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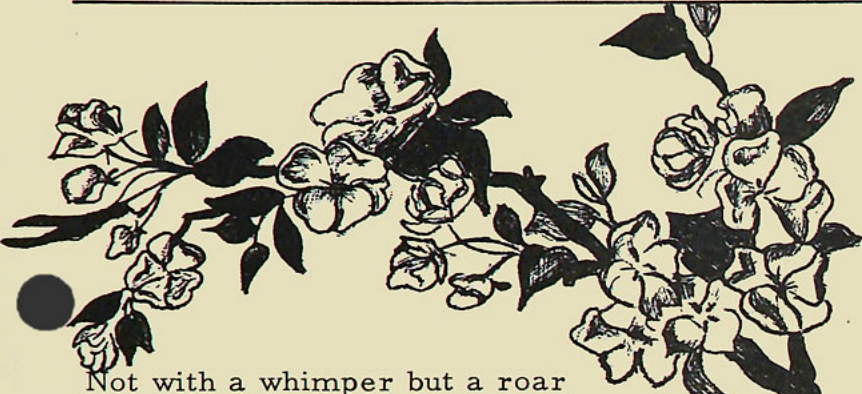
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# BEACON LIGHT

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May 1961




Not with a whimper but a roar  
Of birth and bloom this month commences.  
The wren's a gossip at her door.  
Roses explode along the fences.

By day the chattering mowers cope  
With grass decreed a final winner.  
Darkness delays. The skipping rope  
Twirls in the driveway after dinner.



Through lupine-lighted borders now  
For winter bones Dalmatians forage.  
Costly, the spray on apple bough.  
The canvas chair comes out of storage;



And rose-red golfers dream of par,  
And class-bound children loathe their labors,  
While pilgrims, touring gardens, are  
Cold to petunias of their neighbors.

Now from damp loafers nightly spills  
The sand. Brides lodge their lists with Plummer.  
And cooks devise on charcoal grills  
The first burnt offering of summer.

--Phyllis McGinley



# EMPLOYEES BENEFIT FROM RETIREMENT PLAN



The Retirement Income Plan is one section of a two-part retirement-insurance plan provided by the Sisters of St. Benedict of St. Joseph, Minnesota for all those employed by them in their major institutions. This benefit is made possible through an arrangement with the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company.

The highlights of the plan are:

- . . . no cost to the employee.
- . . . pension payable for life.
- . . . pension benefits may be continued to a dependent.
- . . . benefits are in addition to social security.

Two of our hospital employees have retired within the past three months and have become the first to obtain the financial benefits of our retirement plan.

MIKE JAEGER (pictured) was the first to retire since the plan went into effect on June 1, 1959. Mr. Jaeger was employed in the laundry since May, 1944 and retired March, 1961 after seventeen years of faithful service.

The second employee to benefit from the plan is HERMAN SCHNEIDER, our former Chief Engineer. (More about Herman on next page).



# AUF WIEDERSEHEN

Goodbyes between old friends are always difficult. The German expression saying, "'Til we meet again," softens the blow--and for this reason we use it in bidding farewell to a faithful employee of many years' acquaintance, MR. HERMAN SCHNEIDER.

In 1907 Sister Placida, O.S.B., who was in charge of St. Joseph's Home in St. Cloud, returned to Germany to visit relatives there. While in Baden, Germany, Sister told her nephews, the Schneider boys, that she was greatly in need of an engineer for St. Joseph's. Herman was then a boy of fourteen, but the challenge of the "New Country" interested him and he immediately volunteered to help his aunt in far-away St. Cloud. He boarded the German ship, Vaterland, as a third class passenger and, after a miserable, seasick voyage, arrived in the U.S. He came to St. Cloud on December 6, 1907--the Feast of St. Nicholas.

Herman worked at St. Joseph's that first winter and the following summer went to Saint John's in Collegeville to train under Brother Gregory for a year. He then returned to St. Joseph's for five years, after which he accepted a position at the St. Cloud Reformatory. During his employment at the Reformatory, Herman continued to assist at odd jobs at St. Joseph's Home, St. Raphael's Hospital and St. John's. After eleven years at the Reformatory, he spent two years getting additional experience in machine shop work and one year in plumbing.

→ On May 1, 1927, at the request of Mother Cecilia, O.S.B., and Sister Julitta, O.S.B., Administrator of the new St. Cloud Hospital, Herman Schneider accepted the position of Chief Engineer of the large, new building at that time under construction. This position Mr. Schneider held for thirty-four years until his retirement on May 1, 1961.

It is difficult to summarize Herman's contributions to our hospital. His devotion to and respect for his Benedictine aunt have been extended to the many Benedictines he has worked with after his arrival in St. Cloud. His years of self-sacrificing service have made him an unforgettable figure in the history of the St. Cloud Hospital. Retired now to his favorite hobby of home landscaping and rose gardening, we are sure that in spirit he remains a part of the hospital family--and he is not so far away that we shall not meet again!



MR. SCHNEIDER  
--IN RETIREMENT



Real merit of any kind cannot long be concealed; it will be discovered and nothing can depreciate it but a man exhibiting it himself. It may not always be rewarded as it ought, but it will always be known.

--Chesterfield



## WE ARE PLEASED TO MEET YOU MR. ENGINEER



Pictured at the left is a young gentleman who became a part of our hospital family on October 1, 1928 -- nearly thirty-three years ago! At that time he was a lad of twenty and his name was Frank Karnitschnig.

Today he possesses that same good humor and spirit of youth that "sold" him to the Sisters who hired him in 1928--but we know him as Frank Karn or just plain Frank. Karnitschnig was a good and honorable Austrian name. But when asked how to spell it Frank said, "Golly, it took me until the sixth grade to learn how to spell it myself!" To save everyone the time and effort of pronunciation and spelling, Frank had the Austrian conclusion removed to give him a nice, four-lettered name instead.

The thirty-three years of Frank's employment at the St. Cloud Hospital have been years of devoted and loyal service. No other building in the city can boast of the understanding and skillful maintenance given to its deep interior as can our hospital. Every pipe and fitting of the original structure and the later renovations are familiar to Frank--and he treats them with the skill of a surgeon and the TLC of a nurse when they are out of order. He is yet to be out-witted on a problem of repair and meets each new challenge with the same happy resignation to get to the bottom of it.

When Mr. Herman Schneider decided to retire this spring, it seemed only fitting that the man to fill his position as Chief Engineer should be Frank Karn. Since this promotion you won't find him with a "white collar" look. He wears the same overalls, the same blue shirt and the same grin that he always had. If you ask him how it feels to be Chief, he'll tell you, "It isn't all it's cracked up to be." The twinkle in his eye tells you he's enjoying it just the same.

It is proud we are to tip our hat to our new Chief Engineer--and our very good friend, Frank Karn!



People who are forever looking for the opportunity to render service are the ones who keep climbing, rising in importance and growing happier day by day... The only way to find ourselves is in service to others... Self-sacrifice is a "must" for self-realization.

--Carl E. Holmes

## BACK TO SCHOOL



April 10 was the first day "back to school" for Sister Antoinette and Mr. Larry Bearson, anesthesia students. Shall we accept their big smiles as a sign that they are both happy to be starting off on a sixteen month journey to a career in anesthesia? (Or is it that new photographer on the Beacon Light staff?)

About the new students: Sister Antoinette, a Benedictine Sister from Crookston, is a 1956 graduate from Sacred Heart School of Nursing, Yankton, S. D. Since graduation she has been working in the Obstetrical Department in St. Mary's Hospital, Detroit Lakes.

Since his graduation in September, 1960, from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in Duluth, Mr. Larry Bearson has been employed in the Urology Department at St. Luke's Hospital.

### INTERDEPARTMENTAL CLASS

A course in medical terminology being conducted by the Medical Record Department meets every Wednesday from four to five p.m. since March 22. Miss Joan Petron and Mrs. Kay Fischer Beckstrom of the Laboratory, Miss Mary Ann Knese, Miss Diane Dockendorf and Mrs. Patricia Walker of the Medical Record Department are members of the class. Instructor of the class is Sister Sebastine, Medical Record Librarian.

### ACCREDITED...

Miss Patricia Stalboerger and Miss Joanne Storkamp of the Medical Record Department received word recently that they passed the national qualifying examination and are now Accredited Medical Record Technicians. Congratulations!



### Blue Cross -- M. I. I.

Any employee wishing to subscribe to Blue Cross and Minnesota Indemnity coverage will be able to do so by contacting the Personnel Office by June 15.

D'ya think it's ok if we sing?



### DAFFYNITIONS

Chronic invalid--one who has implicit faith in radio commercials.  
Child--a stomach entirely surrounded by curiosity.  
Egoist--a man who's always me-deep in conversation.  
Tips--wages we pay other people's help.  
-- Ark Sparks





Pictured from left to right are: JoAnne Nelson, Dorothy Hoeschen, Janet Held Mrs. Timmers, Mary Ann Brewers, Beverly Dahlgren, Gloria Fern and Patricia Reis.

## AWARDS GIVEN

If you entered the Nurses' Lounge in the late afternoon of the 17th of May, a festive air was apparent--the piano boasted a large spring bouquet, the tea table was dressed in its finest nylon with a blue slip peeking through the lace-work, and on top were china dancing girls, gracefully poised round the May-Pole! The occasion? This was the night the senior students of the School of Nursing were to be the guests of the Alumnae at their spring meeting.

Following the business session, Mrs. Loren Timmers, President of the Association, presented the \$50.00 Alumnae Award to BEVERLY DAHLGREN of Wahpeton, North Dakota. The recipient of this award is chosen

by the faculty and head nurses on the basis of scholarship, achievement, professional aptitude, interest, personality, leadership and general attitudes. Congratulations, Beverly!

The Sister Elizabeth Memorial Awards, which are tuition grants, were also given to students enrolled in the nursing program. These are made possible through the annual silver tea, sponsored by the Alumnae, in honor of our beloved Sister Elizabeth. This year, six such awards were given to: Janet Held, St. Cloud; Jo Ann Nelson, St. Cloud; Gloria Fern, Melrose; Dorothy Hoeschen, Freeport; Mary Ann Brewers, Mankato and Patricia Reis, Bismarck, North Dakota. Congratulations, girls!

Pupils from the Babler School of Dancing and the talented Campus Singers from the College of St. Benedict, provided the entertainment.



THE CAMPUS SINGERS

### ALUMNAE -- NEW & OLD

Please note: The annual picnic at River Edge will be held sometime in August. Notice of the exact date will be found in the St. Cloud Times and members will be notified by telephone.

Please reserve: The first Tuesday of October, the date of the next regular meeting of the Association!

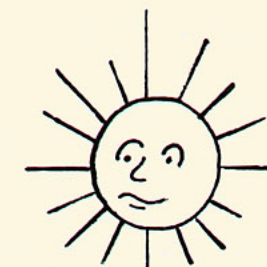


RELAX



Almost two-thirds of those who drown are not just swimming at the time--they fall into the water (most with their clothes on!)

Vacation Time  
have fun  
SAFELY!



TAKE SUNSHINE  
IN small DOSES!



Of those who drown,  
86% are men.



Three-fourths of drownings  
in 1960 involved boats with  
a capacity of less than ten  
persons.



DRIVE CAREFULLY!  
DON'T TAKE CHANCES!



Swim in supervised places!

ACCIDENTS SPOIL VACATIONS!



COME BACK IN THE SAME SHAPE  
YOU STARTED OUT IN....



## THERMIA UNIT GIVEN BY MRS. JAYCEES

A few critically ill patients have already benefited from the Thermia Unit which was recently purchased. Funds for this equipment were generously donated by the Mrs. Jaycees who annually contribute to some charitable cause. This year the St. Cloud Hospital was their beneficiary.

The Thermia Unit utilizes thin pliable vinyl blankets which drape easily for either raising abnormally low body temperature as in shock, or reducing abnormally high temperature. The compressor-heater unit will operate up to four blankets or units at one time in the range of 40 to 80° Fahrenheit or in the range of 80 to 120° Fahrenheit. The electronic control automatically maintains any pre-set temperature, compensates electronically with either heat or refrigeration as needed when variance is as little as two-tenths of a degree.

The unit is invaluable for heart surgery, chest or lung surgery, brain and spinal cord surgery, pediatric surgery and accident patients. Members of the medical staff who were consulted regarding the purchasing of this equipment cited instances in which this contribution would be invaluable in the care of critically ill patients.

## CONGRATULATIONS to

Dr. and Mrs.  
Clifford Stiles  
on the birth of a son,  
Kevin--April 29.



Congratulations also to the following alumnae and former employees on the birth of their sons & daughters:

Mrs. Robert Borgert (Sally Kotsmith)  
Mrs. Ronald Nagel (Marla Jean Gordon)  
Mrs. William Ibes (Kathryn Ditter)  
Mrs. Jerry Corrigan (Naomi Brandt)  
Mrs. Donald Strobel (Betty Campbell)  
Mrs. Edwin Jungst (Jean Lee)  
Mrs. Richard Rieder (Verna Nelson)  
Mrs. James Dziuk (Jacqueline Ruff)  
Mrs. Wallace Brown (Marcella Philipsek)  
Mrs. Robert Schueller (Mary Ann Maybury)  
Mrs. Richard Stawarski (Irene Schmidt)  
Mrs. Othmar Vos (Delores Reuter)



Pictured left to right are Mrs. Dan Brutger, Mrs. John Scherer and Mrs. Tom Mealy, presenting the final installment to Sister Jameen.

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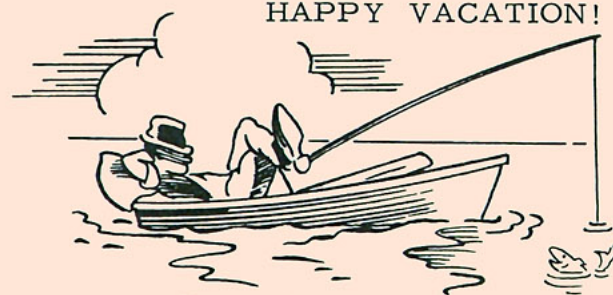
Summer-time is Vacation-time

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HAPPY VACATION!



SEE YOU IN THE FALL!

# THE PINK SHEET

## AUXILIANS IN GIFT SERVICE

Imagine, if you will, being confined to a hospital room and suddenly remembering that today is Aunt Lizzie's birthday. She is one of your favorite relatives and you just can't imagine forgetting her "day". You're in bed, trying to tell yourself that Aunt Liz will understand and forgive you; when, the door swings open, and there before your very own eyes stands an "angel" with a cart. She's not dressed in white as angels usually are; she's wearing a cherry colored smock. On her cart she has an array of articles that are quite different from the usual hospital "objets-d'art" (syringes, hypodermic needles, thermometers, etc.). As a matter of fact, as you sit up and take a second look, her cart appears to be a "Ye Olde Gift Shoppe" on wheels. "Oh!" you exclaim--"somebody up there must have heard my prayers--must have seen my dilemma. You have just saved my 'life'."

Situations such as this, is what our Auxilians, who devote many hours at the Gift Cart, are enjoying. Shown above are Mrs. Jenner Nelson, a recent patient, making her selection, and Mrs. Casper Ortman, saleslady. Mrs. Aron Dolinsky also serves on the Gift Cart.



Although our gift shop may not be as large as we would like it to be, the service that it renders is. To serve patients, visitors and relatives of patients, and to make their waiting hours easier has been the sentiment of these women who staff this Auxiliary project. Here one can purchase unusual and distinctive gifts daily from 2:00 to 4:00 p. m., and from 6:30 to 8:30 p. m. Many hours are given by our "ladies in pink", not only in selling the merchandise, but also in arranging our cases so appealingly.

As you no doubt know, all profits made from auxiliary projects are used to improve and expand the facilities of the hospital. This month, we are "saluting" the women in Gift Service.

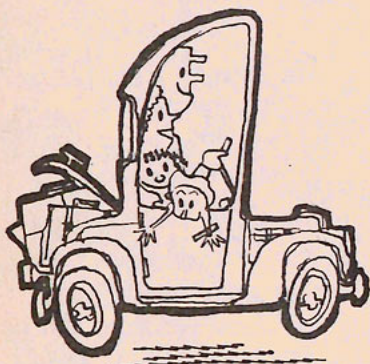
Through this service, we as an Auxiliary, are bringing much happiness into our community. Women who serve in our gift shop are: Mrs. Nearman, Enzler, Strack and Mohs (shown above); and Mrs. Schneider, Hunstiger, Dinndorf, Gregory, and Pappenfus. A very special "Thank you" to Sister Neomi who is always "on duty" when needed.



# NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK MAY 7-14



I hope you all saw the beautiful window display that our Auxiliary had at Fandel's Department Store. In it, we portrayed the theme of Hospital Week: "Your Hospital--Community Partnership" by showing a reproduction of our hospital and three mannequins wearing our three uniforms--the smock, the pinafore, and the "candy-striper". We would like to say "Thank you" to Sister Josella for lettering those beautiful signs for us, and to Mr. Meyers of Fandel's for "doing" the window.



On Thursday, May 11th, at 8 o'clock in the morning, a caravan consisting of seventeen women in three cars was seen driving down highway #10 from St. Cloud to St. Paul. These were our Auxiliary members who were on their way to represent us at the Upper Midwest Hospital Convention in St. Paul. Two of our members had gone down the night before. Needless to say, with nineteen women, ours was one of the largest delegations.

Upon arriving in the "windy city", we hurried over to the St. Paul Auditorium to register. With a hot cup of coffee and a most delicious doughnut under our belts, we armed ourselves with a good strong shopping bag and started out to visit the many exhibits that had been set up in the auditorium. One hour and many gifts later we braved the wind to get to the luncheon and main session which took place in the Ball Room of the Lowry Hotel. We heard greetings from delegates from Iowa, Montana, North and South Dakota, Manitoba and of course, a few words from our State President, Mrs. Thomas I. Levitt. The speakers, Mrs. Miriam Karlins, State Director of Volunteers and Mr. Frank Groner, President of the American Hospital Association, were the main speakers. State Vice President, Miss Juanita Erickson, presented a large choral group, children from the Jefferson School in St. Paul, in a musicale.

At 5:00 p. m., tired but much inspired, we left for home. For many of us, it was our first Hospital Convention, but it was a day that we shall long remember.