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Executive Director's Column

COSTS OF HOSPITAL CARE

We are all concerned with the increasing costs of hospital care. On the one hand the vast strides made by medical science permit us to live longer, to have more successful operations, and to recover from more illnesses; on the other, these advances in techniques cost a great deal of money. In addition, the cost of hospital supplies, equipment and salaries has risen tremendously. The 12-hour day for nursing and other personnel has been replaced by the 40-hour week, so that in addition to absolute increases in salary made necessary by the increasing cost of living, more people must be employed and paid to cover the three shift, seven-day week. Moreover, the more rapid turnover of patients and the use of new procedures requires more intensive care, meaning more personnel; the period of convalescence during which patients occupy beds, but require little or no care, no longer exists.

To get the maximum service from the hospital dollar without sacrificing quality, hospitals constantly analyze their policies and procedures to eliminate waste and improve efficiency. Since the problem is nationwide, a Commission on Financing of Hospital Care has been created, consisting of 34 prominent citizens, representing hospitals, medicine, nursing, dentistry, education, public health, labor and industry, to gather factual information on all aspects of the problem of hospital financing, and to make recommendations which may be adopted by hospitals throughout the country. This Commission is working under a budget of over half a million dollars, supplied by several of the large non-profit foundations.

The Commission is directing its study to 10 major areas, as follows:

1. Problems associated with prepayment.
2. Problems associated with physician-hospital relationships.
3. Problems related to “third-party” agencies include voluntary, non-profit health insurance plans, commercial insurance plans, governmental agencies and philanthropic organizations.
4. The problem of community planning.
5. Determination of the elements constituting hospital costs, factors affecting these costs and the current financial position of these hospitals.
6. Financing hospital care for the non-wage and low income groups.
7. The nation’s capacity to finance an expanding hospital program.
8. Problems of financing hospital care for the chronically ill.
10. Problems related to the cost of research and professional education in hospitals.

It is expected that two years will be required to complete this study. Patients, hospital trustees, physicians, administrators and employees alike will look forward to the results.

DID YOU KNOW...

That during 1951, The Jewish hospital received 2,416 units of whole blood free of charge from the St. Louis Red Cross Regional Blood Center.
New Class Learns Readin’, ’Ritin’, ’Rithmetic of Nursing

Marcella Grewe takes blood pressure of “patient” Barbara Bunton in class room exercises while instructor, Beverley Susie, supervises.

In September, the Jewish Hospital School of Nursing welcomed a new class of student nurses. What is it about our school and hospital that interests young girls inclined toward a career in nursing?

They know that our school offers a wide variety of clinical experience. At the bedside, in the diet kitchen, operating rooms, nursery and outpatient department, the student nurse learns what to do for a patient, whether acutely or chronically ill, and how to prevent illness through healthful living habits. In addition to clinical services in the home hospital, the student receives four weeks of supplementary experience at St. Louis Children’s Hospital, four weeks in nursing care experience of communicable diseases at St. Louis City Hospital, and a three-months affiliation in Psychiatric Nursing at St. Vincent’s Hospital...

Young students know that when they graduate from the Jewish Hospital School of Nursing, they have been exposed to the latest, most modern developments in the field of medicine. We have outstanding men on the hospital staff who give generously of their time and knowledge to the school. The faculty, too, is progressive, keeping in touch through institutes and university courses with the latest in nursing, which they carry over to the classrooms.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Student’s need for social and spiritual development is recognized, and the school’s program is planned to include recreational, (Cont. Page 4)
SCHOOL OF NURSING, cont.

Religious, and social activities. Within the school, there are religious clubs for students of all faiths, sports activities including competitive games with St. Louis schools of nursing, and a planned program of social activities under the guidance of a full-time social director, Miss Flora Gilpin.

Close by the hospital are well-known attractions, such as the Art Museum, Municipal Opera, Botanical Gardens, and the St. Louis Zoo, where students spend their free hours.

STUDENT HEALTH PROGRAM

The school maintains an excellent student health program. This service fosters the personal and physical fitness of the students through annual physical examinations, including chest x-rays, and laboratory tests, preventive inoculations against communicable disease, and hospitalization in the event of illness. The health program is under the direction of a full-time school physician, Dr. Raymond Charnas. Mrs. Virginia Reisinger, R.N., supervisor in charge of the student health service, is ably assisted by Dr. Maurice Zemlick, Ph. D., Consulting Clinical Psychologist.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The students learn the principles of democratic government through active participation in their Student Council. The first Monday night of each month is "Town Meeting Night". That is when the entire student body, with a faculty member present, meets and voices the ways and means of carrying out their student government. Theirs is perhaps a unique situation as it is an active organization with each student feeling free to air her complaints or give suggestions for improving working, living, and social conditions. The voice of the student is heard with an open mind by Miss Peterson and the faculty and all situations are worked out in a most satisfactory manner. These situations cover a broad field of problems. How is the laundry to be collected at the residence? What happens to the violator of the late...
leave privilege? Is the annual Christmas dance justified? Must a student fold her cap per regulation? In what tournaments do the athletic teams want to participate? These are not trivial, but vital problems to the students.

The student body each year elects a president, vice president, and secretary from its members and within the organization are committees for specialized activities; sports, health, library rules and regulations, etc. From this framework, a form of democracy emerges and the purpose of student body government is realized to the fullest extent.

The students enrolled at present are in the basic professional three year nursing program which leads to a diploma in nursing, and after successfully completing the State Board Examinations, each is eligible to become a Registered Nurse (R.N.).

The Jewish Hospital School of Nursing is affiliated with the University of Missouri. Through this affiliation, students may enroll in the four year course which leads to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing in addition to the diploma.

The School is registered with the State Board of Nurse Examiners of Missouri and is on the list of schools meeting the requirements of the National Nursing Accrediting Service.

The student nurse in her three-year period learns to know the faculty of the school.

In the first few months, she spends most of her classroom hours learning the basic sciences and nursing arts. She painstakingly learns the skills that are necessary for professional nursing care from Miss Ruth Michel, R.N., Diploma in Nursing, St. John's Hospital School of Nursing, B.S. in Nursing Education, St. Louis University, and Miss Lucy Berry, R.N. Diploma in Nursing, Fanny Allen Hospital School of Nursing, Winoski Park, Vermont; B.S. in Nursing Education, St. Louis University. Under their watchful supervision, the student gains confidence in herself as she learns to "do for" the patient, and is gradually allowed to assume responsibility for nursing care.

How the human body is put together and how it works, as well as the study of the microscopic plant and animal life that are man's enemies, are ably taught by Miss Marilyn Heinemann, R.N., Diploma in Nursing, St. Louis University School of Nursing; B.S., St. Louis University.

The complicated process of chemical transformation as it relates to human beings is made clearer by the interpretations of Miss Mary Hoevel, B.S., St. Louis University.

Under the able guidance of Miss Mary Schumacher, B.S., Fontbonne College, St. Louis; M.S., State University of Iowa, Iowa City, in the classroom, and Miss Helen Latta, B.S., Kansas State College, Manhattan, in the Diet Kitchen, the student nurse gains a keener appreciation of the relationship between the various foods and the maintenance of a sound body and mind.
PERSONALITIES OF THE MONTH, cont.

Early in the student’s life as a nurse, she is taught to think of the patient as a whole human being, with a mind that can affect his physical well-being, and as a part of a family and a community, which affect his life and his health. These social inter-relationships are carefully explained by Miss Meryle Stockhus, R.N., Diploma in Nursing, St. Louis University School of Nursing; B.S. in Nursing Education, St. Louis University.

Engaged in basketball practice in the School of Nursing’s well equipped gymnasium are (from left) Joan Davis, Wilma Whitehead, Jeanne Douthit, and Dolores Bolonovich.

After the groundwork has been laid, the student is then ready to go to more advanced work. She learns to recognize the common illnesses of man, what causes them, and what can be done about them. In the classroom, she hears lectures from physicians and surgeons well versed in their particular fields. These lectures are supplemented by classes tressing the nurse’s responsibility for the care of these patients. Miss Lavera Ryder, R.N., Diploma in Nursing, Jewish Hospital School of Nursing, St. Louis; B.S., Washington University, St. Louis, and Miss Gloria Bosche, R.N., Diploma in Nursing, DePaul Hospital School of Nursing, St. Louis; B.S., St. Louis University make every effort to correlate the student’s experience in the hospital to her work in the classroom. In addition, Miss Ryder’s special responsibility is to see that this complicated network of classes and ward experience operates smoothly and with meaning to each student.

The student is always eager to begin her operating room experience. Miss Mary Taylor, R.N., Diploma in Nursing, Christian Welfare Hospital, East St. Louis, Illinois; post-graduate course in Operating Room Technique, Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, immediately puts the student at ease by simple but precise explanations and close supervision of those special techniques necessary in an operating room.

Is there a student not interested in Children? If there is, she is sure to change her mind when she begins to understand children through the inspiring classes and ward supervision given by Miss Betty Hermeling, R.N., Diploma in Nursing, Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing, St. Louis.

A special field dear to the heart of many a student nurse is the care of mothers and their newborn infants. In the classroom and in the hospital, the miracle of life and birth is observed by the student and explained by Miss Marie Kupinger, R.N., Diploma in Nursing, St. John’s Hospital School of Nursing, St. Louis; B.S., in Nursing Education, St. Louis University.

In her senior year, the student has the opportunity of observing the patient as a member of his family and community. In the outpatient and social service departments, the effects of social and economic forces upon the individual patient are interpreted by Miss Mary McKeever, A.B. St. Mary’s College, Notre Dame; M.A., School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago, and Mrs. Edna Korf, R.N., Diploma in Nursing, University of Minnesota School of Nursing; B.S. and Certificate in Public Health Nursing, University of Minnesota. (Cont. Page 7)
PERSONALITIES OF THE MONTH, cont.

We cannot separate nursing education from nursing service; together they function as an interlocking unity, giving the student the opportunity for putting classroom theory into nursing practice. Mrs. Beverley T. Susie, R.N., Diploma in Nursing, St. Joseph School of Nursing, Chicago; B.A. State University of Iowa, Iowa City, is constantly striving to improve the quality of nursing service in our hospital. There are times when questions arise when on evening or night duty which leaves the student in doubt; she may call upon the evening supervisor, Mrs. Marjorie Greer, R.N., or the night supervisors, Miss Avanelle Boyce, R.N., Miss Vera Klingsick, R.N., and Miss Jeanne Weaver, R.N., all of whom are graduates of the Jewish Hospital School of Nursing, St. Louis.

Pharmaceutical Display Schedule

Within the last few months, the hospital has been sponsoring displays of pharmaceuticals and medical and surgical items. This is done to permit the medical staff to have closer contact with new items on the market.

The exhibits, which are arranged by George Horne, chief pharmacist, will be held every other Friday in the Doctor’s Lounge and will be attended by a medical representative of the firm presenting the display. All members of the Attending and House Staffs as well as nursing personnel are cordially invited to visit these exhibits.

The schedule for October and November is:

Oct. 3 Eli Lilly Co.
Oct. 17 Armour Laboratories
Oct. 31 Abbott Laboratories
Nov. 14 Ames Co.
Nov. 28 Burroughs Welcome Co.

Further schedules will be announced from time to time.

PERSONALITIES OF THE MONTH, cont.

Well known in our hospital, our community, and to students even before admission to our school is the woman whose dynamic personality, ability, and foresight have been instrumental in maintaining the present status of the Jewish Hospital School of Nursing in our community. This woman is our director, Miss Edna E. Peterson, R.N., Diploma in Nursing, St. Mary’s School of Nursing, Rochester, Minnesota; B.S., M.S. in Nursing Education, St. Louis University.
Women's Auxiliary Opens Gift Shop on First Floor

All Profits to be Turned Over to the Hospital

Room Service a la Cart is Highlight of “Gift Gallery” Operated by Volunteers

The paint's dry, the cupboards are filled and the Jewish Hospital Medical Center's Auxiliary has hung out its shingle—announcing that “Gift Gallery” is open for business. Stocked with necessities and niceties from Kleenex to bed jackets, tooth paste to perfume, the Gift Gallery fills a long felt need in the hospital and is welcomed by patients, visitors, and personnel alike.

GIFT CART SERVICE

In addition to being open eight hours a day with two volunteers in charge at all times, the Gallery will send an attractive cart filled with a cross section of gifts and staples to all hospital floors every day. The cart will be wheeled to rooms and wards upon request and patients may phone in their orders during the day.

ALL PROFITS TO HOSPITAL

Prices for Gift Gallery merchandise are standard under OPS ceilings and all profits from sales will be used for the hospital. An advisory staff will determine how the money shall be allocated to best benefit the hospital.

ANNOUNCING THE WINNERS

PAC (Personnel Advisory Committee) took time off early this month to unload the suggestion boxes and hold a world-shaking judgement of their contents. Suggestions covered the gamut from intrigues for destroying the recipe for grape nut ice cream to methods of adding six more stories to the hospital. But PAC read through them all carefully, and judged and judged and judged. Many of the suggestions could not be evaluated at this time because of insufficient information on just how practical they might be and because some of them suggested changes that will require a trip way up to the marble palace of the Board of Directors before final judgement can be made. These will be considered in a future months contest.

Winners of the Suggestion Plan awards for September are (from left) Gladys Bobbitt, Olga Fischer, Aleen Lind, and Grace Moore. Not shown are Fern Hogan and Elizabeth Cornell.

Of the suggestions considered this month, three winners were selected. First honors went to Gladys Bobbitt, red-haired food server from the nurse's cafeteria. She suggested a network of signs on the ground and main floors indicating more specifically the location of various offices and services. This should prove a convenience to new employees, visitors, and patients and at the same time save time of present employees who are called from their

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Divisional Patter

Fee Fee Frolics

Two radio fans of the "Recall It and Win" program, Frances Burack and Gerhardt Kronheim, tried their luck but returned disappointed because they recognized the melody but could not recall its name. Three pounds of oleo richer and with four tickets to the St. Louis Theater, they are planning to try again.

Weekly movies, a part of the San's Occupational and Recreation Therapy Service, have been resumed. The Women's Auxiliary has been responsible for the success of these movies which are such a special treat for our patients. The Auxiliary was also responsible for making the Holiday Season an inspiring event. Mr. Aaron Poletskey led the services.

Our sincere thanks to Ruth Ann Damie for the wheel chair donated in memory of her mother.

Social Service Signals

At the invitation of the Surgical Department, Social Service began participating in Surgical Rounds.

On ward rounds there is the opportunity to hear a full discussion of the medical and surgical problems of the staff patients as well as to learn more about the effectiveness and feasibility of certain recommended procedures which are used in helping the patients receive maximum benefit from hospitalization. We believe that the more knowledge and understanding we have of the treatment of the patients, the better able we will be to work constructively with those who are referred to us for social study and casework treatment.

Miss Mary McKeever recently went to New York to study the Montefiore Home Care Program. Dr. Jerome Flance of the Social Service Advisory Committee was also present. They observed the results of patients cared for under the program and even made calls to the homes of several patients with Home Care doctors. Information obtained in the visit will be used in developing a similar program here.

Miriam Murmurs

The annual "alumi" picnic took place at Miriam on September 11 with nearly 100 former patients attending. They consumed vast quantities of barbecued ribs and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Such activities demonstrate the close esprit de corps maintained by rehabilitation patients and give an excellent opportunity for the staff to see the results of their work. The gathering was inspirational for the current patients, as they saw the results obtained in others.

Auxiliary News

The first meeting of the new Auxiliary of the Jewish Hospital Medical Center will be help October 29 at 1:30 p.m. at the United Hebrew Temple.

Dr. David Littauer will be a guest at this meeting and will tell of plans and programs under way at the Jewish Hospital Medical Center.

Mrs. Edward Schweich will define the volunteer program.
WARDS AND CORRIDORS

Dietary Doings

George Quick, head chef, celebrated his 25th anniversary at the Jewish Hospital on September 27.

Mrs. Ruth Cantley had a baby shower on Mrs. John Beck, former therapeutic Dietician on September 18. We expect to see Mrs. Beck in our hospital soon.

Miss Helen Latta spent a few days at her home in Holton, Kansas following the tragic news of her brother’s death in Korea.

216 Staff

The 216 Editorial Staff has announced the appointment of two new reporters. They are Tony Milberg, X-Ray and Dr. Marcy Goldstein, House Staff.

Administrative Analysis

More is being added to the Administrative Department than office space – Congratulations to Jean and Paul Wozniak on their daughter, Virginia Diane and to Gloria and Bill Moodie, who had a baby daughter named Carol Jean.

Good byes were said to Anne Clinton, Fern Homan, and Edna Flint who have left after several years of loyal service.

A picnic for the Administrative Department was held at the country home of I.J. Shyne on September 24. Those present from the hospital were Shirley Stoving, Florence Hoffman, Dick Dowd, Bill Hooper, Vera Morgan, and David Gee.

Berenice Fitzpatrick celebrated her 28th year at the Jewish Hospital on September 24.

Olga Fischer, Inventory Control Officer celebrated her twenty-fifth anniversary on October 10.

Staff Rounds

The Department of Surgery has recently started a Journal Club for the House Staff. Under the auspices of Drs. Sachar and Pareira, the Club meets the first Tuesday of each month.

Drs. Pareira and Heifetz attended the American College of Surgeons meeting in New York where Dr. Pareira presented a paper.

Drs. Probstein and Heifetz were awarded diplomas conferring upon them the degree of Honorary Fellow of the Surgical Society of Madrid.

The Wash Wheel

Mr. Stork delivered a baby boy to Elizabeth DeHart on August 29. Mary Kallis spent her vacation at Bagnell Dam and broke the Jewish Hospital fish record with a total catch of 89.

GIFT SHOP Cont. from page 8

GAY GIFT WRAPPINGS

All gifts purchased may be gift wrapped at your request and at no extra charge.

It took some fine and fancy figuring to formulate plans for Gift Gallery and to select its widely varied stock. From a maze of blueprints, ledgers, adding machines, and catalogues, the Auxiliary committee reports enthusiastic cooperation from local business advisors and from similar groups operating benefit gift shops in leading hospitals throughout the country.

All Jewish Hospital staff members and employees are cordially invited to visit the Gallery. Come in, if only to say hello.
Recent Donations to Jewish Hospital

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CONTRIBUTION OF EQUIPMENT

Rooming in Bassinets

Perfection Chapter, Order of
DeMolay and Bethel No. 10
Order of Job’s Daughters.

WINNERS, (Cont. from page 8)

work to give directions.

Olga Fischer won second prize with a suggestion for new signs for the doors of patients’ rooms; the signs indicate “no visitors”, “Oxygen in use”, and “No food” by merely turning a knob. This eliminates carrying many kinds of signs in stock.

Four nurses from the Maternity Division collaborated on an opus that will prevent unnecessary traffic through their area. Their suggestion included plans to reroute patients going up and down to the laboratory via the laboratory via the north elevator and installation of a partition between the north elevator and the maternity division. The winners, who are now offering a $1.00 prize for a suggestion for dividing their booty into necessarily infinitesimal bits, are Elizabeth Cornell, Fern Hogan, Grace Moore, and Aileen Lind.

PAC is anxiously awaiting D Day this month when it can again storm the boxes and get another crop of suggestions from employees for making this hospital the best in the country. If you haven’t written up that idea of yours, you’d better hurry.

AUXILIARY NEWS, (Cont. from Page 9)

We predict that the new Auxiliary will become one of the largest of which St. Louis can boast; civic pride will make it the most productive! Women attending the meeting on the 29th will be given the privilege of enrolling as charter members and also indicating their preference as to which committee will interest them. Dues are three dollars each year.

Mrs. Milton Tucker, author and Mrs. Harry Milton, producer will present a skit at the meeting entitled “For These We Serve”. From past experience we know it will be highly informative as well as extremely entertaining.
New Equipment Needed

Pictured above is the type dressing cart that is being used to replace obsolete equipment now in use. These carts give complete portable dressing service plus the added feature of being very compact. Costing $263.50 each, they may be set up as memorial donations.