



Frank Butterland
Comptroller not wrong

Tragle Raps Hospital Critics

... successful in following hospital policies because of a lack of personnel and facilities.

TRAGLE MADE the statement in response to a question from Tennessee reporter Frank Butterland concerning why he (Butterland) was not given a physical examination during the 31 days he passed as a patient to report on conditions at the hospital.

New Hospital Role Advised

Tragle and Butterland appeared on a panel on the treatment of the mentally ill during a workshop on mental health sponsored by the Nashville Human Rights Project.

Later in the program, Butterland received a sharp criticism from a hospital administrator, and some hospital aides for the lack of articles he wrote about conditions at Central State.

EARLY E. LYDA, associate director of clinical services in the psychology division at Central State, criticized Butterland for blaming aides for hospital conditions. "The aides respond in a very human way and are very dedicated people for the most part," Lyda said.

Butterland said he was not attacking the aides. "Aides actually run Central State Hospital," he said. "They have no choice but to run it as they see fit." He added that the "compassion and tolerance" of aides are not sufficient in treating the mentally ill and that professional attention is lacking at the hospital.

An aide said Butterland ignored many of the good programs at the hospital and wrote only about the worst conditions there. Butterland said he recognized there are good programs but "I was writing just about what happened to me in one part of the hospital."

LYDA ALSO accused Butterland of being "set up" to do the stories by a former psychiatrist at Central State who has a "personal vendetta" against the hospital staff. Butterland denied this, saying he did contact psychiatrists in connection with the stories but only after he already had initiated his investigation.

Appearing with Butterland and Tragle on the panel were Gordon Donnayman, an attorney with Legal Services of Nashville, and Austin Sholner, a patient at Central State and a member of Rights of Mental Patients (ROMP).

Donnayman said he believes mental patients should have the freedom to receive or refuse treatment because "you have more extreme power in the hands of staff members at mental institutions than at any other type institution."

DONNAYMAN ALSO said mental patients should be free from seclusion because working in the kitchen and emptying bedpans represents "no value to the patient and a great value to the institution."

More recreational and educational activities are needed at mental hospitals, Sholner said, adding that most patients spend their time watching television and "wasting time."

On another panel, Legal Services lawyer Walter Kutz urged that it be established "beyond a reasonable doubt" that a person is mentally ill before he is committed to a mental institution instead of using the present criteria of a "preponderance of evidence."

KUTZ SAID the loss of freedom for an incarcerated mental patient is "just as drastic as more drastic than for a person in prison" and he should have the same rights as a person charged with a criminal offense.

Tragle said no one would be committed to a mental hospital "under those terms" and added he believes physicians' recommendation should only "when they feel it absolutely necessary."

THEIR STATEMENT said Central State should set its priority for active treatment units "to prevent institutionalization and dehumanization of patients."

In the hospital's chronic units, they said a safe and comfortable environment should be provided with periodic evaluations to see if rehabilitation is possible. They suggested that for geriatric and socially or physically disabled patients, nursing home approach should be implemented, "backed up by adequate medical support, not psychiatric help for areas where psychiatric treatment is needed — don't use them where they are not equipped to function," the five urged state officials, adding:

"SEEK IMMEDIATE accreditation of your treatment units and extend your accreditation to the state."

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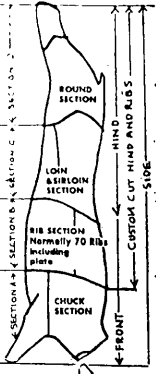
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Independents Receive 2-Cent Gas Hike

Gasoline prices for independent dealers in the Nashville area rose 2 cents a gallon today, to 13.95 cents, according to a report from the Tennessee Retail Gasoline Dealers Association. The hike was the result of a 2-cent increase in the price of gasoline received by independent dealers from the Tennessee Gas Company. The price of gasoline received by independent dealers from the Tennessee Gas Company was 11.95 cents a gallon today. The price of gasoline received by independent dealers from the Tennessee Gas Company was 11.95 cents a gallon today. The price of gasoline received by independent dealers from the Tennessee Gas Company was 11.95 cents a gallon today.

Food Basket Up 20.9% From '73

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Acuff Makes Charts at 70

By JERRY THOMPSON
 Roy Acuff, the legendary "King of Country Music," has won many awards during his long and colorful career, but he says his latest honor may be a dubious one. In the past few weeks, Acuff has become the oldest performer ever to have a record on the country music charts — and it's still climbing. It's called, appropriately enough, "Back in the Country."
 IT HAS BEEN nine years since Acuff has had a record that made the country charts, and he has an album duo for release next month. That's not bad for a 70-year-old entertainer who has spent more than half his life as a member of the Grand Ole Opry.
 "It may be a dubious honor to some people to be this old and have a hit record," Acuff said. "I've always been active, plan to continue to be active, and it's always an honor to have a record people like."
 LAST NIGHT, Acuff celebrated his 70th consecutive anniversary with the Opry. He came to the Opry on Feb. 19, 1958 — and "for the first 10 or 12 years, I never missed a show," he recalls.
 "Back then," Acuff said, "they (the Opry management) insisted that you be there when the Opry went on. The only excuse they



Roy Acuff "I can't believe it"

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Change in Central State Role, Scope Advised

By FRANK SUTHERLAND
 Five former officials of Central State Psychiatric Hospital recommended yesterday a major change in role and scope of the institution, including a moratorium on new buildings and a change in the hospital's leadership.
 The five, all licensed psychiatrists who resigned their positions at Central State, recommended that the hospital be decentralized and that mental health centers be upgraded to care for patients who should not be in Central State.
 THEY ISSUED a joint statement in response to a series of articles in the Tennesseean about conditions at the hospital and to a report by a blue ribbon committee appointed to investigate those conditions.
 The five former officials, who had a combined total of more than 20 years' service at Central State, are: Dr. J. N. Fiedelholz, staff

psychiatrist at the Plateau Mental Health Center in Cookeville, who was director of the forensic services division at Central State from 1961 to 1963 and from 1970 to 1973.
 Dr. Joseph H. Fishbein, in private practice here, who

Great Lakes Show Ends Run Today

Exhibitors will begin packing their fishing and camping gear and hitching up their boat trailers tonight following the last hours this afternoon of the Great Lakes of the South Outdoor Show at Municipal Auditorium.
 But there's still plenty of time for sports enthusiasts to see the latest in fun gear for the outdoors when the show opens from 1 to 6 p.m. today.
 ON STAGE for their finale at 3:30 will be an assortment of entertaining acts sure to please every member of the family.
 Emceed by veteran country music disc jockey T. Tommy Cutler, the acts will include Victor the Bassin' Bear and his trainer, Tuffy Truesdell; Danny Sallor, daredevil world champion tree climber from British Columbia; Indy archer Ann Clark; and fly-casting champion R. W. Tucker.
 The Elkings sisters from Austria will combine beauty, acrobatics, trained Afghan



Dreams of Lunkers Lure The lifelike movements of an artificial fishing lure at the Great Lakes of the South Outdoor Show capture the attention of Angela Doxier, 7, and Misty Johnson, 8, both of Lebanon.

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