

# SANITARIUM FOR COLORED PEOPLE FINELY LOCATED

### Timber Camp Is Now Devoted to the Saving of Lives.

DENMAR, W. Va., June 16.—High up in the foothills of the Alleghenies, 2,200 feet above sea level, where sunshine and fresh air, river and mountain, nature restful and curative forces, have been blended with the handiwork of man, the state of West Virginia has opened a large tuberculosis sanitarium for the care and treatment of colored people afflicted with the dreaded disease which annually takes such an amazing toll in human lives. The State Colored Tuberculosis Sanitarium, as it is officially known, is located at Denmar in Pocahontas county.

Some half dozen years ago a tuberculosis sanitarium for white people was opened by the state at Terra Alta, Preston county. Its worth has been demonstrated in the cures effected. Its cost has been trivial when one considers the number of lives saved and the happiness it has brought to scores of families. From an economic as well as a humane standpoint it is one of the best investments ever made for the people of West Virginia. For several years there has been a long waiting list at the Terra Alta institution, popular evidence of the success of the institution.

Now, the State Board of Control, charged with the control and government of the state institutions, announces the opening of the colored tuberculosis sanitarium, just as fortunately situated for the treatment of this disease as the Terra Alta institution, where the colored people of West Virginia are given equal opportunity to conquer and overcome the common scourge of mankind.

The colored tuberculosis sanitarium now open at Denmar for the care and treatment of colored persons, was established as the result of the enactment of a law by the legislature of 1917. It was placed under the control and management of the Board of Control and the Governor was authorized to appoint a select committee of three colored physicians to cooperate with the Board of Control in the selection of a site. Governor Cornwell designated as members of this committee Dr. E. A. Crichtow, of Charleston; Dr. S. F. Clay, of Lewisburg, and Dr. R. C. Harrison, of Kimball.

Fortunately for the state, at the time inquiries were being made concerning sites, the Maryland Lumber company had just exhausted its supply of timber on lands in Pocahontas county and offered a tract of 185 acres, embracing the model village of Denmar, to the state at a price which denoted a great sacrifice.

The joint investigating committee, upon the occasion of their first visit to the site, was impressed with the surrounding conditions. The grandeur of the view, the opportunities for rest and recreation, appealed to the members. The rich soil, fertilized by burnt wood ashes and manure from the company incinerator and stables, accumulated during a period of 12 years and scattered over the farm, made cultivation very attractive. At least two-thirds of the large tract was capable of an exceedingly high state of cultivation. A large orchard of 100 apple and pear trees, pruned, sprayed and in general good condition, promised a large yield.

The 185 acre tract was purchased at price of \$22,700 and an additional \$600 for the large sawmill building.

Denmar is situated on a ridge between the Cranberry and Beaver Lick ranges with the beautiful bottom land farm stretching away to the rapid Greenbrier river, beyond which is the perpendicular bluff rising several hundred feet in the air. For natural scenery the site is unsurpassed in the eastern states.

The village or colony of Denmar comprises a large hotel and about 30

other buildings, mostly cottages which were built for employees of the lumber company. All have well-kept lawns in front and productive gardens in the rear. They are substantial buildings, weather-boarded and plastered. Built in rows of six and painted white they present a most attractive appearance. The village church is located just back of the colony.

The large hotel building has been remodeled and equipped as the main hospital building with a capacity of twenty beds which will be used for advanced cases. The floors are finished in hardwood. The woodwork in the several rooms is finished in white enamel. Each room is supplied with running hot and cold water. There are three bathrooms on the second floor and on the third floor are accommodations for the employees. The large dining room will accommodate 75 persons.

In this administration or hospital building are located the offices of the superintendent, laboratory and clinic where patients are received and examined. The examinations are of a thorough nature so as to determine the extent of the infection and the course of treatment to be prescribed. Immense porches upstairs and down, will be constructed in addition to those already in use, where patients may rest and drink of the life-giving oxygen. They will be advised daily of the best manner to care for themselves. Hygienic and dietetic instructions will be given. Nourishing food will be raised on the farm and supplied in abundance. Every method of present day practice will be utilized in building the patients to the normal degree necessary to combat the deadly germ.

The Denmar institution was not established by the legislature as a home for incurables and it is not so regarded by the Board of Control or the administration officers at Denmar. Rather it is looked upon as a place where incipient cases of tuberculosis may be received and treated, and if possible, cures effected, so that the return of the patient to their own communities as living examples of restoration of health and usefulness, will serve to inform the colored people of West Virginia that there is an institution, created and established by the state for their benefit, where they may go and receive care and treatment at a cost of far less than they could obtain it at home under the most improved conditions.

The superintendent of the Denmar institution is Dr. E. A. Crichtow, of Charleston, a graduate of Howard University of Washington. He has practiced medicine and surgery in the state since 1903, for the past six years conducting the Crichtow hospital at Charleston. He is a member of the National Medical Association, the colored State Medical society of which he is the president and one of the directors on the board of the State Anti-Tuberculosis league. His staff of assistants is composed of Mrs. Carrie Blanche Crichtow, assistant superintendent; Miss Hazel F. Brown, nurse; Mrs. Anna Riddle, cook, and J. A. Riddle, farm superintendent.

The farm adjoining the colony is one of the richest along the Greenbrier river and the farm superintendent at the present time has under cultivation five acres in corn, five acres in potatoes, two and one-half acres in truck, with other sections to be planted in season.

The water supply is pure and wholesome. Good water is pumped from a well at the foot of the ridge to a large storage tank about a quarter of a mile above the colony on top of the mountain. It flows back by force of gravity to all the buildings and to the plugs for fire protection.

A Delco lighting system has been installed. It is placed in the large store room at the depot and furnishes light for the office and for several of the cottages. It will be extended to all the cottages when necessary.

The Board of Control has fixed a rate of \$2.50 per week for all classes of patients, payable four weeks in advance. This covers medical treat-

ment, board, lodging and a reasonable amount of plain laundry. Those patients who are unable to pay for such care and treatment may be admitted on application from any county court, municipal corporation, charitable or beneficial organization at the same rate of \$2.50 per week which shall be paid by the agency making such application. If a patient is admitted upon the request of any of the above named organizations, an agreement or order must accompany the application stating that such organization will pay the sum of \$2.50 per week for the treatment of said patient. A patient's stay in the institution is limited to six months unless for some specific good reason he or she is advised to stay longer. The superintendent has the authority to reject any case which he deems unsuitable and to discharge any patient who wilfully and persistently disobeys the rules of the institution.

Persons afflicted with tuberculosis desiring admission to the Denmar sanitarium should write to "Superintendent, State Colored Tuberculosis Sanitarium, Denmar, West Virginia" for a blank application. This must be filled out by a reputable physician and returned to the superintendent. Notice will be sent to the applicants when it is possible to receive them. They will be listed in the order in which their application blanks are received, but preference will be given to those cases which offer the best prospect of a cure.

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## PARTY FOR A SOLDIER.

Levi Lough, of Laurel Run, gave a birthday party at his home Wednesday of last week in honor of his son Samuel T. Lough who has returned from one year and five days service with the American army in France. Young Lough was attached to the 314 field artillery. Those present at the party were his father, mother, sisters and their husbands, Levi Lough, and Ida Lough, Clara Lough, Cora Lough, Charley, Oscar, Ray, Kenneth Lough, Mrs. Harry Glascock and son James L., Levi Brown and Rosa, William, Edna and Janis Brown, Del Clayton, Russell Lough and wife and children, Oliver and Earle. A very enjoyable time was spent with music and a good dinner was served. The guest of honor got several nice presents.

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  - On West Side of Monroe street between Main and Fire station—Nose in to curb.
  - On West Side of Jefferson, between Main and Washington—Nose in to curb.
  - On East Side of Madison street, between Main and Washington—Nose in to curb.

- MAY NOT PARK:**
- On Jefferson, between Main and Jackson street.
  - On East side of Monroe street between Hull alley and Jackson street.
  - On West side of Cleveland avenue.
  - On Main street from Quincy to Cleveland avenue.
  - On East side of Jefferson between Main and Washington.
  - Must not park within 10 feet of a fire plug.
  - Must not park on North side of breadth street next to Post office.
  - Must not park in any alley within 50 feet of the street crossing.
  - Must no park or stop your vehicle so as to interfere with any merchant.

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