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WORK MEASUREMENT SURVEY GETS UNDER WAY



Mr. Peterson, Sister Boniface and Mr. Drake enjoy opening session for Work Measurement.

A survey to determine how well the work of hospital departments is organized and scheduled is being conducted at the St. Cloud Hospital. The study, which began April 22, will take about six weeks. Two industrial engineers from the Management Service Division of Lindstrom, Inc., Minneapolis, have been engaged for the project. They are Mr. Burl Drake, Company Vice President in charge of the Management Service Division, and Mr. John Peterson, industrial engineer.

The survey will include detailed study of work procedures and work flow in the housekeeping, dietary and laundry departments of the hospital, as well as evaluation of the time required to accomplish the work to be done in these departments.

In describing the program, Sister Jameen, Hospital Administrator, said that the study will show where changes in work procedures need to be made to make department operations more efficient. As a result of the study hospital personnel will have a better understanding of their jobs, and supervisors will be in a better position to eliminate waste and duplication of effort.

No changes will be made in procedures in any of the departments while the study is being conducted, according to Gene Bakke, Administrative Assistant, who is working with the engineers on the project. After the study is finished the engineering firm will make a detailed report, including specific recommendations and conclusions. Based on the report, hospital officials will decide whether to utilize the Lindstrom firm to put the program into operation.

Programs of work measurement have been introduced in several St. Paul and Minneapolis hospitals in recent years with highly beneficial results. Besides substantial savings in operating costs, the program has improved employee morale and helped supervisors to do a more effective job.



MOTHER'S DAY

From our Chaplain

Father Torborg Every nation, no matter how great or small, is proud of her heroes and heroines. They are the men and women who have been outstanding in the cause of patriotism. In most cases, sad to say, their fame is recognized only after their death. Their history of noble deeds is usually of the past; frequently their fame is acknowledged only in their own country. But there is one name among these heroes and heroines whose fame knows no national boundaries, whose history is not alone of the dead past but very much of the living present. This name, sweet to the memory of us all, is MOTHER -- the queen of the home.

"The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." The poet who coined this expression knew that mothers steer the whole course of civilization by the influence they have over their children. A child becomes an adult, and his thinking and behavior as an adult reflect the influence of his mother. Whether she realizes it or not, every mother is her child's greatest teacher. She has the power, more than anyone else, of steering her offspring to salvation in heaven and useful citizenship on earth.

No human auditor can ever do justice to the "arithmetic" of motherhood. It takes a recording angel to add up what mothers do for their children ... the hours and years, the toils and tears, the heartaches and heartbreaks that a child will cost its mother. Such records are kept only in heaven. And no earthly reward can ever compensate for it. Nevertheless, we do make a fervent attempt once a year, as a nation, to show our appreciation those who brought us into the world.

Most appropriately we honor our mothers during the month of May, the month dedicated to the Mother of us all. Because she was the Mother of God, we honor Mary in a special way on Mother's Day along with our earthly mothers, who were the first to tell us about our Mother in heaven. The beauty of all motherhood flows from her divine maternity. God Himself set Mary on a heavenly pedestal; she is the model of all mothers. The greater the honor that we pay to Mary, the greater is the tribute we give our human mother, whether living or dead. Our heavenly Mother and our earthly mother have done a limitless list of services for us. May we, in appreciation, keep adding to the little list of things we can do for them ... not only on Mother's Day, but every day.

The BEACON LIGHT is the monthly publication for the personnel, alumnae and friends of the St. Cloud Hospital, St. Cloud, Minnesota

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MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR....



The institutions sponsoring the National Hospital Week are focusing attention this year on the hospital as a youth center. Over the past few years there has been a very definite increase in the proportion of hospital personnel to each patient. There are two main reasons for this growth in demand. The greater utilization of hospital services by the general public and, more important, the high quality of patient care and intensive treatment offered by hospitals requires a greater variety of skills and a higher degree of competency in the people who work in the medical fields.

Hospitals have jobs for many persons with varied interests. They are, in truth, career centers for American youth. As hospital people we are in a position to encourage high school students to consider the career opportunities in the hospital and health field area. The need for personnel is great, the opportunities for personal and professional development unlimited, and the satisfaction of serving others in the capacity of a hospital employee is unique.

Sister James

NIGHT LIGHTS



"Keeping the home fires burning" during the evening hours in the Laboratory is the task of Mrs. Mary Thelen. Mrs. Thelen has worked on a part-time basis at the St. Cloud Hospital "off and on" since 1952 when she and her husband moved to St. Cloud. At the present time she works three evenings a week.

A native of Foley, Minnesota, she is a graduate of St. Theresa's College in Winona, Minnesota, and completed her internship in Battle Creek, Michigan. At home she is the mother of three girls and three boys. Asked what she does to entertain herself besides work, she replied, "More work." -- but in a jovial tone which said, "And I love it!" Part of this "More work" includes sewing all of the clothing for her family. A new family diversion, added on a trial basis last summer, is camping. After a highly successful outing at Spicer, Minnesota, ("With no house to tidy up, no beds to make, no kitchen to clean!") the Thelen family plans to repeat this enjoyable venture this summer.

In keeping with the career theme of National Hospital Week we are featuring five careers for the community's youth offered at the St. Cloud Hospital. Many other career possibilities offered at the hospital will be high-lighted in various ways throughout Hospital Week.

SURGICAL AIDE

The position of the surgical aide, or O.R. technician, was introduced at the St. Cloud Hospital in 1957. Until that time professional nurses and nursing students completed the tasks of the scrub nurse, circulating nurse and housekeeping staff.

Qualifications for the surgical aide include high school graduation, successful performance as a nurse aide including completion of the nurse aide training program, and an interest in learning the specialized and technical tasks required in the operating rooms. The duties of the surgical aide include assisting in the operating rooms during surgery, helping with preparation of supplies and carrying out the housekeeping program within the operating rooms proper. These, plus many associated tasks, keep the aides well occupied.

In August, 1959, Theresa Spychala completed the nurse aide training program and was employed as a nurse aide on 4 South. In September of the same year she transferred to the operating room to become a surgical aide. Today she says of her work: "Surgery is the most dramatic department in the hospital, and I am a part of this O.R. family. My duties are all very different than the work I used to do as a nurse aide on 4 South. Now I have learned the meaning of sterile technique. I have learned to do the tasks of the circulating aide and of a scrub nurse. Most of my work is in minor surgery, but I have also learned that I have to help whenever I am needed -- and emergencies are not uncommon in the operating rooms! After the drama of surgery comes the clean-up -- supplying rooms and getting things ready for the next day. Needless to say, I have become an expert with a little cleanser, my cleaning cloths and solutions!"

BUSINESS OFFICE CLERK

The word, "hospital," generally brings to mind the nurse, the technician or some other person who directly cares for the patient. But the hospital could not operate long without a competent business office staff. Miss Carol Rothstein fills a highly important role in the financial picture of the hospital as a business office clerk. Hers is a hospital career that demands close attention to details balanced with frequent contacts with people.

In her business office position it is Carol's job to make satisfactory financial arrangements with patients or their relatives for the payment of hospital accounts at the time patients go home, and to carry on the follow-up of those accounts remaining unpaid.



Besides this important task she completes claims for payment of hospital bills for Veterans and those who have hospital insurance. Carol also helps out in admitting patients, operating the switchboard and providing guidance and direction to patients, visitors and others at the information desk when the situation requires it.

Carol grew up in nearby Rockville and attended Technical High School in St. Cloud. For six months she worked as a receptionist in Coffey Hall, University of Minnesota. But she missed St. Cloud and wanted to be with a roommate she had known since high school days. In April, 1960, she applied for a job at the St. Cloud Hospital "Because I like people," and has been one of the hospital family ever since.

If a high school graduate with business training is looking for an interesting and challenging job, this is it," says Miss Rothstein. "I would highly recommend it!"

PHARMACY CLERK

by Linda Zimmer

I've been a pharmacy clerk at the St. Cloud Hospital for over a year. Not only is it a pleasant and interesting job; it is also an educational one.

The qualifications for this position are a high school education, a knowledge of typing and a pleasant telephone voice. The rest of the training is done on the job. This is where the educational aspect comes in. During my employment I have gained considerable knowledge of drugs -- their use as well as their cost. My opportunity to learn more each day is unlimited.

Basically my position consists of placing patient drug charges, recording invoices, billing doctors and drug stores, and answering the telephone. To some this may sound rather tedious. There are several reasons why I find my work far from dull. Just the fact that I am working in a hospital provides enough excitement for any adventure seeking person. There is constant awareness of life generated by those who work day and night to prolong it for others. Not long after my employment I began to realize what makes a hospital such a unique place. It is the gift of giving. It is impossible to find your work dull when you understand how much you are giving to someone else.

You might think that because the Pharmacy is located in the far corners of the basement one does not come in contact with many people. This is quite the contrary, as our business is not limited to taking orders to the floors. We feature such "extras" as filling prescriptions for Sisters and out-patients -- and there are always those who come to buy our lotion, or if nothing else -- "Could you please tell me how to find the way back to the lobby?" And we can't forget our faithful employees who come for their empirin and "some of those little red pills for colds."

Yes, I am happy with my work. Being a pharmacy clerk is part of my life that I will never regret. Please don't rush for applications. I'm planning to learn more about my friends, "the pills," for quite some time!

ENGINEER

We repeatedly see evidence of excellent work done by our maintenance crew as they complete repair and renovation projects throughout the hospital. An important part of this crew are the engineers who operate the boilers and machines that keep our hospital environment a comfortable place for patients and personnel.

During his four years in the U.S. Navy George Courrier was a Boiler Technician and served on the Midway, a large aircraft carrier. After leaving the service in 1953 he began working at the St. Cloud Hospital. At that time he was qualified to become licensed as a Second Class Engineer in the State of Minnesota. Interested in self-improvement, he continued learning the trade of engineering and four years ago took his exams and became licensed as Chief Engineer, Grade A, which qualifies him to operate boilers and machine "of unlimited horse power."

George feels that it is important for young men to be aware of job possibilities so that they can choose their experience wisely and build on the knowledge they have gained to advance themselves in work that they are interested in and enjoy.

Besides being an Engineer, George is a family man and the proud father of five girls!



WARD CLERK



A hospital career that is both interesting and challenging is one competently filled by Mrs. Gwendolyn Gratke, ward clerk on the 3 South surgical ward. Mrs. Gratke began her duties as a ward clerk in November, 1960. She had been employed at the hospital as a nurse aide on 3 South since July, 1956.

Mrs. Gratke's nurse aide training and experience has been a real asset in helping her to carry on the duties of a ward clerk. She was familiar with the routine and management of the surgical ward and could see the areas in which a ward clerk could be of service, relieving the nurses of many clerical duties so that more time could be spent in supervising patient care and personnel.

A ward clerk's duties are varied and interesting, although there are many routine tasks that are part of the job. She is receptionist, answers the telephone and makes telephone calls, graphs temperature, pulse and respiration on patients' charts, initiates headings on various records, assembles charts, runs errands, assists in discharging patients etc.

In order to qualify for a ward clerk position one must be a high school graduate, complete the nurse aide training course and have a pleasing personality coupled with an ability to meet and get along with people. Typing is not required, but is a real asset in carrying out the various clerical duties.

ACTIVITIES FOR HOSPITAL WEEK

With the theme: "Today's Hospital -- Career Center for America's Youth," National Hospital Week will be observed May 12-18 in St. Cloud. The following is a schedule of events in which St. Cloud Hospital personnel will take part during the week:

- Tuesday, May 7

School Newspaper Editors' Day
10:00 A. M. - 3:00 P. M. -- Program and Tour
- Monday, May 13

WJON "Big Beat" Show -- 7:00 - 9:00 P. M.
Participants-X-Ray: Sister Tobias, Marie Ley
L. P. N. : Mrs. L. Hagen, Kathleen Maciey
- Tuesday, May 14

WJON "Welcome Ladies" Program -- 10:00 - 11:00 A. M.
Participants-Nursing: Sister Pius, Sister Mercedes,
Susan Frost, Teckla Karn
Anesthesia: Sister Virgene, Mrs. M. Lancaster,
Adelaide Lenzmeier

WJON "Big Beat" Show -- 7:00 - 9:00 P. M.
Participants-Pharmacy: Mary Olson, Robert Diedrich
Med. Technology: Duane Beckstrom, Gretchen Leisen
- Wednesday, May 15

Employee Recognition Dinner
Germain Hotel at 6:30 P. M.

WJON "Big Beat" Show -- 7:00 - 9:00 P. M.
Participants-Nursing: Sister Mercedes, Teckla Karn
Mary Dybdahl
Dietary: Mrs. M. Coyle, Lynn Pappenfuss
- Thursday, May 16

WJON "Big Beat" Show -- 7:00 - 9:00 P. M.
Participants-Physical Therapy: Mr. E. Shaughnessy
Med. Records: Mrs. M. Clark, Janet Weisser
- Friday, May 17

Coffee Hour for Hospital Personnel at 2:30 - 4:15 P. M.
Sponsored by St. Cloud Hospital Auxiliary

WJON "Welcome Ladies" Program -- 10:00 - 11:00 A. M
Participants-Med. Technology: Sister Bridget, Duane Beckstrom,
Gretchen Leisen
X-Ray: Sister Jonathan, Ervin Smith, Marie Ley

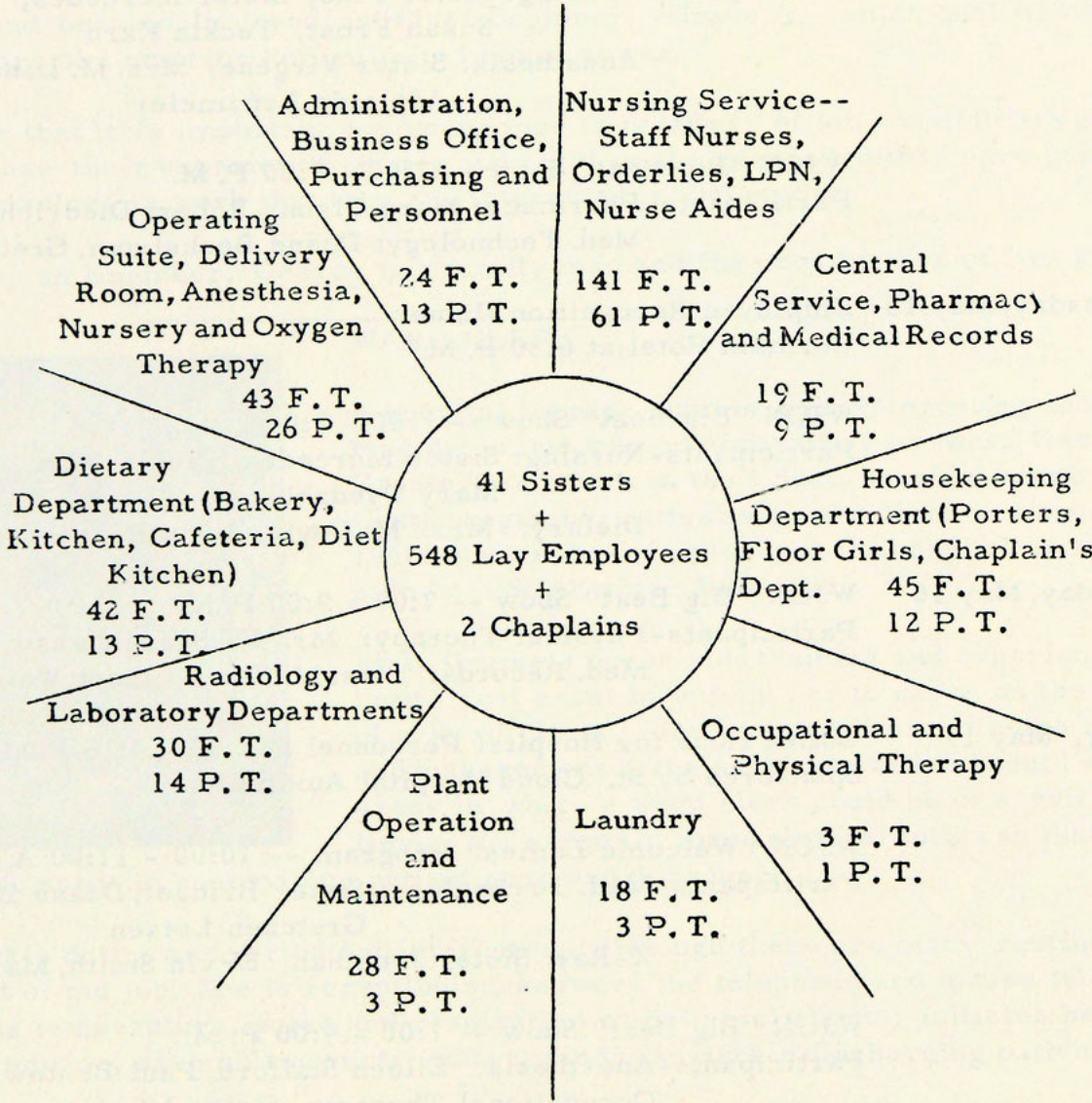
WJON "Big Beat" Show -- 7:00 - 9:00 P. M.
Participants-Anesthesia: Eileen Stafford, Paul Beutow
Occupational Therapy: Sister Maureen

Throughout the week radio station KFAM will broadcast a series of interviews with St. Cloud Hospital personnel describing interesting hospital careers.

SAINT CLOUD HOSPITAL EMPLOYS 548 LOCAL CITIZENS....

"Today's Hospital -- Career Center for America's Youth," the theme for National Hospital Week May 12-18, is a highly appropriate one. At St. Cloud Hospital, a total of 548 local citizens are employed in 154 different jobs. Besides the 393 full time and 155 part time lay employees, 41 Sisters and 2 Chaplains serve the sick and injured of Central Minnesota.

Payroll cost takes the lion's share of the hospital expense dollar -- 68¢ for every dollar spent to provide patient care. Last year's St. Cloud Hospital payroll costs, including fringe benefits, was over \$2,120,000, most of which is spent locally to support a thriving business community.



The chart indicates where the 548 lay employees serve the patients.

Courtesy Spotlight



Courtesy is kindness -- kindness that demonstrates itself in gentleness toward the sick, an understanding word for those suffering and a jovial attitude of fun for the young at heart. Courtesy is a sense of loyalty that is manifested by strictness in carrying out procedures, responsibility in the performance of duties and honesty in recognizing personal mistakes.

Because courtesy is all of these things, our spotlight directs its beam on Mrs. Helen Fairfield as she goes about her duties as Laboratory Technician. Mrs. Fairfield is best known to patients and hospital personnel in her role as E. K. G. technician, but she is perhaps equally recognized for her qualities of kindness, especially toward her patients to whom she gives individual consideration and attention. It is not infrequent that patients will request to see her when they return to the hospital. Many refer to her by name, remembering her not as just a technician, but as a friend who assisted them when they were ill.

To her employer Mrs. Fairfield is always "there" and doing a good job of whatever task she is assigned. This constant reliability is a part of loyalty and stems from courtesy.



UPPER MIDWEST HOSPITAL CONFERENCE

The sixteenth annual meeting of hospital personnel from Manitoba, Canada, Montana, North and South Dakota, Iowa and Minnesota (known as the Upper Midwest Hospital Conference) was held in St. Paul on May 8, 9 and 10. Programs and exhibits were in the St. Paul Auditorium with Headquarters in the St. Paul Hotel.

Over two hundred commercial and educational booths were in the exhibit hall. These are sponsored by the Hospital Industries Association which answers the responsibility for keeping the administrators, nurses, technicians, therapists, accountants, etc. up-to-date by exhibiting and demonstrating the newest products in the hospital field.

Besides the general sessions which covered a variety of topics and problems prevalent in hospitals and patient care today, there were sectional meetings for those attending the conference who were primarily interested in topics concerning their immediate career field. A large group of lay personnel and Sisters from our hospital attended the meetings on one or more days. Their response was enthusiastic and many expressed the opinion that this was one of the best conferences they had attended.

HOSPITAL PERSONNEL TO BE HONORED AT RECOGNITION DINNER



J. Flermoen, J. Podawiltz



A. Moeglein, E. Merklung



J. Lommel, J. Wampach, E. Tomczik

Employees with five years or more of continuous hospital service through December 31, 1962 will be honored May 15 at the Germain Hotel. Their combined service to the sick and injured of St. Cloud and Central Minnesota totals over eleven centuries. Personnel included in the group but not pictured are J. Douvier, M. Hackett, F. Pallansch, M. Schmidt, D. Schneider, E. Shaughnessy and I. Simon.



E. Brinkman



P. Moosbrugger, D. Tomezik, P. Burgmeier, R. Weihs, A. Borch



Standing: R. Pursley, M. Bauer, A. Bonemeyer
Sitting: M. Pietron, A. Witschen



Back Row: L. Cielinski, M. Schmit, E. Kantor
Front Row: R. Diederichs, R. Kantor, M. Theissen



H. McLane



C. Gross, E. Smith, E. Waletzko



M. Eickerman



H. Knevel, A. Hoffarth



H. Fairfield, R. Wenzel



M. Thelen, L. Fuchs



Back Row: M. Eller, S. Ley, M. Kiekow
Front Row: R. Eberhardt, M. Thome, G. Eizenhoefer



M. Rice



J. Kulzer, R. Bloch, M. Seitz



Back Row: F. Karn, L. Heider, N. Binsfeld, J. Schneider, R. Friederichs
Sitting: H. Lutgen, L. Kellner, G. Courrier, A. Deppa



Standing: R. Gohl, D. Rau, E. Hilsen, A. Maselter
Sitting: H. Pasch, C. Binsfeld, L. Martins, A. Malikowski



M. Clark, M. Knese



C. Gnifkowski, B. Ballmann, E. Malikowski, J. Knuesel, Sr.



Standing: A. Jaeger, J. Stowe, M. Rau, S. Marek
Sitting: M. Athmann, A. Schmitt, S. Marek



Back Row: L. Stewart, L. Hagen, A. Hopke, E. Raiche
Middle Row: M. Record, M. Nelson, L. Bormes, M. Lepinski
Sitting: A. Brust, A. Schoumaker, C. Winkler, B. Lemmerman



M. Schik, F. Schultenover



Standing: S. Deppa, E. Hill, C. Renn, O. Brixius, M. Pflepsen
Sitting: R. Wenner, E. Billadeau, M. Goldenstein



Standing: L. Kray, B. Schoenborn, E. Menke, G. Gratke
Sitting: L. Gebhardt, E. Lampert, M. Konz



M. Wallack, H. Theis, A. Thul, L. Kirscht, R. Eich

MEET OUR DOCTORS



Dr. John Kelly liked Cold Spring so much when he attended high school there that he returned in 1946 to establish a medical practice. He was born in Madelia, Minnesota, and attended grade school in Mankato, finishing in Richmond when the family moved northward. Premedical college years were spent at St. John's University, followed by medical school at the University of Minnesota where he received his M. D. degree in 1940. He interned at Miller Hospital, St. Paul, and did additional work at Gillette Hospital for Crippled Children and Anoka State Hospital. From 1942 to 1946 he served with the U. S. Public Health Service, first with the Army in British Columbia, Canada, and later with the Coast Guard in St. Louis and Kirkwood, Missouri.

Dr. Kelly is a member of the Stearns-Benton County, Minnesota and American Medical Associations. Among the many other organizations that list him as a member are the Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Catholic Physicians Guild, the Lions Club and Phi Rho Sigma.

He is married and has one daughter. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, gardening, bird watching, coin collecting, lapidary activities and sailing.

Dr. John Harbaugh, who came to St. Cloud in July, 1962, to practice Urology in association with Dr. O. C. Phares, was born in Bloomington, Indiana. He remained in his home town for his education from primary grades to medical school. Indiana University awarded him the M. D. degree in 1946, and he stayed in Indianapolis for an internship at the Indiana University Medical Center. His first two years as a doctor were spent in the midwest as a member of the Army Medical Corps. He then practiced in St. Paul for seven years before he went to Veterans' Hospital in Minneapolis for graduate work in Urology.

Dr. Harbaugh is a member of the Stearns-Benton, Minnesota and American Medical Associations. He is married and has three children. His hobbies are amateur radio and flying.



NEW COMERS' CORNER

Nursing Service:

Mrs. JoAnn Deters, L. P. N., 5 North
Mrs. Gertrude Danzl, L. P. N., 5 North

Elevator Operators:

Mr. Joseph Meierhofer
Mr. George Loesch
Mr. Albert Johnson

Departments:

Mrs. Rose Bearson, Nurse Anesthetist
Mrs. Jacqueline Weber, X-Ray Technician
Diane Streit, Dietary Aide
Maureen Fitzpatrick, Dietary Aide



Dr. John Knights was born in Crookston, Minnesota, and received his early schooling there. He attended the University of Minnesota for his premedical courses and George Washington University Medical School, Washington, D. C., where he received his M. D. degree in 1936. He interned at Receiving Hospital, Detroit, Michigan, and remained there for postgraduate study in Radiology, finishing his studies at the University of Chicago.

Four years during World War II were spent with the U. S. Navy at Farragut, the Southwest Pacific area and at the Great Lakes Naval Station. Before coming to St. Cloud in 1961 to practice Radiology in association with Dr. D. Undem,

he practiced in Wisconsin for two years and in Santa Barbara, California for twelve years.

Dr. Knights is a member of the Stearns-Benton, Minnesota and American Medical Associations, the Radiological Societies of Minnesota and of North America, the American College of Radiology and the Pan Pacific Surgical Association.

He is married and has two children. His hobbies are golf, boating and photography.

Dr. Gerald Kvistberg was born in Minneapolis and received all of his education there. After receiving his M. D. degree at the University of Minnesota in 1957, he interned at Minneapolis General Hospital for a year, and then returned to the University for graduate work in Dermatology. His pre-medical courses had been interrupted by two years of service with the U. S. Army.

Dr. Kvistberg came to St. Cloud in December, 1961. He is a member of the Stearns-Benton County, Minnesota and American Medical Associations, the Minnesota Dermatological Society and the American Academy of Dermatology.

He is married and has one son. His hobby is gun collecting and he is a life member of the National Rifle Association.



NEW ARRIVALS

Mrs. Richard Schaefer (Rita Neeb)
Mrs. Thomas Reider (Joan Skwira)
Mrs. Peter Bruner (Loretta Wettstein)
Mrs. Herbert Berscheid (Evelyn Vouk)
Mrs. Robert Heaney (Kathryn Koeshus)
Mrs. Daniel Moline (Ruth Jacobs)
Mrs. Dennis DeGolier
Mrs. Charles Beack
Mrs. George Courrier





WEST MEETS EAST. . . .

Pictured in the boiler room of the St. Cloud Hospital is Frank Karn, Chief Engineer, and William Delmar, Chief Engineer at St. Benedict's Hospital in Ogden, Utah. St. Benedict's Hospital has been operated by the Sisters of St. Benedict since its construction in 1945. Mr. Delmar came to Minnesota to attend the Engineers Institute in Minneapolis, and also visited the St. Cloud Hospital and many of the Sisters who were formerly in Ogden.

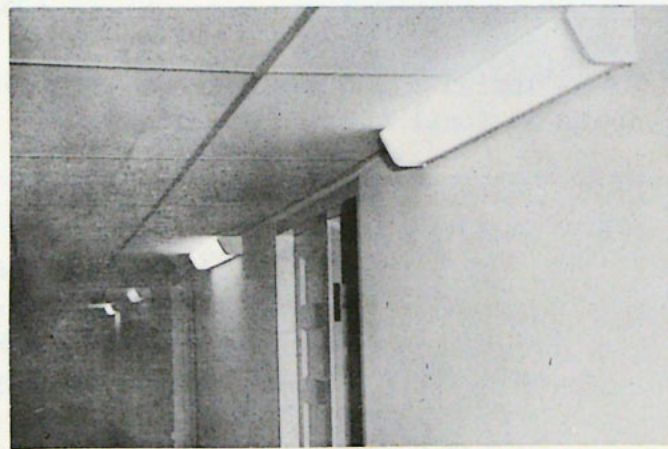
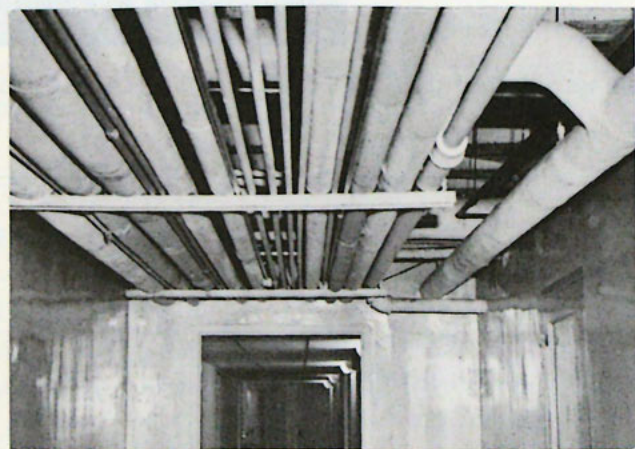
HOSPITAL ENGINEERING INSTITUTE

Personnel from twenty-five states and Canada attended the five-day Hospital Engineering Institute April 22-26 at the Pick Nicollet Hotel in Minneapolis. The institute, sponsored by the Catholic Hospital Association and the Minnesota Conference of Catholic Hospitals, is one of many educational programs offered to up-date hospital personnel in modern methods, techniques and advances in equipment design.

Points stressed during the institute included good relationships between hospitals and building contractors, correct methods of air-conditioning, communication systems including T. V., radio and paging systems, and the use of electronic devices, transistors, and other micro-electric systems -- all indicating a demand for highly specialized personnel to carry on an organized maintenance program. The role of the Chief Engineer was clearly defined to include responsibility for planning, organizing, staffing and directing the maintenance program and of establishing controls to guarantee smooth functioning of the program.

In attendance at various sessions were Sister Jameen, Sister Leonarda, Frank Karn, George Courrier, Claude Dullinger and Harry Knevel.

THEY DID IT AGAIN !!!



Pictured above is the "before" and "after" of the corridor in the sub-basement -- transformed by the skillful hands of our maintenance crew. It is an improvement deserving of attention!

HAPPY HELPFUL HOBBYISTS



Mrs. Anna Schmitt and Mrs. Mike Jaeger are familiar to many of us in the hospital as the friendly, willing assistants in the laundry linen rooms, and the two efficient wielders of the "repair needles" (sewing machine operated) that renovate ripped uniforms, pillow cases and other linens used throughout the hospital.

However, enjoyment of their work is apparent also in their interesting and favorite at-home hobby: QUILT MAKING FOR THE MISSIONS. Mrs. Jaeger began this project over ten years ago by collaborating with the neighbor lady in making quilts for the Indian Mission located at Red Lake, Minnesota. Having caught the quilting fever, an average of five

quilts a year sent to the Red Lake Mission was matched by another five or more made for her parish mission group. Two years ago, with the departure of Sister Glenore to the Orient, the mission quilting project added another goal . . . and this year ten large quilts and twelve crib-sized ones were made to be sent to the Orphanage in Formosa. The latest quilt just left this month, destined for the Precious Blood Sisters in Ohio where it will be used to help raise funds much needed after heavy fire loss damages.

Mrs. Schmitt, partner hobbyist, also is an avid quilt maker, and each year finds her busy with her parish mission group. This group sends the completed quilts to the Propagation of the Faith Headquarters in St. Cloud to be redistributed to mission areas throughout the world. She also joined the Formosa-bound quilt project and made six additional large quilts to "fill the box to overflowing."

Besides quilting, both of these zealous ladies enjoy other leisure time activities. Mrs. Schmitt likes to read and loves to sew clothing for her little grandchildren, while Mrs. Jaeger finds crotcheting as intriguing and fascinating (well, almost!) as quilt making. Truly the motto of these charitable hobbyists must be the ancient one that says:

"One's greatest happiness is doing good!"

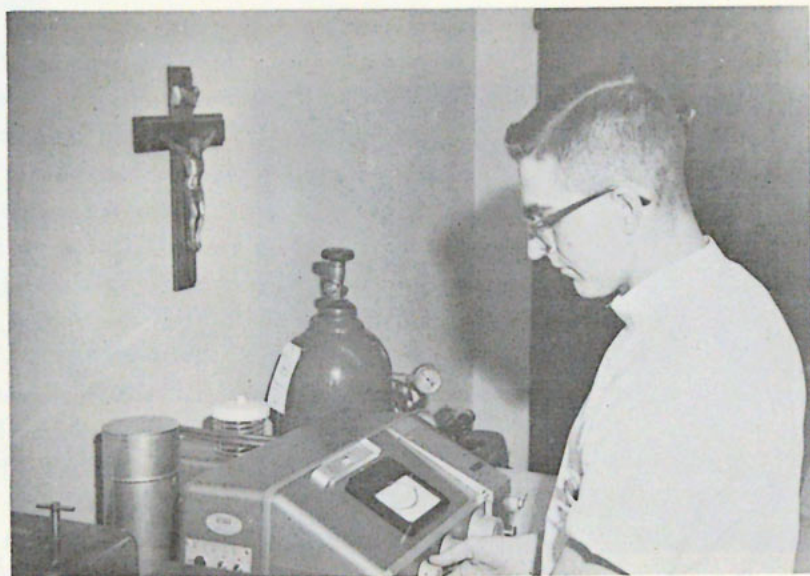
MINNESOTA LEAGUE FOR NURSING CONVENES IN ROCHESTER

"New Horizons in Communications" was the theme of the annual meeting of the Minnesota League for Nursing held at the Hotel Kahler in Rochester on April 19. League members from our hospital attending the meeting were: Sister Mary Dominic, Sister Carmen, Sister Cassian, Sister Paul, Sister Roger and Sister Pius. Topics of particular interest included "Legal Aspects of the Written and Spoken Word," and a symposium on the mechanics of communication. Dr. Edmund Burke, consultant in Pediatrics at the Mayo Clinic, high-lighted the day by sharing many of his personal experiences in Russia in his stimulating talk on "International Communications."

At the Business meeting election results were announced with Ann Appert as President Elect of the organization and SISTER CASSIAN of the St. Cloud Hospital as First Vice President.

PROGRESS IN THE LABORATORY

The recent purchase of a Model B Beckman Spectrophotometer is the first in a series of planned steps toward improving the quality of laboratory procedures. The old reliable Coleman Junior is rapidly becoming obsolete for the type of work now becoming necessary in the chemistry laboratory. With its fixed sensitivity and bandpass, the accuracy of the Coleman has long ago reached its maximum usefulness.



Terry Heinen works with new lab equipment

A Model B Beckman is not only a more sensitive piece of equipment, but it is also more complicated in its operation. However, it is the simplest of the Beckman line of laboratory machines which we anticipate to install in the future. This particular model will serve first as an instructing tool for the laboratory personnel, and gradually, as the Technologists become familiar with it, it will be put into general use as present procedures are modified to make the maximum use of the advances in its design.

The possibilities of this piece of equipment are almost impossible for a clinical laboratory to exceed. When laboratory personnel are thoroughly trained to use this new equipment the value of these machines will be obvious. In the future, when the more sophisticated model DU or DB Beckman machines are added, the combination of thoroughly trained personnel and the finest equipment will contribute much to the service given to the medical staff for the benefit of the patient.



CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER . . .

On Monday, April 22, 1963, the Executive Board of the Minnesota Association of Student Councils met at Cathedral High School to carry on the work of the MASC and to prepare for the organization's 1963 Convention in Duluth next November. Schools throughout the State of Minnesota were represented at this meeting.

DAVE ALBERS, Cathedral High School Junior, was chosen Vice-President of the Association. He will represent Cathedral at the National Conference of Student Councils which will be held at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Michigan, June 23 to 27.

We are proud to have Dave as a member of our hospital family for the past year where we all know him as our Storeroom Clerk for the Purchasing Department.

WARD CLERK IS A GOOD SCOUT

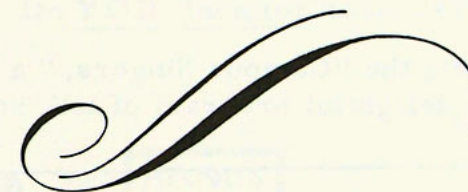


"4 South, Ward Clerk speaking," came over the telephone one October day in 1956. It was the first time in the St. Cloud Hospital that a ward clerk was employed to alleviate some of the routine duties of the R.N. Keeping herself busy was no problem for Mrs. Record as she worked with and learned her new job.

Outside her 40-hour work-week Mrs. Record is busy with many interesting activities. In the summertime she takes a leave of absence to assist her husband in the management of the Log Cabin Court Motel in St. Cloud. The motel was their primary reason for residing in St. Cloud, and her work in Pediatrics was to occupy Mrs. Record's time during the winter months.

Her love for children and youth in general is expressed through another area of activity--her work with the Girl Scouts. She has been with the Girl Scouts for thirty years -- twenty-five years as a leader. Presently she is the President of the St. Cloud Council. As in any administrative position, one often loses contact with the people you are leading. Mrs. Record finds herself more occupied training new women leaders for the troops than working directly with the girls. Her contacts consist of going to the troop meeting as a "guest," taking care of the outdoor training and consulting with the leaders in the various phases of their work. There are eight hundred Girl Scouts in St. Cloud, and keeping up with the many new programs in scouting is a challenge. The Girl Scouts of today find their program of training is less "badge centered" with more emphasis placed on activities performed in the troop itself. Mrs. Record is well versed in this type of training program, having been in the Army before she was married.

Favorite recreational activities for her leisure time include being a spectator for all sports, especially basketball. Mrs. Record finds that her "busy-ness" brings her much happiness.



At the April meeting of the St. Cloud Unit of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Nurses Father Robert Leonard, area director of PAVLA, showed slides and spoke about volunteer workers in Latin American countries. Volunteers, who may be single or married couples, sign up for one year and work in their own field (nursing, teaching etc.) A graduate of the St. Cloud Hospital School of Nursing, Mary Maher, is now at Fort Smith, Arkansas as a Lay Extension Volunteer.

On May 22 at 6:30 P.M. the Unit will have their annual Mass. The fee for the dinner following the Mass will be \$1.50. This should be a rewarding spiritual evening and all members are urged to attend. Election of officers will be held following the dinner.



AN EMPLOYEE RECEIVES BENEFIT

Sister Jameen wore an expression of pleasure as she presented Nick Johnson with his retirement certificate and first check. Mr. Johnson, who retired from his duties as an elevator operator on April 24, will receive a check monthly under the hospital retirement income plan.

NURSES' ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES

On Tuesday, May 7, the Alumnae Association of the St. Cloud Hospital School of Nursing held the annual Senior Reception Tea. Each year the Alumnae Association gives an award of \$50.00 to an outstanding member of the Senior class. This student is selected by the student body and the faculty on the basis of professional aptitude, interest in nursing and school activities, personality, attitude, leadership ability and scholastic achievement. MARILYN TAX received this Award.

Five Sister Elizabeth Scholarships were also awarded during the Tea. Recipients of these scholarships of \$50.00 each were: DELORES BELL, SUSAN FROST, BETTY LENNEMAN, JUDITH HARLES AND ROSE SOWADA.

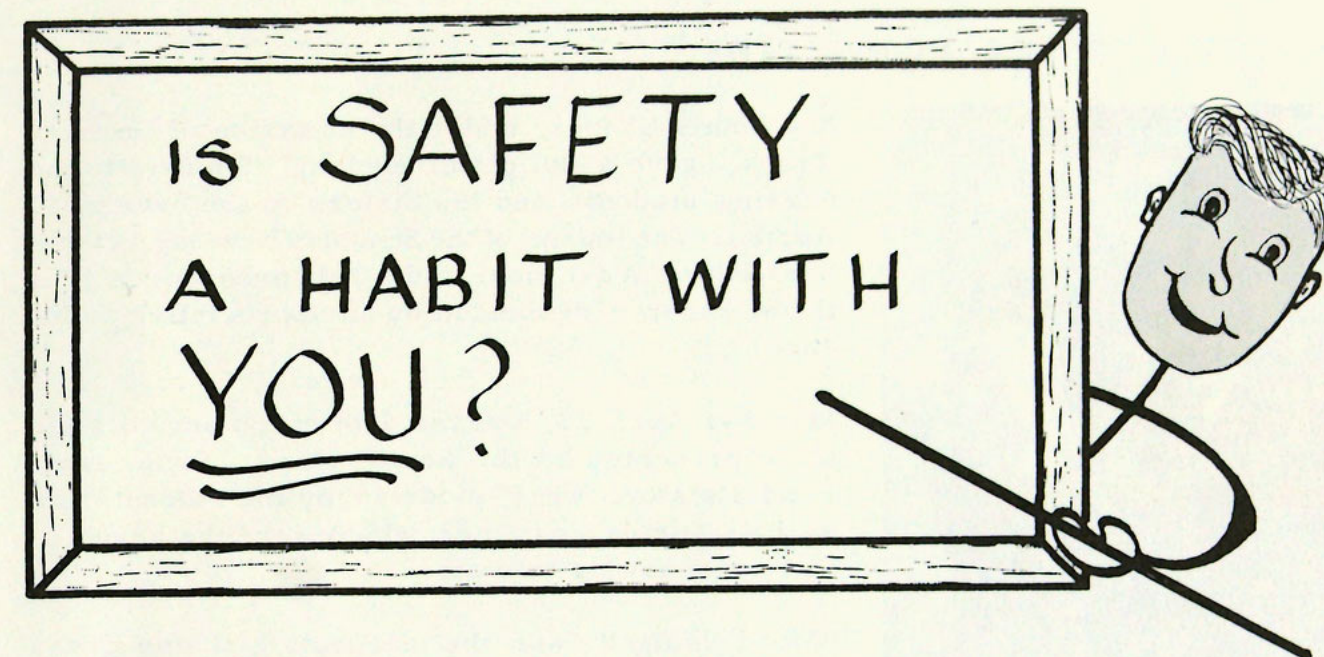
The Senior class was also invited to attend a business meeting of the organization to familiarize them with the activities of the Alumnae Association and its goals. As a result of the last Board of Directors meeting, it was decided at the business meeting that the association will bring the picture composite of the graduating classes of the school up-to-date. The composite is retained in the School of Nursing and is kept on exhibit in the library.

Following the business meeting the "Campus Singers," a choral group from the College of St. Benedict, presented a delightful program of folk songs.

NURSING STUDENTS TO BE HONORED

Four Senior students of the School of Nursing will attend the honor dinner to be sponsored by the St. Cloud Kiwanis. This dinner is held annually for honor students from the local high schools and colleges, with the purpose of recognizing those students who have demonstrated leadership qualities during their academic program.

Seniors of the School of Nursing selected as guests for the dinner are: SUSAN FROST, DELORES BELL, JUDITH HARLES AND MARILYN TAX.



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SCHOOL OF NURSING ACTIVITIES



Gerhard Track, caught in action during the performance of the St. John's Chorus

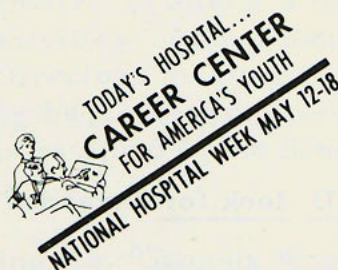
St. John's Chorus, under the direction of Gerhard Track, gave a delightful evening of music to the nursing students and the Sisters on the evening of April 1. The lounge of the School of Nursing reverberated for a full hour and a half program -- plus three encores demanded by an appreciative audience!

Monday, April 22, was the date of the annual style show presented by the Senior class. Styles from Fandel's store were modeled by the students, as well as spring costumes which were the result of their own sewing talents.

"Mood Indigo" was the decorating theme of the Junior-Senior prom held at the Avon Ballroom on Friday, April 26.

The enrollment for the September class in the School of Nursing has been completed. Fifty students will enter the new program of three academic years beginning this fall.

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