at the Vernon Center. Presentation of a \$300 check to the Center's Volunteer Council will provide spending money for patients during the year.

The First Bank and Trust of Lufkin recently presented \$400 to Lufkin State School's Resident Benefit Fund for purchase of playground equipment and other items.

Washing machines and dryers for Rusk State Hospital have been donated to the hospital's Volunteer Council by citizens in the Longview-Kilgore area.

San Angelo Center was selected by the Board of City Development to receive over \$3,000 collected from KCTV's 1970 Christmas "Friendship Tree" project. Donations obtained through the television project were accepted by the Center's Volunteer Council to be used for resident canteen funds and playground equipment.

William B. Langston, M.D., has joined the Longview office of the Gregg-Harrison MH/MR Center as medical consultant.

Reverend Ted B. Spencer has been named director of mental health services for the Nueces County MH/MR Community Center.

New staff appointments at Rusk State Hospital include M.B. Dahle, M.D., physician and Mrs. Zerlena Dillard, nurse.

Mrs. Edwina Clift has received an award for 100 hours of volunteer service at Austin State School.

Hartley Sappington, ACSW, has been named program director for mental health and mental retardation services at the Midland Community Center for MH/MR.

Mrs. Pace Appointed Volunteer Services Chief For TDMHMR

Mrs. Jerry (Beulah) Pace, former coordinator of volunteer services at Austin State School, has been named TDMHMR chief of volunteer services.

"Mrs. Pace has the respect of both the administrators and the volunteer coordinators with whom she will work," Commissioner David Wade, M.D., said in announcing the appointment. "At Austin State School, she earned the volunteers' confidence, as evidenced by such major contributions as the Chapel for Children and the lighted sports field."

Mrs. Pace had completed 15 years as coordinator of volunteer services at the state school.

A Certified Volunteer Coordinator, Mrs. Pace is active in both the American and Texas Association of Volunteer Services Coordinators.

Mrs. Pace resides in Hutto where her husband is superintendent of public schools.



MRS. PACE

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Elizabeth Tolleson, R.N., has joined the staff of the Wichita Falls State Hospital as coordinator of the alcoholic unit.

Beng T. Ho, Ph.D., head of neurochemistry and neuropharmacology at the Texas Research Institute of Mental Sciences, has been appointed Professor of Mental Sciences by The University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

Mrs. Elizabeth Townsend has been employed as a consulting librarian for the Bell County MH/MR Center.

Ira E. Tunnell, M.D., has been named acting deputy commissioner for mental health, TDMHMR.

Harley Pershing has been appointed public information officer, Central Office.

ComMUNitY cENtER NEwS bRiEFs

BELTON: Bell County MH/MR Center is recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health to develop comprehensive children's programs. Miss Jean Carroll is resource coordinator.....Center operations expanded to a second location February 8. Additional staff offices are now located in the former Pittman Art Center.

BROWNWOOD: The Central Texas MH/MR Center is cooperating with the Drug and Crime Education Commission of Brownwood public schools in a special adult program to provide factual information about drug abuse.....Four McMurry College physical education students planned and constructed a complete school playground at Little Flame School for Retarded and handicapped children. (See photo)

CORPUS CHRISTI: Nueces County MH/MR Community Center is initiating a new county-wide patient information system with assistance from the City-County Health and Welfare Department. Task forces are developing comprehensive planning in adult mental health, child and youth mental health, alcoholism, drug abuse and mental retardation.

DALLAS: The Dallas County MH/MR Center has opened a new methadone clinic for treatment of drug addicts following approval of the project by the Federal Food and Drug Administration. Project director Dr. Charles Lett expects the program will gain at least two or three new patients each week.

EDINBURG: The Hidalgo County MH/MR Center has published a transcript of a presentation by the Hidalgo County Council on Alcoholism. Area youth groups are distributing the publication to city and school officials and others concerned with alcoholism and drug abuse problems.

FORT WORTH: The Tarrant County MH/MR Center Board of Trustees is seeking a \$577,000 staffing grant from the National Institute of Mental Health for development of a comprehensive alcoholism treatment center. Projected total cost of the program, which would serve three Tarrant County catchment areas, is \$1.95 million.

HOUSTON: The Harris County MH/MR Center has announced the opening of two of its three mental health units in Model Cities Center Area 11. Mrs. Martha Collins is administrative director of the Model Cities MH Center. Grant funds for the program are provided by the City of Houston's Model Cities Department.

LONGVIEW-MARSHALL: The Gregg-Harrison MH/MR Center's recent workshop on physical education and recreation techniques for the mentally retarded was attended by 26 persons from the East Texas area. The program, at Foster Elementary School in Longview, was conducted by Richard Smith, Beaumont State Center for Human Development.

LUBBOCK: Under a contract with the Lubbock MH/MR Center, Milam Children's Training Center is providing legal and notary public services for parents of exceptional children. Group and individual therapy for parents and MCTC staff is supported by the MH/MR Center and United Fund.

PLAINVIEW: The Central Plains Comprehensive Community MH/MR Center is accepting patients for a new Day Hospital pilot program. The supportive treatment facility provides an intermediate step between hospitalization and return to community living. The new program operates three days each week.

SAN ANGELO: The MH/MR Center for Greater West Texas is sponsoring an educational exhibit at the San Angelo Fat Stock Show, March 3-7. As many as 250,000 persons are expected to attend. The Center's exhibit emphasizes community services for the mentally ill and the mentally retarded.

SAN ANTONIO: The Bexar County MH/MR Center is one of three agencies sponsoring semi-weekly classes for

mentally retarded children and adults. Co-sponsors are the San Antonio Recreation Division's Handicapped Program and the Madonna Neighborhood Center. The free program includes dance, song, music, crafts, fitness and socialization for persons not currently enrolled in school or vocational rehabilitation.

TYLER: Staff of the Smith-Wood County Center for MH/MR Services recently played host to 40 members and guests of the Smith County Association for Retarded Children. The visitors toured the Center's facilities and heard a

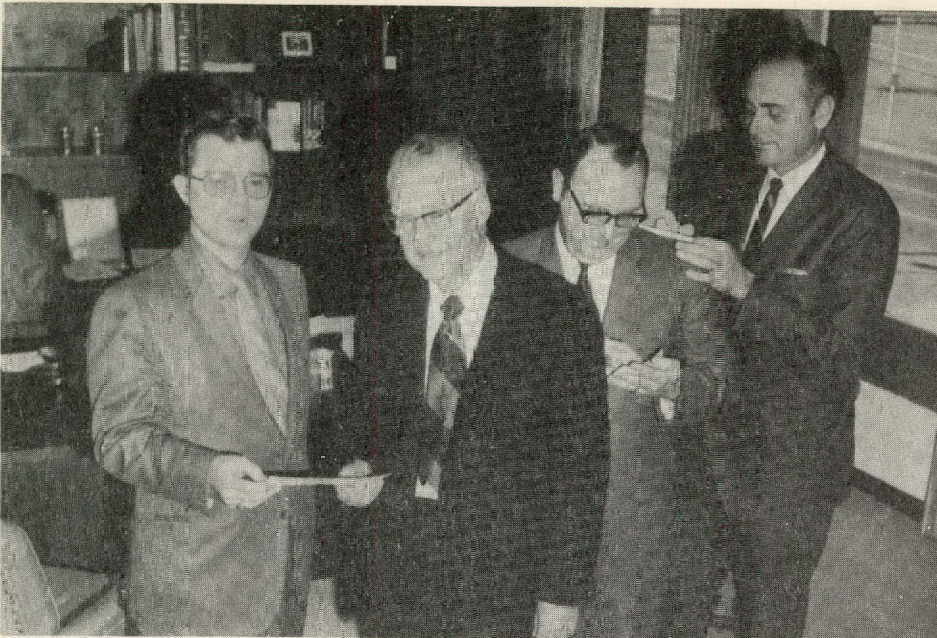


COLLEGIANS WHO CARE--McMurry College students (l-r) Cecil Davis, Charlotte Adams, Davela Edens and Mrs. Laura Guthrie have developed a play program and built equipment for the Little Flame School in Brownwood. The school provides services to area retardates through a contract with the Central Texas MH/MR Center.

panel discussion of mental retardation services offered by the Center.

VICTORIA: The Gulf Bend MH/MR Board has established a new treatment program through an arrangement with the National Institute of Mental Health. Under the Narcotic Addicts Rehabilitation Act, the Center can provide post-hospital care, supervision and rehabilitation services to narcotic addicts.

WACO: The Waco-McLennan County MH/MR Center has received an \$81,000 grant from the Texas Criminal Justice Council to fund the first year of a Comprehensive Drug Abuse Treatment Program. Robert B. Sheldon, M.D., is project director for the program



FIRST IN LINE--Three members of Texas Public Employees Association, Central Office Chapter 101, present their 1971 membership dues to Henry Johnson, chapter president. From left are Johnson; David Wade, M.D., Commissioner; Ira E. Tunnell, M.D., acting deputy commissioner, Mental Health Services; and Bill J. Doggett, deputy commissioner, Mental Retardation Services.

At Edinburg Facility

Rehab Buildings Dedicated

The South Texas Habilitation Center in Edinburg, a division of the Rio Grande Independent Rehabilitation District, has dedicated the first four buildings in a \$3 million expansion program.

The four new buildings will be used for academics, vocational training, food service training and dormitory facilities for 60 residential students.

The district is the only independent school district in Texas established exclusively for handicapped students to develop talents and abilities needed for

employment.

Bill J. Doggett, TDMHMR deputy commissioner for Mental Retardation Services, was commended during the ceremonies. He served as the first director of the Edinburg center, a parents' project begun in 1958 as a small facility for 15 residential students.

Judge J.C. Locney, president of the Hidalgo County MH/MR Board of Trustees, and Marion Shirah, executive director of the Hidalgo County MH/MR Center, were among dedication participants.

BOARD . . .

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Four schools and four hospitals received Texas Education Agency Title I grants. They are: Abilene State School, \$119,572; Denton State School, \$150,991; Lubbock State School, \$35,586; Travis State School, Austin, \$29,574; Big Spring State Hospital, \$20,518; Rusk State Hospital, \$10,412; San Antonio State Hospital, \$16,230; and Terrell State Hospital, \$19,905.

U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare grants went to two institutions: Lufkin State School received \$97,348, the last of a four year project for hospital improvements. Rusk State Hospital's grant is \$100,000 for the second of a five-year hospital improvement project. The Texas Research Institute received an added \$58,482 from HEW for general research.

Lubbock State School received a \$15,600 grant from Norwich Pharmacal Company for a drug research study and a \$3,000 grant from the Texas Criminal Justice Council went to TDMHMR for aid in the community assistance program in drug abuse.

LEGISLATORS . . .

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Other committee members are Representatives Fred Agnich, Dallas; Dave Allred, Wichita Falls; Ben Atwell, Dallas; Frances Farenthold, Corpus Christi; Zan W. Holmes, Dallas; Delwin L. Jones, Lubbock; Paul C. Moreno, El Paso; Jack Ogg, Houston; Rayford Price, Palestine; and Dick Reed, Dallas.

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