April 1947

V. 7, 1947 to V. 11, 1952.
It is IMPORTANT that you attend the MID-WEST Meeting and Program -

It is ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL that you be present at the

NEBRASKA HOSPITALS BREAKFAST
Thursday, April 24 - 8:00 A.M.
Hotel President Room 229
during the
MID-WEST HOSPITAL CONVENTION
KANSAS CITY, MO. - MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM
April 23, 24 and 25, 1947

WHY ? ? ? FOR THREE REASONS ! ! !

1. COMPENSATION RATES - After paying "going rates" for three months, Nebraska compensation insurance carriers are requesting again a standard BASIC FEE SCHEDULE, such as prevailed in the state prior to January 1, 1947, when a majority of Nebraska's hospitals notified the State Compensation Commission that they would accept patients under the Workmen's Compensation Act only at their prevailing rates for accommodations occupied by such injured employees.

Several conferences have been held during the past month between representative of the Insurance companies and the Nebraska Hospital Assembly, to discuss the possibility of reinstating a Basic Fee Schedule plan. Your Committee, which includes Miss Cecelia K. Meister, President; Rev. Edwin C. McDade, President-elect; Donald W. Duncan, Secretary-Treasurer; Rev. O. B. Lyle, Miss Lillian Angwert, Francis J. Bath and R. B. Witham, also have held several separate meetings.

THEIR REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED AT THE NEBRASKA HOSPITALS BREAKFAST, during the Mid-West Convention - YOU are expected to be there to express your opinions, as the Committee has promised a reply to the insurance carrier representatives and the Hon. O. M. Olsen, Presiding Judge of the Nebraska Workmen's Compensation Court, by May.

2. PLANS WILL BE ANNOUNCED FOR ANOTHER NEBRASKA HOSPITAL CARAVAN TOUR -

Your Officers, encouraged by the success of the 1946 sectional meetings in out-state communities and by requests that a similar series of conferences be held again this year, are making arrangements for even a better Tour, in 1947.

3. PLANS WILL BE DISCUSSED FOR THE ANNUAL N.H.A. MEETING, IN OMAHA, NEXT FALL -

Your Officers WANT YOUR IDEAS as to the type of program which should be planned - what subjects are of most importance and concern to you as hospital officials.

BE THERE! - APRIL 24, ROOM 229, HOTEL PRESIDENT - DON'T FORGET !!!
OF COURSE, WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE MID-WEST - ! ! !

THREE DAYS of worth-while meetings, where you will meet fellow-administrators from seven states, whose problems will be much like your own - and you will learn just how they are meeting and solving these problems.

ONE HUNDRED BOOTHs showing the very latest in equipment and supplies for the up-to-date hospital, and educational exhibits revealing modern methods of technique.

ADVANCE COPIES of the program have been mailed to all members of the Nebraska Hospital Assembly. If you need additional copies, or know of non-members who would appreciate copies, just write or wire Mrs. Anne Walker, Executive Secretary, Mid-West Hospital Association, 4401 Cornell Road, Kansas City, 2, Mo.

AND THE BANQUET on Thursday evening will be an event long to be remembered - a grand dinner, entertainment by the KMRG's Rhythm Riders and a message direct from the Nation's Capitol, brought by Lieut. Col. Harry E. Brown, of the U. S. Veterans Administration - Bring your Best Girl or Beau, and Enjoy a Real Party in Old K. C.!

SISTERS OF MERCY BUY NEW MOTHERHOUSE SITE

The Omaha Province of The Sisters of Mercy, who recently sold their headquarters building, St. Rita's Convent, Omaha, to the Lederle Laboratories, Inc., have acquired 99 acres of choice land, including George's Lake, just west of the Omaha city limits, as the site for their new Motherhouse, at a cost of approximately $125,000. The tract lays within one of the finest residential districts of the Omaha west suburban area. The development will include the provincial headquarters, a novitiate and a high school and college for girls, in addition to other units at a later date. St. Catherine's Hospital, Omaha, is one of 18 hospitals conducted by the Province, in addition to a college, 18 high schools, 41 grade schools, four homes for the aged and two orphanages. The Omaha Province includes the Western States, from Canada to Mexico, and has 670 Sisters.

27 NEBRASKA HOSPITALS AGAIN ON A.C.S. LIST

American College of Surgeons officials have given twenty-four Nebraska hospitals full approval, and "provisional approval" to three others, as a result of surveys made in 1946. The survey included four other institutions which did not win approval.

INSTITUTIONs receiving full approval are:

ALLIANCE - St. Joseph's. COLUMBUS - St. Mary's. GRAND ISLAND, St. Francis.
HASTINGS, Mary Lanning Memorial, Hastings State (Ingleside). Kearney, Good Samaritan, State Hospital for Tuberculosis. LINCOLN - St. Elizabeth, Bryan Memorial, Nebraska Orthopedic, Lincoln General, Lincoln State. McCook, St. Catherine of Siena. NORFOLK, Norfolk State. NEBRASKA CITY, St. Mary's. NORTH PLATTE, St. Mary's.

OMLHA - Bishop Clarkson Memorial, Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's, St. Catherine's, Immanuel Deaconess Institute, Lutheran, Nebraska Methodist, University of Nebraska.

Lutheran Hospital, Beatrice; West Nebraska Methodist Hospital, Scottsbluff, and Winnebago Indian Hospital, Winnebago, were given "provisional approval", pending the meeting of requirements in some phase or other not now possible.

APPROVED CANCER CLINICS: Creighton Memorial St. Joseph, Immanuel Deaconess, Nebraska Methodist, St. Catherine's, University of Nebraska, all of Omaha.

HOSPITAL COUNCIL SELECTS OFFICERS

The Omaha-Council Bluffs Hospital Council, which met April tenth at Immanuel Hospital, Omaha, has elected Miss Edna Fagen, R.N., Director of the School of Nursing, Methodist Hospital, president for 1947. Dr. Harold C. Lueth, Dean of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, is President-elect and Mrs. Blanche Graham, Lutheran Hospital, Secretary-Treasurer.
ACTS OF LEGISLATURE  Nebraska's Unicameral Legislature has taken action on the various Bills affecting Health, to date, as follows:

LB 74 - To provide voluntary admission to Nebraska mental hospitals, establishes county boards of mental health to replace insanity commissions, changes present laws to read "mentally ill" rather than "insane" - Passed, signed by Governor.

LB 145 - To provide for licensing of Practical Nurses and establish P.N. training schools. Killed in Committee.

LB 160 - To provide division of Hospital Survey and Construction in State Department of Health, permitting Nebraska hospitals to participate in Federal Funds under Hill-Burton Bill, U.S. Public Law 725. Passed and signed by Governor.

LB 250 - To provide for inspection and licensing of hospitals, fulfilling requirements for Nebraska participation in Federal funds under Hill-Burton Bill. Unanimously reported to General File.

LB 253 - To provide Assistant to Director of Bureau of Education and Registration for Nurses. Defeated amendment to transfer Bureau from Department of Public Health to Department of Health. Advanced to Select File.

LB 429 - To require that a child's birth be recorded in county where parents reside. Killed by Public Health Committee.

LB 263 - To provide that Superintendent of Public Instruction be the president of the Bureau of Education and Registration for Nurses. Passed and became law without signature of Governor.

NURSES GRADUATE  Graduation exercises for Senior classes of four Nebraska schools of nursing have been held recently, at which certificates were awarded to 91 graduates, and to two x-ray technology graduates.

Joint ceremonies were held at Creighton University Auditorium, January 5, for 21 graduates of the St. Catherine's School of Nursing and 20 graduates of Saint Joseph's School of Nursing, Omaha, the presentation being made by Very Rev. William H. McCabe, S.J., President of the University. Metal plaques were presented as citations for 25 years of service to Mrs. Agnes M. Waszgis, R.N., B.S., Instructor in Obstetrical Nursing at St. Joseph's Hospital, and Miss Frances Lynch, R.N., Night Supervisor for 25 years at St. Catherine's Hospital.

Fourteen graduates of the St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing, Lincoln, were awarded Diplomas by Rt. Rev. Magr. T. M. Kealy, J.C.D., hospital Chaplain, at exercise on January 7th.

The graduation of 36 nurses of Immanuel Hospital School of Nursing, Omaha, on February 7th climaxed activities of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Week celebration at Immanuel Deaconess Institute. Diplomas were presented by Dr. S. M. Miller, Director.

A candlelight service featured capping exercises for 35 probationary students of Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Omaha, Sunday, February 9.

Sixteen student nurses completed the pre-clinical period at St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing, Grand Island, in February, and received caps at impressive exercise.

X-ray Technologist certificates were awarded two graduates at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine commencement, March 22, at Joslyn Memorial, Omaha, in addition to degrees to 98 students, including 78 M.D. and 20 B.S. in Medicine. Dean Harold C. Lueth awarded degrees, aided by Dr. J. W. Tullman and Miss Irma Kyle, R.N. Twenty-six freshmen in the School of Nursing were capped at ceremonies February 21st.
KANSAS CITYAN IS
CLARKSON MANAGER

Hal G. Perrin, for the past four years Business Manager of the
Municipal Hospitals of Kansas City, Mo., on February 17th took
over his new duties as Superintendent of Bishop Clarkson Memoria
Hospital, Omaha. He succeeds Thomas F. Henley, who died in December.

Mr. Perrin, a 1927 graduate of the University of Kansas with a B. S. degree in
Business Administration, at the time of his selection for the Clarkson Hospital post,
was President of the Kansas City Area Hospital Council, and chairman of the Council
for the Coordination of Medical, Hospital and Nursing Services for the Greater Kansas
City Area. He is a Trustee of the Mid-West Hospital Association and Chairman of the
Public Relations Committee. He also is a member of the Sub-Committee on Purchasing of
the A. H. A., and in 1945 served as President of the Missouri Hospital Association. He
holds certificates for attendance at the 1943, 1944 and 1945 Institutes for Hospital
Administrators, at the University of Chicago.

Mr. Perrin plans to purchase a home in Omaha, and will be joined here after end
of the school term by his wife and three children, a son and two daughters. Incidentally,
Mr. Perrin had quite a reputation in the Kansas City Area as an "institutional
pigeon trapping specialist" and has had several articles published on the subject.

But we don't have "institutional pigeons" in Nebraska, Hal!

MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

President Cecelia K. Meister, of York General Hospital, and Sec-
ATRACTS NEBRASKANS
retary-Treasurer D. W. Duncan, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lincoln,
represented the Nebraska Hospital Assembly at the Mid-Year Con-
ference of the American Hospital Association, February 7-8, in Chicago. Also present
was Francis J. Bath, President of the Mid-West Hospital Association.

Mr. Duncan and Mr. Bath remained in Chicago for the Institute on Purchasing, at
the Hotel Drake, February 10-14. Other Nebraskans attending the Institute included
Sister Emma Ring, Immanuel Hospital, Omaha; Miss Ellen M. Branting, Doctors Hospital,
Omaha, and Richard C. Wiebe, Mennonite Deaconess Hospital, Beatrice. Ten other hospi-
tal workers from Mid-West Hospital Association territory were among the 104 registered.

MANY AT CONFERENCE

One hundred hospital administrators and department heads from
Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas attended the sec-
tional meetings of the American College of Surgeons, March 14-15, in Omaha, one of fiv-
such gatherings being held this spring in the United States. The Conferences were
under the direction of Dr. Malcolm T. MacEachern, of the A.C. of S. office, Chicago,
and brought to Omaha a number of outstanding leaders in the hospital and health fields.

DOCTORS TO MEET

The annual meeting of the Nebraska State Medical Society will be
held at Hotel Paxton, Omaha, April 28 to May 1, 1947.

1948 DATES SET FOR

In an effort to avoid conflicts in dates with other state and
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regional meetings, Officers already have arranged and announced
the dates for the next annual convention and exhibit of the
Mid-West Hospital Association, which will be held April 14, 15 and 16, 1948 in Munic-
ipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Mo., President Francis J. Bath reports.

DIRECTORS MEET

Directors of the Schools of Nursing conducted by the Poor Sister:
of St. Francis Seraph met at St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, February
19th, following the return of Sister M. Hugolin, of St. Joseph's, and Sister Mary
Louis, of St. Anthony Hospital, Denver, from a conference at the headquarters of the
Catholic Hospital Association, St. Louis, February 17-18. Others present included
Sister M. Ann Frances, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lincoln, and Sister M. Gerhards, St.
Francis Hospital, Grand Island and Sister M. Crescentia, Administrator, St. Joseph's
Hospital, Omaha.
CATHOLIC HOSPITAL MEETING IN BOSTON

The thirty-second annual convention of the Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada will convene in Mechanics Hall, Boston, June 15-19, under the patronage of His Excellency, the Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing, D.D., LL.D., Archbishop of Boston. Pre-convention conferences are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 13 and 14, with formal opening of the Convention proper scheduled for Sunday afternoon, June 16th.

MEDICAL TECHNICIANS TO CONVENE IN OMAHA

Three hundred members and guests of the Nebraska Society of Medical Technicians are expected in Omaha on Saturday, April 19, for the annual meeting of the organization, which will attract a number of prominent pathologists and technologists to the city. The day’s program will be held in the Black Mirror Room of the Fontenelle Hotel, which also will be the scene of the annual banquet, Saturday evening.

Leading features of the program will include discussions on "Laboratory Management," by Dr. Edwin Hirsch, Pathologist of St. Luke’s Hospital, Chicago; "Bone Marrow," by Dr. F. Tanner, University of Nebraska; "Parasitology," by Dr. George A. Underwood, Lincoln; "Chemical Procedures," Dr. Violet Wilder, University of Nebraska; J. P. Tollman, M.D., of the University of Nebraska Medical College, will present a motion picture entitled "Animated Hematology," produced by Armour and Co.

A special slide collection on hematology will be shown by a representative of the American Society of Medical Technologists, from the national headquarters at Muncie, Ind. The program, which will include several other prominent speakers, who are specialists in their particular fields, will be mailed members soon.

AUBURN HOSPITAL BOUGHT BY DOCTOR

The 16-bed Auburn Hospital, established in 1913 by the late Dr. C. A. Lutgen, has been purchased from the Lutgen estate by Dr. Edgar Cline, who has practiced in that Southeastern Nebraska city for the past 30 years. The purchase includes building and equipment. The institution is a member of the American Hospital Association.

Since the death of Dr. Lutgen in August, 1943, the institution has been conducted by Mrs. Lutgen, with the assistance of doctors of the community. Dr. Lutgen served as President-elect of Nebraska Hospital Assembly from March, 1939, and as its President until he was succeeded April 25, 1941, by Mrs. Ursula Frantz, remaining as a member of the Board of Trustees until the time of his death.

YOUTHFUL NEBRASKANS WILL BENEFICIARIES

Two Nebraska charitable organizations devoted to the care of homeless and crippled children will benefit to the extent of approximately $100,000 each, under provisions of the will of Mrs. Margaret Henry who, with her husband, the late Dr. Edwin C. Henry, owned and operated the Lord Lister Hospital, Omaha, until the middle '30's. A trust fund established by Mrs. Henry’s direction for the lifetime of her son, Frank, and a sister, eventually will be divided equally between the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys and the Crippled Children’s Fund of the Omaha Shrine organization.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry built the Lord Lister Hospital at 26th St. & Dewey Ave., in 1920 and operated the institution until 1936, when they sold the structure to the Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital, which now occupies the building. Dr. Henry returned to the staff of several Omaha hospitals and the Faculty of the Creighton University until his death in 1943. After disposing of many of the family holdings here, Mrs. Henry moved to California to be with her son and sister.

STUDENTS' WIVES BUSY

A new sewing project for the University Hospital and Dispensary has been started by the wives of medical students of the University of Nebraska, Omaha. The group meets monthly under sponsorship of wives of the Medical College faculty.
Announcements of several additional hospital construction projects as well as improvement programs, have been made by officials of Nebraska institutions.

ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL, GRAND ISLAND, is completing plans for a new, separate Nurses' Home, upon which construction is expected to begin this summer. Accommodations for 100 students will be provided, in addition to a complete teaching unit and facilities for instructors, spacious parlors, recreation rooms and an auditorium. The space now occupied in the hospital structure by the nurses will be converted for patient rooms, and one floor will be devoted to the treatment of contagious cases.

The wooden basement floor of the entire corridor and rooms in the front wing of the hospital have been replaced with a terrazzo floor, matching it with the floor in the new wing. Installation of a new fully-automatic Otis elevator now is under way, Sister M. Pacifica, O.S.F., Administrator, announces.

CLEARVIEW HOME, Douglas County institution for the aged, 15 miles west of Omaha, is undergoing extensive remodeling to provide accommodations for chronically ill patients, many of whom are being transferred from Douglas County Hospital, Omaha. The entire second floor, heretofore unoccupied excepting for a one-ward infirmary, has been completed and now contains beds for 75 women in the east wing, 125 men in the west wing. County Welfare Administrator Philip Vogt estimates a potential bed capacity for 350 infirm and aged folks. The County has purchased a former Army bus which now makes two round trips daily between Clearview and Omaha, carrying employees.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL, OMAHA, has completed installation of a new "Cutler" mail chute which serves all patient floors and terminates in the Main Lobby. Many patients now enjoy the privilege of a stroll or ride down the corridors to drop mail in the chute, thus saving nurses and other hospital personnel many precious moments.

BISHOP CLARKSON HOSPITAL, OMAHA, now greets patients and visitors with a new, modernistically furnished Main Lobby, entered through attractive Herculite glass doors. New offices, including patient admissions, bookkeeping and executive departments, and an attractive Hospitality Shop complete the new lobby appointments.

DODGE COUNTY HOSPITAL, FREMONT, has all furnishings on hand and Eugene Saxton, Superintendent, anxiously is awaiting completion of the new addition, which he expects will be ready for occupancy in May. The enlarged structure will provide accommodations for 30 additional patients, increasing the capacity of the institution to 85. Ground floor rooms will not be furnished at this time but will be held in readiness for future needed expansion.

BIDS WILL BE OPENED this month for the new $6,000,000 VETERANS HOSPITAL, OMAHA, and work on construction is expected to start Lieut. Col. Delbert B. Freeman, district engineer of the U.S. Army Engineers, states. The 500-bed institution, 12 stories in height, will be erected on a 40-acre site adjoining the Douglas County Hospital, half a mile south of University of Nebraska Medical School Hospital. Construction of the plant is expected to take two years.

VETERANS HOSPITAL, LINCOLN, will not be converted into a tuberculosis treatment center, as had been planned last year, latest advices from Washington indicate. The institution is a general hospital, and in 1946 admitted 3,472 patients, of whom 2,413 were World War II veterans. Total admissions were 50% over 1945.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HOSPITAL, NORFOLK, conducted for the past 12 years by the Missionary Benedictine Sisters, will be housed in a completely new plant in 1948 or 1949, Mother Maria Lucas, O.S.B., Prioress, reports. A modern structure of 75 to 100 beds capacity is contemplated.
IN MEMORIAM

JOHN HENRY THOMSEN, M.D.

Members of Nebraska Hospital Assembly mourn the passing on January 21, 1947, of Dr. John Henry Thomsen, founder and operator of Fredrick Hospital, 205 South 37th Street, Omaha, after a short illness.

A native of Pierce, Nebr., where he was born July 8, 1884, he came to Omaha as an infant with his parents and attended school here. He became a registered pharmacist in 1910 and continued studies toward a degree in medicine, which he received at Creighton University School of Medicine, in 1914. In 1917, he founded Frederick Hospital which he operated until the time of his death. Becoming interested in law, Dr. Thomsen took up studies at the Creighton University School of Law, from which he was graduated in 1937. He was a member of the Omaha-Douglas County Medical Society and of the American College of Physicians and Surgeons. He also was active in Masonic circles and was a brother of District Judge Arthur C. Thomsen. His wife survives.

Dr. Thomsen enjoyed "being first" in many of his undertakings, probably accounting for the tradition which he had established in 1940, and continued regularly since that time, in being first to pay his annual dues for Nebraska Hospital Assembly. Frederick Hospital currently is on an inactive basis, Mrs. Thompsen reports.

MEDICAL LIBRARIANS FINISH SHORT COURSE

Thirty-six medical record librarians and workers, representing nine states, were awarded certificates for completion of the extension short course, conducted March 24 to 28th at St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha. Miss Margaret C. Taylor, of Rochester, N.Y., Past-president of the American Association of Medical Record Librarians, and Director of the Librarian school at Rochester General Hospital, conducted the course.

Special lecturers during the week included Sister Olive Cullenberg, Nursing Director of Immanuel Hospital, Omaha, who spoke on "Hospital Administration in Relation to the Record Department"; Edwin Cassen, Omaha attorney, whose subject was on "Medico-Legal Data"; Dr. Harry H. McCarthy, Omaha surgeon, who spoke on "Medical Ethics - Confidential Nature of Records" and D. W. Duncan, Business Manager, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lincoln, who discussed "Insurance Reports and Correspondence."

Nebraskans present were:

OMAHA: Emma E. Hanson, Immanuel; Mary T. Donahue, St. Catherine's; Marjorie M. Metzinger, Doctors'; Lois Hunt, Lutheran; Patricia A. Nicol, Clarkson; Ruth H. Partridge, Emma W. Sasstrom, Methodist; Sally Ann Wirth, University; Marjorie Roscoe, Elaine H. Fitzpatrick, St. Joseph's.

LINCOLN: Hedvika C. Koci, St. Elizabeth; Eunice Mann, Bryan Memorial; Mary E. Talcott, Lincoln General; Elizabeth Jeeckel, Lincoln Clinic.

Beulah A. Hayes, St. Francis, Grand Island; Irene H. Muchinsky, St. Mary's, North Platte; Sister H. Corona, St. Catherine's, McCook; Sister M. Hilbilsis, Good Samaritan, Kearney; Sister M. Rosina, Sister M. Augustine, St. Joseph's, Osmond; Mary Catherine Jones, St. Catherine's, McCook; Sister M. Therese, Our Lady of Lourdes, Norfolk; Mary Ann Sorenson, Jennie Edmundson Memorial, Council Bluffs, Ia.

Other states represented included Illinois, South Dakota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Colorado, Kansas and Oklahoma.

Sister Mary Eugene, R.S.M., of St. Catherine's Hospital, Omaha, has been elected president of the newly organized Omaha Chapter of the American Association of Medical Record Librarians. The new Chapter is the first in Nebraska.
WITH THE BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD PLANS IN NEBRASKA

Continued progress was indicated by the general report of the Associated Hospital Service of Nebraska, as presented at the annual meeting of officers and members of the BLUE CROSS PLAN, January 28th, in Omaha.

The Auditor's report showed 80,695 members on December 31, or 35% increase over the previous year. Hospital claims paid totaled $328,480.94, representing 78.3% of gross income. An increase of $125,554.01 in premium income was disclosed as also was an addition of $20,456.94 to the surplus account. Surplus funds in the amount of $67,000 (cost basis) are invested in U.S. Savings and Treasury Bonds.

Officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, included Francis J. Bath, President; Arthur L. Coad, Vice-President; J. H. Pfeiffer, Secretary; Joseph O. Burger, Treasurer. Elected to the Board of Directors for three year terms were: Lyle V. Barnes, Francis J. Bath, J. O. Burger, Carl Falk, Harry A. Jacobberger, of Omaha; Glen Buck, Dr. Arthur L. Burnham and Rev. E. C. McDade, Lincoln; Marion Dole, Beatrice; Dr. Mason Mathrop, Wahoo; Dr. C. H. Maggiore, Sister M. Pacifica, O.S.F., and Fred Rauch, Grand Island; Earl Mead and Dr. T. E. Riddell, Scottsbluff; Dr. F. H. Morrow, Columbus; Karl Nelson, Nebraska City; Ben Saxton, Alliance; E. J. Saxton, Fremont.

A new Branch Office will be opened in Fremont, with Leonard Holmburg, member of the Board of County Commissioners, in charge. Another office also will be established in Scottsbluff, in addition to those operating now in Lincoln, Kearney, and Grand Island.

BLUE SHIELD ELECTS All Officers of Nebraska Medical Service were re-elected at the annual meeting in January, as follows; Dr. Arthur J. Offerman, President; Dr. J. Jay Keegan, Vice-president; E. K. McDermott, secretary; Arthur L. Coad, treasurer. New officers elected to the Board of Directors: Dr. Donald Steenberg, Aurora; Dr. Charles Way, Wahoo; William F. Fitzgerald, Omaha.

Enrollment as of January 1st was 20,000 members as the organization won the coveted BLUE SHIELD award, the Seal of Acceptance of the Council on Medical Service of the American Medical Association, which is given only to prepayment medical care plans which meet the high standards set by the Council. The addition of "in-hospital medical care" and an increase of benefits through higher fees on 60 items in the Schedule of Benefits also were announced.

POLIO CLINICS HELD Nine Nebraska physicians attended by invitation the three-day clinic on poliomyelitis, held in Omaha, January 9-11. The program was sponsored by the Nebraska Chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and seminars were held at the St. Joseph and Douglas County Hospitals, at which case observations were reported and discussed. Seminars were conducted by Dr. J. Harry Murphy, Director of Pediatrics of Creighton Medical School, and Dr. Geo. E. Robertson, associated professor of Pediatrics, University of Nebraska Medical School.

FORMULA SERVICE "Prescribed Formula, Inc." is a new Omaha venture of two ex-GI's, intent on capitalizing upon the heavy post-war crop of babies and at the same time furnishing a service much appreciated by new mothers. Ray A. Osborne and William E. Rosser are the enthusiastic operators of the service, which, at a fee of $4.00 per week, will undertake to provide any prescribed formula ordered by the attending doctor, making fresh deliveries each morning at the home of the mother and babe. A former Navy Nurse, Miss Mary Felder, R.N., prepares the formulae for Messrs. Osborne and Rosser, who have promise of patronage which already gives every indication of proving highly successful.
PITHY, CARL A. JOHNSON, who has been kept from his duties as Business Manager of Immanuel Deaconess Hospital, Omaha, since November due to illness, has been granted an additional six months' leave of absence by the Board. Mr. Johnson, who has held the position for the past 25 years, is somewhat improved at the hospital, where he is a patient.

SISTER M. LUDOVICA DORING, O.S.F., stationed at Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, for 51 years, has retired and departed March 28 for the Motherhouse of the Poor Sisters of St. Francis Seraph, the St. Joseph Convent, Denver, where she will make her home at Mother of Grace Hall. Sister Ludovica celebrated her Golden Jubilee as a nun on September 20, 1944.

MISS HELEN BECKER, of the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture Extension Service, Lincoln, is a new Personal Member of Nebraska Hospital Assembly. Miss Becker also serves as secretary of the Health Planning Committee in Lincoln, and therefore has a special interest in the activities and progress of Nebraska hospitals.

WILLIAM T. RANCE, M.D., Assistant Professor of Surgery, and NORMAN H. ATTWOOD, Instructor in Medicine of the Creighton University School of Medicine, were honored for 25 years of service as Faculty Members at the annual Founders' Day banquet at Hotel Fontenelle, Omaha. Both physicians were awarded quarter-century certificates by the Very Rev. William H. McCabe, S.J., President of Creighton University. Both received their M.D. degrees in 1920 and joined the Faculty a year later after serving their interneships at St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha. The banquet marked the 68th anniversary of the founding of the University by Edward and John A. Creighton.

REV. BRETT O. LYLE, Superintendent of Nebraska Methodist Hospital, Omaha, and Rev. Edwin C. McNade, Superintendent of Bryan Memorial Hospital, Lincoln, attended the annual meeting of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals, in Chicago, February 12 and 13. The meeting attracted 300 delegates, representing 180 Methodist hospitals, for discussions of operational problems and expansion plans.

SISTER MARY JOHN, R.S.M., Superintendent of St. Catherine's Hospital, and SISTER MARY KEVIN, R.S.M., Director of the School of Nursing, attended a conference of the Catholic Hospital Association, February 17-18, in St. Louis. Sister Mary Kevin is a member of the C.H.A. examining board of schools of nursing.

JAMES C. CARR, formerly superintendent of Hand Hospital, Shenandoah, Iowa, has accepted a position as statistician and finance officer of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, Omaha, working both in the hospital and university.

ROBERT D. SHROCK, M.D., has been elected president of the Omaha-Douglas County Medical Society, succeeding Dr. John W. Duncan. Dr. James F. Kelly, prominent Omaha radiologist, has been chosen as President-elect, and Dr. Herman M. Jahr, Secretary-treasurer. Executive board members include Drs. William L. Sucha, John J. Freyman, R. Russell Best, Floyd J. Murray and George Pratt.

MISS FRIEDA DIETERICH, R.N., for eleven years supervisor of the surgical department of University Hospital, Omaha, has been named director of the Hattie B. Munroe Home for Convalescing Children. She replaces Miss Margaret Thurman, who has resigned and returned to her home in Memphis, Tenn.

DR. FRANKLIN G. EBAUGH, prominent psychiatrist and director of the University of Colorado Psychiatric Hospital, Denver, talked on "The Anxiety State", at the Founders' Day banquet of Beta Gamma Chapter, of Alpha Kappa Kappa, which featured the twenty-fifth anniversary of the presence of the medical fraternity on the campus.
PHILIP F. Vogt, County Welfare Administrator, has been given an additional three-year contract, continuing through 1949, by the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, at an annual salary of $6,900. Welfare Administrator Vogt is in charge of county welfare activities, a position which he has held since December, 1943. He has been active also in an effort to secure a revision of state regulations in order to provide a more equitable distribution of assistance funds.

Quarter century certificates have been awarded Miss Lydia Fueker and Logan Goodlow, employees of Nebraska Methodist Hospital, Omaha, for 25 years of service in philanthropic institutions of the Methodist church, Supt. B. O. Lyle has announced.

Kenneth Hiller, of Milwaukee, Wis., succeeds Warren A. Christianson this month as Nebraska and South Dakota representative of Will Ross, Inc. He will reside in Omaha. Mr. Christianson, World War II veteran, will enter Riley General Hospital, Springfield, Mo., April 20th, for surgical correction of a service-incurred condition, which will prevent him from regular travel for a year or longer. Both Mr. and Mrs. Christianson are avid motor boat enthusiasts and drivers, in which hobby they have won numerous prizes in racing meets all over the country. The family will continue to reside in Omaha.

Harold A. Smith is the new Superintendent of Memorial Hospital, Atlantic, Ia., succeeding Miss Lilyan C. Zindell, who has resigned and will move to California. Mr. Smith formerly was employed at the University of Iowa Hospitals, Iowa City.

Miss Elsie Emily Pavoucek has been awarded a four-year scholarship to the University of Nebraska School of Nursing by members of Omaha Post, American Legion Auxiliary, Unit #1. The award is made annually to a Nebraska high school graduate.

W. S. Petty, M.D., of Lincoln, has been reappointed by Gov. Val Peterson as State Director of Health, an office to which he was first named in 1945 by former Governor Dwight Griswold.

Miss Leeta Holdrege, R.N., of Omaha, has been named as a member of the State Bureau of Education and Registration for Nurses, by Wayne O. Reed, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Miss Holdrege is Director of the Visiting Nurses Association, Omaha, and also is in charge of nursing activities for the Omaha Board of Health.

Samuel I. Fuenning, M.D., graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, Omaha, has been appointed director of the University's Student Health Service, Lincoln, Chancellor R. G. Gustavson has announced. His selection is the first step in reorganization of the health service program, which will place that activity under supervision of medical college staff members. Other appointments include Dr. R. O. Carlinghouse and Dr. Frank Stone, of Lincoln, in addition to Dr. Ruth Warner and Dr. Fred Metheny, present members of the Health Service staff.

Sister M. Siegberta, O. S. F., Popular Administrator of St. Mary's Hospital, Columbus, on May 1st will celebrate the golden jubilee of her investiture and reception in the Order of the Poor Sisters of St. Francis. Sister Siegberta has long been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Hospital Assembly and has taken an active part in committee work. The 50th anniversary celebration will take place in Columbus.

Charles M. Swartz has been named director of Public Relations of the American Medical Association, succeeding Dr. Morris Fishbein. The latter will continue as the Editor of the Journal of the A.M.A.
RAZING OF ORIGINAL DOUGLAS COUNTY HOSPITAL
UNIT RECALLS SCANDALS OF YE "GOOD OLD DAYS"

DOUGLAS COUNTY HOSPITAL, OMAHA, currently is the scene of demolition activities of particular interest to older residents of the community, as workmen raze the original north structure, the erection of which was the cause of considerable public scandal and numerous law suits, back in '70's, '80's and "gay nineties".

Removal of the old building will result in noticeable savings in operational costs of the institution, including the transmission of steam heat several blocks from the power house to the old nurses' home and the discontinuance of 14,000 feet of radiation, according to County Welfare Administrator Philip Vogt.

The south, front door of the new structure, unused since the hospital was opened in 1932, has been placed in service by Mr. Vogt, affording visitors a much improved impression of the institution. No longer do they need to wind their way through the long corridors of the hospital, a maze of doors and passages, to the elevators 150 feet or more from the now abandoned 40th Street entrance. New automobile parking space has been provided on the west side, encouraging access to the grounds from 42nd Street and Woolworth Avenue, rather than the unpaved Fortieth Street, which has been used for 15 years. The offices and switchboard have been moved to the first floor, near the main front entrance, from the former ground level location.

Historians of "the good old days" dwell at length upon the difficulties encountered in construction of the first building; of walls crumbling and tumbling ere they ever had been completed; of "inspectors" politically chosen; of a construction superintendent who was removed because the "higher powers" would pay no attention to his reports of inferior materials being used; of narrow escapes of workmen; of spine-chilling noises as whole sections of uncompleted walls collapsed; of a near panic on May 13, 1892, as escaping steam enveloped "insane" patients and they dashed wildly to nearby windows.

... Newspapers were filled with accounts of law suits filed by these same contractors to enforce payment by the County of funds withheld because of poor workmanship and materials; of eventual success in collection of not only the original amount but an additional $35,000 for "work over and above" the contract price. A suit by the County against contractors and bondsmen came to naught. Original cost was $106,337.34, plus $26,519 for heating equipment.

To help in financing the cost of erecting the original hospital structure, County Commissioners authorized a sale of county owned property, known as "the east 50 acres of the poor farm". Residents of Omaha responded eagerly to the offering and soon a most substantial sum had been realized.

... then, in April, 1887, lot purchasers began a series of law suits against the County due to failure to receive clear legal titles to the parcels of property purchased in Douglas Addition. When the smoke of battle had cleared, County Commissioners found themselves facing the necessity of requesting legal authorization for issuance of bonds in the sum of $180,000, the proceeds to be used solely for payment of judgments secured against the county because of these faulty titles. The bond issue was dated January 1, 1898, maturing January 1, 1918.

The institution continued to serve its original purpose, after a fashion, with its original capacity of 110 beds becoming woefully inadequate for the needs, soon after the turn of the century. Additional beds continued to crowd more and more the rooms and finally overflowed into the corridors. In the basement were un floored...
dungeons, remindful of the catacombs of the ancient Christians - in which men lived, and most happily, even past the turn of the last decade, until they were removed, amid loud protests, to the newly completed Clearview Home.

Public resentment to conditions in the old structure fanned into flame in the late 1920’s, resulting in the approval of a bond issue for a new hospital, which was completed in 1932, at a cost of $900,000 for an institution of 410 beds.

Now, all is different - Philip F. Vogt, trained Omaha social worker and "Reformer" of the type welcome in every community, has converted the once political football into a modern institution for the acutely ill, where medical science is afforded the opportunity to rehabilitate the poor sick, and provides specialized isolation service for the entire community. Gone is the "stigma" of being a "county hospital patient" - gone, too, is the political preference which even within the last decade had determined largely the individuals who might secure treatment.

Even in Death, the old institution is costly to the taxpayers - the demolition contract, awarded to the American Wrecking Company, Omaha, calls for payment of $4,750.00. The wrecker, in addition, secures all salvage available from the structure. The contract requires completion of the job by June 1, 1947.

HOLD SEMINAR FOR HOSPITAL TRUSTEES

Representatives of five Omaha hospitals participated in a seminar for trustees of Children’s Memorial Hospital, held in the library of University Hospital. Various phases and principles of hospital management were covered by the speakers, following which all present took part in a round table discussion, conducted by Dr. C. W. M. Poynter.

Speakers and their subjects were:

- Plans of Children’s Memorial Hospital - Frank Latenser, Architect.
- Administration of Pediatric Nursing Service - Sister Olive Cullenberg, Immanuel
- Requirements of Personnel for Pediatric Nursing - Miss Edna Fagen, Methodist
- Opportunities for Nursing Education - Miss Irma M. Kyle, University
- Accounting and Hospital Purchases - Francis J. Bath, St. Joseph’s
- Aspects of Hospital Maintenance - R. B. Saxon, University
- Practical Problems in Nursing in a Children’s Hospital - Mrs. Calista Fulkerson,
- Organization and Administration Problems - Dr. Harold C. Lueth, University

McNARY NEW LEADER OF MICHIGAN BLUE CROSS

William S. McNary, executive director of Colorado Hospital Service since inauguration of Blue Cross Plan in that state in 1938, and an active figure in Mid-West Hospital Association activities, has assumed new duties as general manager and executive vice-president of Michigan Hospital Service, with headquarters in Detroit. With more than 1,650,000 members, Michigan Hospital Service is the third largest Blue Cross Plan in the United States.

A graduate of the University of Colorado in business administration, McNary was business manager of Colorado General Hospital until he resigned in 1938 to organize Blue Cross in the state. In 1943, he was elected to the important nine-man Blue Cross Commission, the policy making body for the 87 Plans of the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. He also is chairman of its sub-committee for National Individual Enrollment and has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Mid-West Hospital Association.

Succeeding Mr. McNary as head of Colorado Hospital Service is Joseph R. Grant, of Denver, formerly assistant director and McNary’s first employee when Colorado Blue Cross was organized. The Plan now has 410,000 subscribers and 35 member hospitals.
NEBRASKA HOSPITALS ENJOY FAVORABLE INNING WITH COMPENSATION COURT JUDGES - OUTCOME "UP TO US"!


After more than two years of discouraging activity on the part of the special committee of Nebraska Hospital Assembly which has been endeavoring to enlist official approval of an increase in the fee schedule for services to patients coming within provisions of the Nebraska Workmen's Compensation law, signs of "a break" shone through the clouds July 3rd when the Hon. O. M. Olsen, presiding judge, wrote Secretary-Treasurer D. W. Duncan that the members of the Compensation Court had indicated a willingness to follow the proposal of the Committee, providing that certain cooperation on the part of all interested hospitals be extended promptly.

ASSURANCE THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD CARRY OUT ITS SHARE OF THE REQUIREMENTS QUICKLY WAS GIVEN JUDGE OLSEN, WITH THE ADDED PROMISE THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WOULD BE DONE TO SECURE THE FULL AND PROMPT COOPERATION OF EVERY INSTITUTIONAL MEMBER OF THE NEBRASKA HOSPITAL ASSEMBLY.

NOW, ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE THE FULFILLMENT OF THAT PROMISE POSSIBLE?

Your Committee long has represented to the Compensation Court and to representatives of the Insurance Carriers and Self-Insured Employers that a fixed schedule of fees, such as existed for 25 years until January 1, 1947, is unfair to many hospitals. At no time is this statement more true than at the present, when hospital operating costs are advancing month by month and a "fair charge" of today becomes a "loss" figure tomorrow.

Your Committee long has contended that the ONLY FAIR FEE BASIS for compensation cases is the prevailing charge for the same service to patients who pay their own hospital bills; that Compensation cases should not enjoy a lower rate than the prevailing charge, which practice results in financial losses to hospitals and, consequently, in higher charges to private patients to offset such losses. Likewise, Your Committee has held that hospitals with higher operating costs because of conditions peculiar to such institutions should not be penalized by the imposition of flat rate schedule fees which, under present conditions, are wholly inadequate.
FURTHERMORE, Your Committee has stressed the fairness of a "prevailing charge" basis for the Employer or Insurance Carrier who pays for the care of injured workmen, assuring them of reductions in charges as soon as hospital costs decline to the point where institutions may reduce their schedule of patient fees. Insurance representatives in the conferences have agreed that hospitals are entitled to higher charges, but have insisted upon a flat basis rate structure.

NOW, WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO DO??????

JUST THIS --

Your Committee has prepared, at the request of Judge Olsen, a list of the more common services rendered by Nebraska hospitals in various departments, as well as types of accommodations generally found in institutions of the state. Space has been provided in two columns, headed "Minimum" and "Maximum", for insertion of low and high charges for each such service. THE LIST IS NOT INTENDED TO BE COMPLETE but merely to provide the Compensation Court with a basic list of services.

The Compensation Court will prepare a sufficient quantity of the lists to supply all Nebraska hospitals, and mail copies to each institution. After the completed basic lists are returned to Judge Olsen's office, the Compensation Court will mimeograph enough copies of each hospital's list of charges to supply all the Insurance Carriers and Self-Insured Employers with a complete set of charge lists from every hospital handling compensation patients. The Court thus will approve officially the method of billing which some Nebraska hospitals have followed since January 1st, but which has been challenged on a number of occasions by insurance claim adjustors and employers.

YOUR PART OF THE JOB IS TO COMPLETE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT AND RETURN IT AS DIRECTED TO JUDGE OLSEN.

ONLY IF THERE IS A FULL AND PROMPT RESPONSE WILL THE COURT ASSUME THE VAST VOLUME OF WORK WHICH WILL BE ENTAILED IN PUBLISHING A COMPLETE CHARGE LIST OF ALL NEBRASKA HOSPITALS.

YOUR HOSPITAL WILL PROFIT — PLEASE ACT PROMPTLY !!!!!

MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW FOR NHA FALL MEETING

With the tentative program already approved, plans for the Eleventh Annual Convention of the 'Nebraska Hospital Assembly are going forward in excellent fashion, President Cecelia Meister, Superintendent of York General Hospital, reports. The program committee consists of Rev. B. O. Lyle, Methodist Hospital; Dr. Harold Leuth, University; Miss Lillian Amgwer, Lutheran, and Hal G. Perrin, Bishop Clarkson, Omaha.

Because of the difficulty of securing hotel accommodations, the 1947 meeting will be held on Thursday and Friday, November 13-14, at Hotel Fontenelle, Omaha. A block of rooms has been set aside by the hotel management for guests at the convention and reservations should be made at once; none will be accepted after November 1st, Miss Lillian Amgwer, hotel arrangements chairman, has announced.

Details of the two bills sponsored by the Nebraska Hospital Assembly in the 1947 state Legislature, including LB-160, the hospital survey act, and LB-250, the hospital licensing law, will be discussed as one of the features of the program. An appropriation of $40,000 by the Legislature for the biennium, plus approximately $3,000 in fees provided under LB-250, will supply funds to carry out provisions of the two new laws, under supervision of the State Department of Health. No committee appointments have as yet been announced by Governor Val Peterson.
Sixty Nebraskans were registered at the Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Mid-West Hospital Association, April 23-25, at Kansas City, the largest attendance from our state on record. The meeting likewise was the largest in point of attendance and in exhibits, with over 900 visitors registered and 102 booths occupied in the large arena.

Larry C. Austin, of the Veterans Administration, St. Louis, assumed the office of President at the business meeting on the concluding day, succeeding Francis J. Bath, of Omaha. Chosen as President-elect at the annual election of officers was Mrs. Regina Kaplan, of Leo N. Levi Memorial Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark., a former trustee and also secretary-treasurer of the organization. Harold J. Hamilton, Bruster Hospital, Holdrege, Nebr., was elected First Vice-President and Harry Smith, Wesley Hospital, Oklahoma City, Okla., second Vice-President.

Trustees chosen included:

Arkansas: Marvin Altman, Sparks Memorial Hospital, Fort Smith, term expires 1950
Colorado: Hubert W. Hughes, St. Anthony Hospital, Denver, 1950
Kansas: Zelma Smith, Russell Hand Hospital, Russell, 1950
Missouri: Edward A. Thomson, St. Joseph Hospital, St. Joseph, Mo., 1949
Oklahoma: Estelle Gleiborne, Children's Hospital, St. Joseph, 1950
Nebraska: Francis J. Bath, Creighton Memorial St. Joseph Hospital, Omaha, 1950
Wyoming: Earl S. Ireland, Memorial Hospital, Sheridan, 1950

R. L. ("Bert") Loy, of General Hospital, Oklahoma City, Okla., was re-elected Treasurer by the Trustees. Mr. Loy had held the office of Treasurer and also served as Chairman of the Exhibits Committee from 1945 to 1947, and was largely responsible for the splendid array of exhibits which featured the April convention.

John A. Rowland, of Trinity Hospital, Little Rock, Ark., was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Charles A. Holt, M.D., of Fort Smith, resigned. Mr. Rowland's term will expire in 1948.

The Right Rev. Monsignor Maurice Griffin, D.D., rector of St. Philomena's Church, Cleveland, Ohio, was elected as President of the Catholic Hospital Association at the 32nd annual convention of the organization, June 15-19, in Boston, succeeding the Very Rev. Alphonse M. Schwitalla, S.J., of St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo., who declined reelection because of failing health. Father Schwitalla had headed the group for the past 19 years. Msgr. Griffin, who is the third president of the organization, is a former Trustee of the American Hospital Association.

In a reorganization following Father Schwitalla's retirement, the Rev. John J. Flanagan, S.J., president of Regis College, Denver, since 1942, was appointed Executive Director of the Catholic Hospital Association. He will direct the group's activities and maintain offices in a recently purchased headquarters building, immediately adjoining St. Louis University school of Medicine. M. R. Kneifl, executive director under Father Schwitalla, will remain as assistant to Father Flanagan.

An Institute on Hospital Accounting, sponsored by the Association, will he held July 28 to August 9 in the auditorium adjoining the new headquarters building. The Institute will be open to Sisters of all Catholic hospitals and will be under the direction of Mr. Kneifl, a native of Laurel, Nebraska and a former Creighton student.
CHANGES AND ACTIVITIES Personnel changes, anniversary observances and a varied assortment of other activities all have combined to keep life interesting for Dr. Samuel Miller, Director of the Immanuel Deaconess Hospital and Institute, Omaha, during several busy summer months.

Noteworthy was the departure on May 16th of Sister Myrtle Anderson for her old post in Hsuchang, Honan, China, after serving for the past four years as Director of Nursing Service at Immanuel Hospital. Sister Myrtle has spent seven years as Superintendent of the Lutheran Hospital, Hsuchang, until 1943 when she returned to the United States for a year's vacation. The war with Japan prevented her going back to China when her leave had ended, so she remained in nursing work at Immanuel Hospital, experiencing several disappointments and delays before she was able to get passage to the missionary field which she loves. Sister Minnie-Carlson, now Director of Nursing Education, has as her assistant, Sister Irene Danielson.

A joint anniversary celebration of special interest took place July 15th, following the Immanuel Board meeting, when tribute was paid in exercises at Bloom Hall to Sister Vothilda Svensson, celebrating the completion of sixty years as a Deaconess, and Sister Betty Hanson, commemorating her fiftieth anniversary. Sister Vothilda enjoys the honor of having been the first Deaconess to be consecrated by the Lutheran organization here and the first nurse in the original Immanuel Hospital, when it was opened in 1890. Sister Vothilda now is retired and resides at the Institute Deaconess Home, Omaha, still in the best of health.

Because of a prolonged illness which has left Carl A. Johnson, Business Manager of the Immanuel Institute for the past 25 years, a semi-invalid, the Board has voted to retire Mr. Johnson on pension, Dr. Miller has announced. Mr. Johnson has returned to his home, 6615 Minne Lusa Blvd, from the hospital where he had been a patient for several months. The Board has appointed John E. Lowry, a graduate of the Lutheran Bible Institute, Minneapolis, to succeed Mr. Johnson. Mr. Lowry, an accountant, was Property Control Officer, W.R.A., Manzanar, Calif, during the war and later served as Assistant Field Director, W.A.A., at Manzanar, before coming to Omaha.

Miss Lillian Burke, feature writer, and Bruce Sifford, photographer, of the Minneapolis Sunday Tribune, visited the Immanuel Institute by plane, July 10, to secure material and pictures for a forthcoming feature article on the institution. The renovating and redecoration of the Chapel is expected to be completed August 1st.

MID-WEST CLINICAL The Paxton Hotel, Omaha, will be the scene of the fifteenth annual meeting of the Omaha Midwest Clinical Society, dates of which will be October 27 to 31.

NEW MEDICAL GROUP Formation of the Omaha Obstetrical and Gynecological Society, with membership limited to specialists in these two fields, has been announced by Dr. Maurice E. Grier, first president of the group. Dr. Charles F. Moon is President-elect and Dr. Burnell V. Reaney, secretary-treasurer, Dinner meetings are planned at 6:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday evening of September, November, January, April and May, at the Omaha Athletic Club.

TWO DAY SESSION SET FOR NEBRASKA NURSES The 1947 convention of the Nebraska State Nurses Association will be a two-day meeting at Hotel Cornhusker, Lincoln, on October 13-14. Combined with the nurses' sessions will be the annual meetings for the Nebraska League of Nursing Education and the Nebraska Organization for Public Health Nursing.

Continuation of the sectional meetings, inaugurated last year, has been voted by the nurses' board. A series of meetings is planned for August.
More than half the people of Germany are Tuberculosis victims resulting from nutritional deficiencies which are an aftermath of World War II, Sister M. Crescentia, O.S.F., Administrator of Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, found during a month's visit in the American and British zones of that war-devastated country. Food and clothing shortages are deplorable, and the lack of building materials has made reconstruction of blighted areas virtually impossible, she reports.

Sister Crescentia was one of six nuns who represented the two American provinces of the Poor Sisters of St. Francis Seraph at a general chapter of the Order at the World Motherhouse in Olpe, Westphalia, Germany. There are approximately 1,000 Sisters of the Community in the United States, of whom 450 are in the Western Province of which the Motherhouse is at St. Joseph Convent, Denver. Besides the Omaha institution, the Sisters conduct St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lincoln; St. Mary's, Columbus; Good Samaritan, Kearney and St. Francis, Grand Island, and a number of elementary and high schools in the state. They also have hospitals in Colorado, New Mexico and Kansas, and St. Thomas Orphanage, Lincoln. The Eastern Province includes twelve hospitals and a number of other institutions.

The Sisters were thrilled to learn that on the outbound flight, April 17, their plane set a new record between Gander, Newfoundland and Shannon Airport, Eire, making the crossing in five hours, 55 minutes, a full half-hour faster than the best previous record. Their top speed was 402.5 miles per hour, aided by a 92-mile an hour tailwind. At Frankfurt, Germany they were met by Very Rev. Msgr. Leslie V. Barnes, of Lincoln, now an army chaplain in Germany. Major Barnes was Chaplain at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lincoln, for twelve years before entering military service, and the reunion indeed was a happy one, as Sister Crescentia has been administrator of the same institution from 1932-38. The Sisters returned to the United States on May 28th.

SILVER JUBILEES FOR Two Nuns of St. Catherine's Hospital, Omaha, including Sister Mary Kevin, R.S.M., Director of the School of Nursing, and Sister Mary Anne, R.S.M., were among seven Sisters of Mercy who on July 4th observed the twenty-fifth anniversary of their religious profession.

The Silver Jubilee High Mass which opened the day's celebration was sung by Rev. Charles H. Strassberger in the Chapel of the College of St. Mary, Omaha, in which the group of Jubilarians had made their novitiate after entering the Mercy order on August 15, 1919. Their profession of vows took place July 4, 1922 at St. Patrick's Church, immediately adjoining the novitiate. Other members of the class are teachers in various schools conducted by the Mercy nuns, including Sister Mary Mark, R.S.M., a sister of Dr. James W. Martin, prominent Omaha orthopedic surgeon.

On May 6th, Mother Mary Evangelista Flaherty, R.S.M., celebrated the Golden Jubilee of her reception into the Mercy order in ceremonies at Mercy Hospital, Council Bluffs, Ia., where she now is stationed. Mother Evangelista has superintended the plans and erection of the new Nurses' residence, which is nearing completion at the Council Bluffs institution.
CONSTRUCTION PLANS, IMPROVEMENTS PROCEED

LINCOLN - A contract for the construction of a new west wing at Bryan Memorial Hospital has been let and work will begin August 1st, Rev. Edwin C. McDade, Superintendent has announced. Completion of the project, awarded to the Olson Construction Co., Lincoln, is promised by January 1, 1948, according to the contract. Davis & Wilson, Architects, of Lincoln, have drawn the plans.

The structure will be three stories in height, with two floors providing 16 beds each for patients, in two to four bed accommodations. The ground floor is to include two class rooms for nurses and interns' quarters and a study room. There will be a solarium on each floor. Cost of the project, furnished, is to be $140,000.

OMAHA - Work has been started at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine and Hospital preparatory to erection and installation of an entire boiler plant which is to be moved 150 miles, from the Cornhusker Ordnance plant at Grand Island, and reassembled on the Omaha site. The gigantic removal project will include two three-hundred horsepower high pressure boilers together with the brick and tile building in which they were housed, a program which will involve an expenditure of approximately $100,000, which is less than half the cost of the original plant. The building will be reconstructed at the west side of the present medical school power house, and equipment of the two plants will be combined in the new two-story structure. Present plans contemplate completion of the project by the end of 1947.

SCOTTSBLUFF - Plans for completion of the interiors of the fifth and sixth floors of West Nebraska Methodist Hospital here are under way. Rev. E. E. Pengally, Superintendent, soon will undertake the huge task of raising $200,000 in contributions in the local community to finance the project.

OMAHA - Progress on Children's Memorial Hospital indicates completion of the new structure by approximately January 1, 1948, nearly a year later than had been anticipated originally. Shortages of skilled labor and materials have been deterring factors. A fund of $25,000 has been raised by the Nebraska Elks Association for equipping of one wing of the new structure and a contribution of $500 has been made by the American War Mothers local chapter to furnish the Admissions office. Miss Grace V. Barber, of Pittsburgh, Pa., formerly superintendent of Women's Hospital of the University of Pittsburgh Medical College, has been appointed head of the Omaha institution. She is a graduate of Presbyterian Hospital Nursery School, Pittsburgh.

A medical staff of 87 Omaha physicians and surgeons has been appointed, with Dr. Joseph A. Henske, chairman of the Department of Pediatrics of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, as the first president.

HOLDREGE - Completion of a new addition to the Brewster Hospital here has increased the capacity of the institution to 60 beds, providing not only seven new private rooms with connecting lavatory and toilet rooms, but also a new kitchen and dining space for employees. Walls in all patient rooms were finished in Fabron. The project marks the addition of 25 new patient beds within the last 18 months, Superintendent Harold J. Hamilton states.

OMAHA - Completion of the new 50x100' two-story laundry and boiler room addition of Nebraska Methodist Hospital, originally scheduled for December 1, 1946, is now "promised within ninety days," says Rev. B. O. Lyle, Superintendent, none too hopefully.

TECHNICIANS ELECT Miss Jane Reilly, of Lincoln, has been elected president of the Nebraska Society of X-ray Technicians for the ensuing year. Vice-president is Mrs. Norma Case, of St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha; Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Josephine Wittman, Bryan Memorial Hospital, Lincoln.
SISTER MARY JOHN O'CONNOR, R.S.M., Superintendent of St. Catherine Hospital, Omaha, has resumed her regular duties after a period of inactivity due to injuries, including a fractured right arm, which she sustained in a fall in her institution, April 22nd. Sister Mary John and Mary Genevieve, also of St. Catherine's, currently are on a visit with relatives of the latter in Ocean Park, Calif.

MRS. IRMA E. HENLEY, R.N., B.S.N., has been appointed Director of Nursing of Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital, Omaha, Hal G. Perrin, Superintendent, has announced. The widow of Thomas F. Henley, head of Clarkson Hospital until his death last December, Mrs. Henley is a graduate of St. Agnes School, Albany, N.Y., Ellis School of Nursing, Schenectady, N.Y. and Russell Sage College, Troy, N.Y.

J. E. M. THOMSON, M.D., of Lincoln, has been chosen president-elect of the Nebraska State Medical Association, to take office next April, succeeding Dr. G. E. Charlton, of Norfolk. Dr. Earl Farnsworth, of Grand Island, and Dr. M. H. Carrig, of Bloomfield, have been elected vice-presidents.

MISS BERTHA HUND, R.N., B.S.N.E., has joined the teaching staff of St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing, Grand Island, Sister M. Gerharda, Director, reports. Miss Hund is a graduate of the St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing, at Topeka, Kans. and St. Mary's College, Xavier, Kans. She will teach nursing arts and science in her new position.

HAL G. PERRIN, Superintendent, Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital, Omaha, has purchased an Elmwood Park home at 602 S. 57th Street. Mrs. Perrin and children, Mary Dell, 17; Jimmy, 9 and Christina, 3, have arrived from Kansas City, Mo., their former home.

JAMES F. KELLY, M.D., Chief of Staff of St. Catherine's Hospital, Omaha, and Radiologist at St. Catherine's, St. Joseph's and Douglas County Hospitals, Omaha, delivered a lecture on the use of X-ray in the treatment of wound infection at the Centennial Convention of the American Medical Association, held June 9 to 13, at Atlantic City, N.J. Dr. Kelly also presented an exhibit summarizing his studies of the use of X-ray in gas gangrene and other infections over a period of years, during the convention which was the largest in the history of the A. M. A. Dr. Kelly is Director of the Department of Radiology of Creighton University School of Medicine.

ROY W. FOUTS, M.D., Omaha radiologist and member of the Board of Doctors Hospital, was re-elected Speaker of the A.M.A. House of Delegates for the fourth consecutive year at the 1947 convention. The body consists of 175 delegates, including Dr. Joseph D. McCarthy, of Omaha and Dr. Karl J. Hohlen, of Lincoln.

MISS FRIEDA ROERDEN, R.N., has been named Superintendent of Nurses of Lutheran Hospital, Beatrice, succeeding Miss Alene Voss. Miss Roerden, who took over her new duties June 1st, formerly has been instructor of nursing at the Lincoln General Hospital School of Nursing.

MISS VOSS plans a year of travel which will take her to distant parts of the world. After a visit with her parents in Sheffield, Iowa, Miss Voss sailed July 10th from San Francisco for Australia, for an extended visit with one of her sisters, who she has not seen for 17 years. From Australia she will travel to New Guinea to visit the grave of another sister who died while engaged in missionary work on the island in the Southwest Pacific.

STERLING SHRAUGER, of Pawnee City, has been named business manager of Pawnee County Hospital, recently purchased by the county commissioners from Dr. W. R. Boyer. Members of the new county hospital board include A. M. Huston, Pawnee City; Clifford Boehmer, DuBois and Chris Albers, of Steinauer.
T. J. McGINTY, Missourian, became Administrator of Lincoln General Hospital, Lincoln, June 1st, succeeding Robert B. Witham, FACHA, who has resigned to accept a position as a hospital consultant with the U. S. Public Health Service. He will travel through the West Coast states, and Hawaii and Alaska, with headquarters in California. Mr. McGinty is well known to Nebraska hospital folks, having served as President of the Mid-West Hospital Association in 1938-9, and in other Mid-West activities since that time. He also has taken part in Nebraska Hospital Assembly state meetings on several occasions.

SISTER M. SIEGBERTA, O.S.F., R.N., Superintendent of Saint Mary's Hospital, Columbus, on May 22nd celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of her investiture in the Poor Sisters of St. Francis Seraph, in ceremonies at Columbus. The Golden Jubilee high mass was solemnized by Rev. Henry Linn, S.J., of Creighton University, Omaha, nephew of Sister Siegberta. A reception in honor of the Jubilarian was held following the religious ceremonies, and the priests and guests present were guests of Sister Siegberta at a dinner and entertainment program during the day.

HAROLD E. EGGERS, M.D., professor of pathology since 1910 at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, has resigned to accept a position as a field educational director of the Nebraska division of the American Cancer Society.

MISS MARGARET M. HAVEN, of Milligan, '46 graduate of St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing, Lincoln, and Miss Monica York, of Liberty, Senior student of the same school, will be members of a class of postulants to be invested in the order of Poor Sisters of St. Francis Seraph, August 12, at St. Joseph Convent, Denver.

ALBERT S. BLACK, JR., M.D., has been named to the faculty of Creighton University School of Medicine, Omaha, and the attending staff of Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital as assistant professor in plastic surgery, according to Dr. C.M. Wilhelm, Dean. Dr. Black is a graduate of the University of Chicago School of Medicine, '40 and received his B.S. degree from the University of Washington. For the past several years, he has been Resident in Plastic Surgery at the Mayo Clinic.

MISS MABEL JOHNSON, R.N., is the new Director of the Bryan Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Lincoln, succeeding Mrs. Ruth Raschke, who has accepted a similar position at Ancker Hospital School of Nursing, St. Paul, Minn. Mrs. Raschke has resigned as a member of several committees of the Nebraska State Nurses Association. Miss Johnson is a graduate of the Bryan Memorial school.

EVERT E. MOODY, superintendent of Dodge County Hospital, Fremont, until his entry into the Medical Administrative Corps of the U.S. Army during World War II, is the new head of Twin Falls County General Hospital, Twin Falls, Ida.

EDWIN GERIN, M.D., of Omaha, has been named full-time director of the Lancaster County-Lincoln City Board of Health, effective July 15. Dr. Gerin is a native of Omaha, where he has practiced since graduating in 1937 from University of Nebraska College of Medicine.

E. E. (BUD) HACKSTAT is the new city salesman of Seiler Surgical Co., Omaha.

MISS ALICE E. WIGGINS, of Douglas County Hospital, Omaha, has been elected president of the newly formed Nebraska Division, American Physical Therapy Association. Secretary-treasurer is Miss Elinor E. Townsend, of the Hattie B. Munroe Home for Crippled Children, Omaha.

MISS JANE HILDEBRANDT, B.S., is the new dietitian at St. Francis Hospital, Grand Island. She is a graduate of St. Mary's College, Xavier, Kans. and served her dietetics internship at Ancker Hospital, St. Paul, Minn.
OPTIMISTIC TONE TO NEW NURSING GROUPS

Registration of 105 students in the first three of the new summer and fall nursing classes in the state have convinced nursing leaders that the Student Nurse Recruitment Program which has been in progress for the past several months is producing encouraging results. The hope is expressed that the remaining eleven schools of nursing in the state will fare as favorably and that thus the first step toward alleviating the acute nursing shortage will have been achieved.

The Creighton Memorial St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing, Omaha, led in the number of new students enrolled, with 54 registrations on June 30th for the 1947 class which began its studies at The Creighton University on July 7th. Included in the large group were two male students, two Negro students and one Japanese-American. One of the young men enrolled is a former Navy corpsman while the second is pursuing studies preparatory to becoming a medical missionary.

Three branches of the military service are represented in three veterans who are numbered among the forty new students registered at St. Catherine's Hospital School of Nursing, whose pre-clinical studies at The Creighton University began July 7th. One of the veterans saw service in the Navy hospital corps; one was an Army medical technician and the third served in the Marine Corps.

Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital, Hastings, enrolled eleven students in a class starting July 1st, and plans to start a second class in September.

TELEVISION BROADCAST

One of the modern marvels of science moved into the Midwest on Monday, May 12, when a major operation was broadcast by television as a special feature of the National Hospital Day observance at Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha. It was the third such broadcast in the United States and the first in the territory west of Cleveland, Ohio.

Technical facilities for the unusual event were provided by RadionStation WOW, Omaha, which moved all of its experimental television equipment to the hospital from Creighton University, where such broadcasts regularly are made. The photographic equipment was set up in the surgical pavilion at St. Joseph's while television screens were provided in the School of Nursing auditorium, where the performance of a gastric resection by a staff surgeon was viewed clearly by members of the medical staff, the Sisters and student nurses. A second operation, a hysterectomy, also was broadcast over the equipment. The two broadcasts were produced to demonstrate the possibilities of television as a method of effective teaching for medical and nursing students.

NEBRASKA HOSPITALS

Announcement of further rate increases and adjustments, effective July 1st, have been made by Bishop Clarkson, Immanuel and Nebraska Methodist Hospitals, Omaha and by Bryan Memorial and Lincoln General Hospitals, Lincoln. The increases, averaging $1.00 per bed per day, are supplemented in some instances by upward adjustments in charges for special departmental services, including Surgery, Laboratory, Anesthesia, etc. All of the institutions gave the constant upward trend in hospital costs as the reason for the charges. In addition, a flat initial $5.00 laboratory charge has been established at Bishop Clarkson Hospital to cover blood count, urinalysis and serology, which will be done routinely on all in patients who remain 24 hours or longer, excepting tonsillectomies.

An increase of 50 cents per day was instituted also on July 1st by St. Catherine's Hospital, Omaha, while Brewster Hospital, Holdrege, advanced room rates 10 percent.

NEW AFFILIATION

A new psychiatric affiliation for the St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing, Lincoln, has been established with Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha. The 13-week course replaces the former psychiatric affiliation of the Lincoln school with the Hastings State hospital, Ingleside.
A. H. A. ACTIVITIES  Three Nebraskans were among 120 hospital administrators and pharmacists who attended an Institute on Hospital Pharmacy in Chicago, May 19 to 23, under auspices of the American Hospital Association, American Pharmaceutical Association and the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists. Those who received certificates for completion of the course were: Sister M. Fidelis, R.S.M., of St. Catherine Hospital, Omaha; Miss Eden F. Hewett, Doctors Hospital, Omaha, and Miss Phyllis Platz, Bryan Memorial Hospital, Lincoln.

The annual A.H.A. convention will be held September 22-25 at the spacious Municipal Auditorium, St. Louis. The Hotel Jefferson will be headquarters. Innovations for the 1947 meeting will include a buffet supper and informal reception in honor of President-elect Graham L. Davis, Monday evening, and a banquet and ball Thursday evening, which will conclude the convention.

BACK FROM MEETING  Sister Mary Kevin, R.S.M. and Sister Mary Lorraine, R.S.M., of St. Catherine's Hospital, Omaha, and Sister Mary Hugolina, O.S.F., of St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, have returned from Boston, where they attended the 32nd annual meeting of the Catholic Hospital Association, June 15-19. The latter was accompanied by Sister Mary Louis, O.S.F., of St. Anthony School of Nursing, Denver.

HOSPITALS - BEWARE!!  Federal authorities have issued a warning to hospitals to be doubly watchful of supplies of narcotics. The scarcity has sent thefts soaring - in New York and larger cities, half grain morphine tablets are selling for as high as $3 in the black market.

BLUE CROSS PLAN SHOWS BIG GROWTH  Increases of more than 50% in total earnings and in the amount of benefits paid for members were recorded during the first half of 1947 over the corresponding six months' period of 1946, the semi-annual report of Nebraska Blue Cross Plan reveals.

Total income for the January 1-July 30, 1947 period was $312,944.78, as compared with $204,111.15 in 1946. Claim payments to hospitals jumped during 1947 to $241,015.31, as against $155,583.97 for the first six months last year. Membership showed an increase of more than nineteen thousand on July 1, 1947 over the same date of 1946, with an enrollment of 90,699 this year, against 70,467 in 1946. June, 1947 claim payments totaled $12,417.98 as compared with $27,631.82 a year ago. Twenty-six new groups, with a total enrollment of 2,608, were added in June, with 80% of the new members in outstate communities.

Stuart A. Campbell, formerly with the Kansas state Blue Cross plan, is the new Enrollment Director outstate, succeeding Meredith Ashton, who had been ill for an extended period of time and tendered his resignation, effective June 1st.

At the quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors, held July 15 at the Omaha Athletic Club, President Francis J. Beth announced the following members to serve on the Joint Committee for review of the Schedule of Payments to contracting hospitals, which expires September 1st:

BLUE CROSS - Rev. Samuel Miller, Immanuel Hospital, Omaha; Joseph O. Burger, Treasurer; Frank Heinisch, and J. H. Pfeiffer, Executive Director.

HOSPITALS - Miss Cecelia K. Meister (President, Nebraska Hospital Assembly), General Hospital, York; Rev. B. O. Lyle, Methodist Hospital, Hal G. Perrin, Bishop Clarkson Hospital, Omaha; Rev. E. C. McDade, Bryan Memorial Hospital, Lincoln; E. J. Saxton, Dodge County Hospital, Fremont.

The Committee will meet in Omaha Friday, July 25, at 5:30 o'clock.

THERE IS NO END TO THE GOOD A MAN CAN DO - IF HE DOES NOT CARE WHO GETS THE CREDIT!
All Roads Lead to St. Louis for the 49th Annual Meeting,
September 22-25

An attendance of seven thousand persons is expected for the 1947 climax of major hospital gatherings, the American Hospital Association's big convention and exhibit, which will hold forth in St. Louis, Mo., all next week.

To cover the widest possible range of currently important problems confronting hospitals, the Convention's program this year has been divided into four sections: Professional Practice, Administrative Practice, Hospital Planning and Plant Operation, and Special Aspects of Hospital Administration. These four sessions are to assemble simultaneously at 9:15 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to hear outstanding speakers discuss current problems and practices in hospitals. Audience panels will assist with discussions to assure general participation in all sections.

The Convention Show and all general and sectional meetings will be held in the Municipal Auditorium. More than 400 exhibits will be on view at the Convention, featuring the newest in all kinds of hospital equipment and supplies. Official opening of exhibits is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Monday and the opening general session at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. A cafeteria in the Auditorium will serve luncheon.
Evening social events will take place at the Jefferson Hotel, which also is to be convention headquarters. A buffet supper and informal reception, a new feature of the 1947 Convention, will be held Monday at 7 p.m. at the hotel. The gala event, the annual Banquet and Ball, in the Grand Ballroom, Thursday evening will provide a most colorful and memorable climax for the Convention.

So-o; "MEET ME IN SAINT LOUIS, LOUIS - Meet me at the AHA—-

MID-WEST OFFICERS
MEET IN ST. LOUIS

A breakfast meeting of Officers and Trustees of the Mid-West Hospital Association will be held in St. Louis next week, during the A. H. A. Convention, at which plans will be discussed for the 20th annual convention, scheduled in Kansas City Municipal Auditorium, April 14, 15 and 16, 1948. The breakfast will be served at 8:00 o'clock Thursday morning, Sept. 25th, in Private Dining Room #3, Hotel Jefferson.

PLANS ADVANCE FOR
1947 CONFERENCE OF
NEBRASKA ASSEMBLY

"THE BEST PROGRAM EVER!" is all the information divulged thus far by the Program Committee in charge of arrangements for the eleventh annual meeting of Nebraska Hospital Assembly, which will take place Thursday and Friday, November 13-14, at the Fontenelle Hotel, Omaha. Via the grapevine, though, we hear that such grand old favorites as Graham Davis, President-elect of the AHA; George Bugbee, Dr. Malcolm T. MacEachern, Dr. Frank Bradley, Dr. David Littauer, Robert Cunningham and other well-knowns have accepted invitations and will lend their princely counsel during a well-filled two days' program. Rev. B. O. Lyle is Chairman of the Committee, which also includes Hal G. Perrin, Miss Lillian Angwelt and Dr. Harold C. Lueth. The annual banquet and installation of officers will be held Thursday evening. Room reservations at the Hotel Fontenelle must be made prior to November 1 - the sooner, the better!

PHARMACISTS GATHER

Members of the Hospital Pharmacists Society of the Mid-West, in their quarterly general session Saturday, September 13 at Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, heard Dr. Maurice C. Howard, Omaha internist, discuss "The Action of Digitalis Preparations on the Heart" following a luncheon at which the pharmacists were guests of The Sisters of St. Francis. Out-of-town guests included Sister M. Raphael, St. Vincent's Hospital, Sioux City; Sister M. Francescana, St. Elizabeth's, and Miss Phyllis Platz, Bryan Memorial, Lincoln; Miss Willma Maus, Mercy, and Mrs. Lucille Benton, Jennie Edmondson, Council Bluffs.

RETRENCHMENT PROGRAM
AT COUNTY INSTITUTION

Douglas County Hospital, Omaha and its affiliated institution, Clearview Home, west of the city, under supervision of County Welfare Administrator Philip H. Vogt, apparently have taken the lead among Nebraska's hospitals in making public announcements of the inauguration of expense-reducing programs designed to cut back operational costs to finish the year within their financial budgets.

The retrenchment policy contemplates the reduction of operating expenses by $5,000 a month to a new ceiling of $47,500, a goal which Mr. Vogt plans to achieve by moving his office from the court house to the County Hospital where he may keep a personal watch over operations. The program, effective September 1, includes elimination of eleven persons from the pay roll, with an accompanying saving of $1,500 per month; reduction in the number of meals served gratis to personnel, medical students and other part time workers; less free laundry service for employes; simplification of diets and possible curtailment of services in some departments. The Hospital received more than $22,000 from patients cared for during August, the largest sum collected in the history of the institution. Much of this was for the care of polio victims.

Mrs. Calista B. Fulkerson, R.N., superintendent for the past year, has resigned. Mrs. Pearl Hendricks, R.N., will assume the teaching program for affiliating student nurses; Miss Grace Bolton, R.N., has been named contagious ward supervisor and Miss Barbara Dowd, R.N., will supervise the tuberculosis ward.
HOSPITAL COSTS, RATES

The Nation's rapidly changing economic front certainly is doing its utmost to see that hospital administrators and trustees will not feel affronted or slighted in problems posed by constantly spiraling costs of operation and, subsequently if not incidentally, steadily mounting charges and a determined effort to keep the books "out of the red," if such an achievement be possible in the days ahead.

Wherever hospital administrators gather, operational costs and methods of circumventing or offsetting almost daily increases take precedence over all other topics of discussion. Payrolls, of course, are assuming monumental proportions in the hospital budgets — salaries, once a subject to be soft-pedaled and paid in cash to prevent public ridicule of low schedules, now, for the most part, may be mentioned in most polite society as well as professional circles, with no apologies. Professional salaries have more than doubled in the last five year period and presently give no promise of reaching a ceiling. Payrolls for domestics and other classes of workers also are appreciably higher, although not in the same proportion as for their more highly skilled fellow workers.

Food costs, as most folks know from personal experience, have increased fully 50 percent over the 1939 level, and, in many instances, have more than doubled. Butter, egg and milk costs are in the latter classification, as also are meats, which probably are higher than any other article entering into the hospital's dietary requirements, with costs tripled or quadrupled over pre-war figures. Sugar, one of the war time rationed items, has remained fairly stable in price after scoring a 40 to 50 percent advance over war-end values. This necessary item undoubtedly will take further advances when price controls are lifted, now scheduled for November 1, and it well may behoove hospital administrators to anticipate their winter's needs before that date. Coffee, likewise, has jumped more than fifty percent since war's end.

Linens, long in scarce supply at prices which seemed impossible of further advance, still are hard to obtain in sufficient quantity and at prices now from seven to ten percent above June 1947 levels. One large supplier of hospital needs, has withdrawn all offers of linen during the past sixty days and will take no orders now or make any commitments on future deliveries.

Surgical dressings, which experienced a fractional decrease at about the time that a number of leading converters were being cited by the Federal government for upholding prices in restraint of trade, have passed the jittery stage and, after some jockeying around and reneging on the part of several of the major manufacturers and suppliers, took a ten percent jump on August 25, sending prices to 60% above war-end schedules. Forecasts of another similar increase before year's end are heard.

Hospital necessities, including fever thermometers, syringes and clinical glassware, have taken several forward steps on the price scale, including two jumps of about 20 percent each within the year. Microscopes are up again in the past month, the new list being 50 percent higher than a year or so ago and deliveries still are quite belated, although showing improvement in recent months. Another 7-10% increase in the cost of metal beds and similar furnishings was placed in effect September 15th by The Simmons Company. Soaps, after tobogganing steadily in price since last spring from high war levels, apparently have hit bottom and increases of 8-10% are anticipated by early October. Glycerine, which virtually priced itself out of the hospital market when it reached 60 to 75¢ per pound, now has receded to a figure of 31¢ in drum lots, where it shows signs of stabilization for a while, up from a pre-war low of 13¢.

Fuel costs are advancing by leaps and bounds, with promises of further increases when the new and higher freight rates are placed in effect in the near future. Steam coal in the Omaha-Council Bluffs area advanced in midsummer from $7.00 to $8.50.
per ton in one jump, and on September 9th went up another 50¢ per ton, an increase of approximately $5,000 per year on this one item alone in each of Omaha's four larger hospitals. Fuel oil also has scored increases of from one to two cents per gallon.

A cheerful note is the continued decline in price of Penicillin and Streptomycin, wartime developed drugs which are achieving an ever-increasing popularity in post-operative and medical care. Both still eat fairly large holes in pocketbooks of patients, however, particularly the latter. Tax-free alcohol, used extensively in hospital pharmacies, laboratories and surgical pavilions, on September 1st took a ten percent drop in price after an increase of from 46½¢ per gallon to $1.29 in drum lots, f.o.b. Omaha, over a five-year period. On the other hand, Insulin has reacted upward after declining steadily over a period of years from a controlled peak figure.

WHEN WILL IT ALL END?? Both Patients and Administrators await anxiously an authentic and positive answer.

MANY CHANGES AMONG NEBRASKA FRANCISCANS Numerous reassignments of administrative and other religious personnel in hospitals and other institutions in Nebraska conducted by the Poor Sisters of St. Francis Seraph followed the triennial Chapter of the Western Province, held August 11-14, at the Motherhouse at St. Joseph Convent, Denver.

Most important change affecting Nebraska nuns was the election of Sister Mary Asella, R.N., former superintendent of St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lincoln, as First Assistant Provincial to the new Mother Provincial, Ven. Sister M. Reginalda, a post which has resulted in her transfer to the Motherhouse in Denver. Also elected to membership on the Provincial Council was Sister M. Siegberta, Superior of St. Mary's Hospital, Columbus, although her new office will not result in her transfer.

Succeeding Sister Asella as Superior at St. Elizabeth's is Sister M. Pacifica, Superior for the past five years at St. Francis Hospital, Grand Island, where she in turn has been followed by Sister M. Mechtildis, R.N., formerly Superior of St. Anthony Hospital, Denver. Sister Mechtildis is a blood sister of Sister M. Samuela, R.N., head of Good Samaritan Hospital, Kearney.

Changes at Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, include the assignment of Sister M. Rudolphina, R.N., as First Assistant to Sister M. Crescentia, R.N., Administrator. Sister M. Livina, R.N., M.A., Director of the St. Joseph's School of Nursing, continues as Second Assistant. Sister M. Thomasilla, R.N., has been transferred from St. Joseph's to St. Thomas Orphanage, Lincoln, as also has been Sister M. Corona, who becomes cook at the orphanage. Sister M. Monica Morris, a native of Omaha, succeeds Sister Corona at St. Joseph's. Sister M. Constance Kellogg, R.N., a member of the nursing staff at St. Joseph's before her entry into the Franciscan Community in 1942, has returned to the Omaha institution as floor supervisor of nursing service. She also will continue studies at Duchesne College in preparation for her B.S. degree in Nursing.

X-RAY SHORT COURSE A week's course of instruction in Radiographic Procedure and Physical Therapy, for Sisters only, will be conducted Sept. 22-26 at Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, under direction of the General Electric X-Ray Corporation. The first half of the week will be devoted to Radiographic Procedure, conducted by Messrs. H.O. Mahoney and C.H. Buckingham, while J.G. Marshall and J.F. Giddings will lead the work on Physical Therapy, beginning Wednesday afternoon. Classes will convene from 10 to 12 o'clock and from 2 to 5 p.m. No charge will be made for the course.

The section on Physical Therapy will cover radiation, including infra-red and ultra-violet, therapeutic and germicidal; galvanic current, muscle stimulating and high frequency currents. The FCC ruling on short wave diathermy also will be reviewed.
EVERETT B. FINNEY, M.D., prominent Lincoln physician who had sent the second and third patients to St. Elizabeth Hospital after opening of that institution on September 17, 1889, died at his home in that city September 2nd.

Dr. Finney, who was born near Weeping Water, Neb., 79 years ago, attended the University of Nebraska and a medical school in Philadelphia. He began the practice of medicine in Lincoln May 15, 1889 and was instrumental in aiding the Right Rev. Thomas Bonacum in the establishment of St. Elizabeth hospital, the first institution of healing in Lancaster county. He was honored by the Sisters of St. Francis in 1939, when he was presented with a plaque in remembrance of his fifty years of service in that institution. A son, Dr. L. E. Finney, also is a Lincoln physician.

FRANK STEVEN HAMILTON, who arrived in Holdrege on August 9th, is the new heir apparent to the business managemenship of the Brewster Clinics and Hospitals, upon retirement a quarter century hence of his proud father, Harold J. Hamilton, and Mrs. Hamilton. "Steve" enjoys the advantage of having an older brother and sister, Jack and Judy, to pave the way for him in his future career as a hospital official. Congratulations and Cigars both are in order, Harold!

MISS HANNA SCHMIDT, R.N., has returned to her native state as Assistant Surgical Supervisor at St. Francis Hospital, Grand Island, after spending a number of years as administrator of Boothroy Memorial Hospital, Goodland, Kans. Miss Schmidt is a graduate of the University of Nebraska Hospital School of Nursing.

MISS GRACE EVANS, R.N., Superintendent of Nursing at Lutheran Hospital, Norfolk, died suddenly on August 1st at the hospital of a cerebral hemorrhage. A Veteran of World War II, Miss Evans had seen much active service in the Army Nurse Corps in the European theater of war.

REV. JOHN J. McINERNY, S.J., formerly Regent of the Creighton University School of Medicine and of Creighton Memorial Saint Joseph's and St. Catherine's Schools of Nursing, Omaha, has been appointed Regent of the Schools of Nursing of St. Louis University, after a year as Chaplain of St. John's Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.

CROSBY SURGICAL COMPANY, Omaha, has moved into its new home at 111 North 13th Street, the third time that expanding business has made necessary the securing of more commodious quarters. George S. Crosby and Robert J. Kafka are partners in the enterprise.

EDWIN R. CORE, M.D., has purchased the Manganaro Hospital and Clinic, at Kimball, and has changed the name of the institution back to "Kimball Hospital," by which it formerly was known when it was operated by Dr. Arthur L. Miller, who since has retired from active practice and now is a Nebraska Representative in Congress.

SISTER MARY INEZ BRENNAN, R.S.M., who has been stationed for thirty years at St. Catherine's Hospital, Omaha, celebrated the Golden Jubilee of her investiture in the Order of The Sisters of Mercy at the institution on September 4th. For many years, Sister Mary Inez served as dietitian at St. Catherine's; during the past several years she has acted as hostess and as liaison officer with the patients. She is a native of Greeley, Nebr.

MISS WANDA J. BUTLER has been appointed head of the Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry of Creighton University, Omaha, as announced by Dr. William A. Jarrett, Dean of the College of Pharmacy. A graduate of the University of Connecticut, Stratford, Conn., has served as pharmacist at Community Hospital, New Haven, Conn., and St. Luke's Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.
ST. CATHERINE'S, OMAHA, seemed like a deserted city in mid-September when six Mercy Sisters traveled to opposite ends of the country for professional meetings. Sister Mary Pauline, R.S.M., Superior and Sister Mary Kevin, R.S.M., Director of the School of Nursing, went by plane to Seattle to attend the biennial convention of the National League of Nursing Education. To the same city also went Sister Mary Rose Ellen, R.S.M., Surgical Supervisor, and Sister Mary Francesca, R.S.M., Office Manager, while Sister Mary Eugene, R.S.M., Medical Records Librarian, and Sister Mary Constance, R.S.M., School of Nursing Librarian, were in New York City to attend the meeting of the American Association of Medical Record Librarians, Sept. 7-12.

MISS OLGA PETERSON, R.N., of Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital, Hastings, has completed a six weeks' Refresher Course in the School of Anesthesia of Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, under Dr. William N. Hardman, M.S. (Anes.)

MRS. BENJAMIN F. BAILEY, widow of the nationally-known physician who established the Bailey Sanitarium, Lincoln, died at her home, July 27. A charter member of the Lincoln Woman's Club, she had been a civic and social leader for 60 years.

MISS EVELYN C. SCHELLAK assumed new duties as Director of Medical Social Service at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, Omaha, August 1st, according to Dr. Harold C. Lueth, Dean. Miss Schellak, who has had broad training in various phases of medical social work, comes to Nebraska from Cleveland City Hospitals.

DR. HERBERT H. DAVIS, Omaha, has been elected chairman and Dr. James F. Kelly, Omaha, vice-chairman of the Executive Committee of Nebraska Division, American Cancer Society, for three-year terms. Directors include Dr. William S. Petty, Lincoln, director of the State Department of Health; Dr. Earl A. Connolly and Dr. John R. Schenken, both of Omaha. Dr. Howard B. Hunt, Omaha, is secretary, and Mrs. Thomas L. Houlton, of Omaha, state commander.

E. J. VERGES, M.D., has announced the closing of Verges Hospital, Norfolk, due principally to the serious lack of competent workers. "When conditions get better, we may reopen," says Dr. Verges.

RATE INCREASES of 50¢ a day in wards and $1.00 in semi-private and private rooms became effective August 1 at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lincoln, while Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, made increases of 50¢ per day in wards and semi-private facilities, and $1.00 in private rooms, which now range from $7 to $15 a day.

A $4,200 GRANT has been awarded the University of Nebraska by the Life Insurance Medical Research Foundation to further work of Drs. Walter E. Rahm, Jr., F. L. Dunn and A. L. Bennett in study of the first heart sound as recorded by oscillograph.

YOUTHFUL PATIENTS from the polio wards of St. Joseph's and Douglas County Hospitals, Omaha, were guests of the Omaha Elks lodge at the Elks Circus, July 30th, at Creighton Stadium.

MISS AUGUSTA CHRISTIANSON, R.N., formerly Superintendent of Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital, Hastings, and now at St. Luke's Hospital, Denver, sends greetings to all her friends in Nebraska, with whom she keeps in touch, indirectly, through the Nebraska Hospital News. "The paper is passed around, read and enjoyed by the several Nebraska people employed here at St. Luke's," she writes.

THREE NEBRASKANS, including Sister M. Fidelis, R.S.M., St. Catherine's Hospital, Omaha; Miss Eden P. Hewett, Doctors Hospital, Omaha and Miss Phyllis Platz, Bryan Memorial Hospital, Lincoln, were among 120 hospital folks who received certificates for attendance at an Institute on Hospital Pharmacy, held under auspices of the American Hospital Association at Hotel Continental, Chicago, the A.P.A. and A.S.H.A.
NEBRASKANS ATTEND ACCOUNTING COURSE

Five Sisters representing so many Catholic institutions and Sisterhoods of Nebraska and Council Bluffs, la., were among a class of thirty nuns who attended a two weeks' course on Hospital Accounting, July 28 to August 9th, at Saint Louis University, as one of the sectional features of the second annual Institute on Hospital Administration conducted under auspices of the Catholic Hospital Association.

Among recipients of certificates for completion of the course were:
Sister Mary Austin Moran, R.S.M., Provincial Procurator, Sisters of Mercy of the Union, Omaha Province, Omaha; Sister Mary de Lourdes Hardiman, R.S.M., Mercy Hospital, Council Bluffs, la.; Sister Mary Julia McKeel, R.S.M., St. Catherine's Hospital, Omaha; Sister M. Edmundine Dempniak, C.S.B., St. Francis Hospital, Osceola, and Sister M. Therese Koch, C.S.B., Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Norfolk. Also in attendance was the Rev. James V. Moscow, of Chicago, Assistant to the Director of Catholic hospitals of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The course was under the direction of M. R. Kneifl, Executive Secretary of the Catholic Hospital Association, and included two lectures by the Very Rev. Alphonse M. Schwitalla, S.J., immediate past President of the Association. Members of the faculty included Francis J. Bath, Business Manager of St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha and D. W. Duncan, Business Manager, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lincoln, who conducted lectures during the opening week of the course. Mr. Bath's presentations at four of the sessions included the subjects, "Purchasing in Its Relation to Hospital Accounting", "Admission of Patients and Account for Income", "Payroll Systems and Control" and "Central Services of the Sisterhoods". Topics presented by Mr. Duncan were "Organizing the Accounts Receivable Control in the General Ledger" and "Departmental Records and Operating Reports".

NURSING STUDENTS OFF TO GOOD START

Fall classes in a number of Schools of Nursing of Nebraska which have reported their activities apparently are continuing the favorable trend experienced by four schools which opened 1947 nursing studies with enrollment of substantial groups early in July.

Immanuel Hospital, Omaha, reported the largest number of new students of schools of nursing enrolling classes in August, with a registration of 38 on August 5. The group will hold regular classes at the institution until opening of the fall term at the University of Omaha, where pre-clinical courses will be pursued. The Immanuel School of Nursing is short one faculty member since the resignation of Miss Vernice Carlson, nursing arts instructor for the past seven years, who has enrolled at the University of Minnesota to study for her Master's degree. The August class of 38 students was the largest in the history of the institution, Sister Olive states.

Nebraska Methodist Hospital, Omaha, enrolled a class of 21 students August 27th, and plans the admission of a winter class, in January. Bishop Clarkson School of Nursing, Omaha, registered a group of 26 freshmen on August 15th. The new classes at both these schools will take their pre-clinical work at the University of Omaha. A class of 25 students was admitted at the University of Nebraska Hospital School of Nursing on August 18.

Creighton University's schools of nursing, St. Joseph's and St. Catherine's, are planning the enrollment of a mid-year class of students in February, 1948, the Rev. Gerald H. FitzGibbon, S.J., Regent, has announced. Classes of 54 and 40 students, respectively, were admitted by the two Omaha schools July 1st, and continued applications have resulted in the decision to admit winter classes, school authorities say.

A class of twenty-six students, graduated September 9th by St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing, Lincoln, has been replaced by a new class of similar number for the fall term. The annual Junior-Senior banquet of the school was held at the Hotel Cornhusker, Lincoln, on September 6th.
WITH THE BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD PLANS IN NEBRASKA

Membership and benefits paid out for members continued on the upward trend for both the Nebraska Blue Cross Plan and the Nebraska Medical Service (Blue Shield) in August, the report of Executive Director J. H. Pfeiffer reveals.

BLUE CROSS enrollment August 31st totaled 93,618 members, or 19,000 more than the same date a year ago. Claims paid in August were $47,518, compared with $28,673 in August, 1946. Campaigns in Alliance, Scottsbluff, Chadron, McCook and Fairbury produced gratifying results under the leadership of Stuart A. Campbell, new Enrollment and Public Relations Director. September campaigns will see BLUE CROSS and BLUE SHIELD banners flying in Grand Island, Falls City and Aurora.

BLUE SHIELD membership has grown from 16,546 on August 31, 1946 to 34,669 on the same date this year. Additions during August numbered 2,937, with 61 new groups. Payments in August, 1946 were $5,444 as compared with $14,885 last month.

New contracts, increasing ceilings on ward and semi-private accommodations to $6.50 per day, have been sent to BLUE CROSS member hospitals, to be effective until January 1, 1948. The permanent committees representing the Nebraska Hospital Assembly and Associated Hospital Service plan further conferences in October and December to study the trend in hospital costs and charges.

SEVEN NEBRASKA SURGEONS were among a group of 762 "QUICKIES" doctors who were admitted to Fellowship at the closing session of the American College of Surgeons meeting in New York City, September 12th. Those thus honored included Drs. Harry H. McCarthy, William F. Novak and James D. Bradley, Omaha; William P. Kleitsch, Richard M. Still and Lynn E. Sharrer, Lincoln, and Harry A. Jakeman, Fremont.

CLOSING OF THE PSYCHIATRIC UNIT of Bishop Clarkson Hospital, Omaha, at the end of the current year has been announced by Hal G. Perrin, Administrator. Remodeling of the second-floor mental division into additional facilities for surgical and medical patients will be started January 1. The conversion plans also contemplate enlargement of the present obstetrical division. Facilities for the care of psychopathic patients in Omaha will be reduced by 35 beds by the closing orders, leaving 450 beds for mental illness care in the community.

COMPILATION OF FEE SCHEDULES submitted by Nebraska hospitals to the state Workmen's Compensation Court, Lincoln, is under way in the office of Hon. O. M. Olsen, Presiding Judge and an effort is being made to complete the work by October 1, Judge Olsen reports. A copy of the compiled fee schedule will be furnished all compensation insurance carriers and self-insured employers, as well as all hospitals sending written reports of their charges to the Compensation Court. Hospital administrators who have not submitted their schedules are urged to do so immediately.

THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY of the opening of St. Joseph Hospital, Osmond, on September 25th will be the occasion of another community celebration, Sister Ambrose, R.N., Superintendent, reports. The festivities will include "open house" at the hospital, several community baseball games, a carnival, dance and other features. The ceremonies also will welcome officially the Rev. Andrew Hagenauer, newly assigned hospital Chaplain, who arrived from California in June to assume his duties in Osmond.

AN INSTITUTE on hospital laundry operation will be conducted October 6-9 at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, La., under auspices of the American Hospital Association and the American and Iowa laundering institutes.

AS LONG AS YOUR CONSCIENCE IS YOUR FRIEND, NEVER MIND ABOUT YOUR ENEMIES!
THE TREE OF JOYS

I know

that I shall never

see a sight as fair as a Christ-

mas tree. A tree

surmounted by a star
to show God's angels,

where we are. A tree where
gifts with love are hung;
beneath its boughs, gay carols sung. A tree that through Time shall endure, to share its Yule fruits with God's poor.

Upon its branches blessing be—to atone for the wood of Calvary.

One tree God's justice did appease,

But His love needs countless Christmas trees!

By Troella V. Mills

YOUR OFFICERS - AND THE EDITOR
RECORD ATTENDANCE CARRIES HOME TIMELY COUNSEL FROM NHA STATE CONFERENCE

Nebraska's hospital folks turned out en masse for the four-theme program which brought top flight leaders of the national hospital field to Omaha for the eleventh annual conference of Nebraska Hospital Assembly, November 13-14. The registration for the two-day meeting was by far the largest in history, and included visitors from Iowa, Missouri and North Dakota in addition to the home folks.

Donald W. Duncan, Business Manager, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lincoln, was named President-elect, to serve as running mate during the coming year with the new President, Rev. Edwin C. McDade, Superintendent, Bryan Memorial Hospital, Lincoln. Mr. Duncan also was reelected Secretary-Treasurer for 1948. James C. Carr, Jr., of Omaha, statistician of University of Nebraska Hospital and Medical School, was elected Trustee for a four-year term. Hold-over Trustees include Miss Lillian Amgwert, of Lutheran Hospital, Omaha; Sister Mary Jane, St. Catherine Hospital, McCook, and Eugene J. Saxton, Dodge County Hospital, Fremont.

Committee appointments announced by President McDade are:

NOMINATIONS: Rev. E. E. Pengelly, Rev. Samuel M. Miller, Miss Margaret Grandy.
AUDITING: Dallas P. Wetzel, W. J. Cunningham.

In a special election by members of the American Hospital Association, held at the conclusion of the annual business meeting, Rev. E. C. McDade was named as Nebraska delegate to the House of Delegates, with President-elect D. W. Duncan as alternate.

Because of the unusually heavy drain upon the treasury during the past year, resulting from activities to obtain passage of several Assembly-sponsored legislative bills and in continued efforts to secure more favorable remuneration for Nebraska hospitals in the care of compensation cases, the membership voted an authorization to Secretary-Treasurer Duncan to levy a special assessment of 25¢ a bed upon institutional members. It was the concensus of meeting sentiment that all Nebraska hospitals already have benefited materially in acceptance by the Workmen's Compensation Court of the Assembly committee's contention that hospitals be permitted to charge at their prevailing rates for the care of injured workmen coming under compensation statutes, rather than at the minimum fee schedule which formerly prevailed. It was believed that all institutions would be more than willing to help defray the expenses thus incurred through payment of the small assessment.

A hearty expression of appreciation was accorded Miss Cecelia K. Meister, retiring president, who served as general chairman of the first day's activities, for her untiring efforts during a term of office which saw passage of the hospital survey and construction law, and of the hospital licensing act, by the Unicameral Legislature, after one of the bills once had gone down in defeat and was revived only by herculean work of the state Assembly officers and hospital supporters. The second day's program was presided over by the incoming president, Rev. McDade, after installation ceremonies at the Thursday evening banquet, conducted by George Bugbee, Executive Director of the American Hospital Association, who with A.H.A. President Graham L. Davis, Dr. Malcolm T. MacEachern and other hospital leaders, were guests at the dinner at Hotel Fontenelle.
TEAMWORK was the theme of the opening session Thursday morning, speakers emphasizing various phases of operation and administration as being essential for the successfully conducted hospital of the future.

Nebraska's new hospital licensing law is being given much study by the six-man Advisory Council appointed in September by Governor Val Peterson, and it is expected that the drafting of rules and regulations in connection with its operation will be completed shortly after January 1st, said Dr. W. S. Petty, Director of the State Board of Health, Lincoln. Dr. Petty presented Verne A. Pangborn, Director of the Division of Hospitals, which has been set up in the Board of Health to administer the new law, as well as to receive applications of Nebraska hospitals for aid under Federal Law #725, the survey and construction act.

A new type of nurse will be needed to help perform some of the tests that will be required in the proposed rural medical units which will come as a part of the new and broadened general public health program, Dr. Harold C. Lueth, Dean of the College of Medicine, University of Nebraska, declared. He advocated demonstrations at the regional hospital centers for the benefit of doctors and nurses in the smaller rural medical centers, declaring that there will be a material decrease in rural maternal health death rate when the enlarged program becomes effective.

"Hire them young, provide good working conditions, good pay cafeterias and a good retirement program, and you will have no difficulty in securing and keeping loyal, competent workers," G. H. Rydman, superintendent of Swift & Co., Omaha, told the hospital administrators in an excellent treatise on "Personnel Policies."

The pre-planning of hospital public relations is essential if the program is to be successful, Jon Jonkel, hospital consultant, advised his listeners during the public relations forum. "The first Public in any firm is the Board of Trustees and Employees. Do you know the reaction of your public to your policies?", he asked.

"For the first time on record, both major political parties are taking an active interest in the question of public health," declared George Bugbee in his report on "Federal Hospital Plans." The federal construction program is intended to be for the aid of communities which honestly need hospitals, he said, and there will be a close study of such needs before federal aid will be granted.

"Hospitals function principally for the good of patients - physically, mentally, morally and spiritually - but this objective is being endangered by too many visitors during visiting hours and too many exceptions to the rules," Sister Mary Kevin, R.S.M., Director of Nurses of St. Catherine's Hospital, Omaha, declared. She advocated a short but intensive period of scientific care for the patient in the hospital, followed by a period of convalescence at home amid the family and friends. Sister Mary Kevin urged rigid enforcement of visiting hours and particularly greater restrictions on the number of visitors allowed obstetrical patients.

Fires occur in hospitals of this country on an average of one a day, said L. B. Smith, profession of architectural engineering, University of Nebraska, in his address on "Fires—They Can Happen in YOUR Hospital." Defective wiring is the cause of 29% of all fires, he said, followed in order by faulty flues and sparks, these causes accounting for 16 and 14 percent, respectively. "Prevent fires by having adequate exits, immaculate housekeeping and a competent staff," he advised.

"THE HOSPITAL OF THE FUTURE" was pictured by three of the program participants in a special presentation at the banquet, Thursday evening.

Warning that the world is faced with the greatest expansion era in history and that there is grave danger of over-expansion of hospital facilities during this
period, Dr. MacEachern urged greater attention to the pleasures which make the stay of the patient in the hospital more enjoyable. "Nursing is due for changes, but I do not see any lowering of standards. The future administrator will have training through courses and apprenticeships, and Trustees will pay closer attention to appointments of hospital heads. The average stay of patients will decrease. Soon there will be no births excepting in hospitals. There will be a great advance in the practice of Geriatrics in hospitals, permitting more people to grow old more gracefully. Greater attention will be given to the care of the psychiatric patient and there will be a great expansion in cancer clinics. Blue Cross and Blue Shield will continue to grow," he forecast.

AHA President Graham L. Davis' crystal ball predicted a greater responsibility for the hospital in the development of greater community health programs, and more preventive psychiatric work in schools. "Maladjustments cause many of our divorces, and much of our juvenile delinquency and crime," he stated. Mr. Davis advocated a staff appointment for every ethical practitioner. He outlined the New York City master plan, whereby 250 existing hospital units would be reduced to 150, with none of less than 200 beds, in the interest of efficient operation and economy.

"Every little incident in the hospital day has a tremendous impact upon the patient, who is nervous, concerned and anxious while he is away from home, sick," Robert Cunningham, managing Editor of "MODERN HOSPITAL," emphasized in his plea to hospital administrators that they not overlook the emotional and spiritual requirements of the patient. He predicted great advances in the hospital field.

L. C. Austin, President of the Mid-West Hospital Association, outlined plans for an expanded 1948 Mid-West meeting, April 14-16, in Kansas City, and extended a cordial invitation to all Nebraskans to attend. Mr. Austin is a native of Elgin, Nebr. and stated that he was most happy to "be back with the home folks."

Friday's sessions were devoted to two themes: "Major Problems of a Trustee" and "Medical Staff Relations and Problems", with Hal G. Perrin, of Clarkson Hospital, Omaha and Sister M. Siegberta, O.S.F., St. Mary's, Columbus, presiding.

Faithfulness to the office of trustee was advocated by Robert Storz, of the Bishop Clarkson Hospital board. "A trustee must be willing to work and also be able to say 'no' when it would be much easier to say 'yes' - he must fully support the Administrator and acquaint the public with the functions of his institution," Mr. Storz declared.

Dr. Malcolm T. MacEachern emphasized the importance of full confidence and support of an administrator, once he has been chosen by the Trustees, and he told the trustees present that "an institution in the 'red' oftentimes is far better than one in the 'black'. Some trustees feel that an institution operating at a deficit means poor administration. I contend that it often means superior service, rather than poor financial management!" The trustees owe an administrator: 1, confidence; 2, support; 3, interest; 4, help; 5, inspiration; 6, counsel, Dr. MacEachern concluded.

"Without honesty rather than expediency at its base, no structure of hospital-trustee relationship can be built that is really worth anything," stated R. M. Cunningham, Jr., Managing Editor of MODERN HOSPITAL. "Starting with mutual understanding based on complete honesty, the relationship can be built into a dynamic force that will work to the everlasting benefit of hospital patients," he said.

Continuous maintenance should be carried on with competent workmen if the hospital is to be kept in the pink of condition, said R. B. Saxon, assisting operating
superintendent of University of Nebraska College of Medicine, Omaha, in his talk on
"Physical Plant Problems." "Much can be said and done about preventative maintenance
as it is not economical to defer or postpone essential repairs," Mr. Saxon advised.

No money is available yet for hospital construction work under Public Law
725, excepting on a contractural basis, Nebraska hospital people were told by Dr.
Head, of the U.S. Public Health Service office, Kansas City, Mo. All plans must be
approved by the USPHS before any appropriation can be authorized, he said.

The organization of a hospital staff was outlined by Dr. David Littauer,
Director, Menorah Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. in his address on "How Should Medical
Staffs be Organized?" The intricacies of a staff organization were discussed in de-
tail, the presentation being generously illustrated with slides.

Internists will be the general practitioners in the future in the medical
field, declared Dr. Frank R. Bradley, Administrator of Barnes Hospital, St. Louis.
He stated that medical schools today are not training the badly needed "family doctor,"
as most graduates now wish specialized training upon completion of their work in a
Class A school. He urged G.P.'s to specialize on psychosomatic medicine.

Activities of the American College of Surgeons and the American Medical
Association have had a profound influence in raising the standards of hospital prac-
tice, declared Sister M. Crescentia, O.S.F., R.N., Administrator of Creighton Memorial
St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, in her talk on "The Hospital Administrator and the Medi-
cal Staff." Both organizations have contributed very broadly to the development of
better medical service for the sick and to the maintenance of adequate and complete
hospital records," Sister Crescentia continued.

"The Importance of Job Analysis for Hospital Nurses" was stressed by Miss
Hazel Hinds, R.N., superintendent of nurses of Lincoln General Hospital, who stated
that job analysis expedites recruitment and replacement of personnel for the hospital
administrator, as well as making for better satisfaction on the part of the nurses.

That the Internship is the keystone in our system of medical education
is the belief of Dr. John R. Schenken, Pathologist, Nebraska Methodist Hospital, Omaha.
"An internship is a continuation of training in a recognized institution so that a
young doctor may become proficient in his profession," said the speaker, who also is
Professor of Pathology of the U. of N. College of Medicine. There is a definite
shortage of internships in the United States, he stated, advising that in 1929 there
were 4,436 graduates available for 2,960 internships, while in 1945 the 5,136 gradu-
ates had a choice from 8,429 internships, a shortage of 64 percent.

Dates for the 1948 meeting, to be held in Lincoln, have not been set.
PRICES STILL ZOOMING — With hospital administrators and purchasing agents be-
coming inured to advances in the surgical dressings field, the fourth of which in four months became ef-
ficient November 28, upping dressings another 10%, the price increase epidemic now is beginning to break out in another vital spot, in pharmaceuticals.

Led by an advance of 15 percent throughout the entire Lily line, pharmacy requirements on the upward trend also include a similar increase in elixirs; ten per cent on narcotics and several lines of intravenous solutions and 20% on practically all lines of tablet medications. Tax-free alcohol for pharmaceutical and pathological uses, several years ago at a low level of 45¢ per gallon in drum lots, has sky-rocketed to a current figure of $1.29, with further advances in prospect. Much-used penicillin, which had tobogganed from an opening price of $7.50 per 100,000 units, to a low of 55 cents, is starting back up the price ladder, recently having scored its first price advance since it was made available to the public during the war.

Surgical dressings have doubled in cost since the withdrawal of price controls following ending of World War II, and further advances are forecast within the very near future. Sutures took their second 10 percent increase on November 22, with no advance warning by manufacturers to hospitals. Several lines of cotton goods also scored another 10 percent jump December 1 and fuel oil took its second recent advance, 1.3¢ per gallon, following a price increase of 50¢ per barrel for crude oil. Another 10% advance in Simmons steel hospital furniture, announced December 16, sends prices 18% above September 1 figures.

Faced by such continuing advances, national hospital supply firms which in April and May, 1947 announced a return to pre-war policies of firm prices on all orders, have notified hospital customers that escalator clauses have been reinstated, effective November 24. "... our little broom won't sweep back an ocean," moans Will Ross, Inc., in announcing withdrawal of the firm price practice. "We cannot longer continue to face a future filled with such price uncertainties without giving ourselves some latitude." Other firms of the HIA have taken similar action.

Hospital rates, likewise, have followed the upward trend, with individual institutions making rate structure revisions as dictated by the state of their pocketbooks. Nebraska Methodist and Immanuel hospitals, Omaha, announced advanced rates on November 15, their second such increases since July 1st. Room charges generally were upped $1.00 per day, with minimum wards at $7.50 and semi-private rooms at $8.50 and $9.00 per day. Lutheran Hospital, Omaha, also raised all accommodations $1.00 a day, as of December 1st. Lincoln hospitals contemplate similar action soon.

PREPARE QUARTERS FOR COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK
First tangible step toward the establishment of the new Community Blood and Plasma Bank has been taken by the Douglas County Chapter, American Red Cross, in leasing of the ground floor storeroom at 2549 Farnam Street, as permanent quarters for the project. It is anticipated that the new Bank will be in operation by January 15th, after which date whole blood and blood plasma will be available without charge to all hospitals of Omaha and nearby vicinity for patients requiring transfusions. Red Cross officials feel that public cooperation and support will provide sufficient blood to maintain a stock of all types on hand regularly. The blood or plasma will be delivered to Omaha and Council Bluffs hospitals by a special Red Cross truck; unused blood will be picked up and returned to the central Bank for processing into plasma.

Only cost to patients will be that of administration by the hospital, and necessary blood typing and similar laboratory tests at the hospitals.

EAGLES OFFER BLOOD
Omaha Eagles, Aerie #38, has announced that 200 members are available as blood donors for any emergency need.

Hospitals needing any type of blood should contact L. G. Kahn, 119 S. 24 St., Omaha — telephone HArney 2657.
"OF FOLKS WE KNOW..."

FOUR FACULTY MEMBERS of the Creighton University School of Medicine who also are instructors in the schools of nursing and members of the medical staffs of St. Joseph and St. Catherine hospitals, Omaha, were honored at the annual Creighton Founders' Day celebration, on December 4, in recognition of their completion of a quarter century as teachers in the schools of medicine and nursing.

The physicians thus honored were Dr. B. Carl Russum, head of the Department of Pathology, and pathologist at the two hospitals; Dr. Charles M. Swab, head of the Department of Ophthalmology; Dr. Ralph Luikart, Associate Professor of Obstetrics, and Dr. Emmett E. McMahon, Assistant Professor of Medicine. Gold plaques in memory of the twenty-five years anniversary were presented the doctors by the Very Rev. William H. McCabe, S.J., president of the University, in the presence of 275 members of the Creighton faculty at the dinner at the Blackstone Hotel, Omaha.

MRS. RICHARD H. YOUNG, wife of an Omaha psychiatrist, has been elected as president of the Children's Memorial Hospital board of trustees for 1948. She will take office after the opening of the institution, probably about February 1st, and will succeed Robert H. Hall, banker, who has served as chairman since organization of the group, in 1943. Other officers for 1948 include: Linn F. Campbell, reelected vice president; second vice president, C. Louis Meyer; Ben H. Cowdery, secretary; David Goldman, treasurer. Ten trustees also were elected.

SISTER M. CONSOLATA, O.S.F., R.N., is back at her desk as Director of Personnel at Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, after several weeks spent visiting at St. Alexis Hospital, Cleveland, O., the scene of her first assignment after her entry into the Poor Sisters of St. Francis Seraph, fifty years ago. Sister Consolata celebrated her Golden Jubilee on October 23. She was accompanied on the eastern trip by her niece, Miss Camilla Hugg, R.N., of Omaha.

REV. IRWIN E. HECKMAN, of Fremont, has been named District Superintendent of the Lutheran Hospitals and Homes Society, of Fargo, N.D. He will supervise work in institutions conducted by the order in Nebraska, including Lutheran Hospital, Columbus; Lutheran Hospital, Grand Island, and Memorial Hospital, North Platte.

WEDDING BELLS RANG on November 4th for Miss Agnes Bjork, R.N., formerly instructor of Creighton Memorial St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing, Omaha, and Dr. Arnold Lempka, Staff member of the institution.

DR. ROY W. FOUTS, radiologist, was installed December 2 as president of the Omaha Mid-West Clinical Society for the ensuing year. President-elect is Warren Thompson, M.D., Dr. Louis E. Moon, treasurer; Dr. John M. Thomas, secretary and director of clinics; Dr. Donald J. Wilson, assistant-secretary. Executive committee members include Dr. Charles M. Wilhelmj, Dr. James F. Kelly, Dr. John R. Kleyla and Dr. Payson S. Adams. The dates of October 25-29 have been set for the 1948 meeting.

HOWARD M. JENSEN, Omaha hospital sales specialist of McKesson & Robbins, Inc., has been promoted to sales manager for the Omaha division. He succeeds A. N. Dow, who is the new general manager of the Omaha territory, which includes Nebraska and sections of the states of Iowa, Kansas and South Dakota. The appointments became effective December 6th. New Omaha hospital detail man is Paul Rauterkus, for the past 10 years an office worker in the Omaha McK-R unit.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS have been received of the marriage of Miss Mary M. Murtaugh, formerly dietitian at St. Francis Hospital, Grand Island, and Stephen A. Spitznagle, of Omaha, which was performed November 11th, at Indiana Harbor, Indiana. The couple will reside in Omaha, where Mr. Spitznagle is Deputy Director of the U.S. Treasury Savings Bonds division.
SISTER M. THEODORE, R.S.M., floor supervisor at St. Catherine's Hospital, Omaha, has resumed her usual duties after a visit in North Dakota.

KENNETH E. LATTERELL, M.D., of Detroit, on December 15th assumed his new duties as director of the Department of Anesthesiology and of the School of Anesthesia at Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha. Dr. Latterell recently completed a three year Residency in Anesthesiology at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

DR. GEORGE J. KLOK has been named city health physician of Council Bluffs, Iowa, by Mayor Phil Minner, to fill the vacancy caused by the sudden death November 21 of Dr. D. C. Hankey, 64, who suffered a heart attack while on a hunting trip. In his appointment, Dr. Klok returns to the post which he held for more than a year before he entered military service in 1942. Dr. Hankey, member of the Council Bluffs Clinic, served as President of the staff of Jennie Edmundson Hospital in 1943.

SISTER M. ROSITA BILLESBACH, O.S.F., R.R.L., has assumed her new duties as medical records librarian of Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, succeeding Sister M. Edmondine Kudlacz, O.S.F., R.R.L. who has been transferred to St. Anthony Hospital, Denver, in an exchange of places with Sister M. Rosita, who is a native of Hartington, Nebr.

TOM J. BRENNAN (not he of radio fame!) has been assigned to the Omaha-Council Bluffs territory for Seiler Surgical Co., Omaha. Mr. Brennan previously had been in charge of the Fort Smith, Ark. branch of the Seiler firm, which has been closed due to the unavailability of sufficient experienced, capable workers.

JAMES F. KELLY, M.D., F.A.C.R., Radiologist of St. Joseph, St. Catherine and Douglas County Hospitals, Omaha, will be installed as President of the Omaha-Douglas County Medical Society, Tuesday evening, January 13, succeeding Robert D. Schrock, M.D. who has served for the past year. E. L. MacQuiddy, M.D. was chosen President-elect at the annual meeting, December 9, and Herman M. Jahr, M.D. was re-elected Secretary-treasurer for the twenty-first consecutive year. Dr. John Simpson was elected to the Board of Censors and Drs. B. Carl Russum, John R. Nilsson and J. Calvin Davis as members of the Executive Board.

JANUARY 15-31, are the dates announced by Tracy J. Peycke, Douglas County chairman, for the 1948 MARCH OF DIMES CAMPAIGN. Withdrawal of the Sister Kenny Foundation from the Nebraska scene, to concentrate its efforts only in communities where it has hospitals or clinics, leaves the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis as the sole organization in the state engaged in the poliomyelitis work.

STORIES ON NURSING DILEMMA Two nationally circulated publications each have devoted several pages in current issues to discussions of the much-publicized nursing situation. "What Happens When Trained Nurses Won't Nurse the Sick?" is the title of a provocative article appearing in the December issue of LADIES HOME JOURNAL, while the December 3 issue of PATHFINDER carries a treatise, entitled "What's Wrong With Nursing?"

NURSES, DOCTORS DEBATE A panel discussion, "How Can Nurses and Doctors Establish Better Professional Relations?", featured the December meeting of the Omaha-Douglas County Medical Society, December 9th. Taking part were: Dr. Roy W. Fouts, Dr. C. M. Wilhelm; Mrs. Judith Whitaker, Executive Secretary, District 2, Nebraska State Nurses Association; Mrs. Marie Kilmer, President, Omaha League of Nursing Education, and Hal G. Perrin, Administrator, Bishop Clarkson Hospital, Omaha. A 40-hour work week and "economic security" were points discussed.
Expansion plans of three hospitals in eastern Nebraska now have reached the drawing board stage in the office of Leo A. Daly Company, architects, and work is going forward so that all of the projects may reach the construction stage during 1948.

A $200,000 project at St. Catherine's Hospital, Omaha, contemplates two additions, the first a wing to house new kitchens, dining rooms, a lounge and an enlarged laundry department. The second step will be a three-story addition for maternity and pediatrics departments, as well as new administration and convent facilities.

At Immanuel Hospital, Omaha, designs have been started on an addition to the nurses' home, which was the first such structure in Omaha to be built under the wartime nurses' housing act. The present building, which houses 26 students, will have an addition for another one hundred students. The present library will be turned into a class room and a dietetics laboratory and a chemistry laboratory will be added, as well as a new library to house 10,000 volumes. The hospital library will be combined with the nurses' library, which will be open to all hospital personnel. Each floor will contain a lounge and snack bar for the students. The same type of double bedroom as was employed in the original nurses' home will be used in the new addition, with all built-in furniture. A sun deck will grace the top of the structure.

The Daly Company also is preparing plans for a new 55 bed hospital for the Missionary Benedictine Sisters at Norfolk, Nebr. to replace the present Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in that city. Plans for a 75 bed institution for the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, to be erected adjacent to the present St. Joseph's Home for the Aged at West Point, also are nearing completion. The same firm just has completed a new Nurses' Home at Mercy Hospital, Council Bluffs, Iowa, which has a capacity of 130 student nurses and 30 Sisters. It is a complete nurses' home, with class rooms, laboratories, library and demonstration room, in addition to a wing which houses a large recreation room and auditorium, which are in daily use.

A new Clinic Building for Boys Town is in the design stage. The structure will be divided into a hospital and clinic, with complete facilities for 40 in-patients. Out-patients will be cared for in the clinic unit.

Bryan Memorial also has completed installation of three new 150 h.p. high pressure boilers, gas fired, providing sufficient power to double the size of the institution. Chrysler equipment has been installed for the air-conditioning of Surgical and Obstetrical departments, at a cost of $4,000, Superintendent McDade reports.

Remodeling of the sixth floor of West Nebraska Methodist Hospital into nurses' quarters has been completed, Supt. E. E. Pengelly has announced. Included on the new division are library and lecture rooms, staff offices, demonstration rooms and a Chapel. The campaign to raise $200,000 for the institution, which had been started in September and was suspended during the harvest season, was resumed December 1st. Donations totaling $70,000 had been received from only 10% of the prospect list, and Rev. Pengelly anticipates no difficulty in reaching the desired goal.
HOLDREGE - Brewster Hospital has completed the installation of a ten bed Pediatrics unit, Harold J. Hamilton, Administrator, reports.

SUPERIOR - Delivery has been received by Brodstone Memorial Hospital of a new head-controlled operating table and an electric suction machine for Surgery, according to Supt. Margaret Grandy. The laboratory also has received a new microscope and other equipment, greatly improving the facilities of this department. Operating the new lab equipment is W. A. Rogers, a technician of three years Navy training.

OMAHA - An additional $62,000 has been given by residents of Nebraska and Iowa for the debt-free opening of Children's Memorial Hospital, now scheduled for late in January. The total contributed thus far exceeds $600,000.

OMAHA - DR. FRANK M. CONLIN, prominent Omaha physician and diagnostician, formerly president of the Omaha-Douglas County Medical Society and of the State Board of Medical Examiners, died at his home here December 15. An Omaha practitioner for 35 years, Dr. Conlin was a member of the U. of N. Medical School staff.

OMAHA - BISHOP CLARKSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL continues to rate recognition for its public relations program, directed by Administrator Hal G. Perrin. A recent issue of Trinity Cathedral Chimes carried a front page appeal for Thanksgiving donations to the hospital by all members of the parish, with an envelope enclosed for the offering. Several copies of a new mimeographed bulletin, the Clarkson Question Mark, have been issued as a personnel public relations medium in which noteworthy chit-chat is combined with meaty notes of general interest. Keep up the fine work, Hal!

LINCOLN - Preliminary proof sheets have been received from the Journal Publishing Co. of the compiled hospital rate structures for institutions caring for workmen's compensation victims, Judge O. M. Olson has advised Omaha hospital leaders. It is hoped to have the rate pamphlets ready for distribution by January 1st.

OMAHA - Purchase of the Medical Arts Building, Omaha, by the Connecticut General Life Insurance Co., Hartford, Conn. for $1,250,000, writes finis to a financially involved history extending over a period of 28 years. After doctors and dentists who had subscribed $395,000 to start the building project in 1919 lost all their resources in a bankruptcy action shortly thereafter, the building's steelwork stood unfinished for three years until a Chicago firm bought the skeleton for $200,000, floated a two million dollar bond issue and finished the structure. The bonds were defaulted in 1931, whereupon a group of the bondholders bought the structure for $850,000 and since had operated it under a trusteeship for the 250 M.D.-D.D.S. tenants.

BLUE CROSS REACHES 100,000 MARKI Announcement that the NEBRASKA BLUE CROSS PLAN had reached the hundred thousand membership mark was made December 15th by J. H. Pfeiffer, Executive Director, upon the occasion of a conference of Blue Cross-Blue Shield workers at the Fontenelle Hotel, Omaha. On the following evening, employees at their annual Christmas party at Hotel Castle, were presented with Blue Cross emblems by Mr. Pfeiffer who, in turn, was awarded a five-year silver service button by President Francis J. Bath. Miss Marcella Sanders, office manager, also received a five-year silver center pin.

"BLUE BLAZES", a chatty, illustrated mimeo publication for employees of Blue Cross-Blue Shield in Nebraska, issued monthly, is the clever creation of Mrs. Mildred Bengston, of the Public Relations department.

Approval of the proposed new Blue Cross-Hospitals contracts, to become effective January 1, 1948, was voted by the Board of Directors in special session Dec. 9.
"THE ART OF GETTING ALONG"

(Author Unknown)

Sooner or later, a man, if he is wise, discovers that business life is a mixture of good and bad days, victory and defeat, give and take.

He learns that it doesn't pay to be a sensitive soul - that he must learn to let some things go over his head like water off a duck's back.

He learns that he who loses his temper usually loses.

He learns that all men have burnt toast for breakfast now and then and that he shouldn't take the other fellow's grouch too seriously.

He learns that carrying a chip on his shoulder is the easiest way to find trouble.

He learns that the quickest way to become unpopular is to carry tales and to gossip about others.

He learns that it doesn't matter so much who gets the credit as long as the business and employees prosper.

He comes to realize that business could run perfectly well without him.

He learns that it doesn't do any harm to smile and say "Good Morning," even if it's raining.

He learns that most of the other fellows are as ambitious as he is, and they have the brains that are as good or better, and that hard work and not cleverness is the secret of success.

He learns to sympathize with the youngster coming into the business, because he remembers how bewildered he was when he first started.

He learns that no man ever got to first base alone and that it is only through cooperative effort that we move forward to better things.

He learns that folks aren't any harder to get along with in one place than another and that "getting along" depends 98 percent on his own behavior.

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