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A TRIBUTE FOR LOYAL SERVICE --

On March 7, at 2:00 p.m., Nursing Service called a special meeting for head nurses and orderlies. Because there was so much interest shown in this particular meeting, a number of people from other departments were also asked to be present. The attendance and punctuality was unusually good, and the only point of business on the agenda was the pleasure of honoring a friend and fellow employee on the 25th anniversary of his employment as an orderly at St. Cloud Hospital. A surprise party seemed the best way of being assured that the honored guest, Oswald Brixius, would be present. As most surprises go, Oswald became suspicious of the "content" of the meeting, and when he joined the group it didn't take him long to learn that his suspicions were correct. As he surveyed the group, he could see his 25 years tangibly represented in the people present. There was Sister Cunigund whom he met during his first days of employment in 1941, and Jon Rhodes, one of our newest orderlies who joined the staff in September. The genuine interest and enthusiasm of those invited, made it obvious that there was a common desire by the group to express in some united way congratulations, thanks and appreciation to Mr. Brixius for what he has contributed to the St. Cloud Hospital during these 25 years.

The benefits received have not been only 25 years of loyal service but they also include a noble philosophy of life that has reached and enriched the many people "Ozzie" has worked with and cared for. As he expresses so well, "Most of us are not called upon to do great or unusual things. Our names will never make the headlines. But eventually we come to realize, and particularly so in a hospital, that small ordinary things can take on great proportions and these things come our way not once in a life time, but each day. A helping hand, a consoling word, a pleasant greeting, a smile... all these small but human expressions can bring happiness to the employee, patient, student and relative and have a far-reaching effect to which we never give much thought. A service rendered not out of necessity or duty but of true concern for the patient as a person gives the employee a satisfaction and sense of fulfillment which is necessary if work is to be meaningful.

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From Our Chaplain

In the Liturgy of the Church, Easter is the greatest feast of the entire year. It is even greater than the feast of Christmas because Easter is really the climax of all that has taken place up to now. The predominant theme of this feast and of the entire Easter season is that of rejoicing... rejoicing because our Passover has been accomplished.

The Jewish Passover of the Old Testament is a type of and parallels the Christian Passover of the New Testament very closely. The greatest feast in the Jewish liturgy was that of the Passover. Each year they commemorated the deliverance of God's Chosen People from slavery in Egypt into the freedom of the Promised Land. This deliverance was visibly accomplished by the sprinkling of the blood of the Paschal (Passover) Lamb on the doors of the Jewish homes. The Angel of Death then passed over those homes sprinkled with the blood of the lamb.

When Christ entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, He was coming to celebrate this feast of the Passover. As He celebrated the customary Passover meal with His Apostles, He also made this the New Passover meal. Christ, the New Passover, the New Paschal Lamb, now delivers us, His Chosen People, from the slavery of Satan into the freedom of our Promised Land. He does this through His own blood. The Angel of Death passes over those who are sprinkled with the Blood of Christ.

No wonder, then, that Easter is the greatest feast of the Liturgical year. If the Jews considered their Passover as the highpoint of their history, so much more should we rejoice in our Passover. Theirs was a deliverance from human bondage into human freedom, ours a deliverance from the eternal bondage of hell into heavenly freedom.

Our Passover has been accomplished. However, it remains for us to apply that Passover to ourselves... for us to personally pass over from our old selves to our new selves in Christ. During Lent we tried to get rid of sin and our old selves, so that we could rise with Christ on Easter Sunday. In one respect, this personal passover was more voluntary and more urgent this year by the relaxation of the laws of fast. A real interior passover should have taken place. Without this passover, the joy of Easter can be only very superficial. With this true personal passover, we can enter into the joy of Christ's Passover, His Resurrection to a new life.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

We would like to express sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Erma Reed on the death of her husband, Dewey Reed, and to Mary Schik on the death of her father, Victor Schik and to Sister Roger on the death of her mother, Mrs. Anthony Andert.

From Our Administrator

By now all employees are aware of the salary increase which is effective this pay period. This is the third major salary adjustment in less than three years showing once again that St. Cloud Hospital has an active concern for the needs of the employee.

This increase in salaries tells only part of the story, however. In considering the total value of services rendered by the employee one must also consider the value of the fringe benefits. Previously we have considered the cost of the fringe benefit program to be 20% of the basic salary. In the last year the addition of such programs as expanded health and life insurance, the disability program and increased social security rates has increased this value to approximately 21%. In order to realize what this means in terms of total value to you and cost to this hospital we have prepared a chart which shows some of the new salaries and their corresponding dollar value of fringe benefits.

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Of course, these figures only tell a part of the story of employment benefits at St. Cloud Hospital. With annual performance reviews and a system of merit increases an individual employee can substantially increase his basic earnings. Moreover, with our policy of promotion from within many employees are able to advance themselves through individual initiative and willingness to take on new responsibilities.

But the greatest benefit of all is the opportunity to serve one's fellow man. A hospital is virtually unique in that it affords so many of us the opportunity to carry on the work of Christ in caring for His sick. In the final analysis it is not the amount of money we have earned or the benefits we have received that will count. Important as these things are to ourselves and our families it is the contribution we have made of ourselves to our fellow man that determines our true success on this earth and our reward in the life to come.

[Signature]

[Date]
I like being a hospital dietitian; there are so many reasons, but perhaps most of all it is because there are so many facets to our work.

Food is a very important item to the patient. We are always trying to improve our meal service. The selective menu for each patient distributed by dietary personnel brings many problems to our attention. These problems present many challenges. The very ill patient needs foods he can tolerate and enjoy. We encourage patients with poor appetites and inadequate diets to develop many balanced food habits. Often we must consider what the patient is accustomed to eating and try to answer his needs, both in taste and in nutrition. This is especially true in the case of the elderly patient.

It is a privilege to be a part of the hospital team. For example, when the physician orders a modified diet such as the diabetic diet, it is most satisfying to be able to teach the patient and his family how to modify his food habits. Would we have thought it possible a few years ago that mental retardation caused by phenylketonuria could be controlled by diet? How rewarding it is to teach the parents of a child with this disease the basis of diet that can control it! Our many contacts with nursing service personnel and the allied services increase our understanding of the patients’ needs.

Student nurses include the patient’s diet as part of his total care, and therefore they spend a great deal of time observing in our department. This teaching situation, though informal, is a fruitful one.

Within our department we have many loyal, dedicated and talented people. I am happy for the opportunity to work with and to know these individuals.

In planning for the future it is our hope that the facilities in the new addition will enable us to hold group discussions for patients who require the same type of diet instruction. It would also be helpful to teach many more outpatients who present themselves to us for instructions and assistance. Accommodations for doing this will surely be another means of meeting community needs.

Finally, I would like to tell you how I entered this profession. It happened while I was a student at the College of St. Benedict. I was influenced by the example of Sister Jameen (Dietitian) and Sister Glenore, whom many of you know and remember. After I received my Bachelor of Science degree from the College of St. Benedict, I spent twelve months in a dietetic internship at Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, before becoming a member of the American Dietetic Association.

I like being a St. Cloud Hospital dietitian.

The Starns-Benton County Medical Association initiated a new project last fall, when they agreed to sponsor an Explorer Scout Post. This organization provides interested boys with an opportunity to get an inside look at the medical profession.

An Explorer Scout Post exists primarily to direct their members into one field of interest. Often Explorer Scouts are considered an advanced form of the Boy Scouts; however, this is not necessarily true. The two programs do have a lot in common, and some Boy Scouts do become Explorers, but scouting is not a prerequisite for membership in an Explorer Scout Post.

The role of St. Cloud Hospital in this program is chiefly to provide a meeting area and a learning situation for the young men who are interested in medicine as a future career, and also for those whose interest in medicine is purely academic, and who are mainly interested in knowing about the medical facilities offered by this community. It can be said that the Explorer Post is a sort of specialized social studies course applied to a local situation.

While the hospital provides the space and facilities for this ‘education,’ the doctors of the staff of St. Cloud Hospital provide the classroom instruction. Demonstrations of hospital facilities along with lectures, demonstrations and supervised application of first aid have thus far occupied a greater share of the meetings. Related subjects such as Public Health, ambulance service and other paramedical services will be featured at later meetings. These discussions will be led by local people who are directly associated with these areas of medical care.

In addition to attending meetings, the boys work as volunteers in various departments of the hospital. Interest has been high, and the young men have demonstrated an aptitude for their new hospital duties. So far these duties have included patient transportation from the X-ray department to the various nursing units and work with the children in the pediatrics department, where “work” includes all phases of child care. Plans are to expand their duties to include work with the patients on the orthopedic ward and also some behind-the-scene activities of patient care in the Central Service department.

At this time the success of the program, measured by the boys’ interest seems assured, but with spring coming on, the real test perhaps still lies ahead.
BLOOD BANK VITAL TO PATIENT CARE

A pint of blood given to you is a "gift from an unknown friend who cared enough to share the joy of living." So says the Red Cross message to each patient receiving this "gift" because we are residents of the tri-county area which belongs to the Red Cross Blood Program. Participation in this program means that the Red Cross bloodmobile comes to our county to receive donations and, in turn, we as residents, can receive blood free when it is needed. There is always an increasing need for blood because of the population growth, and now because of the war in Viet Nam. The bloodmobile will be in the St. Cloud area at the end of March and the beginning of April. Every donation, and especially yours will be appreciated.

The Blood Bank at our hospital receives the majority of its blood from the Red Cross Regional Blood Center in St. Paul, where the blood collected during the bloodmobile visits is taken to be processed and to be made ready for future blood transfusions. In emergency situations, when Red Cross cannot meet the large demand for one specific type of blood, the laboratory personnel at St. Cloud Hospital draws blood from local donors. These donors are people who have volunteered to be blood donors on an "on call" basis, and have submitted their names to the local Red Cross Chapter, which, in turn, calls them when they are needed.

Because of the difficulty of storing large quantities of blood of any one type here at St. Cloud Hospital, occasional emergency situations do arise. For an emergency when blood is needed immediately, the Highway Patrol has often been a true "friend in need." The Blood Bank, however, is more than just a place to store blood. Some of the important functions include blood typing and cross matching, which is a test to insure compatibility for a transfusion. Tests to check for erythroblastosis in the newborn are done in Blood Bank, and blood for the exchange transfusion is cross matched and made ready for the infant when it is needed. Plasma and other by-products of blood must be kept available at all times. The Red Cross now provides fresh frozen platelet preparations used to stop bleeding in patients suffering from hemophilia. The goal of the Blood Bank is to provide one of the many services involved in the total care of the patient.

Meet Our Sisters

SISTER ELLEN HARTUNG, O.S.B.

With an infectious smile and a quick step, Sister Ellen stepped into surgery at St. Cloud Hospital to become a student in Anesthesia... and to become a heart-warming friend to all those who have come to know her.

Sister Ellen was born in Gibbon, Minnesota, and has four brothers and one sister. When she was four years, her family moved to Bird Island, Minnesota, where she attended grade school and high school. In 1957 she entered the Convent at St. Paul's Priory in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sister graduated from the College of St. Catherine in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. She practiced nursing at St. Mary's Hospital in Winsted, Minnesota, the first Sister nurse in the newly constructed hospital. Her duties in nursing were many and varied... and she loved them all. Following completion of her course in Anesthesia, she will again return to Winsted. Since she was a scholar late to arrive, she graduated with her class on Monday, March 7, but will actually complete her practical experience on April 17.

Sister's interests are hard to define, for they encompass the world at large. She enjoys poetry and reading; she loves to walk and prefers to have a companion so that she can also talk; she is a good seamstress and likes to cook; she thoroughly enjoys people and likes to share her laughs with them. To generalize, Sister Ellen loves life and all it has to offer... and what is more important, she has given us greater cause to love it, too.

SISTER TIMOTHY HOPKINS, O.S.B.

The new Sister on 4 North is Sister Timothy who came to us from St. Benedict's Hospital, Ogden, Utah, where she worked in Nursing Service and in Nursing Education.

Sister was born in Elk River, Minnesota, and received all of her early education there. When she was a sophomore in high school, she moved with her family to Staples, Minnesota. Sister has five brothers and one sister.

As a senior in high school, Sister transferred to St. Benedict's High School and entered the Novitiate in June, 1958. After completion of a year of college at St. Benedict's, Sister spent a year at the St. Cloud School of Nursing, then transferred to the College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, Minnesota, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Nursing, Magna Cum Laude, in June, 1964.

She presently enjoys her position of team leader on 4 North, but nursing is not her only interest. She enjoys outdoor activities, classical music and a wide variety of reading.
Mrs. Evelyn Brinkman, a St. Cloud Hospital School of Nursing graduate, has been Charge Night Nurse on 5 North since 1952. Prior to this she was employed in our Pediatric Department as Staff Nurse, Assistant Head Nurse and in 1950 she was promoted to the position of Head Nurse.

Mrs. Brinkman is a native Minnesotan. She was born at Millerville and attended high school at Brandon, Minnesota.

With her husband, Wayne, and her 14-year-old son, David, she looks forward to traveling during their summer vacations. They have had several enjoyable trips touring Canada and northwestern United States. They plan to visit the south and the eastern United States in some of their future travels.

Golfing, swimming, skating, bowling and fishing keep Mrs. Brinkman occupied in leisure hours. Mrs. Brinkman also knits occasionally, but she doesn't consider this a "favorite pastime."

"Just Like Downtown"

"Why, it's just like downtown," This was the frequent comment of the customer in the cafeteria as she observed the efficient new cash register and coin changer in the serving line. The new cash register provides for greater accuracy in the census and the receipt records. It is hoped that the convenience of the automatic coin changer will help to speed up the service at mealtime if the customer has his money ready. The honor system will continue for snacks. The cashiers in the cafeteria are, indeed, proud of their new piece of equipment.

Pictured to the right are Mrs. Olivia Gussner and Mrs. Donna Pyka putting the new cash register through its paces and proving to themselves the efficiency and the accuracy of this machine during the rush hours at mealtime.
Anesthesia staff in morning conference discusses the choice of anesthetic for each surgical patient scheduled for the day.

Sister Denise, student anesthetists, is supervised by Sister Leo, registered anesthetist, as the former administers an inhalation anesthetic to a patient.

Father Snyers seems to be telling Mrs. Darlene Schmidt, nurse anesthetist, that the anesthesia experience wasn't so bad after all.

Mrs. N. Wolf
Mrs. A. Notch, R.N.

Mrs. R. Krauel, R.N.

Victor Trutwin

Mel Nierenhausen

Michael Rengel

Janet Kulzer, department aide, prepared anesthesia supplies in the operating room to be used in the care of the patients on following day.

Crawford Long's discovery of the surgical anesthesia, ether, in 1842 pioneered a new era in the care of surgical patients. Rapid improvements in the types and uses of anesthetics followed and soon a special science of anesthesia was founded. Today hospitals throughout the nation are staffed with people educated and experienced in the administration of anesthetics. In these pages we wish to depict the work and the concern of people who devote their talents and skills in anesthesiology to the care of the sick and the injured.

Often the question is asked, "What type of anesthetic is used for patients in our hospital?" The type of anesthetic best suited for the individual patient is carefully chosen following the preoperative visit to the patient, the preoperative conference and the order of the physician. The anesthetic may be an intravenous agent such as sodium pentothal; an inhalation agent such as ether, cyclopropane, halothane or methoxyflourine; or a conduction anesthetic which interrupts a nerve pathway such as procaine. The latter is usually accomplished by spinal anesthesia or by a regional nerve block. During 1965, a total number of 4,731 anesthetics of all types were administered by our staff of two anesthesiologists (M.D.'s), three registered nurse anesthetists and eight student nurse anesthetists.

The anesthetist is required to follow his patient in the immediate postoperative period. This is done in the Recovery Room and on the nursing units. After completion of a surgical procedure requiring a general anesthetic, the patient is taken to the postanesthetic recovery room, where, under the supervision of the anesthesiologist, two registered nurses and a technician constantly observe the patient while he awakes from the anesthetic. The average patient is in the recovery room for a little over an hour. Emergency patients who require postanesthetic care when the recovery room is closed receive careful observation and care in the Intensive Care Unit. During the past year, 645 patients received care in this unit before they were returned to their rooms. A patient who receives a regional block or local anesthetic is returned to his room immediately following the surgical procedure.

To assist in providing educated and skilled anesthetists, St. Cloud Hospital conducts an 18-month course in the Science of Anesthesia for registered nurses who wish to make this specialty their career. Each September four carefully screened applicants are admitted to the school where they receive academic and clinical instruction and supervised experience in the administration of anesthesia.

As a subdivision under the supervision of the Department of Anesthesia, the Inhalation Therapy unit personnel administer respiratory treatments to patients as ordered by the physician. Therapies include positive pressure breathing exercises (there were 8,614 during 1965), hyperventilation, heated aerosol and others. In addition to administering treatments, the inhalation therapist and the inhalation therapy orderlies supply the tanks of oxygen and oxygen equipment to all the nursing units. Last year, 3,849 cylinders of gas were used in the care of the patients.

Future discoveries of new anesthetics and advances in the modes and methods of administration will be used by skilled and knowledgeable anesthesia personnel who are willing to meet the challenge of change to improve patient care.
Just Thought We'd Ask

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN IRISHMAN?

Sister Jameen, Hospital Administrator: It would take books to tell you what it means to me to be Irish.

Father Patrick Riley, Hospital Chaplain: I equate this with the strong family unit and value, especially those which I have gained from my own family.

Miss Jean Barnett, R. N.: Is there any other nationality?

Brigid O'Rourke, freshman student nurse: It means you have a good reason to wear green on St. Patrick's day.

Mrs. Maher, R. N.: I think the greatest trait of an Irishman is to be able to laugh when the "chips are down."

Employee Salaries Studied

With a total employment of over 700 people, the obligation to pay a just salary becomes a complex problem which can only be met by modern techniques of wage and salary administration. Three years ago a system of salary determination was introduced to St. Cloud Hospital known as the "point system" of job evaluations. The purpose of this system was to establish a fair salary structure within the hospital.

Job evaluation involves a careful study of the duties, environment and requirements of each job in the hospital. The yardstick against which each job is measured is a combination of "compensable factors." There are twelve factors which are vital to the operation of the hospital and must be recognized to the degree which they are present in each job. These factors are: education and training, experience, contacts, working conditions, initiative and judgment, accuracy, responsibility for work of others, responsibility for safety of others, responsibility for equipment and supplies, physical demand, mental demand, emotional demand. Not all of these factors are of equal importance, however. Therefore they are weighed according to their relative importance. For example, initiative and judgment, education and training, and experience are assigned more points than the other factors.

In order to determine the degree to which each of the twelve factors is present in each job the factors are broken down into degrees and each degree is closely defined. By applying the definitions of the degrees to each factor, the requirements and demands of the job, the proper number of points is assigned. The total number of points assigned to each job determines the salary of each job in the hospital in relation to other jobs. By use of the point system we not only know that Job A requires more pay than Job B, but also we know how much more Job A requires in relation to Job B.

Once jobs are evaluated and points are assigned it is essential that new jobs be evaluated and that as jobs change they be re-evaluated. This has been done more or less on a continuing basis in the past three years.

One question which job evaluations (be it a point system or some other method) do not solve is the question of the general salary level. In order to attract and retain the best possible employees it is essential that the hospital keep abreast of the "going wage" in the labor market. With the increase in economic activity in the St. Cloud area and throughout Minnesota, the salaries we pay have had to be upgraded several times in recent years.

This brings us to the budgeting problem of paying a just and effective wage. As a private voluntary non-profit hospital, the only income the hospital has is from the patient who pays for the services he receives. In the final analysis it is the patient who must meet the increased costs, be it salary, equipment or supplies. Since payroll comprises 70% of the total cost of operating the hospital, increases in salaries have a substantial impact on the total cost of patient care.

The Sisters of St. Benedict and the administration of St. Cloud Hospital view their obligation to the community as a public trust. Consequently, every effort has been made to control costs even though individual salaries have increased substantially, by modern management techniques, savings have been made in several departments which have been passed along to the employee in the form of higher salaries and fringe benefits. These savings cannot cover the entire cost of the salary increase. The present increase will add nearly $100,000.00 to our annual payroll. We feel that is necessary and justified in order to provide a just wage, attract workers and be fair to all employees.

MANAGEMENT CLASSES CONTINUE

The second Management Improvement Class of the year began recently. This is the sixth group of supervisors to participate in this series sponsored by the Catholic Hospital Association. This is one more example of St. Cloud Hospital's educational role as a regional hospital. In keeping with this responsibility we are happy to welcome to the new class Sister Mary Monica, Administrator of St. Raphael's Nursing Home, and Sister Benno, from St. Joseph's Nursing Home.
HIGH HOPES TAKE SHAPE

The high hopes and careful plans for the St. Cloud Hospital of tomorrow are rapidly moving toward realization, according to Sister Jameen and architect A.A. Fisher.

The time table for the $5,041,286 building set by the Minnesota Department of Health and accepted by the hospital Development Committee calls for:
- Completion of all working drawings and specifications by April 14, 1966;
- Review of plans and specifications by Health Department officials and the Kansas City Regional Office of the U.S. Public Health Service from April 15 to May 15;
- Presentation of plans and specifications to prospective bidders on May 15, 1966;
- Opening and awarding of bids on or about June 15, 1966.

Hundreds of hours have been spent by the architect working with department heads during the past several weeks developing and designing plans for each department to be located in the new addition. Most of the department plans are now completed and work is going forward on planning casework, electrical and mechanical systems.

WHERE THERE IS A WILL THERE IS A WAY

Crowded hospital wards, including placement of patients in the corridors, led hospital and nursing administration to take a second and stiffer look at possibilities to increase the bed capacity for adult patients at St. Cloud Hospital.

The first area to receive attention was the office space used on 1 South adjacent to Intensive Care. Opened as a 15 bed minimal care unit, this addition to 1 South had an occupancy of 67% since it was opened in September, 1965.

One service in the hospital which has had a decreased occupancy has been the maternity unit. The decrease has been due, for the most part, to the shorter stay of the maternity patient. With less need for maternity beds, it seemed logical to use the beds for other patients. Although some restrictions must be made as to the type of patients placed on this ward, it has become fairly common practice, approved by the State Department of Health, to use vacant beds for other than obstetric patients. Patients placed here are female and mostly surgical patients. All patients hospitalized on this floor are affected by the visiting regulations of the maternity unit.

This increase in the bed complement of the hospital for the medical-surgical adult patient has partially solved the high occupancy problem of St. Cloud Hospital. The adjustment was made possible through the interest and cooperation of Mrs. Hackman and her staff on South and Mrs. C. Moline and her staff on the maternity nursing unit.

NEW EMPLOYEES ....

Steven Radjenovich
Patricia Mueller
Carol Bierschback
Penelope Swanberg, R.N.
Dennis Kittler
Duane Ellynk
Mrs. Shirley Jungels, R.N.
Mrs. Cleo Expelting, R.N.
Antionette Gacke
Mrs. Ruth Loest, R.N.
Mrs. Carolyn Molskness, R.N.
Mrs. Constance Scepaniak, R.N.
Allen Schreibels
Jane Welch
Sally Hamer, R.N.
Mrs. Jane Amundson, R.N.
Mrs. Lilian Spaeth
Jane Geynar
Mary Schubmann
Mrs. Mary Lorts, R.T.
Peggy Carlson
Bonita Becker
Doris Beumer
Mrs. Joyce Wilcox
Mrs. Christine Smith
Mrs. Marilyn Carter
Janice Murray, R.N.
Mrs. Janice Ackerman, R.N.
Mrs. Ida Vessel, R.N.
Linda Lembeck
Mary Dillon
Mrs. Shirley Inderiieden, R.T.
Mrs. Evonne Dahlin, R.N.
Mrs. Joanne Lempi, R.N.
Jeanette Hill
Eugene Schwartz
Orderly
Porter
LPN
Staff Nurse
Job Analyst
Orderly
Staff Nurse
Staff Nurse
Staff Nurse
LPN
Staff Nurse
Staff Nurse
Booker
3 South
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Float
4th Floor
Laundry Aide
Laundry
Laundry
Surgery
Food Service
New Arrivals....

Mrs. Walter Krey (Marguerite Winje)
Mrs. Gillette Gitel (Joyce Wilde)
Mrs. LeRoy Heim (Kathleen Knapke)
Mrs. LeRoy Humbert (Annelora Zierden)
Mrs. Allen Backes (Marcella Streit)
Mrs. John Hosen (Judith Klein)
Mrs. William Moline (Constance O'Donnell)
Mrs. Andrew Hanish (Delores Lind)
Mrs. Allen Pierskalla (Sharon Marks)
Mrs. Douglas Fiedler (Jeanette Schlangen)
Mrs. Virgil Hommerding (Joan Simon)
Mrs. David Keller (Marlys Smith)
Mrs. Robert Ferrari (Eileen McCormick)
Mrs. Maynard Sand (Imelda Caspers)
Mrs. Ernest Benson (Janet Stein)
Anesthesia Graduates Four

Fulfilling the goal of supplying skilled employees for the community through education, the St. Cloud Hospital was happy to graduate a new class from the School of Anesthesia on Monday, March 7, at 6:30 p.m. banquet. Those receiving diplomas were: Sister M. Ellen, O.S.B., Miss Dorothy Stalwanschik, Mr. John Prusynski, and Mr. Donald Dahlke.

Having completed the required academic courses and clinical experience for the 18-month program, the new graduates are permitted to write National Board Qualifying Exams on May 14, 1966. This will permit them registration in the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists. We extend to them blessings and our best wishes for the new role they have chosen, that of nurse anesthetists whose chief duty is to extend a personal care to people.

Education Continues

Sister Rebecca, Hospital Pharmacist, attended a Seminar in Clinical Hospital Pharmacy at the Iowa Center for Continuation Study at the University of Iowa in Iowa City from February 27 to March 2. Among the topics discussed were: Drug Distribution Systems Within the Hospital, Electronic Data Processing and Its Application to the Hospital, and Medicare and its impact on Hospital Services.

The faculty included nationally known Grover C. Bowles, President of the American Pharmaceutical Society, and George Archambault, Pharmacy Liaison Officer to the Office of the Surgeon General and Pharmacy Consultant, Division of Medical Care Administration.

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and successful. "As we congratulate Mr. Brixius on his 25 years of employment it is good for us to ponder the fact that most of our days, and actually most of our life is spent working, and therefore work becomes our means of salvation.

Praise is never easy to accept regardless of how true or deserving it may be. However, a comment made by one of the doctors on the staff who works very closely with Mr. Brixius is well worth sharing with our readers since it also expresses what we have experienced. "Any of us who work with Mr. Brixius appreciate his conscientious assistance, his pleasant manner, his dependability and concern for the welfare of the patients receiving his care. Appreciation for his sympathetic attitude and gentle care has been repeatedly expressed by the patients with whom he has been associated. The St. Cloud Hospital and Staff are exceptionally fortunate to have such a devoted and capable man,"

Alumnae News

When the annual letter was sent out to all Alumnae members, we discovered we had "lost" quite a few members. We would appreciate your help in finding these people. Their addresses should be sent to: Alumnae Association School of Nursing St. Cloud, Minnesota

COULD YOU HELP US LOCATE ....

Mrs. Andy Loda (Martha Wolters) 1922
Mrs. Alfred Sullick (Edna Battweiler) 1925
Mrs. Viola Werner (Viola Bailey) 1932
Mrs. Alvin Bullius (Beatrice Fick) 1933
Mrs. Harold Freigo (Gentle Fuhre) 1936
Mrs. Veronica Bille (Veronica Morrissey) 1938
Mrs. F. J. Rose (Cresence Hansen) 1939
Mrs. Angeline Chapman (Angelina Woesthoff) 1941
Mrs. Margaret Jennings (Margaret Misko) 1942
Mrs. Donald Wahl (Faith Van Sloun) 1943
Mrs. L. N. Gache (Anna Belle Russell) 1943
Mrs. Robert Trombald (Gail Jacobs) 1947
Mrs. Joseph Hoech (Phyllis Sachkowski) 1947
Mrs. Robert Williams (Arlyne Vogel) 1948
Mrs. K. R. Tripplett (Ruth Lauer) 1952
Mrs. Mal Svenson (Mary Lou Stoll) 1952
Mrs. Larry Gau (Ann Dilllinberg) 1953
Mrs. James Cuff (Betty Haney) 1955
Mrs. Jack Weiber (Nancy Varner) 1955
Mrs. Richard Barta (Dorothy Schreifels) 1958
Mrs. James Cashman (Sharon Hughes) 1958
Catherine Lange 1959
Louise Nett 1959
Mrs. John Feddema (Marlene Koles) 1961
Karen Schlundt 1961
Mary Lou Dynan 1961
Mrs. Francis Murphy (Sandra Eisenreich) 1962
Dona Novotny 1964
Helen Trebnick 1964
Judith Moe 1964

Mystery Employee Winners

Congratulations to Mrs. E. Merkling and Mrs. R. Erickson both employees of the Personnel Department who guessed our February Mystery Employee. The little boy pictured in the February issue of the Beacon Light is James Borck, Pharmacy Clerk. The winners are recipients of a free dinner in our hospital cafeteria.
In the Auxiliary Handbook, Sister Jameen tells the Volunteer "You will serve as the candle which supplies the extra warmth and cheer for the sick and injured seeking relief in the hospital." A few months ago, I described the work that our ladies perform in the Admissions section of our hospital as a direct person-to-person contact. Here, the incoming patient immediately comes into contact with and feels the warmth of the candle alluded to above. However, in the background are many other women who perhaps are never seen by the patient, but who also give warmth and cheer from that candle. These are the volunteers who work in Administration. To be more specific, they are the women who assemble or deliver portfolios, deliver the Little Beacon and The Sunday Visitor, assemble the Beacon Light, and those who work at the hostess desk in the lobby.

Let me give you a short description of each of these jobs. Every day, a hospitality portfolio is delivered to each newly admitted patient. This portfolio contains stationery and envelopes, postcards and information about our hospital. These are assembled in advance by Mrs. R. A. Grothe (Auxiliary President) and Mrs. Leonard Stotko (pictured at the left). The "Cheery Cherry Ladies" who deliver the portfolios daily to the new patients are Mesdames Max Landy (Monday), Louis Schneider (Tuesday), Jerome (Wednesday), Joseph Strack (Thursday), and John Gels (Friday.)

Every Friday morning we find Mrs. Frank Liljedahl going from room to room throughout the hospital delivering the Little Beacon. This delightful paper is written by Mrs. A. Moeglein, Secretary to the Administrator. It contains both factual information and spiritual inspiration for the patient.

The Sunday Visitor, the diocesan newspaper, donated by the 7-Up Bottling Company, is given to each patient and is placed in various waiting areas throughout the hospital. On Thursday or Friday of each week, Mrs. Thomas O'Keefe or her substitute, Mrs. John Pattison, can be seen pushing a cart down the long corridors "delivering papers."

As I've said before, things don't just happen in this world. Even the Beacon Light which you are now reading has been assembled and stapled by the Auxilians. The women who meet each month, September through June, for this purpose are Mesdames Bernard Danzl, Robert Danzl, Robert Gans, Orval Hanson, Walter Martini, Casper Ortman, Mae Pluth and Miss Vera Ladner.

Another aspect of our administration work is hostess duty in the main lobby. Hostesses are stationed in the lobby daily Monday through Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and on Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. They are Mesdames Arthur Gerber (Monday), Pierre Thomey (Tuesday), Clarence Pappenfus (Wednesday a.m.), Charles Richter (Thursday) and Ed Kain (Friday). These women keep the lobby kardex up-to-date and issue passes to visitors when Mrs. Maude Lepinski, the regular hostess, is off duty.

These are the Auxilians whom I salute today.... The warmth from those candles which the patient feels but sometimes cannot see.
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