GREETINGS!

This is the sixth issue of our HOSPITAL RECORD, and the first for 1948. The Trustees of the Hospital wish to thank each and every one of its personnel for their loyalty and hard work, and to say that the personnel of the Hospital are vital to its success in serving the community. Voluntary hospitals today face a situation which is a real challenge to our whole established order of method and thought. The situation itself is the result of new social and political trends, economic problems and scientific developments. The way we meet the situation will largely decide the battle between private and governmental hospitals.

The public is the key to this complex situation. The emphasis that the American way of life puts on personal efficiency, combined with our high standard of living, has caused a widespread demand for hospital care. As a result, hospital care is almost universally established as one of life's normal necessities, and that creates the problem of giving care with limited beds, and in many professional areas, limited personnel. We must furnish hospital care on a scale without parallel in history, at a time when hospital costs, like other costs, have skyrocketed.

We must do what we can with the means at our disposal. The logical starting point for increased efficiency is with our own individual jobs. Our personnel need more instruction. Which means that every one must better learn his job, and inasmuch as all jobs are necessary in a hospital, that goes for the janitor, the maid, the attendant, the orderly, the professional personnel, department heads, their assistants and supervisors, and the administration.

With all best wishes for a Happier 1948.

F. R. Bradley, MD

WEDDING BELLS

Wedding Bells and Christmas Bells for JANET HEINZ, Dietitian, who announced her engagement to DR. VOL PHILLIPS on her Christmas vacation.

MURIAL CARLSON, Assistant Head Nurse in McMillan, and Jay Hubbard are that way about each other. They are to be married in March and will make their home in Port Lavaca, Texas.

METHEL ANN TEAGARTEN and LEON ROGERS, Accounting Office, announce that they will be Mr. and Mrs. in March. Methel has returned to McMillan Admitting.

We are missing RUTH COOPER, Nurse, who is now on leave of absence for the express purpose of becoming MRS. MCDONALD.

Best wishes and much happiness to LORRAINE BYRNE BROCK, Nursing, to VIRGINIA HARRIS GIBBONS, Cafeteria, and MARIE PORTIS, Fountain.

Wedding bells will ring out for TERRY CUTGESELL, Maternity, who has announced that she will be married in February.

LOST

Grayce Kovacik, McMillan Credit Office, has lost a Parker 51 fountain pen, black with a silver top, for which she offers a reward. It may be returned either to her or the Personnel Office.

STORK NEWS

There is nothing slow about the Earney Twins who have the honor of being the first twins to arrive in St. Louis in the year 1948. They were born at St. Louis Maternity.
THOSE WHO GET ABOUT

Work and fun can be combined, as is attested by Miss SIZELLOVE, Dietitian, who attended the American Association for the Advancement of Science held at the Palmer House in Chicago. Miss Sizelove attended the sessions of the American Dietetic Association there; the focus was on nutrition.

More work and fun for Mrs. MARTHA SPENCER, Personnel, who attended the Personnel Workshop held at the Sheraton Hotel in Chicago and sponsored by the Joint Commission on Education of the American Hospital Association and American College of Hospital Administrators.

Greetings to Miss BECKER, Director of Dietetics, who is on a year’s leave of absence. It was nice to see you Thursday and Friday.

Hats off to Colonel PERRY, who enjoyed the sort of vacation everyone talks about but never takes—home, good books to read, and real relaxation.

Mrs. WELLS, McMillan Information, ushered in the New Year at Bonne Terre; MARY McENERY, McMillan Admitting, spent Christmas in Sedalia; JEAN HELFRECHT, Administration, in Springfield, and Mrs. KNOWLES, McMillan Associate Director, visited with her mother at Brunswick, Missouri. GRAYCE KOVACIC attended her parents’ Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

ON THE SCENE

Someone new has been added on the parking lot between the hospital buildings. We are counting on you, Mr. LIMBAUGH, to see that all fenders are in place.

If you heard two signs of relief coming from the kitchen, they were only CHARLIE and CLIPPER welcoming the new fry cook. Have you two been busy lately, Eh?

Dr. Bradley came to the rescue with first aid when FLORENCE SHIPLEY burned her hand while working in the drug store fountain.

Whose big brown eyes are peering from under that large stack of U.S. Mail? Well, welcome back, HATTIE. Glad you are feeling better.

Mrs. RUTH KELLER, McMillan Admitting, entertained a small group of McMillanites at her home. We hear that she is a good cook as well as an intelligent career woman.

Mrs. OPHelia JACKSON wishes to thank the maids in the housekeeping department for the wonderful birthday surprise given in honor of her birthday, Saturday, December 27. Gifts were received and a pleasant time was had by all.

Another birthday was celebrated late at Barnes. NORMA GREER of the Pharmacy was presented with a cake and numerous birthday gifts.

We received a note of gratitude to pass on to FLORENCE MUELLER, Chief Pharmacist, from her fellow workers. They are looking forward to working with you through the coming new year.

ILLNESSES

Our sympathy goes out to nurse SALLY WOOD and nurse JEAN KOSTENS who are ill with the mumps. What a way to celebrate the holiday season.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January

Will Anderson 1
F. R. Bradley 1
C. Gerth 1
Catherine Henderson 1
Seabron Jones 1
Clyde Deen 1
Charles Mason McLean 1
Catherine Papin 2
Lois Montgomery 2
Bernice Williams 3
Gladys Russell 3
William Penn 3
Opal Eder 3
Mary Kazimer 3
Nellie Shaw 4
Mary Noe 4
Selma Kelm 4
Nina Gunn 4
Lawrence Moorman 5
Spencer Davis 5
Lois Frazer 5
Claudia Owens 5
Ruth Hayes 5
Retha Mahone 6
Genevieve Beaubien 6
Marian Wright 6
Mary Hudson 6
Evelyn Wozniak 6
Alfreda Pautler 7
Ruth Bartel 7
Leon Rogers 7
Leah Newshaw 7
Juanita Johnson 7
Leola Towers 7
Betty Graven 8
Genevieve Perino 8
Leonard Hopen 8
Paul Schabecker 8
Harrieth Rothkop 8
Elnora Tucke 9
David Lovelace 9
Billie Sanders 9
Laura Henderson 9
Bernice Scott 10
Vadis Doss 10
Hulda Pastor 11
Minnie Ford 12
Jimmy Kidd 12
Ruby Bland 12
Herman McAfee 12
Fern Armstrong 13
Mary Agnes Seigfreid 13
Helen McKinney 14
Ann Neilson 14
Lucina Hunter 14
Lillian Redmon 15
Alice Wild 15
Thelma Winters 15
Laura Reynolds 15
Ben Shucart 15