

SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

STATE COLONY FOR  
FEEBLE MINDED MALES

NEW LIBSON, N. J.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,

1920

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New Lisbon, N. J., July 2nd, 1920.

To the State Board of Institutions and Agencies,  
State House, Trenton, N. J.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

The accompanying report of the Superintendent gives the details of the development of this Institution during the past year. For us there remains chiefly the pleasant task of reporting the efficient and unselfish service of Mr. and Mrs. Macomber and their assistants.

The beautiful little farm in the midst of New Jersey "pine barrens," the neatness and general air of sunny contentment are apparent to every visitor. Only we who visit the Institution regularly, however, can appreciate the ingenuity which wrings the utmost service from every dollar granted; the keen interest in the personal welfare of each of their charges; and the ability to inspire a similar spirit of service in their co-workers which is constantly shown by our valued Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent.

Respectfully Submitted,

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE STATE  
COLONY FOR FEEBLE MINDED MALES.

KILLAM E. BENNETT, *President;*

ELIZABETH C. WHITE, *Secretary;*

HENRY B. COLES,

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HETTY L. MILLER.

## STATE COLONY FOR FEEBLE MINDED MALES

*Superintendent's Annual Report for the Year Ending June 30, 1920.*

To the Board of Managers,  
State Colony for Feeble-Minded Males,  
New Lisbon, New Jersey.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

This report for the year ending June 30, will briefly summarize the actions and accomplishments of the past year and in order to comply with the request of the Department of Institutions and Agencies, to brief the report as much as possible, I present the most important thoughts for your consideration and approval.

This terminates the fourth year of the Colony, as a State institution and as each year terminates the growth and improvements have been noticeable. At present the population numbers ninety-eight, each of the twenty-one counties are represented. Further statistics in this report will give the classifications and other information of value.

The general health of the boys has been good and aside from the epidemic of influenza there has not been any other illness of more than two or three cases at any one time. The serious accidents and cases needing operations were cared for at the County Hospital, at an additional expense that had not been previously provided for. There was one death during the year, from the after effects of the "flu", two years ago. The attending physician, Dr. Darlington, has been quite faithful and responded to the calls for services when requested and has rendered valuable services. The dentist has examined and cared for each boy's teeth that needed attention.

Being able to supply the milk, eggs, chickens, pork and garden truck necessary for the dietary has been an especial benefit that is almost priceless and has been a source of supply that has helped to retain the healthful condition of the boys because of it being available when needed. With substantial food, plenty of air, sunshine and activity we attribute to these general good health and happiness.

There has been admitted during the year thirty-four cases. Provisions for not more than eighty-five cases were available but by using

the dwelling house of the rented adjoining farm thirteen additional cases have been admitted. In addition to the housing of the boys, the rented farms will supply the apples, pears, cherries, grapes and much of the farm products required for the live stock. The Colony profits greatly by the appropriation that becomes available for the purchase of the two adjoining farms on July 1.

The farm production, the past year has been quite satisfactory, considering the condition of the soil. The potato yield was 210 bushels per acre and as the soil improves, so will the harvest increase.

The boys have been very active and each day brought forth some accomplishment. Much brushing has been done and several acres of land have been cleared, plowed and seeded. Two acres of young fruit trees and one acre of berries have been planted.

The Fern cottage was completely equipped and occupied. The sewage disposal has been completed and in service. The horse barn finished and occupied and the addition to the dining room well begun.

Owing to conditions not within our control it was necessary to request transfers on several appropriation accounts. The request for appropriations for farm implements was entirely eliminated and the farm supplies request reduced. In order to properly conduct the farm a transfer in the sum of \$2,196.32, to that account was necessary. Emergency operations and hospital bills required an expenditure of \$447.85 for which a transfer to incidental and medical accounts was made. The printing of forms to comply with the new accounting system installed under the direction of the Department of Institutions and Agencies required a transfer to that account of \$108.16. The increased cost of clothing necessitated a transfer of \$737.85. The total sum transferred was \$4,276.98, which was made principally from the food account. We were not obliged to call upon the State Emergency Fund, but succeeded in keeping within our appropriation by very careful and economical management from those that served this Institution.

Only those directly connected with the Institution can appreciate the value of the Board of Managers and Visiting Board. The general welfare and happiness of the boys is manifested by the deep interest the members of the Boards demonstrate. The boys' pleasures and happiness are principally gotten from the efforts and interests these people contribute.

At Christmas, each boy's request is granted as nearly as possible; each holiday is celebrated, birthday and special parties are given, and in fact each individual birthday is in some form demonstrated. The annual picnic day is specially anticipated and looked forward to with much pleasure. The weekly store and moving pictures, of course, are the principal features of amusements and discipline and never forgetting the daily duties are converted into privileges. Without this thought in mind, in addition to amusement, the necessity for discipline would be very much increased and the difficulty of properly controlling the

boys would become exceedingly burdensome. This leads us to consider carefully the most essential requirements in connection with that which is useful. We hope to have some educational and industrial work as well as music taught to the brighter boys, this coming year.

The classification of the boys is becoming more necessary each year and since our population is composed of the three principal grades, Moron, Imbecile and Idiot, it is not satisfactory or proper that these grades should not be separated. The older boys who are able to do farm work and irregular in general routine should be privileged to occupy a separate cottage and in order to meet this requirement I suggest the old house on the Gifford farm be remodeled and made tenable for these boys and be known as an honor cottage.

The recommendations for the coming year I can only after much consideration chronicle what was made last year in the budget request. Realizing the almost impossibility of construction to any degree until an improved road is constructed I most urgently appeal to our State officials to strain every effort to build this most needed road.

Assuring your Board much appreciation from the entire staff of employees for the consideration and cooperation received during these trying times, I most respectfully submit this Fourth Annual Report.

J. FRANK MACOMBER,  
Superintendent.

# STATISTICAL REPORT.\*

Number of patients treated since opening Institution.....	110
Number of patients treated from July 1, 1919 to June 30, 1920.....	103
Number of admissions during the past year.....	34
Number of deaths .....	1
Number of escapes .....	None
Number of discharged.....	4
Number paroled .....	1
Average daily number of inmates.....	96.25

# HEALTH REPORT.

Influenza .....	43
Pneumonia .....	2
Tuberculosis .....	2
Total number days patients confined to bed.....	410
Total number days patients confined to Burlington County Hospital.....	180
Dental treatment, extractions and fillings.....	159
Dressings .....	509
Deaths—tuberculosis .....	1

\* Corrected by Dr. Lisbon - Aug 25, 1933

Resident June 30, 1919 -	66
Admissions	34
Deaths	1
Transferred	1
Paroled	2
Resident June 30, 1920	97

Population June 30, 1920, 98. *(97 in actual residence - (see page 25))*  
 White, 91.  
 Colored, 7.

AGES.

10 years	2
11 "	5
12 "	5
13 "	6
14 "	10
15 "	7
16 "	3
17 "	4
18 "	4
19 "	2
20 "	3
21 "	4
22 "	3
23 "	6
24 "	4
25 "	1
27 "	3
28 "	3
29 "	6
32 "	1
33 "	3
34 "	2
35 "	4
36 "	1
39 "	1
40 "	1
41 "	1
45 "	1
49 "	1
52 "	1

Average physical age, 20 1/2 years.  
 Average mental age, 5 years.

COUNTIES REPRESENTED IN POPULATION. COUNTIES REPRESENTED IN APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

Atlantic	4	Atlantic	3
Bergen	4	Bergen	2
Burlington	13	Camden	6
Cape May	2	Burlington	3
Camden	5	Cumberland	4
Cumberland	2	Essex	19
Essex	17	Gloucester	2
Gloucester	2	Hudson	17
Hunterdon	1	Mercer	4
Hudson	18	Monmouth	3
Mercer	4	Middlesex	2
Middlesex	3	Morris	2
Monmouth	2	Passaic	13
Morris	5	Sussex	1
Ocean	1	Somerset	1
Passaic	2	Union	10
Salem	1		
Somerset	2		92
Sussex	1		
Union	8		
Warren	1		

Every county in the State is represented and admissions have been made as far as possible in proportion to the population of the county, applications on file and necessity of admission from a philanthropic view, in so far as our judgment and institution conditions would permit.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### RECEIPTS.

Balance on Special Appropriations, July 1, 1920.....	3,441.85
Maintenance Appropriations .....	38,475.00
Refund from Food .....	9.38
Earnings .....	2,965.60
Special Appropriations .....	13,150.00
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	\$58,041.83

### EXPENDITURES.

Salaries and Wages .....	\$11,808.16
Food .....	8,001.13
Clothing .....	3,033.32
Fuel, Light and Power.....	2,431.58
Household Supplies .....	1,697.79
Farm, Stable, Grounds.....	6,696.32
Industrial Shops .....	100.00
Medical and Surgical.....	532.61
Printing and Office Supplies .....	183.16
Sundry Supplies .....	100.00
Current Repairs .....	500.00
Traveling Expenses .....	1,150.00
Insurance .....	1,150.00
Postage .....	59.65
Incidentals .....	1,033.83
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Total Expenditures for Maintenance...	\$38,477.85
Fern Dormitory .....	\$ 500.01
Barn .....	266.54
Septic Tank and Drainage.....	2,675.00
Equipment for Dormitory.....	3,000.00
Service Building .....	3,146.15
Lapses on Appropriation .....	6.73
Balance on Special Appropriations.....	7,003.95
Earnings to State Treasurer.....	2,965.60
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Total .....	\$19,563.98
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	\$58,041.83

## FARM REPORT

52	bunches	Asparagus .....	\$ 26.65
4	baskets	Apples .....	3.70
55 3/4	baskets	Beans—Lima .....	75.16
47 1/2	baskets	Beans—String .....	43.39
23	baskets	Beets .....	11.90
57	bunches	Beets .....	5.60
482	quarts	Blackberries .....	111.03
1,980	ears	Sweet Corn .....	66.60
39 8/25	barrels	Cabbage .....	75.09
1	basket	Carrots .....	.50
9	bunches	Carrots .....	.36
2 3/20	barrels	Cauliflower .....	10.25
4	baskets	Cucumbers .....	2.66
124	bunches	Celery .....	22.52
4 1/2	baskets	Egg Plant .....	3.07
117	baskets	Grapes .....	117.00
55	baskets	Musk Melons .....	2.55
34	baskets	Onions .....	68.00
40	bunches	Onions .....	2.40
17	baskets	Peas .....	16.38
157	heads	Lettuce .....	17.20
15	baskets	Lettuce .....	2.50
282 1/2	bushels	Potatoes .....	590.25
87	bushels	Potatoes—Sweet .....	133.20
1/2	ton	Pumpkins .....	8.00
8 1/2	baskets	Peppers .....	2.75
1	basket	Pears .....	.88
17	baskets	Parsnips .....	17.00
46 1/2	quarts	Raspberries .....	14.06
46	bunches	Radishes .....	1.74
115	bunches	Rhubarb .....	10.50
56	baskets	Squash .....	33.36
25	baskets	Spinach .....	12.15
49	baskets	Turnips .....	17.19
77	baskets	Tomatoes .....	76.24
327 1/2	bushels	Corn .....	268.05
2,638	bundles	Fodder .....	131.90
17	tons	Forage .....	293.40
45,703	pounds	Milk .....	2,463.68
1,973	dozen	Eggs .....	1,288.01
1,045	pounds	Chicken .....	410.65
2,163	pounds	Pork .....	332.60
150	pounds	Veal .....	45.00
133	loads	Manure .....	133.00

Total Farm Production, 7,186.11

### EXPENDITURES:

Seeds and Fertilizers.....	1,388.71
Rental .....	200.00
Feed .....	3,559.75
Miscellaneous Items .....	264.11
Paid Labor .....	810.64
Inmate Labor .....	453.96

Total Expenditures, 6,677.17

\$ 508.94

Expenditures include cost of crops now growing.

