The First Annual President's Dinner of the Jewish Hospital of St. Louis, called at the invitation of Mr. John M. Shoenberg, was held January 17, at the Park Plaza Hotel. Guest speaker was Mr. Raymond P. Sloan, Chairman of the Editorial Board of MODERN HOSPITAL Magazine.

Mr. Sloan spoke on "Tomorrow's Hospital Center and Its Implications for Physician and Trustee."

"The hospital of tomorrow," he said, "will be increasingly a public utility, serving the healthy as well as the sick...the center of a comprehensive community health program.

"Our purpose as hospital workers should be to develop a unified approach to health problems, to insure everyone, regardless of economic status, a continuity of medical care. This implies that the services of the modern hospital are not confined to in-patient care, but carry out into the community, following patients into their homes, into nursing homes, employing ‘home-stead’ plans, out-patient services, the follow-up of chronic diseases, vocational, educational, physical, and mental rehabilitation."

Mr. Sloan also cited the need for better public understanding of the "hospital story." He said that a recent opinion survey in New York showed: "(1) The concept of the voluntary, non-profit hospital is completely unfamiliar, and there is little public knowledge of distinction between voluntary, public and proprietary hospitals. (2) There is a great lack of information regarding hospital financing. More public funds from governmental sources are favored as the solution to the financial problems of voluntary hospitals. The relative absence of a sense of personal responsibility and affiliation is apparent. (3) There is a wide lack of information about Blue Cross benefits. (4) More people would prefer to contribute funds to provide new and up-to-the-minute scientific equipment than to support other hospital needs. (5) A sizeable segment of the public is willing to pay substantially more for their hospitalization protection if they could be assured that the benefits provided would meet their full needs for hospital care."

A resident of New York, Mr. Sloan is also Vice-President of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and an Associate Professor of Administrative Medicine at Columbia University. He holds an Honorary Fellowship in the American College of Hospital Administration and is the recipient of three honorary doctoral degrees.

Preceding Mr. Sloan's address, Mr. Shoenberg reported to members of the Medical Staff, the Hospital's Board of Directors, and directors of the Women's Auxiliary who were present on the state of the Hospital and its plans for 1959. He reviewed the growth in program and facilities which had taken place in the past decade, in accordance with goals set by the Community Health Plan of the Jewish Federation.
HOSPITAL CONTROLLER APPOINTED

The appointment of Mr. Albert P. Ameiss as Controller, to succeed Mr. Paul R. Wozniak, former Associate Director of Fiscal Services who left to accept a hospital position in Chicago, was announced by Dr. David Littauer, Executive Director.

In charge of the Business Office and the general accounting and budgetary operations of the Hospital, Mr. Ameiss is also supervisor over the Admitting Office and Credit Office.

In a special "216" interview, Mr. Ameiss observed that one of his prime objectives was the increasing utilization of the IBM installation, which the Hospital started in January 1958. Today, the payroll, accounts payable, and accounts receivable are being processed through IBM. The next step will be to set up internal controls, using IBM procedures, so that each department head can quickly and easily obtain all of the necessary financial data he requires to monitor his department's finances. The objective presently under discussion is to incorporate all of the Hospital's professional and administrative statistics on IBM cards.

Concurrent with this, Mr. Ameiss reports that he will also be working on the problem of increased hospital and patient care costs and the necessity for greatly extended cost controls.

Mr. Ameiss is a member of the National Association of Accountants, the National Business Budgeting Association, and the St. Louis Hospital Accountants' Association. He and his wife, Virginia, reside at 38 Southbridge Court, Glendale. In addition to continuing his graduate education at Saint Louis University, "AI" is also an expert bowling enthusiast.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Construction is well under way toward the installation of a new Blood Bank and Cobalt Therapy Unit at the Hospital. These projects are being underwritten by the Women's Auxiliary of the Hospital to the amount of $12,300.00.

Under the supervision of Herbert Perkins, M.D., Director of Hematology, the Blood Bank suite will contain a waiting room and office area; an examining booth where blood samples will be checked for their hemoglobin levels; a "bleeding room" for the collection of blood; processing laboratories; a walk-in refrigerated storage area; and a Hematology Research laboratory.

Until now, JH has only been a blood storage depot for blood processed by the American Red Cross.

When completed, the Cobalt Unit will have provision for deep and superficial therapy, as well as a modern research laboratory. In addition, the Radioisotope Laboratory will be moved to the new quarters.

Because the Blood Bank is scheduled for completion first, the basement location of the Cobalt Unit is only being "roughed in" in order to provide foundation support for the 1st floor location of the Bank.

OUR HOSTESS WITH THE MOSTES'

Bringing an additional touch of warmth and friendliness to hospital routine these days is Mary Ann Jones, Patient Relations Hostess. From her office on 2-Center, Mary Ann makes a daily round of patients on this surgical floor, officially conveying the Hospital's "get-well" wishes.

In her visits with patients, Mary Ann makes sure that everything is satisfactory and inquires whether any special personal services are needed. Working closely with Nursing, Dietary, Housekeeping, and Volunteer departments, she performs such special services as assisting with the filling out of daily menus, providing emergency secretarial help, for patients, making personal calls for indisposed patients, etc.

Mary Ann was appointed Patient Relations Hostess in October 1957, prior to which time she had been a secretary in the Executive Offices. She is married to Donald Jones, a student in electrical engineering at Washington University. Her interests outside of Hospital activities include bowling and dancing.

However, Mary Ann's most recent qualification for her position is the recent stay she herself had in the Hospital. After several days recuperating from a minor ankle operation, she knows "from experience" how it feels to be a patient!
EMPLOYEES FETED AT HOLIDAY PARTY

Adding to the festivities of the recent holiday season was the annual Employees Holiday Party held on Tuesday, December 23, in the gymnasium of the Shoenberg Memorial.

Gary Owens, popular St. Louis disc jockey at radio station WIL, headlined the entertainment, which also included Dr. Leon Foster and his musical saw, accompanied by Dr. Jerome I. Simon at the piano, and the very melodious (?) barber shop harmony of the "Executive Ensemble," whose members included David A. Gee, Associate Director (and Whirley-Whirler champion of the afternoon!), John Fordon and Maurice Wolfe, Assistant Directors, and Jim Hepner, Resident in Hospital Administration.

Highlight of the afternoon was the annual recognition of employee service. Special awards ranging from JH pins to clocks, wallets, and gift certificates were presented to 59 employees by Mr. John M. Shoenberg, President of the Hospital, who was introduced to the audience by Dr. David Littauer, Executive Director.


Fifteen attendance prizes were awarded, including a grand prize of a carving set, and a sphygmomanometer for a lucky member of the House Staff.

Cookies and punch prepared by members of JH's food service staff were served by volunteer hostesses from the Women's Auxiliary.

Members of this year's Holiday Party Committee included: Shirley Stoving, Chairman; Jim Hepner, Shirley Smith, Ida Robinson, Viola Jackson, Wilhelmina Beard, Alvin Burmeister, Carol Nemeth, Diane Gallant, Mike Zelenovich, Esther Baron, Annette Saltus, Lydia Woody, Theodore Merrins, and John Fordon.
DIVISIONAL PAPER

Medical Staff . . .
Dr. Gilbert Lassar presented a paper on "Reconstruction of the Digit Following Loss of All Fingers with Preservation of the Thumb," at the meeting of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand on January 24 in Chicago. The paper will also be published in the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery.

A paper entitled, "Skeletal Lesions in Congenital Insensitivity to Pain" was presented at the recent meeting of the Radiologic Society of North America in Chicago by Dr. Jerome Gilden. Dr. Gilden co-authored the paper with Dr. Frederick Silverman, Director of Pediatric Radiology at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. It will soon be published in Radiology.

Newly-elected officers of the recently chartered St. Louis Chapter of the American Academy of Dental Medicine include Dr. Gunter Schmidt, President; Dr. Sherman J. LeMaster, Secretary-Treasurer; and Dr. Herman Turner, President-elect.

Dr. Ernest Spitzer has been voted to Honorary membership in the St. Louis Dermatological Society.

Dr. Harry Agress participated in a workshop on advanced cytology, sponsored by the American Society of Clinical Pathology in Chicago on November 6.

Drs. Melvin M. Schwartz and Robert S. Simon presented a discussion of hypnosis as used by physicians and dentists at a meeting of the Shaare Emeth Men's Club on November 29.

Dr. Jerome S. Grosby has been appointed editor of the "West District Dental News."

Dr. Norman Drey has been invited to participate in a two-day conference at Indiana University Medical Center, on Carbohydrate Metabolism and the Sulfonylureas, sponsored by Eli Lilly & Company. Dr. Drey will submit a summary of recent work done at JH by Drs. Barrett L. Taussig, Herman T. Blumenthal, Michael M. Karl, Robert Rubin, and himself, entitled "Preliminary Observations on Liver Biopsies in Diabetic Patients Treated with Sulfonylurea Euglycemic Agents."

Dietary . . .
Did you know JH received an award at the recent Culinary Arts Show? A Nesselrode pie entered by Mr. Boris Axelrod and staff received second prize in the dessert category. Congratulations to our "master chefs!"

Administration . . .
Mr. David A. Gee, Associate Director, was re-elected a Trustee of the Missouri Hospital Association, and has been made a Fellow of the American Public Health Association.

The Gee family also helped increase JH's newborn statistics on October 22, when Kimberley Elizabeth arrived. She is the Gee's fourth child and first daughter.

Welcome to Mrs. Joy Severin, secretary to Dr. Albert Wesen, Medical Sociologist, and Mr. James Hepner, Resident in Hospital Administration.

Purchasing . . .
We're happy to announce that Mr. Alvin Burmeister has returned to the JH family in the position of Purchasing Agent.

Volunteer Services . . .
A recent visitor to the Department was Mrs. E. R. Price, Director of Volunteer Services at Memorial Hospital, Jefferson City, who came to JH to observe our volunteer services program.

Medical Records . . .
Miss Marjorie H. Boulton was recently appointed chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee of the American Association of Medical Record Librarians. She attended the recent convention of the Association in Boston, as delegate of the Missouri Association of Medical Record Librarians.

Housekeeping . . .
Mrs. Beulah Sanders, Executive Housekeeper, participated in a panel discussion at the annual meeting of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals held in St. Louis on January 28. The panel conducted a demonstration class in the solution of administrative problems in a hospital.

Division of Pathology and Laboratories . . .
Alexander Sonnenwirth, M.S., Director of the Division of Bacteriology, has been appointed an Instructor in Bacteriology in the School of Dentistry at Washington University for the academic year 1958-59.

Department of Nursing . . .
Mrs. Eugenia Kaiser, Clinical Supervisor and Instructor, has resigned to move to Thailand with her engineer-husband. Except for a tour of duty with the U. S. Army Nurses' Corps and time spent completing work on a nursing degree at Washington University, Mrs. Kaiser had worked as staff nurse, head nurse, and faculty member at JH since her graduation from our School of Nursing in 1943. Good luck, Eugie, and we'll miss you.

Miss Marjorie Van Cleave, Miss Mary Lou Lemkuhler, and Miss Jessica Witker, faculty members, attended a recent one-day workshop in Kansas City, Missouri, on "Demonstration of the Objective Type Tests Designed to Assist Nursing Educators in the Assessment of Skills in the Areas of Nurse-Patient Relationship and Problem Solving." The workshop was sponsored by the Curriculum Committee of the Missouri State League of Nursing.

Nurses' Alumnae . . .
In cooperation with the Department of Nursing, the Alumnae Association sponsored a five-week refresher course open to all St. Louis private duty nurses. Approximately 65 nurses attended the course, which featured the Department of Adult Psychiatry, the Rehabilitation Division, and the Operating and Recovery Rooms. Specialists in these areas and members of JH's nursing teaching staff conducted the sessions.

Personnel . . .
Mr. James Hepner, Resident in Hospital Administration, has been appointed Acting Personnel Director.

Management Engineering . . .
Congratulations to Mr. Maurice Wolfe on his elevation to the position of Assistant Director of the Hospital.

Pharmacy . . .
Mr. George V. Horne, Chief Pharmacist, served as Chairman of a Pharmacy Seminar recently held at the Coronado Hotel.

SUPERVISORS BEGIN TRAINING PROGRAM

A new Supervisory Training Course has been initiated by Assistant Director Maurice Wolfe. The first class of the sixteen-week course met on December 3, with 33 participants.

Aimed at the level of Assistant Supervisors, the course offers basic instruction on such subjects as: "The Supervisor's Responsibility to His Workers;" "Discipline;" "Human Relations;" "Work Loads and Standards;" "Safety;" and "Cost Controls." In addition, the complex professional and administrative machinery of the Hospital as it functions in providing patient care, education, and research, is explained. The lectures and discussion are supplemented with films which illustrate and "drive home" the important points.

At every meeting, the practical implications of the theory are brought out. Thus, the class is taught how to evaluate the work loads of workers so as to combine efficiency and good production. A primary knowledge of standards is given so that the supervisor can judge the size crew to be assigned a particular job. Instruction in overhead costs is given in order that the supervisor may better understand his own departmental costs, and budget.

"The response to the course has been extremely gratifying," reports Mr. Wolfe. "Because the sessions are held at 3:00 p.m. a number of people have been coming in on their own time before or after their shift. This indicates a genuine interest in learning supervisory skills."
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Tribute Fund

Contributions received are used for research, for equipment, for patient care, and for other worthy undertakings sponsored by the Jewish Hospital Medical Center Auxiliary.

The following contributions received during September 1, 1958 to November 22, 1958. Such contributions to this Fund may be made by sending cheques, payable to THE JEWISH HOSPITAL TRIBUTE FUND, to Mrs. Henry S. Stern, 1901 Park Central West, St. Louis 5, or Mrs. Clarence T. Eckert, 410 North Newstead, St. Louis 8.

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HOSPITAL INFECTIONS COMMITTEE
PUBLISHES MANUAL

"There is well-documented evidence that staphylococcus infections can reach epidemic and, not infrequently, fatal propor-
tions when a hospital lacks a complete system of preventing
cross-transmission within its surgical, medical, obstetrical, and
nursery divisions."

With these words as the sober definition of its mission, the
Hospital Infections Committee, under the Chairmanship of Dr.
Kenneth D. Serkes, Associate Director of the Division of Surgery,
published this month its MANUAL OF PROCEDURES AND
TECHNIQUES FOR THE CONTROL OF HOSPITAL-TRANSMITTED INFECTION. Representing now the official policy
of Jewish Hospital, the Committee’s recommendations as embodied
in the MANUAL give meaning to the old adage, “An ounce of
prevention is worth a pound of cure.” Although always alert to
advances in aseptic technic and the control of communicable
disease, the new MANUAL is the first thoroughly comprehen-
sive statement on the problem issued by Jewish Hospital. Patients
and friends can take pride that a Committee such as this may soon become a
national requirement for hospital accreditation by the Ameri-
can Hospital Association.

In general, the MANUAL outlines:

a) The enforcement and periodic review of Hospital
aseptic and isolation techniques.

b) A system of reporting and recording infections among
patients and personnel, including the
relationship of the infection to the treatment received.

c) The initiation of continuing educational programs for
staff members and employees.

d) Revised housekeeping procedures designed to maintain
that service at its highest point of cleanliness.

e) Improved hospital procedures involving the handling of
linens, food service, waste disposal, visiting hours, isolation tech-
niques in the nursery, operating room, delivery room, etc.

The specific procedures described detail explicitly the new
professional, nursing and housekeeping techniques which are to
be implemented. Those of more general interest include:

— Visitors to isolated patients will be limited to members of the
immediate family; no more than two at one time will be
allowed in the room.

— Each patient whose temperature is taken orally will have an
individual thermometer.

— Pre-employment physical examinations are to be performed
on all prospective Dietary Department, Coffee Shop, and
Newborn Nursery personnel. In addition, stool, nose and
throat cultures and X-ray examination of the chest will be
obtained at that time. Follow-up cultures will be performed
every six months, and repeat chest X-rays are required yearly.

— The indiscriminate use of potent new antibacterial agents in
the treatment of staphylococcal infections whose cultured or-
ganisms are sensitive to the more conventional widely-used
antibiotics is condemned.

— Visiting on the Obstetrical Division is strictly limited to hus-
bands and parents; no more than two visitors are to be allowed
per patient at one time. Husbands will be allowed in the
Delivery Suite only under special circumstances.

— Periodic bacterial counts and cultures will continue to be
made on nursing formulas and kitchenware, as well as on
specified items of equipment used in the Sur-
gery, Central Supply, Delivery Boom, Clinics, and the Lau-
dry. Reports of the findings will be sent to the appropriate
personnel in charge, with copies of all positive reports sent
additionally to the Chairman of the Hospital Infections Com-
mittee.

Serving on the Committee with Dr. Serkes are: Bernard
Garfinkel, M.D., Medicine; William Berman, M.D., Obstetrics
and Gynecology; Marshall Greenman, M.D., Pediatrics; Martin
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Albert Eisenstein,
M.D., Morton D. Pareira, M.D., and David Rothman, M.D.,
ex-officio.

EMPLOYEES TO RECEIVE FREE CHEST FILMS

The Mobile X-Ray Unit of the Tuberculosis and Health
Society of Saint Louis will be at Jewish Hospital on Friday,
February 6 and Monday, February 9, to take chest films of all
employees.

The unit will be in operation from 6 to 10 a.m. and 1 to
4 p.m. on Friday, and from 6 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday. It
will be located on the Doctors’ Parking Lot behind the Stein-
berg Building.

Mr. James Hepner, Acting Personnel Director, is handling
arrangements for the films. He and his office staff are pres-
ently working out a time schedule for each Hospital department,
and employees will be notified by their department heads of
the time they are to report for their films.

We urge every employee to take advantage of this valu-
able service, which is offered by the Tuberculosis and Health
Society at no charge to the recipient.

The Society requests that no jewelry or other metallic
objects be worn on the day that the X-rays are taken.
JH INCREASES 1958 UNITED FUND GIFT BY 10%

Official figures on the United Fund Drive conducted at Jewish Hospital this year report a total collection of $3,297.15, representing an achievement of 94.2% of our goal of $3,500.

This gift exceeded last year's donations by $296.60, or 10%.

The most notable increase was in employee participation—788 employees, representing 81% of the Hospital's permanent work force, made contributions to the Drive. This shows an increase of 17% in employee participation over last year, as against a 4.2% increase in the total number of employees on the payroll in 1958.

The 1958 campaign was chaired by Miss Shirley Stoving, Assistant to the Director of Resources and Development. She was assisted by an Executive Committee consisting of Mrs. Thelma Triplett, Assistant Housekeeper; Mrs. Florence Johnson, Administrative Assistant, Division of Laboratories; Mrs. Eileen Sommers, Supervisor, Nursing Service; George V. Horne, Pharmacist; and James Hepner, Resident in Hospital Administration.

TRITT LECTURE DATE SET

Announcement has been made by Dr. Harry Agress, Chairman of the 1959 Jack H. Tritt Memorial Lecture Committee, that the 12th annual Tritt Lecture will be given on Thursday, April 2, 1959, at 8:00 p.m. in the Mark C. Steinberg Auditorium.

Guest speaker will be Edwin P. Hiatt, M.D., Chief, Aero Medical Laboratory, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, who will speak on “The Medical Aspects of Space Flight.”

The Jack H. Tritt Memorial Lectures are given annually at JH in memory of a former intern and resident in medicine who died suddenly in 1947. In his honor, a fund was established to sponsor annual scientific lectures by prominent specialists.

Other members of the committee planning this year’s lecture include Drs. Max Deutch, Marvin Levin, J. G. Frobstein, and Samuel E. Schechter.

The lecture will be open to the public.

CHILD PSYCHIATRY UNIT DEDICATED

Shown at the reception given for Dr. E. James Anthony, Director of the Ellen Steinberg Department of Child Psychiatry, are (left to right): Miss Ellen Steinberg; Mr. John M. Sheenborg, JH President; Dr. Anthony, Mrs. Anthony, and Mr. Joseph F. Rawitch, a Vice-President of the Hospital.

Formal dedication of the Ellen Steinberg Department of Child Psychiatry took place on Sunday, November 30, at an open house held at the Hospital. About 200 invited guests attended and were given a tour of the new facility by Dr. E. James Anthony, Director of the Department, and his staff. Refreshments were served following the tour.

The Department of Child Psychiatry serves seriously disturbed children requiring psychiatric treatment and care, on both an in-patient and out-patient basis. It consists of sleeping rooms for 17 patients, five classrooms, indoor and outdoor play areas, a departmental dining room and kitchen, a nursing station, provision for occupational therapy, and office space for Dr. Anthony and his professional and clerical staff.

On the ground floor, adjacent to the Out-Patient Clinic, is the Ben A’Kiba Play Therapy Suite, which will become the out-patient unit of the Department after staffing has been completed.

The areas, rooms, and even the furniture have all been designed with special consideration given to the security and safety requirements involved, as well as the high destruction anticipated. (Often, the seriously disturbed child will be extremely aggressive and hostile, throwing objects, breaking windows, etc.).

Emphasis is placed on treatment, rather than research and training only; therefore, only children considered amenable to treatment will be accepted for in-patient service. The out-patient service will provide follow-up service for children who are discharged, as well as psychiatric treatment for children referred on an out-patient basis.

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