

## **Menninger family photographs, 1940 - 1953**

These photographs show various members of the Menninger family. Dr. C.F. Menninger and his sons, Dr. Karl and Dr. Will, formed a group psychiatry practice in 1919. The Menninger Clinic as a sanitarium was established in 1925 with the purchase of a farm house and admittance of 12 patients. The philosophy was that mental illness could be treated with an integrated medical, psychodynamic, and developmental approach for the total health of patients.

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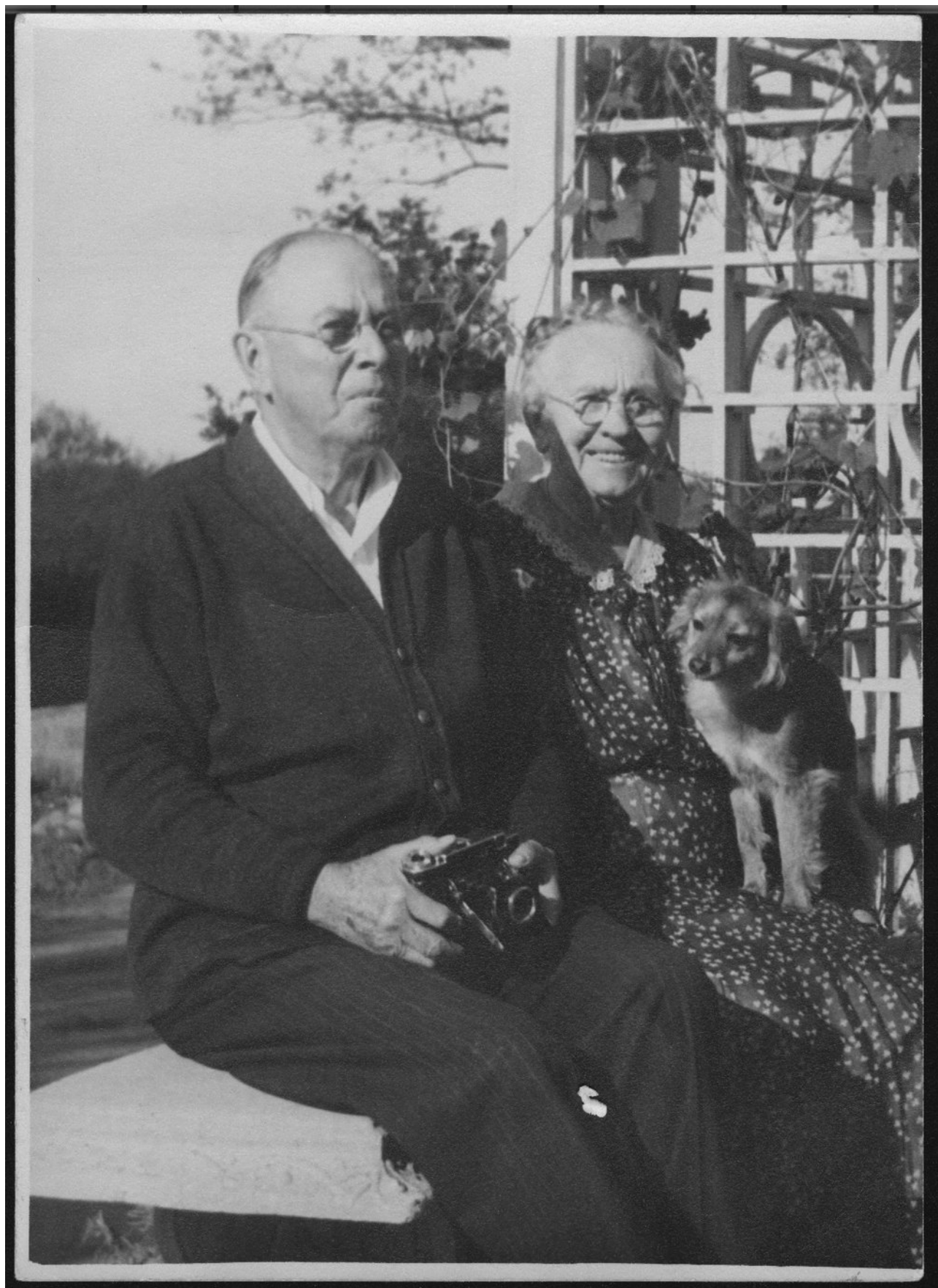
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### Gen. Menninger Cites Need for Trained People to Look After Neuropsychiatric Casualties



BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM C. MENNINGER, Army's director of neuropsychiatric consultant's division, is greeted by his father, Dr. Charles F. Menninger, as he arrives at Topeka Army Air Field.

BY SARALENA SHERMAN

The biggest problem today is to get well-trained people to care for the large number of neuropsychiatric casualties produced by World War II, Brig. Gen. William C. Menninger declared yesterday upon his arrival in Topeka.

Arriving at Topeka Army Air Field at 2:47 p. m., he explained the purpose of his trip was to talk to post-graduate students at the University of Kansas School of Medicine and also to see Winter General Hospital.

But Topeka's famed psychiatrist and the Army's director of neuropsychiatric consultants division of the surgeon general's office, Medical Corps, added that he was awfully glad the destination of his trip also was home.

#### Home This Summer

Asked how long he would remain in service, the general smiled and replied:

"Not very long. I'll be out and back in Topeka this summer."

Shortly after his arrival, he received a call at Winter General Hospital from Washington regarding the appointment of a successor.

Somewhat amazed by the large number of persons, including Winter General and Menninger Clinic staff members, family relatives and friends, who were at the air field to greet him, the general commented:

"What are you all wasting the afternoon to see me for?"

#### Doesn't Like Siren

The procession of cars, led by the general's staff car, which

waved a starred flag, was escorted by the Highway Patrol to Winter General Hospital and as the patrolmen cleared the highway with their siren, Topeka's "boy who made good," wanted to know if there was not some way they could get them to "turn that thing off."

#### Army Credits Him

General Menninger declared he was profoundly interested in the Topeka Veterans' Administration hospital and particularly in the job it was doing of training doctors in neuropsychiatry. Today he plans to visit thru the hospital and tonight will speak to the staff members of both the hospital and clinic. Wednesday he is giving two lectures in Kansas City at the University of Kansas school of medicine post-graduate refresher course. His subjects will be "The Soldier and His Emotional Reac-

tions," and "Psychiatric Treatment Methods in World War II."

From the induction center to the battle station, the soldier has had a better chance of being protected against a possible mental crackup and of getting prompt and efficient treatment if he did crack up, the Army boasted in World War II and gave most of the credit to General Menninger.

Because of the large number of neuropsychiatric casualties in the United States Army (43 per cent of all medical discharges) Surgeon General Norman T. Kirk placed psychiatry on an equal footing with medicine and surgery in December 1943, and appointed General Menninger as director of neuropsychiatry consultants division. His management of the Army's N-P division won him the first annual Lasker Award in 1944 for "outstanding service in the field of mental hygiene." Recently he received the Distinguished Service Medal.

General Menninger, home for the first time in fourteen months, was delighted to visit with his father, Dr. Charles F. Menninger, and brother, Dr. Karl A. Menninger, manager of Winter General Hospital.



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