

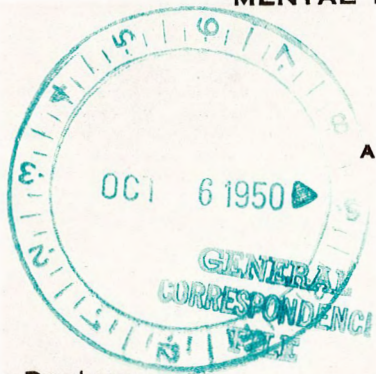
# MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE SECTION

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Dear Doctor:

The accompanying folder will be of particular interest to you who share in the growing concern for the mentally ill. And it may be that if you have patients whose illness is largely non-physical that we can be of assistance to you.

We have just begun the seventh month of Brook Lane Farm. Our church constituency became awakened and concerned during the past war when several thousand of our young men served as attendants in state mental hospitals. This is the first of a series of services which we hope will fill a portion of this great need.

The largest single factor involved in the selection of both Mennonite and non-Mennonite patients is the aim to serve those capable of responding to treatment. Our psychiatrist is prepared to use modern methods of psychiatric treatment. With adequate staff a homelike freedom is allowed wherever possible. We aim to employ in a fuller way Christian love and a wholesome family environment in the healing of emotionally disturbed individuals.

We assume that costs are a strong secondary consideration for many families. Operating on a non-profit basis, our rates are considerably lower than would be warranted by the semi-private facilities and individualized services rendered. The staff has a sincere interest in bringing personal Christian care within the financial reach of more people.

Additional information and folders are available from Brook Lane Farm or this office. Requests from the Baltimore metropolitan area may be directed to our psychiatrist, Dr. Helmut Prager, Baltimore Telephone Madison 2070.

Sincerely yours,

*Elmer Ediger*  
Elmer M. Ediger, Director  
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"If we can love: this is the touchstone. This is the key to all the therapeutic program of the modern psychiatric hospital; . . . . "—Karl A. Menninger, M. D.

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