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The dedication of the Louis H. Kohler Building in October, 1963 marked the beginning of the research programs of the Missouri Institute of Psychiatry. The first year has largely been devoted to equipping the wards and the laboratories, staffing, and developing programs. Three Principal Scientists, in Pharmacology, Clinical Neurophysiology, and Clinical Psychology have been appointed. As of July 1, 1963 the full time staff of the Institute is twenty-four ( 8 scientists; 11 technicians and nurses; 2 librarians and 3 secretaries).

The first program was an evaluation of the treatment possibilities in a group of schizophrenic patients hospitalized 3 to 8 years. In this evaluation, the physiological and sociological features of the illnesses are emphasized.

In January, the nurses in the Washington University Graduate Nurse Program were given the opportunity to treat a group of chronically ill schizophrenic patients. A comparison group was maintained in an adjoining ward and an evaluation of this form of therapy was completed.

The Institute established a research Computer Center, Neurophysiology Laboratory and a Pharmacology Laboratory by July.

In addition to sponsorship of the Library, the staff of the Institute assumed the responsibility for the Psychiatric Residency Training program.

Additional funds for research were obtained through the cooperation of the Psychiatric Research Foundation of Missouri.

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