The laundry after a busy day — Harry Cook, laundry manager, walks past row of equipment in search of the last load. (See story page 3)
While planning for the enlarged medical center goes on apace, it is important to pause and take a look at what we are doing now. At the general (Kingshighway) division of our medical center, we cared for 11,544 patients in 1952, an increase of almost 400 over 1951. Translating these admissions in terms of days of care given, there were 110,326 days in 1952 compared with 108,737 the year before. The average occupancy for the year was 89.9%, which is quite high when one considers that there are always some vacant beds during slack seasons of the year, and that we cannot admit general patients to the maternity and pediatrics floors, even though vacant beds may exist on these services.

The average length of stay for acute patients continues to drop. In 1952 it was 9.8 days; in 1951, 10 days. This is a far cry from the 15 and more days that the average patient stayed only a few years ago. The cost per patient day has gone up, but the total bill has not risen proportionately, because the patient stays for fewer days.

Our laboratories performed 157,393 tests during the year. The operating rooms averaged over 400 operations per month, which means almost 20 operations per working day. More than 3,000 electrocardiograms and almost 12,000 x-rays were taken during the year just ended.

At the Miriam Rehabilitation division, where the turnover is slower but the treatment is no less intensive, 292 patients were cared for during the year, with an average length of stay of 30 days. The department of physical medicine at this division was extremely active, for a total of 8,533 patient visits and over 25,000 different types of treatments or procedures. In like manner, the department of occupational therapy had 491 patient visits, and sponsored 11,000 different treatments.

The Sanatorium (prolonged illness) division continued its program of care at maximum capacity, with a waiting list, and the Social Service division doubled its case load during 1952.

Dean of the office force at Jewish Hospital is Shirley Stoving, private secretary to Dr. Littauer. Keeping things running smoothly for one of the busiest leaders in the hospital field is a big job for anyone, but Shirley’s ability to adapt easily to rapidly changing situations has kept matters well under control. She works under pressure continually without getting flustered and she has a judicious discreetness that does not offend those who try to pump her for the inside story.

She came to Jewish Hospital just three years ago shortly after graduating from Central High School, where she was Salutatorian of her class. Since then she has progressed to her own office, an electric typewriter which
LITTLE KNOWN LAUNDRY
ONE OF BUSIEST SPOTS IN HOSPITAL

The age-old formula for building a hospital includes this short directive: "Find a far-away, dark, crowded corner, throw in a lot of hot, steamy machinery, and you have a laundry." Consequently most hospital personnel think of the laundry as the far-away place where the dirty linen goes and the clean linen comes out. However, Jewish Hospital's laundry manager, Harry Cook, and his twenty-nine cohorts can tell you that there is a lot more to their little corner on the ground floor than that.

For instance, did you know that twelve and one-half pounds of linen is laundered each day for each patient in the hospital? Four hundred additional pounds of employee uniforms, linen from the Nurses' Residence, and miscellaneous linens are also processed each day. In the 2500 square feet of laundry space at Jewish Hospital, over 1,250,000 pounds of linen goes "through the works" each year. The "works" includes three washers, two extractors, two tumblers, one flatwork ironer, three press units and even the old hand iron that slides over many nurses' uniforms and about 120 house staff shirts each week.

Each day someone from the laundry pulls uniforms are finished on presses seen in background.

This load of linen will last 30 patients only 48 hours.

from the laundry chute a ton and a half of dirty linen (plus a bed crank or two) and delivers the same amount of clean linen to the right places at the right time. Meanwhile, the rest of the crew are busy at the million in-between items like getting things clean, removing stains that can be as stubborn as the proverbial Missouri mule, sorting out the sheets that had a knock-down-drag-out with one corner of the bedsprings and getting the pleats in just the right place so that your favorite nurse looks like "Miss Hospital of 1953."

Summertime presents particular problems since at that season ventilation seems poorer and steam hotter. During July, August, and September, it is illegal to bring a thermometer near the laundry department lest everybody quit and go home. The work must go on.

Some noteworthy features of the department are the excellent manager, Mr. Harry Cook, who has been running laundries all over the country ever since the Mayflower landed, and a department of excellent workers, some of whom arrive at work before six in the morning instead of the assigned 7:30 in order to have everything humming at top speed when the whistle blows. And all of them are anxiously awaiting the addition to the hospital which is to include, they hope, the very latest in hospital laundry equipment.
Auxiliary News

1450 MEMBERS NOW ENROLLED

We are pleased to announce that 1450 members are now enrolled in our Auxiliary. Although we are proud of this figure, we will not be content until every available civic minded woman is a member of our organization.

In December, the Membership Committee sent letters to 1000 prospective members. This contact resulted in the addition of 400 new members to our roster. New plans for soliciting of members are constantly being discussed and put into action. Letters have recently been sent to new mothers on the Maternity Division. Perhaps they will enroll their tiny daughters too!

The Membership Committee is doing everything possible to attain the Auxiliary goal of several thousand members but it cannot possibly succeed without the active cooperation of all members. Each member can help by soliciting her relatives, friends, and acquaintances. Mrs. Blanche Komm, at 816 S. Hanley Rd., DE. 2343, will be happy to enroll all new members.

ELECTION NEWS

The officers of the Auxiliary will be elected at the May meeting. According to the By-Laws, "The President, one Vice-President, Financial Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary shall be elected in odd years." This year, we shall also elect ten members to the Board of Directors, each of whom will serve for three years. Nominations for officers and directors must be submitted in writing to the Nominating Committee prior to March 15. Each nominee must have the endorsement of not less than five members of the Auxiliary in good standing. Please mail nominations to Mrs. Maxwell Fineberg, 7159 Westmoreland, University City 5, Missouri.

VOLUNTEER NOTES

Although the Volunteer Committee has placed many volunteers throughout the hospital, physical space is so limited that there is not room to place as many volunteers as are actually needed. At the present time, help is needed in the mail room. If you are interested, please call Mrs. Meyer Marx at TE-4-8524.

There have been many offers from need- lewomen among us to do sewing for the hospital. Miss Peterson promises to find a sewing corner for us and soon the whir of sewing machines may be added to the busy hum of activity at the hospital.

HELP WANTED FOR THE GIFT GALLERY

QUALIFICATIONS: Willing! Dependable! Available one afternoon, weekly from 1-5. Experience not necessary.

The work is fun and interesting! Won't you please call Mrs. Courtney Gould, CA. 1672? She'll be happy to place you immediately.

Gift Gallery is open daily, including Sundays, from 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Improved Microfilming Process Adopted

The first microfilming of medical records was done at the Jewish Hospital in 1947. While the biggest factor favoring the use of microfilm was the drastic reduction in storage space required, difficulties were encountered in reading the films. Even with the advent of a large size microfilm reader, it was still necessary to search for the specific record needed since there were some 100 records on each spool of film.

Margaret Harte, Record Room clerk uses Kard-a-film reader.

In the past year, a new type of microfilm reading device has been developed known as "kardafilm". This is a unit system in which each patient's record is filmed and placed on individual 5 x 8 cards each holding 50 exposures. If a patient is readmitted, the records of the new admission may be added to the same card. This makes it possible to keep all the records pertaining to one patient together regardless of the numbers or dates of admissions. The physician can quickly scan the entire record without resorting to many mechanical winding gadgets in order to locate the chart he desires. (Cont. on Page 8)

SCHOOL OF NURSING COMMENDED

National accreditation and subsequent annual approval is an aim of all schools of nursing that are concerned with the improvement of their educational programs and the consequent improvement of the nursing care of the patient.

The Jewish Hospital School of Nursing was originally accredited by the National League of Nursing Education in 1940 after being visited by representatives from their accrediting service. At that time the League had set up this service for schools offering basic nursing programs. However, since there were several other accrediting agencies much confusion and misunderstanding on the part of educational institutions, the profession, prospective students and the public resulted. In addition, because of their programs, it was necessary for some schools to be accredited by two or three of these agencies. This caused a duplication of effort and cost.

In 1949 a unified accrediting service, the National Nursing Accrediting Service, was established to carry on the work of all these other agencies.

It was gratifying to receive notification that the School of Nursing has again been fully approved. The following is a quotation taken from the letter to Miss Edna Peterson, Director of the School of Nursing, from Dr. Helen Nahm, Director of the National Nursing Accrediting Service:

"The Board of Review has completed the study of the material submitted for the 1951-52 annual report offered by the Jewish Hospital School of Nursing. It takes pleasure in announcing that the program is approved for 1953 . . . .

"It notes with pleasure the many indications of progress being made in your program and wishes to commend members of the administrative and instructional personnel on their efforts."

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Divisional Patter

Fee Fee Frolics
(CHRONIC DISEASE DIVISION)

The two most recent additions to the "216" reporter staff (pictured above) are Miss Ann Kreitman and Gerhard Kronheim, patients at the Sanatorium Division. Each of them represent some forty patients of the two main buildings of the division.

As Miss Kreitman's first assignment she tells about the current recreation program engaged in by the patients.

"Movies are held every Wednesday at the Administration Building and everyone is invited to attend them. The films, mostly light musicals spiced with an occasional drama are made available by the Sanatorium's Women's Auxiliary as well as are most of the other amusements.

"A beauty shop service is provided once a week with poodles favored 10 to 1 over horse tails. Marie, the beautician is also adept at giving haircuts to the men and shampoos to everyone.

"The three television sets are operating continuously and always draw a good crowd. Also engaged in are card playing, flower growing, crocheting, and making potholders, rugs, belts, and dolls under the direction of Mrs. Aurelia Clardige, occupational therapist."

The ladies of the Auxiliary celebrated their 14th anniversary on January 21 at the Congress Hotel.

Miriam Murmurs
(REHABILITATION DIVISION)

Students from the Washington University School of Occupational Therapy are now receiving training in the Occupational Therapy Department of Miriam Hospital Division. Two students recently completed a clinical clerkship working under the direction of the Department head, Mrs. Betty Lumpkin. They worked directly with the patients and will receive credits toward their degree.

On February 1, one student from the University began clinical training in the Occupational Therapy Department. Somewhat like an internship, this training requires daily attendance by the student and lasts for two months.

Last month it was reported that Mrs. Fern Stewart, R.N. attended a seminar at the New York University Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. The seminar offered a study of every phase of rehabilitation by a distinguished group of lecturers. Patient evaluation clinics and various rehabilitation centers in the city were visited and studied. By demonstration and practice, emphasis was placed on self-care activities of the disabled patient and the use of self-help devices.

Social Service Signals
(MEDICAL SOCIAL SERVICE DIVISION)

Dr. Norman Drey talked at a staff meeting on January 16 about the ways in which the medical social worker could assist doctors in their total treatment of the patient. He spoke of the difficulties under which a modern internist or specialist works when he is not familiar with his patient’s past and present background as the old family physician was and felt that the social information the medical
WARDS AND CORRIDORS

NURSING NOTES

February 2 was an important date in the history of the Jewish Hospital School of Nursing. The first students from Missouri University began their studies here. They have attended classes on the Columbia campus since September of 1951 and have now begun their two-year clinical training program here.

Among the welcoming festivities was a Flapper Party. They also joined the September Freshmen in the capping exercises on February 13.

In preparation for their coming, Miss Frances Gilbert, Coordinator for Missouri University, has been at our hospital to acquaint herself with school curriculum and to help plan the program for the incoming students.

The new students are Joan Hiesrodt, Betty Johnson, Martha Kyle, Connie Reynolds, and Dorothy Wedner.

The Third District Missouri Student Nurse Association met January 27 to plan for the state convention to be held in April. Maxine Coble and Patricia McKinney represented the school.

Marie Kuppinger, R.N., Obstetrical Supervisor, was installed as a member of the Board of Directors of the Missouri State Nurses’ Association at its meeting January 21.

The student nurses entertained students from DePaul, St. John’s, and Washington University Schools of Nursing at a Get-Acquainted Party held February 11. Entertainment was furnished by the students of each school and refreshments were served.

Two former head nurses are working on their degrees in nursing: Joan Littman is studying under a fellowship at St. Louis University and Marion Pfeffer is attending Missouri University at Columbia.

In an effort to obtain uniform nursing service and an integrated, teaching program on the medical divisions, LaVerne Casey, R.N., has been appointed over-all supervisor of Divisions 18 and 19.

Marilyn Heinemann, R.N., Science Instructor, recently became engaged to Dr. Thomas King Lammert, now assigned to the Far East with the United States Army. Wedding plans have not yet been announced.

PHARMACY PHANTASY

George Horne, Chief Pharmacist, was elected Worshipful Master of Harmony Lodge, AF & AM of the Masonic Order on December 27, 1952.

STAFF ROUNDS

Dr. Carl J. Heifetz and Dr. Leo A. Sachar have announced their association in the practice of General Surgery.

Drs. Lowenstein, Schneider, H. Meyer, and M. Franklin have recently returned from a trip to New York, Boston, Cleveland, and Chicago where they made an exhaustive study of the educational facilities offered in hospitals there.

THE TEST TUBE

All the Barbaras are leaving the laboratory: Barbara Kaplan Greene is off to Fort Riley, Kansas to be with her husband who is stationed there; Barbara Averill Petersen has left for Denmark with her husband.

Dr. Bergman’s cousin, Dr. Bettina
Institute Attended
By Employees

An Institute on Hospital Public Relations was held at St. Louis University on January 7, under the auspices of the St. Louis Hospital Council. Jewish Hospital was represented on the Leaders’ Panel by Miss Edna Peterson, Chairman of the Nurses’ Division of the Institute. Those attending the various workshops of the Institute, such as Technicians, Nursing, Housekeeping and Maintenance, Dietary and Business Office were: Rosemary Young, Helen Staten, Mary Neusom, Mary Colenberg, Gloria Boraz, Lenora Silberstein, Chris Yungerman, Harry Urban. Sharon Mattes, Louise Geiger, Viva Thomas, Mary Scott, Gladys Williams, Mary Ginouves, Peggy Mason, Frances Meier, Helen Rosenblum, Lucille Knier, Doris Mertens, Beverly Susic, Pearl Pettis, Lillian Brooks, Della Williams, Marie Robertson, Lucille Harmon, Rachel Crosby, Dorothy Winkler, Darling Jones, O’Vera Moore, Mary Hayes, Georgia Booker, Vera Harris, Hazel Carey and Mildred Paige.

The keynote of the Institute was the practical application of the Golden Rule, with a good working knowledge of how to win friends and influence people. Through movies, speeches, and a skit it was explained to the audience over and over that good personnel relations is the job of each and every employee, and in order to have harmony between employees and patients, it is first necessary for employees to cooperate with each other.

Further institutes will be held, and it is the hope of the administration that eventually all employees may attend one of these institutes and receive a “brush up course” in hospital attitudes and problems.

Social Service Signals (Cont. from Page 6)

social worker obtains gives him a better understanding of the individual he treats.

JACK TRITT MEMORIAL LECTURE

The annual Jack Tritt Memorial Lecture will be held March 6, in the gymnasium of the Nurses’ Residence under the auspices of the Jewish Hospital Medical Staff.

Honoring a former resident in surgery who died while in service here in 1947, the lectures have featured a number of outstanding men in the field of medicine.

This year, Dr. Herrman Blumgart, Physician in chief, Beth Israel Hospital, Boston and Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School will speak on “The Heart and the Thyroid.”

Microfilming (Cont. from Page 5)

With the old method of microfilming it was deemed necessary to leave the most recent five year period of records unfilmed so that they would be more readily accessible. This meant that while some 240,000 records were on film, an additional 50,000 had to be stored on open shelves (about 500 linear feet of shelving). With the new system, it is possible to film up to within the current year thus requiring open storage space for something less than 10,000 records.

The aim for the future is to have viewers located on the nursing divisions and in the Out Patient Department so that upon readmission of a patient, the microfilmed record will be immediately available for the physician’s reference.

He explained the effect emotions have on an individual’s physical state and the ways in which the human body accommodates itself to maintain a balance. Dr. Drey thought the social worker and the physician together can help a patient with environmental and emotional difficulties that disturb this balance.
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Personality Of The Month  
(Cont. From Page 2)
she operates at a speed of 90 words a minute, and knows all the new events around the hospital at least a week before they happen.

All this has not affected her sunny disposition and she is thought of highly by all who come in contact with her.

As a substitute for dictation, she manages to sneak in a little baking and sewing at which she is expert.

Wards and Corridors  (Cont. from page 7)
Frankel has recently arrived in this country from Switzerland to accept a post as Resident in Pathology here.

Hematology laboratory has moved to new quarters known as the J. H. Blue Room. The pathology laboratory has expanded into the room formerly occupied by the urology laboratory which has moved one door east.

ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYSIS
Mary Ella Penny, mail clerk was married to Mr. Edward Wright on January 25.

"216" STAFF APPOINTMENTS
New appointments to the "216" staff include Gerhard Kronheim and Ann Kreitman from the Jewish Sanatorium Division, Sharon Mattes, reporter from Administration, and Gus Piros as Photographer. Paul R. Wozniak has been made Assistant Editor and I. Joseph Shyne Associate Editor.