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Mentally Ill Need Extended Program

before.

In the wake of this, has come an increased understanding of the importance of mental health and its effects on the person as a whole, and this has led,in turn, to a realization of the urgent need to do something constructive about the prevalence of disturbed and mentally retarded children and the neurotic and psychotic adults in the community.

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MENTAL ILLNESS has prob-ably existed just about as long as man, but is was not officially as man, but is was not officially recognized as a nationwide public health problem in the United States until 1946, at which time the National Mental Health Act was passed by

which time the National Mental Health Act was passed by Congress.

Though the act appropriated federal money for the training of public health personnel in this field, progress was slow in coming. In part at least, this has been due to the difficulty in determining the specific aspects of the mental health services in our present will probably continue to offer mental health services pretty much as they now do, according to expressed opinion, but the program is thought to be greatly in need of all-round terminal properties.

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Then in 1959, the California State Legislature passed the Community Mental Health Services Act, better known as the Short-Doyle Act, in an effort to stimulate greater local interest and participation in mental health services.

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Matching funds for approved community mental health programs were provided by the state on a 50-50 basis and, at this point, it might be said that a fair beginning has been made.

made.
Approximately \$1,736,000
was budgeted by Los Angeles
County for Short-Doyle services in the fiscal year 1961-62
(half of this amount was supplied by the state), but, so vast
is the problem that this is in
truth no more than a starter.

PREVENTIVE mental health services are to some extent in-corporated into the current health program of the Los An-geles County Health Depart-

For the past several years, those professional health work-

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So much has already been said and done by health officials in educating the public as to the value of good health practices and the prevention of disease, that more people are conscious of the physical aspects of health than ever before.

ers who have the care of patients either in the health centers or in the home have been given additional instruction by a consulting psychiatrist, problems, emotional disturb problems, emotional disturb problems, emotional disturb problems, emotional disturb problems, emotional disturbances. ances, and mental disorders.

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Key personnel are thus well equipped to recognize and assist departmental clients who need help with minor emotional difficulties, while those cases which must be referred to other clinics or agencies for more involved investigation and treatment can be quickly identified and assisted.

IT IS ESTIMATED that nearly \$4 billion is spent annually in this country in the care of the mentally ill, and for every dollar so spent only one cent is expended on research into the causes, treatment, and prevention of mental illness.

Health departments will probably continue to offer mental health services pretty much as they now do, according to expressed opinion, but the program is thought to be greatly in need of all-round strengthening. Nor is participation in the mental health program outside the scope of public health activities.

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As health departments have helped to provide a wholesome physical environment, so can they assist in the establishment of a wholesome emotional environment that is conducive to good mental health.

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