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Beacon Light: June 1968

St. Cloud Hospital
MEMORIAM

DENNIS J. MAZZUCO

IN JULY, 1966, DENNIS MAZZUCO STARTED WORKING IN OUR HOSPITAL AS A PART-TIME ELEVATOR OPERATOR. IN OCTOBER OF THE SAME YEAR HE WAS PROMOTED TO STOREROOM CLERK AT WHICH JOB HE WORKED UNTIL HIS DEATH.


IN NOVEMBER, 1967, DENNIS MARRIED DIANE TERHAAR, A HOUSEKEEPING AIDE. THEY RECENTLY BOUGHT A TRAILER HOME AND WERE LIVING AT SHERWOOD MANOR TRAILER COURT.

ON JUNE 2, DENNIS WOULD HAVE BEEN 20 YEARS OF AGE. HE DIED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT SUNDAY, MAY 26. FUNERAL SERVICES WERE CONDUCTED AT ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH WITH BURIAL IN ASSUMPTION CEMETERY.

THE STAFF OF ST. CLOUD HOSPITAL WILL FONDLY REMEMBER OUR ALL-TOO- BRIEF ASSOCIATION.

ON FATHER RILEY'S 20 YEARS

It has been my privilege for the last four years to work with an extraordinary man, priest, and chaplain. I mean this "extraordinary" literally. Fr. Riley is not an ordinary man, priest or chaplain.

The chaplaincy, the spiritual care department, the religion department or whatever one chooses to call it, has been the subject of considerable discussion recently. It is evolving or developing as a result of such things as the new concept of ownership of Catholic hospitals and the new ecumenical spirit which has also touched Catholic hospitals. It is encouraging to see the concern that the administration and the entire staff has shown toward the spiritual care of the patient. It is especially encouraging to chaplains and clergymen of all denominations because this is their primary area of concern.

In the midst of this development of the spiritual care program, it is easy to forget, to criticize, and to minimize the role of the chaplaincy in the past. The spiritual care of the patient has been the concern of many people and hopefully it will become the concern of many more people. During the past 17 years, one man stands out as being the most influential, carrying the most responsibility, and upholding everything the spiritual implies. Patients from all over central Minnesota know Fr. Riley. When they come back the second, third and fourth times, as I make rounds, they repeatedly ask for Fr. Riley. Students who received their apostolic formation under the direction and influence of Fr. Riley come back to see him more than any other single person.

I am not trying to "pat" (pun) his back because he is a fellow chaplain or because he might in turn scratch mine. I am not trying to canonize him. He has faults too, as we all well know and have to live with. I would like to compliment even one of his faults. His main fault, as most people see it, his lack of promptness, stems from his main virtue, his concern for other people. We can thank God for a chaplain who is so concerned about people that he forgets about time. God spare us from the chaplain who is so concerned about time that he forgets about people.

The people of the St. Cloud Hospital community of all religious faiths are indeed indebted to the many years of dedicated service that Fr. Riley has given them. We wish him many more years in the apostolate of the sick.

IN THE BEACON LIGHT

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ABOUT THE COVER

MRS. MARION BECKER, DIRECTOR OF THE PHYSICAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT, "WORKS" AT HER DESK IN HER "NEW DEPARTMENT LOCATION." SHE SITS WHERE HER OFFICE WILL BE WHEN THE NEW NORTHWEST WING IS COMPLETED IN 1970. BUILDING WILL BEGIN THIS SUMMER, AND BECAUSE THE BEACON LIGHT TAKES A VACATION IN JULY AND AUGUST, THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY TO PICTURE THE PASTORAL CALM IN THE AREA WHICH WILL BE THE SCENE OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS. LOOK FOR YOUR NEXT BEACON LIGHT IN SEPTEMBER.
From our Administrator...

Webster's dictionary describes an anniversary as the "commemoration of some notable event, the annual return on the day of a past event." To those whose anniversary it is, whether it be a birthday, marriage, or whatever, it is a significant date to that person and provides the opportunity for the rest of us to pay tribute to those who have reached a milestone in their lives.

On June 6 this year, Father Patrick Riley, our spiritual director here at St. Cloud Hospital, observed the twentieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Of these twenty years, Father Riley has spent the past seventeen years as chaplain and spiritual director here at the hospital, and has been the Bishop's Representative to health facilities in the St. Cloud Diocese since the position was established in 1958.

Unless one has the opportunity to actually function in a position, it is almost impossible to appreciate the demands that are placed upon the person who fulfills the role, no matter how close to it we might be. In the case of the hospital chaplain, we know, just by observing, that it is a terribly taxing responsibility—to attend to the spiritual needs of patients, Sisters, students, employees and many other groups in the hospital setting on a twenty-four hour a day basis and with the passage of time and growth of the institution, the demands on the hospital chaplain have multiplied many times over. Yet, in spite of the increasingly heavy load, Father Riley has found the time to expand his vision—to establish a more intensive dialogue with the Christian community in the area—that will undoubtedly lead to more effective fulfillment of the spiritual needs of all the people who make up the hospital milieu.

It takes a special kind of priest to be a hospital chaplain—one who has great patience, great compassion, great stamina (to be called out two or three or more times during the night but ready to offer Mass at 6:00 a.m.) and yet one who, in spite of being involved in human tragedies almost on a daily basis, can still see the bright side of life. We think we are blessed with that kind of special priest in Father Riley.

We thank him on behalf of patients, Sisters, students, and the hundreds of others whom he has aided spiritually and otherwise during his twenty years as a priest and his seventeen years as chaplain, and ask God to bless his efforts over what we hope will be at least another twenty years with us!

MOTHER RICHARDA

Mother Richarda Peters is well known to almost all of us due to the leadership she has given to sisters and laity alike. Her influence extends over a period of many years as a teacher and religious superior. As a young sister Mother taught mathematics, and she later was superior and principal at Cathedral High School in St. Cloud. Among her students during those years at Cathedral were many people now associated with our hospital. Many will recall serious, amusing and sometimes embarrassing (for them!) memories of their youthful years under her prudent and wise instruction and discipline.

Mother attended the Catholic University in Washington, D.C. to complete work for a Ph.D. in Psychology. She then returned to St. Benedict's to become Dean to Residence and during that time endeared herself to students and many other groups in the hospital setting throughout the hospital.

In 1949 her sisters elected her as their Prioress and she returned to St. Benedict's community for twelve years. She also was Mother President of the college buildings, high school buildings and other needed in the early fifties to replace worn structures and the change in plant expansion for college and convent needs -- as well as construction in other institutions operated by the sisters. With the need for these large structures and the change in economy, $20,000 looked far less terrifying than it had several years earlier!

An undaunted woman, Mother Richarda also looks ahead to the future and her retiring years. In preparation she has perfected her Pinochle game, sharpened her skill at finding missing pieces in jigsaw puzzles and learned to make artistic greeting cards. A full life? Indeed! And it is our good fortune to share it with her!

CUMULATIVE STATISTICAL RECORD OF SERVICE FOR 1968

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NEW BOILER OKAY

BY KADER MAJEED

After about eight months of modifications and steam blowing trials, the new boiler was finally accepted by the hospital. Thanks to Mr. Scott Graig, St. Cloud City Gas Inspector, Mr. Hank Schmidt from St. Cloud Heating Company who insisted on the maximum allowable carbon content in the discharge of air from the boiler which effects its efficiency and air pollution problems and Mr. Frank Karn, hospital chief engineer, who insisted on the specified horsepower output of the boiler. With the original component of the boiler, the Cleaver Brooks Company could not correct one variable without effecting the other inversely. Last month they replaced a few components which gave us the good results and now the boiler is ours.

We apologize to our patients and the hospital family for the inconvenience of the trial periods.

As far as we are concerned the final good results were well worth waiting for.

THREE HOSPITAL WEEKS IN MAY. AT THE RIGHT, STEAM ERUPTS FROM THE BOILER DURING THE FINAL AND NOISY FIVE HOUR TEST OF THE EQUIPMENT.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH SERVICE

BY David Pearce
Director of Personnel

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Roger Slanga as Employee Health Service Physician. Dr. Slanga will give pre-employment and special physical examinations in the Emergency-Out-Patient area. He will be assisted by a hospital nurse. Persons employed by the hospital after June 15, 1968, will be examined or will supply the Personnel Department with a copy of a recent (within the past year) physical examination.

We are happy to offer this new service to our employees and feel that we are fortunate in having Dr. Slanga as our Health Service Physician.
AUXILIARY NEWS

Pedi, the Puppet, announces that after May 26, 1968 he will have a new "Foster Mother:" Mrs. Maurice O'Link, 1865 North Avenue, telephone 251-8585. The many good ladies who give their talents toward keeping Pedi dressed are asked to call Mrs. O'Link after that date. Many responded to Pedi's urgent cry for help, but there still is a great need for sewers, cutters, and materials if Pedi is to continue his work of cheering the children who must be confined in the hospital. Mrs. Charles Richter who was Pedi's "mother" for the past several years, says a heartfelt "thank you" to all who have so generously filled Pedi's needs. She asks of you, the same response to Mrs. O'Link.

THE PAST PRESIDENT, MRS. LAWRENCE HALL, RECEIVED A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION FROM TOM MC LAUGHLIN DURING THE PRESENTATION PROGRAM. THE RECOGNITION LUNCHEON FOR THE AUXILIARY OF ST. CLOUD HOSPITAL WAS HELD MAY 26 AND MARKED THE END OF TEN YEARS OF SERVICE HERE BY THE VOLUNTEERS. ABOUT 55 VOLUNTEERS WERE RECOGNIZED.

TWENTY CHARTER AUXILIANS WERE GIVEN SPECIAL RECOGNITION AS 10-YEAR MEMBERS DURING THE ST. CLOUD HOSPITAL AUXILIARY RECOGNITION LUNCHEON MAY 26. EACH WAS GIVEN A ROSE BEFORE THEY POSED FOR THIS GROUP PICTURE. GLENN G.

CARLSON, MANAGER OF THE ST. CLOUD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WAS THE MAIN SPEAKER, TALKING ON THE SUBJECT OF "VOLUNTEERISM IN AMERICA." THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY IS NOW TEN YEARS OLD.

GENERAL CONTRACTOR M. J. MCGOUGH CREW INCLUDES L-R: JACK FRIITZKE, BOB SIMONITCH, BOB SCHMITZ, RALPH JOHNSON, KEN WEISENFUH, KEN LONG, ANDY MANNIKKO, MERLE WALBERG, ART DAVIES AND RAY KREMERS.

COLD SPRING ELECTRIC COMPANY WORKERS ARE RAY STEWART, JIM HANSON, DEAN WATSON, DAVE LIPINSKI (GENERAL FOREMAN), DONALD JUNGLES, OWGHT GEORGE, RICHARD PRIGGE AND, KNEELING IN FRONT, STEVE MUGGLI AND RALPH MOSEN.

HEALY MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR MEN WORKING ON THE JOB ARE DON VITEK, SYLVESTER KALLA, FOREMAN PAT ELLIS, BOB SIMONITCH AND ED GADZALA.

Building Blocks

BY SISTER COLLEEN, O.S.B.

When $6 million are being spent on a construction project the question of "what's being done?" is very important! But more important is, "WHO is doing it?" We present here the most important part of our building progress—the people doing the work.

In every large construction project you have prime contractors over three main portions of the work: a General-Contractor responsible for the building structure who in turn hires many sub-contractors to do different parts of the job; a Mechanical Contractor with plumbing, heating and ventilation specialties; and an Electrical Contractor to put everything into action. The building shows definite signs of the "expert touch."

Following the completion of our south wing the next major step in the present contract is the renovation of 5th and 6th floors beginning at the end of August. Our aim is August 4-5, 1968 for Dedication and Open House of the South Wing plus Groundbreaking of the Extended Care and Rehabilitation Facility on the North side.

EVERY TUESDAY MORNING CONTRACTORS AND SUB-CONTRACTORS MEET TO PLOT PLANS FOR NEXT WEEK, NEXT MONTH, AND EVEN NEXT YEAR, LEFT TO RIGHT ARE: DAVE LIPINSKI, ELECTRICAL; SISTER MILDRED ANN, BUILDING COORDINATOR FOR THE ORDER OF ST. BENEDICT; DON VITEK, PLUMBING; ART DAVIES, GENERAL PROJECT MANAGER; PAT ELLIS, PLUMBING AND HEATING; SISTER COLLEEN, BUILDING COORDINATOR; RACHER MAJEED, BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT; ANDY MANNIKKO, CONSTRUCTION FOREMAN; FRANK KARN, CHIEF ENGINEER; AND AL ELIASSEN, PROJECT SUPERVISOR FOR THE ARCHITECT.
CEREAL IS ADDED TO THIS BREAKFAST TRAY BY RITA EICH, AS MRS. CHRISTINE THEISEN READY WITH TOAST, BUTTER AND JELLY.

BY MRS. HELEN FUCHS, ACTING AS A MODIFIED DIET CLERK, TAKES MRS. ROSELYN KUXHOUSE'S FOOD ORDER FROM THE SELECTIVE DIET AVAILABLE FOR THAT DAY.

COOK ART BATES LIFTS A BASKET OF BOILED EGGS FROM BOILING WATER. LAST MONTH 1,140 DOZENS EGGS WERE CONSUMED BY PATIENTS AND PERSONNEL.

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So You Think You Know The Hospital?

How much do you know about the hospital? If you've been here more than a couple of weeks you've probably learned your way around and think you know the place pretty well. If that's so, try this quiz by Sister Sebastine. The correct answers are on the back cover.

1. If all the sheets the hospital uses in one month were laid end to end, they would reach to:
   A) Buffalo B) Little Falls C) ST. JOSEPH D) Cold Spring E) Foley

2. How many meals does the hospital serve each day?
   A) 975 B) 1128 C) 1270 D) 1485

3. For our 300-bed hospital we have ______ full and part-time employees (including sisters)?
   A) 660 B) 770 C) 880 D) 990

4. What figure is closest to the hospital's annual operating budget?
   A) $2 million B) $5 million C) $9 million D) $14 million

5. What is the average length of stay for a patient in the hospital?
   A) 5 days B) 5.6 days C) 6.9 days D) 7.4 days

6. How much of each dollar the hospital receives goes to pay our employees?
   A) 50% B) 60% C) 70% D) 75% E) 80%

7. How many pounds of laundry does the hospital process each year?
   A) 500,000 B) 900,000 C) 1,250,000 D) 1,500,000

8. We have ______ telephones in the hospital.
   A) 182 B) 190 C) 195 D) 200

9. Placed end to end, the main corridors in the "old" hospital are ______ feet long.
   A) 2435 B) 3118 C) 3519 D) 3925

10. How many R.N.'s are employed?
    A) 160 B) 170 C) 180 D) 190 E) 200

11. When pie is on the menu for patients, the bakers make ______ pies.
    A) 25 B) 30 C) 35 D) 40 E) 45

12. What is the average daily occupancy of the hospital? (Don't count newborns!)
    A) 275 B) 284 C) 297 D) 304

13. This daily average is 20 more than the daily average ______ years ago.
    A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4 E) 5

14. We have ______ doctors on the active and associate medical staff.
    A) 65 B) 70 C) 72 D) 74 E) 76

15. The hospital has ______ typewriters.
    A) 100 B) 110 C) 120 D) 130 E) 140

16. Operations were performed in fiscal 1967 (12 months ending June 30, 1967).
    A) 7,854 B) 8,126 C) 8,679 D) 9,130

JUBILEE CELEBRATION
BY Sister Leo

Needles, thread, thimbles, and sewing machines were used as the theme to celebrate Sister Xavier's golden jubilee as a Benedictine sister. The festive day was observed on May 23, 1968.

Sister has been a seamstress those past fifty years for many people—from the very young to the very old. Some of the places she tells about are with the Indians at White Earth and Red Lake, the Orphanage in St. Paul, St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck, North Dakota, and St. Cloud Hospital. From 1944 to 1961, Sister was the seamstress for the School of Nursing. The past years she has been a seamstress for the Sisters.

Besides sewing, Sister has another great talent. Those of us who have been associated with her marvel at her ability to remember names, dates, places, and events. If you want to know any major event, check with Sister Xavier. She will supply you with all the necessary data.

Sister Xavier—God's blessing for many more years in His service.

Promotions

Jeffrey Young, Porter HSKP, to Orderly 4 North
Raymond Brezinski—Porter HSKP, to Central Service Supply Clerk—C.S.
Donna Trewick—Tray Aide—Dietary to Dietary Clerk—Food Service
Joseph Schneider—Spray Painter II to Spray Painter I Maintenance

Welcome, New Employees

Mrs. Elaine Deziel
Mrs. Joan O'Driscoll
Mrs. Sharon Hadrich
Mrs. Judith Beitz
Susan Fish
Mrs. Kathryn Wittman, R.N.
Dennis Lutgen
Anthony Beste, R.N.
Glenn Lund
LeRoy Forsberg
Galen Seutery
Mrs. Patricia Knapp
Mary Jacob

LPTN
CLERK TYPIST
CLERK TYPIST
CNM
TRANSCRIPTIONIST—WARD CLERK
TRAY AIDE
TRAY AIDE
STAFF NURSE
PORTER
NURSE ANESTHETIST
ORDERLY
SUPPLY CLERK
SURGICAL TECHNICIAN
ENG. ASSISTANT
CLERK TYPIST

3 North
X-Ray
Emergency Room
1 South
Dietary
Dietary
1 South
Float (HSKP)
Anaesthesia
Float
Central Service
Surgery
Chaplains Dept.
NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

THE NEW MISS ST. CLOUD IS SHARON NORQUIST, GRADUATING SENIOR AT THE ST. CLOUD SCHOOL OF NURSING. SHARON REPLACED DONNA LACHELT WHO RESIGNED BECAUSE SHE WAS MOVING. MISS NORQUIST WILL REPRESENT THE ST. CLOUD COMMUNITY AT SEVERAL APPEARANCES INCLUDING A 10-DAY STAY AT THE MINNEAPOLIS AQUATENNIAL. SHE WAS SPONSORED BY ST. CLOUD HOSPITAL IN THE LOCAL PAGEANT LAST FALL, AND WAS THEN NAMED RUNNER-UP.

PERSONNEL GOES ON COMPUTER

BY David Pearce
Personnel Director

On July 1, 1968, the Personnel Department will have converted much of its records to code which will enable the Department to utilize the services of a computer. The computer is located in St. Paul and is owned by Blue Cross and operated through Minnesota Hospital Services Inc., an affiliate of Blue Cross.

The object of this program is to reduce the paper work flow (now prepared and/or processed manually) and provide the Hospital Administrative Team with more effective management tools in the form of various reports.

The computer will print out the following reports: weekly Action Journal (written narration of all activity engaged in between the hospital and MHS), Error List (listing of all errors made in transmission from the hospital to MHS), Employment Record (report from #404 which is the basic information sheet for any employee on which there is action; any new record or record changes semi-monthly, Employee Listing (listing of all employees monthly), Benefit Reminder (states when employee is eligible for benefit), Medical Exam and/or Test Schedule, Listing of Terminations, Rate of Turnover (by department), Listing of Hires, Listing of Changes, Performance and/or Salary Review Reminder annually, Length of Service (all employees), Age 60 or over, Minority (number of members of minority groups),

Minnesota Hospital Services uses two computers, a Honeywell 200 and 1200. The smaller 200's function is transmission and communications with the hospital while the 1200 updates employment record files and processes the various reports used by management.

Our hospital has on-line communication with MHS through an Automated Communications Set (ACS much like a teletype) located in the hospital. The ACS is also used for patient billing.

Through computer applications it is felt that the hospital will be able to provide more effective and efficient service to the patient, employee and community at large.

WORLD TRAVELER

BY MRS. D. STRACK

This makes the third trip to Germany for Laverne (Notchie) Kirscht. How did she get so lucky? She married the right man. Her husband, Adolph, comes from Germany and likes to go back “home” to see his parents, relatives and friends. Notchie and Adolph took the first trip by boat and the second by plane. Asked if it wasn’t getting to be “old hat” by now she says, “Oh no, we’ll fly again this time but will land in Frankfurt, then go to Luxemburg and finally to Prum, Germany where Adolph’s folks and many relatives live. Last time we landed in Brussels, Belgium so each time we see different country.”

Another thing makes this trip special, too. They are buying a new Volkswagen in Germany, driving it on their visits, and then bringing it back with them.

BIRTHS

MR. AND MRS. DAVID KELLER (MARLYS SMITH)
MR. AND MRS. GORDON KOHOUT (MARION WOHNOUTKA)
MR. AND MRS. RONALD DANZL (VIRGINIA NESGES)
MR. AND MRS. MARVIN MASTEY (CAROL GOEBEL)
MR. AND MRS. DONALD VOUK (DONNA COURT)
Dear Sister Mercy and the "Operating Gals:"

Editor,

Thank you for your wonderful help with publicity during the recent bloodmobile visit. I thought the story of the 96 pint donor had tremendous appeal.

I also wish to thank you and the others who did the publicity in the Beacon Light and the posters around the hospital. As you may know, 30 of the student nurses came and gave blood on Wednesday.

We drew 89 units of blood—a great success.

Sincerely,

Mrs. A. T. Rozycki
Donor Recruiter

My stay in the hospital as a patient was short, and I was not really ill—it was more like a 5 day vacation.

May God Bless you all.

Sincerely,

Marie and Dr. R. N. Jones

Dr. Jones was 64 on May 31, and the operating room staff "threw a party." Pictured left to right are Dr. Bizzanich, Dr. Jones, Kathy Robinson, Rosie Marx, Dorothy Ritter, Mary Jane Lauterman, Sister Mercy, and seated in the wheelchair Mrs. Jones, who was a patient here at the time. Dr. Jones has practiced here since our hospital opened in 1928.

In Bagdad, Iraq for his vacation in April, building and ground's superintendent Kader was posed for this photo in front of a typical Moslem mosque (church) and at the right, the unknown soldier monument. Church construction with the domed roof and high tower is typical of the mosques in Iraq, Kader's homeland. Kader was reunited with his family for the first time in 11 years.

ST. CLOUD HOSPITAL TO BE SURVEYED

Word has been received from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals that W. T. Wingett, M.D., JCAH field representative will visit Saint Cloud Hospital on June 20 and 21 to conduct a survey.

Accreditation is the "stamp of approval" given by the Joint Commission to a hospital which has met the carefully designed minimum standards (or surpassed them) set up for every area of activity of the hospital. It is, in a sense, a measure of the success of these various activities and assures the patient of a high standard of health care.

Saint Cloud Hospital has maintained full accreditation since 1956 and proudly displays its certificate of accreditation.

ADMINISTRATOR GETS APPOINTMENT

Gene Bakke, administrator, has been appointed to serve on the Advisory Group for the Northlands Regional Medical Program. The advisory body reviews and approves grant applications and provides overall guidance and advice to the program which is federally funded.

The program assists in establishing cooperative arrangements among health care facilities for patient care in the fields of heart disease, stroke and related diseases; attempts to make available the latest advances in the diagnoses and treatments of these diseases, and to generally improve the health, manpower and facilities for health care available to the nation.

The "Northlands" program is one of 54 in the nation.

DEDICATION DATE SET

Dedication of the Southwest Wing has been scheduled for Sunday, August 4, with guest speakers and an open house expected to be part of the program. Employees and area residents are urged to keep that date open, and to watch for program details as they are released. Everyone will be welcome!

"ACCREDITATION" OF MILACA HOSPITAL

BY Mrs. A. Moeglein

A team of "experts" from Saint Cloud Hospital, under the chairmanship of Gene S. Bakke, administrator, took part in a practice accreditation visit to the Milaca Area District Hospital, Milaca. The survey of hospital facilities, services, equipment and procedures was made on May 15 by Mr. Bakke, Dr. T. G. Murn, Sister Paul and Sister Sebastian at the invitation of the Minnesota Hospital Association.

The MHA has a program whereby small hospitals may receive special assistance from larger hospitals prior to an accreditation survey by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals. The purpose is to give helpful comments and suggestions which would be beneficial in accreditation efforts.

Since the Milaca Area District Hospital is a "new" operation of one and a half years, it has not been surveyed by the JCAH for accreditation. Accreditation is one of the criteria needed to participate in such governmental programs as Medicare and Medicaid, as well as signifying that the hospital has earned the "stamp of approval" from the JCAH.

"ACCREDITATION" OF MILACA HOSPITAL

BY Mrs. A. Moeglein

A team of "experts" from Saint Cloud Hospital, under the chairmanship of Gene S. Bakke, administrator, took part in a practice accreditation visit to the Milaca Area District Hospital, Milaca. The survey of hospital facilities, services, equipment and procedures was made on May 15 by Mr. Bakke, Dr. T. G. Murn, Sister Paul and Sister Sebastian at the invitation of the Minnesota Hospital Association.

The MHA has a program whereby small hospitals may receive special assistance from larger hospitals prior to an accreditation survey by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals. The purpose is to give helpful comments and suggestions which would be beneficial in accreditation efforts.

Since the Milaca Area District Hospital is a "new" operation of one and a half years, it has not been surveyed by the JCAH for accreditation. Accreditation is one of the criteria needed to participate in such governmental programs as Medicare and Medicaid, as well as signifying that the hospital has earned the "stamp of approval" from the JCAH.
IT'S THE DEAD OF THE NIGHT WHEN MRS. MARIE SJOGREN, R.N., REPORTS FOR DUTY.

THE OBSTETRICAL FLOOR CAN BE JUST AS LIVELY AT NIGHT AS ON DAYS WITH NEWLY DELIVERED MOTHERS TAKEN TO THEIR ROOM AND GIVEN ROUTINE CARE UNTIL VITAL SIGNS ARE STABLE, AS WELL AS NEWBORNS CARED FOR IN THE NURSERY. ROUTINES ARE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT ON THE OTHER FLOORS.

A CHILD, THIRSTY AND LONESOME, GETS SOME SPECIAL ATTENTION FROM MRS. EDMIS WEINAND AND MRS. ELEANOR DEKART, NURSE AIDES ON 4TH FLOOR.

THE MEDICAL AS WELL AS ORTHOPEDIC NURSE IS EVER WATCHFUL OF THE IRREGULAR PULSE THAT OFTEN TIMES HAS TO BE CHECKED EVERY 15 MINUTES. THE CHARGE NURSE KEEPS CLOSE CHECK ON ANY CHANGE IN A PATIENT AND IT IS UP TO HER TO ADVISE THE SUPERVISOR AND DOCTOR OF THIS.

THE COMMON OPINION THAT AS NIGHT IS A TIME TO SLEEP CAN NOT BE APPLIED TO A HOSPITAL. IT IS THE BEGINNING OF A WORKING "DAY" FOR A RELATIVELY SMALL PART OF THE HOSPITAL FAMILY, MAY THEY BE FULL OR PART-TIME WORKERS.

MRS. IRMA SAUER, R.N., CHECKS A YOUNG PATIENT'S I.V. USING THAT MOST POPULAR OF ALL TOOLS AT NIGHT...THE FLASHLIGHT.

MRS. EVELYN BRINKMAN, R.N., PREPARES TO CHECK A PATIENT'S BLOOD PRESSURE.

MRS. JANET MILLS, LPN, AND MRS. DIANE POPP, NURSE AIDE, CHECK ON A SMALL CHILD WITHOUT AWAKENING HIM.

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MRS. DELORES ORCUTT AND MRS. DOROTHY PATTON ARE PART OF THE NIGHT CREW IN THE LOBBY AND BUSINESS OFFICE.

MRS. RUTH PALLANSC, RN, IN THE MIDST OF HER MIDNIGHT ROUNDS.

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ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. BUFFALO (A)
2. 1370 (C)
3. 880 (C)
4. $5 MILLION (B)
5. 6.9 DAYS (C)
6. 60¢ (B)
7. 1,520,000 (D)
8. 182 (A)
9. 3,519 FEET (C)
10. 190 (D)
11. 40 (D)
12. 297 (C)
13. 2 YEARS (B)
14. 72 DOCTORS (C)
15. 100 (A)
16. 9,130 OPERATIONS (D)

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DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIA

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THE FIELD OF ANESTHESIA TO WHICH I AM CLOSEST BRINGS ONE TO THE VERY "HEART" OF THE HOSPITAL. HERE, WORKING AS AN ESSENTIAL MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL TEAM, ONE HELPS WITH EVERYTHING FROM THE MIRACLE OF LIFE TO THE DRAMATIC SAVING OF LIFE IN SURGERY.

A HOSPITAL CAREER MAKES ONE AWARE OF A DEEP SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY NEEDED IN THIS WORLD TO ALL PEOPLE AND A DEEP OBLIGATION FOR ALL TO BECOME A WELL INTEGRATED PERSON.