

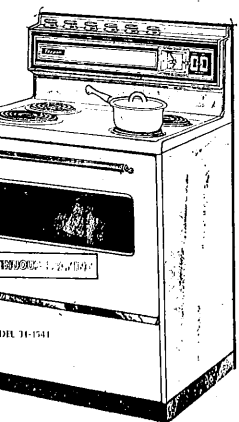
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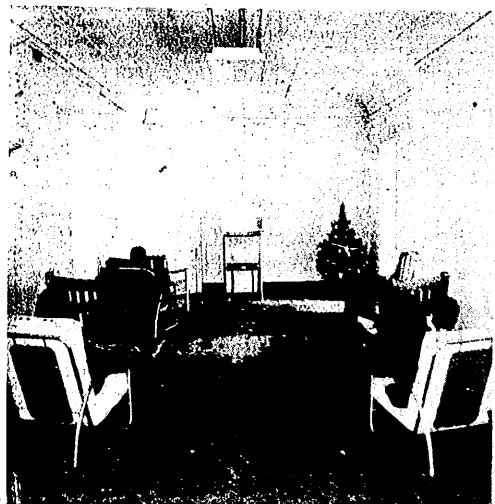
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—Staff photo by Jack Cox

**Just To Pass the Time**  
This is one of the dilapidated wards in the Farmer Building of Central State Psychiatric Hospital where patients watch television to pass the time.

## Hospital Complex Old, Battered, But in Use

By FRANK SUTHERLAND

The year was 1852. A man named Millard Fillmore was president of the United States.

NASHVILLE had been the permanent state capital for less than a decade. Black Tennesseans were being sold at auction in Nashville. Delegates that eventually would lead to the War Between the States were rarely heard in Tennessee.

And that was the year they built something called Central State Hospital for the insane. It took them four years to finish the building. When it was completed, Gov. William B. Campbell said it marked a new day for the way Tennessee would treat its insane.

TODAY THE same building still stands on the grounds at

## More Than 200 Patients Transferred

More than 200 patients in the oldest areas of Central State Psychiatric Hospital have been transferred to other areas of the hospital, the superintendent said yesterday.

Supt. William Tragle said the series of articles appearing in the Tennesseean about Central State were a "factor" in making the move at this time.

"BUT MORE than that, it (the series) gave us a handle to do it with," Tragle said. He said the staff, with the "pressure" brought about from the stories, is more receptive to making the changes at this time.

Two buildings inside the Farmer complex, buildings 11 and 13, have been evacuated, Tragle said, with patients distributed to other parts of the hospital. He said he was especially interested in transferring the geriatric patients to the Browning Building, which is designated the geriatric unit, and some to the Hank Building, the Davidson County unit.

"ANYTIME we can close (Turn to Page 2, Column 1)

From Dec. 14 until Jan. 13, Tennessee reporter Frank Sutherland posed as a patient at Central State Psychiatric Hospital to observe conditions and treatment there first hand.

No member of the hospital staff was aware of the role he was playing. Following is the seventh in the series of articles about his experience there.

Central State. It is run-down, outworn and uncomfortable. It stinks. It is a firetrap. I lived there last month, posing as a patient to investigate conditions at Central State, which now has the official name Central State Psychiatric Hospital.

The old building also has a new name—the Farmer Building. But that name is a disgrace to the former superintendent, Dr. W. S. Farmer, for whom the building was named.

MORE THAN that, the Farmer Building is a disgrace to the State of Tennessee. The Farmer Complex, housing more than 500 patients, appears to be an ancient fortress rising out of a hole on the grounds. There have been many haphazard additions to the building, and those traveling from ward to ward sometimes must leave the building just to get to one wing.

Parts of the building, however, have been condemned, with the ceiling falling in, plumbing croaks. A combination of patient abuse, poor maintenance and inadequate housekeeping make the building a most unpleasant place in which to live.

ALTHOUGH SEVERAL wards have been renovated, much of the equipment from

Plug Club, and 29 residents of Nashville's public housing projects have hit that mark.

Requirements for entering this club are so rigorous that few people reading this story will ever get to join.

YOU HAD TO BE at least 50 years old to join the 90

## Wilson Deputy Dead After Asking for Help

By GEORGE WATSON JR., Tennessee Staff Correspondent

LEBANON — A Wilson County sheriff's deputy was found dead last night when officers answered his call for help after he had stopped a car containing two young men, police said.

WILLIAMS' BODY was being transferred late

last night to McFarland Hospital here so the county medical examiner could determine the cause of death.

A sheriff's dispatcher said Williams notified his office by radio about 9:15 p.m. that he had stopped a car at the intersection of Highway 70 and Nonaville Road, in front of Riggan's Exxon Service Station.

The dispatcher said Williams radioed back about 10 minutes later to say that he needed help. The officers who answered the call found him lying beside his patrol car, the dispatcher added.

Mrs. Mollie Riggan said she looked out the door of her service station when she heard a car door slam

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## Guard Jobs In Welfare, Dunn Urged

Gov. Winfield Dunn was urged yesterday to insure that employees of the State Welfare Department will not be fired because of Welfare Commissioner Fred Friend's suspicions that they have opposed Friend's policies.

"Mr. Friend has made clear his intention to fire anyone who questions anything he does," said Mrs. Carleen Waller, president of Church Women United in Nashville.

MRS. WALLER said she has discussed the matter with numerous employees of the department and they fear they will be dismissed despite the fact they have not criticized Friend's policies publicly and despite the fact they are under civil service.

"The morale of the workers is at rock bottom," she said. "The turnover rate has to be among the highest in the nation. Some eligibility workers are handling from 350 to 500 cases — when they should be handling only about 200 cases. They are having to work overtime and are never caught up on their caseload. Adding to their problems is Mr. Friend's threat."

Friend had said previously

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## Dunn Points To Tax Hike 'Dividends'

Gov. Winfield Dunn told Tennessee newspaper publishers last night that a tax increase he won upon taking office has improved Tennessee's standing in education, mental health, crime control and highways.

In a speech prepared for delivery before the Tennessee Press Association at its annual dinner at the Sheraton, Dunn said he was faced with the choice three years ago of maintaining an unsatisfactory status quo for the state or asking for new tax revenue.

"FOR ME the choice was clear and simple," he said. "I could not tolerate four years of standstill government. I am happy to report to you . . . that legislative response to my request for increased revenue—the General Assembly enacted two-thirds of my recommended increase — has paid solid dividends in improved and new services for the people of this state."

Among the advances Dunn listed were: An increase of 45% in commitment of funds to public education, and establishment of a kindergarten program. A \$1,650 increase in state-funded salary "improvements" for teachers. Authorization of nine new vocational-technical schools and expansion of 27 others.

Gov. Winfield Dunn Says he faced a choice

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## Simon Alters Oil Price Cut Stand

WASHINGTON — Federal energy administrator William E. Simon said yesterday he would not oppose a growing movement in Congress for a rollback in petroleum prices, as long as it does not hurt the oil industry.

"We have no problem in setting back the price so that it would be at reasonable levels," Simon said in testimony before the Senate permanent investigations subcommittee.

BUT HE quickly added that he would oppose a rollback to "an uneconomic level" for the industry.

Simon, appearing on CBS Morning News Thursday, said: "I want reasonable prices, absolutely, but a rollback—didn't we learn in the food area last year—the drowning of baby chicks, etc.—what is an uneconomic price that is for the long-run objectives of self-sufficiency in this country?"

Simon's Federal Energy Office (FEO) meanwhile reported it had discovered a "major discrepancy" in the

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## Galbreath Believes He's Getting 'Special' Watch

By FRANK GIBSON

Judge Charles Galbreath believes that either his special license plate attracts parking tickets or else there's a conspiracy against him by "certain members" of the Metro Police Department.

He says he reached those alternative conclusions yesterday after an officer ordered his car towed from a "no-parking" zone on Second Avenue North beside his Stahlman Building office.

IRONICALLY, the car was ticketed and towed from the same spot where Galbreath received a parking ticket in September—a ticket the State Court of Criminal Appeals judge temporarily refused to pay.

In that case, Galbreath claimed immunity from prosecution as a spoof of immunity for President Nixon, arguing that before he could face judicial proceedings he would have to be impeached.

Although he abandoned that position by later waiving immunity, he said yesterday he will not relent on the current issue—whether police can tow a car after the owner has offered to move it.

HE SAID HE asked traffic officer Earl C. Waters to "just give me the ticket and I'll move the car," but Waters told him the new Mercedes Benz already had been impounded.

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## Members of '90 Plus Club' Get Keys to City

By KATHLEEN GALLAGHER

Mayor Beverly D. Hiley presented keys to the city yesterday to charter members of Nashville's newest and most elite club.

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Plus Club, and 29 residents of Nashville's public housing projects have hit that mark.

"Thirty of them were in good enough health to attend the awards ceremony yesterday at Hatley Park Towers, sponsored by the Metro Development and Housing Agency.

"I never thought I could live over 50 years," said Mrs. Ella Wenzel, 83, after she received a red carnation corsage, a certificate and a key to the city.

SHE TOLD about leaving Europe and moving to the United States when she was 15. She was married in 1930 and remained married 55 years before her husband died, she said.

"I thank God I haven't any kind of troubles or sickness," she said. "I'm glad I got to travel America and Europe."

"I always believe my Bible and pray and read," and I pray for the missionaries.

"I gave my body and soul to Jesus Christ, and He takes care of me. When the Lord wants to take me, anytime, I am ready to go," she said to a chorus of "amen's" from the other club members, relatives, relatives and friends who had gathered to witness the ceremonies.

"THE OLDER I get, the more I thank God," said Mrs. Maggie Brooks, a resident of LW Grant Home. "I have no kindred, but God has made a way for me."

William A. Lehman, the youngest of the group at a scant 90 years and 25 days, got up and talked about playing Canadian pool at Parthenon Towers.

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## Glass Plant Losing 130 In Layoffs

Ford Motor Co. announced in Detroit yesterday that it will lay off 130 employees of Glass Plant here, due to slump in big-car sales.

Robert G. Hoffman, industrial relations manager of the glass plant, said here will begin Monday workers will be out of indefinitely.

HE SAID THE layoffs after assembly plant throughout the nation cut orders for materials from Nashville plant.

"We supply assembly and when their orders we have to act accordingly Hoffman said.

The 130 workers to off are production and tenance workers, Hoffman said. Those must be hired are the first to off.

The Nashville plant employ a total of 2,322 workers.

HOFFMAN said it possible at this time to how long the workers laid off or if any employees will be affected.

Frederic Loveless, vice president of United Auto Workers Local 737, said he is to learn of the layoffs that the union has no complaint with the company.

"The only reaction union could have is the company knows how it needs to work and the to go by what production for," he said.

HE SAID THAT in cases the workers should eligible for "good benefits."

The Ford layoff comes the wake of an announcement by General Motors that it will idle 25,000 short periods at assembly plants in February and March because of drop in sales the first of January.

GM said it plans to 705,000 fewer cars than in the record first of 1972 when 8,850,000 rolled off assembly line.

FORD SAID a plant car production by 23.0% from its original plans for the third

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From Whence It Came  
PELHAM, Ala.—A rusted wreck in a junk here thrusts into the skyline an ominous statue, tending the fate of technology.

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# Hospital Complex Old, Battered, But Still in Use

(Continued From Page One) rooms where windows were separated from the walls and flaked the cold air of winter nights.

Temperature control in this old hodge-podge structure is extremely difficult. Some wards are cool while others are unbearably hot.

CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY makes traffic through the building most difficult. Patients on my locked ward had to use a stairway supposedly reserved as a fire exit to leave our ward.

On the extremely cold or rainy days, we walked through the construction area marked "hard hats only" to go to the meals. After leaving the construction area, we walked through the kitchen to get to the dining room, a violation of health regulations.

One day, I helped Ronald West, the chief aide on my ward, take garbage out to a dumpster. As we walked back to the rear of the Farmer Building, I stared at a large pile of broken furniture stacked against a wall.

"WEST," I said, "if you had all the money you needed, what would you change about this place?" West, a veteran of 11 years at the hospital, didn't hesitate with his reply:

"I would tear the entire thing down and build cottages for the patients. Then I would hire three times the staff with these buildings like this. There is nothing you can do with them."

My patients who lived there knew the exact meaning of West's statement, that renovation can do only so much for some patients. At night we would hear the beds running up and down the walls. Once, on my roomed ward, a patient caught a mouse and kept him in a coffee can for a while as a pet.

the hospital grounds Jan. 13, I have gone back to view some of the facilities as a reporter.

THE PHYSICAL facilities are not the only reason Central State is uncredited as a mental hospital. Eight of the 14 doctors paid by the state at the hospital are not licensed to practice in Tennessee. The hospital does not meet all fire and safety standards. Its record keeping system does not meet accreditation requirements. There are many other requirements for accreditations which are not met.

But the physical plant is worse than inadequate. When I got privileges to leave my locked ward, I moved unaccompanied from building to building. These are my impressions of the buildings I saw:

The Hill Complex: Situated appropriately on a hill away from the main stream of the hospital, the old structure is two and three stories of dirty brick. The stairways are dark. The windows on the wards are dirty. While the building is newer than the original Farmer Building, the rooms are furnished. The beds are old and the mattresses sagging.

It was one of the warmer days of December, and hospital officials either had the heat on full blast or the thermostat was broken. The place was "uncomfortably hot" and I felt as if I had never asked where I was assigned.

No wonder the mood of mental patients is so bleak in such surroundings. I know that with the money available, there are many things Central State cannot do, but I am convinced that brightly colored walls, a new and better lighting, and additional lighting could add immeasurably to the environment.

Perhaps it is inevitable in such places that patients have no pride in their surroundings, but it would seem to me that the administrators, doctors, social workers and aides at least would take more pride in these places where they spend their working hours.

The Browning Building: This building houses old patients. I had heard that because Central State is uncredited, it can get no Medicare funds for its elderly patients. This made me interested in visiting the Browning Building to see how the institutionalized elderly live. The building is constructed like and oblong

block, again with dirty red brick. I considered whether to attempt to discover the name of an elderly patient and present a visit or whether to walk in boldly where I did not belong as I did on my visit to the Hill Building. One morning I decided on the latter course and strode into the first floor of the Browning Building as if I belonged there.

On the first floor I was struck by what seemed to be crowding because of furnishings. Obviously, old people would not sit more than young patients. I walked down the hall as if walking through a maze of chairs and couches occupied by the elderly.

OBVIOUSLY, because the patient are older, there is a need for more custodial care here than elsewhere. While the sanitation in the old buildings left much to be desired, here there were pronounced odors. Many of the patients could not clean up their rooms, the halls, the bathrooms or themselves.

Many of them seemed incapacitated. I again it was a dingy, unattractive interior, and looking at the faces of the old, who are past help and hope, I felt sad and a need to get into the open air surrounded by strange people and strange odors, I turned on my heels and left.

The Clement Building—On my visit to the Clement Building, I was convinced that if there was a model for patient care, in terms of physical facilities, it's the Clement Building. The ceilings are lower and the lighting is better. The temperature is always comfortable.

There was a camaraderie here that was lacking in the other buildings. I attributed this to the environment as well as the professionalism of the Vanderbilt staff people give.

The Hawk Building: This building, named after former Supt. O. S. Hawk, was the first building in the Central State — the place where my admission process began.

Its multi-stories include concrete structures in front of the windows that resembles giant venetian blinds. I was to visit the first floor of the Hawk Building several times to use the visitor's bathroom rather than the filthy facilities on my ward.

The Battle Complex — If I had to choose anywhere to live at Central State, it would have been in the Battle Complex. Only a handful of patients live there, but it resembles a motel. All rooms open to the outside and each room, with two or three patients per room, have a private bath.

One of the staff members told me it was named after a black man who worked there years ago. I don't know if that is true, but if it is, he would have been proud of it.

Almost apart from the hospital grounds is the maximum security unit known as the Forensic Services Division. This bare, Bastille-like structure was built in 1932, with additions in the 1950s. It handles patients referred to it by the courts all across Tennessee.

THE MENTAL Health Department plans to phase out this dilapidated structure in the next two years and transfer the patients to other areas of Central State or other state facilities.

The Mental Health Department has a number of construction programs underway including a community mental health center and several renovation projects. No capital outlay projects are requested in the budget now

before the legislature for next year, however. Bricks and mortar do not make a mental hospital. But the physical plant contributes in a major way to the inadequacies of Central State.

Hundreds of ships and planes have mysteriously disappeared in the Atlantic Ocean off the Southeastern United States and unidentified flying objects must be responsible, a UFO expert said yesterday.

John Wallace Spencer, a former investigator for the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), was in Nashville to promote his book on the subject, "Limbo of the Lost," and appeared on WSM Radio's Teddy Bear Show.

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(Continued From Page One) down these old wards, I would like to do it," Tragle said. "I didn't think we had enough (empty beds) at this time, but we did and I decided to do it."

He said the staff will "respond more quickly" and tolerate the changes because of the series of stories appearing in the Tennessee the past week.

"Now that we have got the pressure, we could act," he said. "Many associations have been built up over the years."

Sadat's Daughters Wed, and Engaged

CAIRO (AP) — President Anwar Sadat of Egypt celebrated the marriage of his eldest daughter and the engagement of his second daughter on the same day, the Cairo press reported yesterday.

The papers said Lubna, 19, married an architect Thursday and Noha, 16, became engaged to the son of a top Saudi official.

About 60 large ships have disappeared in the area in the last 10 years and authorities have been unable to determine what happened, Spencer said.

Expert Feels UFOs, Lost Ships Linked

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MORE THAN a thousand persons have disappeared in the area which stretches from Cape May, N.J., to the Gulf of Mexico — often called the "Bermuda Triangle" or the "Hoodoo Sea" — since 1945.

He speculated that alien aircraft may have removed the persons, ships and aircraft

him while he was at work. Cronkite, chairman of the American Committee to Free Journalists Held in Southeast Asia, said in a statement he can't be more specific or make any more statements because of security considerations.

The four missing Americans are: Sean Flynn, son of the late actor, Errol Flynn, the young Flynn, a freelance writer on assignment for Time magazine, was captured April 6, 1970.

Dana Stone, a freelance cameraman on assignment for CBS News and traveling with Flynn when captured April 6, 1970.

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## Prevent Firings, Governor Urged

(Continued From Page One) Court here, seeking to prevent the roundup, and efforts are continuing in the legislature to halt Friend's proposal.

THUS FAR, Dunn has said only that the matter is Friend's project and that he will back Friend as he would any other commissioner.

## Deputy Found Dead After Asking Help

(Continued From Page One) and saw Williams placing two young men in his patrol car. SHE ADDED that as Williams handed the young men what appeared to be their jackets, one jumped out of the patrol car and began wrestling with the policeman.

Mrs. Rigan said she became frightened and ran to the rear of the station where she heard what sounded like a pistol shot. Her husband, John Rigan, said he also heard a single shot and when he looked out he saw Williams lying beside the patrol car.

## 2 Nashville Men Given Rape Terms

FRANKLIN, Tenn. — Two Davidson County men were given 10-year prison sentences here yesterday on charges of raping a 19-year-old Nashville woman in Williamson County.

Richard Eugene Allen, 23, and James Glendon Vaughan, 26, entered pleas of guilty to the rape charge in Circuit Criminal Court.

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