Shown examining the attractive selection of gift items at the Gift Gallery are (from left) Dr. Arthur E. Strauss, Mrs. Elmer Abrahmson, Dr. Jerome I. Simon, and Mrs. William E. Walbrunn. See story, page 5.

(Courtesy, Light)
Executive Director's Column

WHY A WOMEN'S AUXILIARY?

Elsewhere in this issue of “216” are recounted many examples of the going and planned projects of the burgeoning Women's Auxiliary of our Medical Center. Why do large groups of women devote their time and energy in hospital affairs without recompense, and why in turn does the hospital seek the interest of an active women's group?

The program of a women's auxiliary fulfills the normal desire to be of service. Many phases of hospital activity are open to the volunteer worker. It meets another need also—the desire to accomplish something constructive. Also, there is the opportunity to help the underprivileged and unfortunate, which is a tradition of our culture. A hospital, possibly more than any other type of institution, permits these traditions of service, of accomplishing something constructive and of helping the unfortunate to be combined at one and the same time.

Why does the hospital welcome the women of its auxiliary? In the first place, and we say this unblushingly, because of the extra hands that they supply. Hospitals are traditionally short-handed in many vital areas, and the aid of an active women's auxiliary is invaluable. This is true for normal times; it is even more significant in times of emergency. As a single example of what I mean, the Women's Auxiliary of one hospital in another city rolled up 235 hours of service in the emergency room, during a flood crisis, registering patients for typhoid immunization because contaminated flood waters had backed up into the pumping stations of the water system.

Every hospital has certain spheres of activity which might be neglected because of lack of funds or inability to obtain qualified personnel to run them, like a sewing room or a gift shop or a coffee shop or a patients' library and book cart. The women of an auxiliary can assist the bedfast patient in many other ways, like writing letters, reading, making purchases, and placing telephone calls. These services add to the comfort of patients, thereby aiding their recovery.

Nor shall we overlook the vast amount of community interest engendered by an active women's auxiliary. A group of women who are informed of the hospital's program, its problems and its aspirations, are a tremendous factor for good will in the community.

Best wishes on your new venture.

CHILDREN'S RESEARCH FOUNDATION GRANT

Dr. H.T. Blumenthal, Pathologist and Director of Laboratories has announced that the Jewish Hospital is the recipient of $10,000 from the Children's Research Foundation for research in problems in prenatal growth.

Further information about the program will be presented in a future issue of “216”. 
The first meeting of the Jewish Hospital Medical Center Auxiliary was held on October 29 at United Hebrew Temple. More than 800 women answered the invitation to become charter members.

Mrs. Edward F. Schweich, President of the Auxiliary, opened the meeting and introduced Rabbi Samuel Thurman who gave an inspiring invocation.

**Describes Building Program**

Dr. David Littauer, Executive Director of the Jewish Hospital delivered the principal address. He assured those present there would be a great deal of activity on Kingshighway in 1953; that the hospital would have not only more beds but greatly improved services for the acutely ill, chronic patients, and for those who will benefit from physical rehabilitation. Some of the additions to the hospital will be an enlarged outpatient clinic, research laboratory, medical library, and a chapel.

Dr. Littauer stressed that the hospital will be second to none in quality and that the
Auxiliary would be the "heart" of the medical center.

Mrs. Schweich then introduced Mr. Major B. Einstein, president of the Jewish Hospital Board. Mr. Einstein emphasized that the Auxiliary is a new organization and not a continuation of the old group. He traced the development of the Auxiliary since 1945 when the Health Planning Committee proposed that one be organized.

Mr. Einstein closed by wishing the Auxiliary every good fortune in its efforts and on behalf of the Jewish Community extended thanks for an endeavor successfully launched.

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Objectives Defined

Mrs. Schweich explained the purpose of the organization and its future plans. She stated that the Auxiliary is a medium through which the hospital can get and hold the community support and understanding which it needs. Its functions will be to aid the hospital through the Volunteer Service Program and to raise funds for many necessary projects.

She stressed that while the group is raw and inexperienced, it is eager and willing to learn to do a good job. She pointed out what the organization has already accomplished: drawn up By-Laws, appointed standing committees, planned and executed the charter meeting, opened the Gift Gallery and started the membership drive.

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Colorful Skit Presented

Mrs. Harry Milton, membership chairman, announced the feature attraction for the afternoon, a dramatic skit entitled "These We Serve." The play, written by Mrs. Milton

Volunteer Service Program

From the earliest days, women have been inspired by the ideals of service to the sick and in later years have worked selflessly in the hospitals. The Auxiliary Volunteer Service Program offers a challenge to all women to give of themselves to serve humanity. Any woman who wishes to volunteer her services may call Mrs. Meyer Marx, TE. 4-8524 or Mrs. Samuel Freund, DE. 0590.

Busy, Registering volunteers are: (from left) Mrs. Meyer Marx, chairman, Volunteer Service Committee, and Mrs. Samuel Freund, Co-chairman.

The cast of 25 included Drs. I.C. Middleman and Herbert Mazur from the hospital staff, Miss Kay Sanders, a former Miriam rehabilitation patient, and Miss Ann Brown, physio-therapist. The Auxiliary is indeed indebted to all the performers and to the A.S. Aloe Company for the hospital "props".

The meeting was closed with the consensus expressed that the leadership of the Auxiliary was in excellent hands and that a fine program is in the making for the community.
Goal - 2,000 Members in '53

The foundation of an Auxiliary is its Membership. We have made an auspicious beginning. To date, 850 women have enrolled as Charter Members. A great deal of work has been done in the past few months to reach prospective members, but much more remains to be done. The Membership Campaign is launched, but more important, IT MUST BE CARRIED ON.

Membership Committee: (from left) Mrs. Samuel Cohen, Co-chairman; Mrs. Harry Milton, chairman; and Mrs. Theodore Lending, vice-president of Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary is offering women of our community an opportunity to make a most valuable contribution thru service to the Jewish Hospital Medical Center. The Auxiliary hopes to become a vital part of the Center. This hope can only be realized if more and more women show us their interest and offer us their able support. The main source of revenue of our organization will come from membership dues. There will be no solicitation of funds; therefore, the dues are of added importance. A concerted effort is needed to reach our goal of 2,000 members in '53. Appoint yourself as a Committee of One, call on prospective members and enroll them in our Auxiliary for the nominal fee of $3.00 per year. Your interest and experience in civic problems as well as your willingness to co-operate toward their solution are urgently needed to make our Jewish Hospital Medical Center one of the finest, to SERVE YOU AND YOURS. For further information on membership, please contact Mrs. Harry Milton, TE. 4-8225 or Mrs. Sam Cohen, CA. 2416.

GIFT GALLERY GREETED ENTHUSIASTICALLY

Gift Gallery, the Auxiliary's first project was officially opened on October 20. Behind this venture are the time and talent of top administrative executives and buyers of the Glaser Drug Company, Gutman's, The St. Louis Fixture Company, Famous-Barr, Stix, Baer and Fuller, Robbins, and others who made countless contacts and came up with ideas to insure success for our new venture.

Although our door has been open for only a month, you've told us in words and by your overwhelming response that you're pleased with us and that you want us to stay. We are very grateful for the co-operation and sincere interest that we have encountered from each of you at every turn of the corridor.

Every inch of our shelf space is stocked with gift and utility items for patients, visitors, doctors, and friends, "Gallery" wares are offered to the patients via a portable service a la carte. If there is some particular item you feel that no good gift shop should be without, won't you tell us? We'll always welcome your suggestions.

Remember! This is your Gift Gallery, patronize it.
Personalities of the month

Mrs. Benjamin Loeb, Co-President, has held many key positions in various important Community organizations. She served as Vice-President of the St. Louis Section, National Council of Jewish Women, Chairman of Council Shop, Chairman of Council House Summer Day Camp, Board Member of Mary Institute, Regional Chairman of Community Shop, and Special Gifts Chairman of the Jewish Welfare Fund. Mrs. Loeb comes to us well qualified for the job. All who know her personally deem it a pleasure. She is a lovely person imbued with great enthusiasm to serve humanity. Her warm manner makes a friend of every acquaintance. Mrs. Loeb has worked untiringly for the Auxiliary since its inception. We regret very much that her absence from the city prevented her from being able to see the realization of her many efforts. (ED. NOTE: We were unable to obtain Mrs. Loeb’s photograph because of her absence from the city.)

Staff Rounds

Dr. Ernest Spitzer recently received notification that his Doctor’s Degree had been renewed in honor of the 50th anniversary of his graduation from the University of Vienna. The citation accompanying the diploma thanked Dr. Spitzer for his “devotion in the realm of medicine which has enhanced . . . the honor and the glory of the Medical Faculty of Vienna.”

Nursing Notes

Fae Tarrant, class of ’51 is the proud mother of Marcia, born October 28.

Miss Edna Peterson, Director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Service participated in a panel discussion at The Institute on Hospital Purchasing held in St. Louis on November 10-14.

Mrs. Edward F. Schweich, President of the Auxiliary has been in the public eye for many years as a staunch supporter of all major Community projects. She has served as President of the St. Louis Section, National Council of Jewish Women, Vice-President of both the Jewish Family Service Agency and the volunteer bureau of the Social Planning Council, member of the national board of Women’s Division of the United Jewish Appeal, and Chairman of the special gifts division of the Jewish Welfare Fund. Mrs. Schweich was instrumental in establishing the women’s division of the Jewish Federation and served as its First President. The Auxiliary Chairman has served in many other capacities, too numerous to mention. Mrs. Schweich is a most attractive person: charming, gracious, and unassuming. Her poise and dignity is most fitting to grace the chair of what we hope will become the largest and most important Women’s Auxiliary in the City.
DR. SELIG SIMON RETIRES

After nearly 37 years of dedicated service, Dr. Selig Simon retires as Director of the Jewish Sanatorium division of the Jewish Hospital on December 31, 1952. Dr. Simon was asked by the Executive Director to prepare a statement for "216." With typical self-effacing modesty, he wrote about the Jewish Sanatorium rather than about the important part he played in its development.

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The Jewish Sanatorium on Fee Fee Road in Robertson ceased to exist as a corporate entity last year when the several health agencies of the Jewish Federation were merged into the Jewish Hospital of St. Louis. Since in the course of a year or two the Sanatorium will be moved to, and become a part of, the expanded Medical Center, it might be opportune to recall the place it has occupied in the health activities of our community for almost two-fifths of a century.

In the days when tuberculosis was still thought to be invariably fatal to its victims, and the only chance that anyone has was "Out West", a group of spirited men and women, mindful of the need of finding and giving shelter here at home, not only for the doomed "lunged", but for that other medical outcast, the chronic patient, established The Home for Incurables. The name itself bore testimony to the hopelessness of outlook for those who might enter. As concepts of treatment changed with the passing years, the name was changed to The Home for Chronic Invalids, and later to the Jewish Sanatorium.

But the task of inducing, persuading, and urging patients to utilize the new facility was difficult. The knowledge that tuberculosis could be properly treated in an com-

Board Appointments

Mr. Major B. Einstein, President of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Hospital of St. Louis has announced the election of Mr. Sol Roos to Life Membership on the Board. Mr. Roos has been a member of the Board since September 19, 1952. He was formerly on the Board of the Jewish Sanatorium.

Mr. I.E. Goldstein was elected to the Board at a recent meeting to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Roos' promotion. Mr. Goldstein is president of the United Lumber Co., and president of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis.

But the community had to be impressed again and again in the minds of the patient, his family, and often his doctor. Implicit in the word "consumption" in St. Louis was death by way of "Fee Fee."

The Sanatorium kept abreast of every advance being made, and when those who had come to die returned home to their loved ones physically fit to resume their tasks in the family's upward march, the battle was won, and the westward trek of the "lungers"
Divisional Patter

Fee Fee Frolics

Mrs. Claridge, craft instructor of our Occupational Therapy Department, and the patients have their heads together and judging from their mysterious smiles, it surely must have something to do with Hallowe'en.

Many thanks to the Women's Auxiliary for the donations of different materials for the patients. Time spent in occupational therapy has made their days brighter.

Mssrs. Baron and Loeb recently furnished entertainment for the patients by playing in the rooms of those who were unable to go to the living room. We would like a return visit soon.

The Sanatorium enjoyed a treat of fruit from the United Hebrew Temple in celebration of the Succoth Festival.

Social Service Signals

The ward rounds described in last month's column have increased both the number and kinds of referrals to Social Service from the Resident Staff. In the past, we have been requested to help with discharge planning, admission to another institution, or help to a patient in continuing his medical care. There have been more of these requests lately and we find we are now being asked to talk with families of patients so that they can have a better understanding of the ways in which an illness has affected a patient personally and therefore participate in a really helpful way toward his recovery or continued care.

We are also being asked to see patients in a supportive way. Many ill people worry their family and friends. Often they have fears they do not discuss with a doctor or a nurse because they think it might indicate a lack of appreciation or trust. They will talk more freely with a social worker because to them, she is a professional person, sent by their doctor, who will not be overly disturbed by what they tell her, and who can assist them in trying to arrive at a more satisfactory solution of problems connected with illness.

Miriam Murmurs

Miriam Hospital participated in the Community Chest drive by giving a demonstration of rehabilitation techniques to employees of Stix, Baer, and Fuller on October 21 at the Ambassador Theater.

The case of Mr. William McAfee, a paraplegic, was presented by members of the staff who are working as a rehabilitation team with this patient. Dr. Machek, medical director, assisted by the social worker, psychologist, vocational counselor, occupational therapist, physical therapist, and a nurse were present. Mr. McAfee appeared in his wheelchair while the team made a graphic presentation of how it will train him to walk again. Discussion covered various factors—both emotional and psychological as well as physical—which will be involved in his recovery and rehabilitation.

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A cancer closet has been equipped at the Jewish Hospital by the members of the

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**DR. SIMON RETIRES** (cont. from page 7)

well halted and well-nigh ended. The Sanatorium had justified the vision of its founders. The finest compliment ever paid the Sanatorium was the remark of one of our most prominent physicians, "I don't know whether your patients get well, but they don't die." Time has proved that those who don't die, get well.

So completely had our institution controlled the tuberculosis problem in St. Louis, that in 1942, owing to continued unoccupied beds, it was decided to relinquish the tuberculosis phase of our work, and to concentrate exclusively on the chronic patient: heart disease, cancer, paralysis, lung ailments, arthritis, diseases involving the nervous system, and all longstanding illness of whatever cause or kind. We have 81 such patients; there is never a vacant bed; there is always a waiting list.

Few people today remember that the Sanatorium formerly operated a Summer Preven-

torium for 16 consecutive years, where each summer 32 children, equally divided between boys and girls remained at the camp during the entire vacation period. In addition to the usual camp activities, they received a most complete physical study, with the findings submitted to the referring doctor or agency for follow-up.

Through the kindness of the men and women who have been its officers and Board members, I have been privileged to be connected with the Sanatorium for 36 years, more than a third of a century of pleasant associations. During this period, hundreds upon hundreds of men and women have been restored to health. There have been failures, too, in many instances where has as yet not penetrated. I am glad, that having decided to relinquish the responsibilities inherent in my position, I can look back with pride at having played a part in one of the most trying periods of local medical history: the conquest of tuberculosis, and the recognition of the problems of the chronic sick.

Selig Simon, M.D.
Miriam Murmurs (cont. from page 8)

Miriam Lodge, United Order of True Sisters. The closet, under the supervision of Mrs. Reel, clinic director, will dispense service and comfort items to cancer patients for use in their homes. Among the items provided by the Lodge are surgical dressings, wheelchairs, bed pans, toilet kits, and a variety of robes, shawls, blankets, and bed jackets. The latter items are sewn and knitted by Miriam members.

This is the second cancer closet in the city to be operated by Miriam Lodge with the support of its national organization; the first is in the Beaumont Medical Building for use by the American Cancer Society.

Go to the GIFT GALLERY for niceties and necessities.