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began moving patients into communities. As the patient and staff population shrank, the once palatial building fell into disrepair, the

asylum's expansive farmland fell out of cultivation, and mental health services folded into a complicated web of social and correctional services. Managing Madness examines the Weyburn Mental Hospital, the people it housed, struggled to understand, help, or even tried to change, and the ever-shifting understanding of mental health."--