DISTRICTING OF STATE FIRST MOVE TO PROJECT N. H. A. ACTIVITIES INTO RURAL AREAS; '52 DATE SET

The establishment of six districts, comprising geographical centers of hospital operation throughout the state, to provide more intimate contacts between the Nebraska Hospital Association and its membership, was the outgrowth of a meeting held February 21, in Grand Island, by a special committee appointed January 29th by President James G. Carr, Jr., upon recommendation of the Executive Committee.

Emphasizing that the districting as agreed upon for 1952 is temporary in nature and is to serve as a "guinea pig" for future guidance of state officers, Paul Finnman, general committee chairman, has announced the following district leaders for the territories named:

- Omaha-Lincoln: Donald W. Duncan
- Norfolk: Mrs. Edith Wilcox
- Kimball: Mrs. Henri Musolf
- Beatrice: Rev. J. G. Kitzelman
- McCook: Sister Barbara, O.P.
- Grand Island: John L. Hurley

Members of the Committee, besides the above, include Joseph O. Burger of Nebraska Blue Cross Plan; Paul Finnman, President James Carr, Omaha, and Harold Hamilton, Holdrege.

The District Chairmen will select additional workers in their territories to formulate programs for the series of sectional meetings being planned for the annual Spring Caravan, May 19-24, at Norfolk, Kimball, Beatrice, McCook and Grand Island. District Leaders are to serve as an advisory body to the Executive Committee and attend meetings of this body during 1952.

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NEBRASKANS AMONG PARTICIPANTS ON MID-WEST PROGRAM, APRIL FEATURE;
FERRIN IS CHOSEN PRESIDENT ELLIOT

Nebraskans who have been accorded "peak" of the advance outline of the program for the MIDWEST HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION's twenty-fourth annual convention, scheduled April 21-25 in Kansas City, are looking forward to a week of outstandingly excellent meetings and enjoyment.

Particularly highlighting the 1952 session for Nebraskans will be the active participation in the program of a number of our own associates, this representation extending into half a dozen conferences and events.

Mrs. Eva Tyler, Sand Hills General Hospital, Valentine, will serve as chairman of the Small Hospital Section on the Wednesday afternoon program, on which Mrs. Henri Musolf, of Kimball Community Hospital, will speak on "A 20 Bed Hospital With Written Personnel Policies."

Rev. Austin E. Miller, S.J., Omaha, Director of the Creighton University Institute of Industrial Relations, will be the speaker at the Wednesday evening dinner in honor of the Catholic Sisters, which has become one of the outstanding events of the annual convention. Father Miller's topic: "Employer and Employee Relations."

Thursday morning, Hal G. Perrin, of Clarkson Hospital, Omaha, is to speak on "Management Policy in a Nut Shell" while Dr. Charles McLaughlin, Associate Professor of Surgery, University of Nebraska Hospital, tells the Operating Room Section "What the Surgeon Expects of the ORS and Nurses."

Miss Mary E. Converse, R.R.L., University of Nebraska Hospital, Omaha, will take part in "Symposium on Medical Record" (Turn to Page Two, please)
Plans, places and dates for the series of regional meetings in May are to be outlined more fully by President James G. Carr at the breakfast meeting of Nebraska hospital leaders, April 24, at the Hotel President, Kansas City.

Another matter of extreme importance to Nebraska administrators will be discussed, and it is urgent that ALL be present, WITHOUT FAIL, President Carr declares.

Sister Olive Cullenberg, superintendent of Immanuel Hospital, Omaha, and Francis J. Bath, Business Manager of St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, have been named by Mr. Carr on a special committee to meet with the Nebraska State Nurses Association to determine the advisability of a survey of nursing care needs throughout the state.

Membership applications of the Humboldt Hospital, Humboldt, and Antelope Memorial Hospital, Neligh, were given favorable consideration and referred to the A.H.A. for final action.

Announcement of the selection of November 13 and 14 as the dates for the 1952 fall meeting of the Nebraska Hospital Association, has been made by the President. This year's session will be held at the Pathfinder Hotel, Fremont.

A committee to consider again the employment of a full-time Executive Secretary for the state organization has been named by President Carr, including: Hal G. Perrin, chairman; Paul Finnman, Sister Mary Kevin, Francis Bath, Lloyd Jensen and Gerald Aldridge.

BLUE CROSS AND HOSPITALS
LOSE VALUED WORKER

The Nebraska Blue Cross Plan and Omaha's voluntary hospitals mourn the loss of one of their most enthusiastic supporters in the death, February 10th, of Lyle V. Barnes, retired insurance executive, after a three months' illness. Mr. Barnes had served as a Director and member of the Executive Committee of the Blue Cross since its birth in Nebraska. His insurance experience was of especial value and his sagely counsel will be sorely missed by all his associates.

DISTRICTING OF STATE (from Page 1)

which will feature a two-day conference of medical record librarians who plan to organize the Mid-West Regional Conference of Medical Record Librarians and to meet regularly hereafter at "Mid-West time."

The 1952 Mid-West convention program will repeat the daily routine so successfully introduced last year through which conferences hold full sway from 9 to 11 and 3 to 5 o'clock, with the intervening period from 11 to 3 o'clock being devoted to visiting the 140 booths of commercial and educational exhibits which will make the show arena this year the largest in Mid-West convention history.

Opening the social activities will be the President's Reception, Tuesday evening from 5:30 to 7 o'clock at the Hotel President. Coffee hour will precede the Wednesday morning opening session, as a feature of the Registration Period in the main lobby of the Municipal Auditorium.

All convention-goers are invited to the Sisters' dinner, Wednesday evening and to the annual banquet, Thursday at 7 o'clock, at the Hotel President.

AND DON'T FORGET-
NEBRASKA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
B-E-R-E-A-K-F-A-S-T
Thursday, April 24, 7:30 A.M.
AZTEC ROOM - HOTEL PRESIDENT

HIGHLY IMPORTANT BUSINESS
which requires YOUR attendance!

To fill the vacancy in the office of President-Elect, caused by the planned removal of Dr. Harold C. Lueth from the state, members of the Executive Committee of Nebraska Hospital Association voted unanimously at a meeting in Omaha, March 13, to recommend to the Executive Board of Mid-West Hospital Association the election of Hal G. Perrin, Administrator of Clarkson Memorial Hospital, Omaha, as the President for the 1952-53 term.

Mr. Perrin was Chairman of the 1951 Mid-West program committee. He has served as President of the Omaha Hospital Council and also is active in A.H.A. circles. His selection as Nebraska's second Mid-West president should assure continued progress for the organization.

NEBRASKAS AMONG (from Page 1)
Acting in conformance with recommendations of the Committee for Consolidation of Meetings of the Omaha-Douglas County Medical Society, the executive boards of nine hospitals have voted to reduce the number of staff meetings during the current year in a step designed to reduce the demands upon the time of physicians in attending numerous and, in many instances, conflicting multi-staff sessions.

Drs. Lynn Thompson and LeRoy W. Lee, co-chairman of the Committee, have submitted their final report to the Omaha-Douglas County Medical Society, in which they include as exhibits 1) a report of A.C.S. stating that the problem of medical meetings is of local status and must be solved locally; 2), a communication signed by Dr. Paul Hawley, Director of the American College of Surgeons, advising that four hospital general staff meetings per year are adequate to meet A.C.S. requirements.

Meeting schedules for 1952 listed by Hospitals are:

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LINCOLN:

| St. Elizabeth      | 4th Tuesday        | Monthly, Dinner 6:00 P.M.            |
| General            | " Monday           | " C F C, 2nd Tuesday, Monthly       |
| Bryan Memorial     | 4th Wednesday      | Semi-monthly, 8:30 A.M.              |
| EDMUNDSTON:         |                    | September to June, inclusive. Dinner 6:00 P.M. |
| Mercy              | 2nd & 4th Wed.     |                                      |
|                    | 2nd Monday         |                                      |

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

| Omaha-Douglas Co.  | 2nd Monday         | Executive Board, Monthly             |
| Medical Society    | 2nd Tuesday        | Monthly, Omaha Athletic Club         |
| Omaha Pediatrics   | 3rd Thursday       | Monthly, Place Announced             |
| Omaha Clinical Sy. | 3rd Tuesday        | Monthly, Place Announced             |
| Nebraska Radiological | 3rd Thursday | Monthly, Place Announced             |
| Omaha Academy      | 2nd Wednesday      |                                      |
| General Pract.     |                    |                                      |
| Omaha-Douglas County Medical Society, April only - April 15, with Auxiliary. Speaker: W. C. Alvarez, Chicago, MODERN MEDICINE |
| Creighton University School of Medicine SPRING ASSEMBLY - April 17, 18, 19 - Our Lady of Victory Auditorium Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital N-WEST Hospital Association - April 23, 24, 25 - Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City Nebraska State Medical Association - May 12-15, Hotel Cocharst, Lincoln Catholic Hospital Association - May 26-29, Municipal Auditorium, Cleveland, Ohio American Hospital Association - Sept. 15-18, Municipal Auditorium, Philadelphia Omaha Mid-West Clinical Society - October 27-31, Hotel Foxton, Omaha
OMAHA AREA COUNCIL

President Donald W. Duncan has announced appointment of standing committees of the Omaha Area Hospital Council for 1952, and entrusted to each continuing activities during the ensuing year. On the Program Committee are James G. Carr, Jr., Chairman; Miss Phyllis Levens, Miss Lillian Angwart and Paul Finnman. The Public Relations group, to which has been referred particularly the development of a National Hospital Day television program on Station WOW-TV, and other publicity activities, consists of Francis J. Bath, Chairman; Hal G. Perrin, Rev. Brett O. Lyle and Miss Phyllis Levens. The Civil Defense Committee includes Dr. Harold C. Lueth, Chairman; Sister Oliva Cullenberg, Miss Dorothy Ely, Sister Mary Kevin, R.S.M., Miss Lola Lindsey, Eugene J. Saxton, Herbert A. Anderson and Dr. John J. Tyson. Rev. E. C. McDade is chairman of the Nominating Committee, with Sister M. Crescentic, O.S.F., Miss Ely and Mr. Perrin.

DELEGATES "EDUCATED"

At Mid-Year Session President James G. Carr, Jr. and Eugene J. Saxton, immediate past president of the Nebraska Hospital Association, had their "eyes opened" with what they heard and learned at the AHA Mid-Year Conference of Presidents and Secretaries, February 8 and 9, in Chicago. Of particular interest they found the reports from state associations with full-time executive secretaries, a question which has perplexed N.H.A. officers for many months. Minimum budgets, they found, started at $15,000 per year, in Kansas, with 125 institutional members; and Mississippi, with 161 members, approximately equal in size to the Nebraska organization. Texas, with 400 hospital members, has a budget of $40,000 and California, 260 members, $60,000. "However, it was interesting to note one item of unanimous agreement — mainly, a positive report that each state was benefiting from its program. In other words, it is a good thing if you can afford it, and it is worth while to make sacrifices to afford it," their written report declared.

Other points discussed included the intern exchange plan, civil defense, joint accreditation, hospital trustees and governing boards, regional meetings, unemployment insurance law, hospitalization of service men's dependents, association officers and their responsibilities and the new AHA By-Laws. There were 250 present.

TWIN SISTERS ON LONG JOURNEY

Twin sisters who were the first to leave a family of 14 in Germany to seek missionary work as young religious in the United States were among a group of 15 members of the Sisters of Saint Francis who left Omaha March 19 on the first stage of a journey of nearly 10,000 miles, their homeland and return. Sister M. Theobaldis, O.S.F., R.N., floor supervisor at Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, was joined by Sister X. Bernadine, O.S.F., professor of German and French at the College of St. Joseph on the Rio Grande, Albuquerque, N. Mex., her twin sister with whom she came to the U.S. 28 years ago. Also in the group is Sister M. Emelina, O.S.F., of St. Mary Hospital, Columbus. The sisters will visit at the World Motherhouse in Olpe, Westphalia, Germany, and with relatives in Europe before returning to the mid-west, in June.

TWO GET FELLOWSHIPS

An even dozen Nebraska surgeons attained the coveted honor of Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons during 1951, the annual report of that organization discloses. Of 1,460 applications made to the Credentials Committee, 899 were approved and admitted to Fellowship. Successful Nebraskans included: SURGERY: Wm. V. Glenn, Kearney; Robert A. Hillyer, Lincoln; Frank J. Iversen, John C. Kennedy, Daniel M. Miller, Stanley E. Potter, of Omaha; John P. Heinke, Scottsbluff. UROLOGY: Payson Adams, Omaha. OB & GYN, J. Phil Redwick, Omaha; S. T. Thierstein, Lincoln. OPHTHALMOLOGY, M. M. Greenberg, Omaha. OTOLARYN-LOGY, Thomas Timothy Smith, Omaha.

MEDICAL BROADCAST

A new public service radio program, "MEDICINE, U.S.A.," begins March 29 on the N.B.C. hook-up, in cooperation with the Doctors of America. The program in this area will be heard over Radio Station WOW, 7:30 p.m. TOPICS: March 29, "Alcoholism". April 5, "Psychiatry." April 12, "Longer Life". April 19, "Contagious Diseases." April 26, "Exercise." May 3, "Medicine's Progress."
The installation and gift of the new Air Pressure Infant Resuscitators Lock equipment for resuscitation of newborn infants has been announced by five Omaha area hospitals.

The unit at NEBRASKA METHODIST HOSPITAL, first in the city, was donated to the Women's Auxiliary from the profits of their Gift Shop and Inn-on-Inn, which members operate on a volunteer basis in the hospital lobby. The women also have contributed an oxygen tent and an explosion-proof oxygen equipped basinet for the Maternity Department, Rev. B. C. Lyle, Superintendent, states, in addition to establishment of a loan fund for needy student nurses.

A series of monthly luncheons, the first of which was given on February 22, will finance the gift of the resuscitator to LUTHERAN HOSPITAL by the Women's Auxiliary. Miss Lillian Angwerty, R.N., Superintendent, enthusiastically points to the saving of two infant lives during the past month in praising the women's gift.

At CLARKSON HOSPITAL the equipment donation has come from the I. W. Carpenter, Sr. Memorial Fund, Administrator Hal G. Perrin reports, while at CRESTON MEMORIAL ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL the Air-Lock purchase has been financed from the Charles E. Metz Memorial Fund, Sister M. Crescentia, O.S.F., R.N., Administrator, states. All of the institutions report spectacular results from use of the equipment with newborn infants, amply justifying the cost of approximately $1,100 each for the units, plus the rather high operational costs involved in minimum requirements of at least two cylinders each of oxygen and compressed air every 24-hour period.

Donations from various sources which had accumulated in the "Special Equipment Fund" were responsible for the installation of the Pressure Air Lock at EMMIE EDMUNDSON HOSPITAL, Council Bluffs, Supt. Dorothea Ely, R.N., reports.

STREAMLINED SERVICE
IMMIGRATES FOREIGN NUN

The modern equipment and streamlined service in the new OUR LADY OF LOURDES HOSPITAL, Norfolk, and other institutions conducted by her Community in the United States elicited expressions of wonderment and happiness from Reverend Mother Mary Sigillinde Weber, O.S.B., Mother General of the Missionary Benedictine Sisters, on her recent tour of houses conducted by her Order in the mid-west. Coming from the world Motherhouse in Tutzing, Bavaria, Germany, she has completed a two-month visit in the United States, and has expressed great satisfaction over the fine religious spirit found in the American houses, and for the kindness shown her Sisters by the American people.

Mother Sigillinde spent much time at the American Novitiate, now housed in the former Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital building, 1500 Norfolk Avenue, Norfolk, replaced by the new fireproof structure nearby, which was opened during 1951. She approved a number of changes among the Benedictine Sisters. Sister M. Sigeharda Huss, O.S.B., B.S., Superior of Sacred Heart Hospital, Lynch, Nebraska, for six years, has become Superintendent of Holy Trinity Hospital, Gracesville, Minn. and Sister M. Consolata Bohrer, O.S.B., has returned as Superior of the Lynch hospital for the second time, having held that office previously for a six-year term. In her new post, she will supervise the remodeling and enlargement of the Obstetrical Department, to which a delivery room and several patient rooms are being added.

Sister M. Bernadette Harrison, O.S.B., R.N., R.R.L, Superintendent for the past 6 years at Holy Trinity Hospital, has been transferred to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Norfolk, where she had been stationed when that institution was opened in 1935. Sister M. Edburga Kopp, O.S.B., R.N., B.S., has been appointed as Medical Supervisor at the Norfolk institution, of which Sister M. Sebelda Harback, O.S.B., R.N. continues as Superior. Sister M. Agnes Sailer, O.S.B. and Sister M. John Sanchez, O.S.B. have been given two year leave-of-absence to take a course of study at St. Mary's Hospital, Minneapolis, Minn.
Imagine the surprise of Sister M. Pacifica, O.S.F., R.N., Administrator of St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lincoln, recently when she was approached by a visitor calling to inquire about good Sister M. Mageline - whether she were still active at St. Elizabeth, or where she might be stationed now. Sister Mageline, by way of explanation, had been the first Superior when the Hospital was established in 1889.

The caller explained that he was 100 years old and that he could recall when the hospital site still was farmland. He seemed quite surprised to learn that Sister Mageline had been relieved of her worldly duties some twenty years ago.

The visitor's primary mission?

TO INQUIRE ABOUT DONATING BLOOD TO THE HOSPITAL BLOOD BANK!

"You're only as old as you feel," he opined.

MANY COOPERATE ON WEEKLY BROADCAST

The Lincoln Hospital Committee is profuse in expressions of gratitude to those who have assisted in publicizing the A.H.A. program, "AT YOUR SERVICE", which currently is being broadcast by Radio Station KFOR, every Saturday at 7:00 P.M. The Central Gas and Electric Co. stuffed notices of the series in the billing envelopes of some 43,000 customers while Nebraska Blue Cross-Blue Shield sent stuffers with all their statements to firms and individual members in the Lincoln area. Donley-Stahl Co. placed signs in every local doctor's office to announce the program. The Journal-Star printed feature stories in its radio columns when KFOR first started the broadcasts and The Shopping Guide carries a notice of the show every week.

It is the aim of the Hospital Committee through this informative radio dramatization to help the public better understand their community hospital and its problems. Members of the Committee include D. W. Duncan, St. Elizabeth Hospital; Rev. Edwin C. McDade, Bryan Memorial, and Herbert A. Anderson, Lincoln General.

TWINS BEFUDDE M.D.'S

Members of the O.B. Staff at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lincoln, have been seeing double since January 1. During the first 90 days of the new year, eight sets of twins have been delivered in the department. Out of 1,520 births in 1951, only twelve sets of twins were recorded, so if the precedent set during the first days of this year continues, hospital officials look forward to some sort of a new record to be established in 1952.

RECORD LIBRARIANS ELECT

Mrs. Patricia Nicols, R.R.L., of Clarkson Hospital, Omaha is the 1952 President of the Omaha Area Association of Medical Record Librarians, having been chosen at the annual meeting at St. Catherine Hospital. She succeeds Sister M. Rosita, O.S.F., R.R.L., of St. Joseph's Hospital. Miss Dorothy Ramold, of St. Mary's Hospital, Nebraska City, was elected secretary and Miss Laurene Hult, University Hospital, Omaha, treasurer. The Librarians voted also to conduct an educational campaign in Nebraska high schools and colleges on "Medical Record Library Work as a Career" to attract more candidates into this fast growing field of hospital specialization. They also will join with other groups in nearby states in forming the Mid-West Regional Conference of Medical Record Librarians during the 24th annual convention of the Mid-West Hospital Association, April 23 and 24, in Kansas City, Mo.

LEAP YEAR DAY TWINS!

Twin sons born on February 29th at St. JOHN'S SULLIVAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, Spalding, doubled the number of children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phiefer, the only Leap Year twins reported.
OF FOLKS WE KNOW . . .

HAROLD C. LUFTH, M.D., Dean of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, Omaha, since July 1, 1946, has resigned that office, effective on June 30, to return to his native city of Chicago to re-enter the private practice of medicine. Dr. Lueth, who has served as president of the Nebraska Hospital Association and the Omaha Area Hospital Council, as well as in many professional positions and committees, also has submitted his resignation as President-Elect of the Mid-West Hospital Association, in which he would have taken office as head of the seven-state organization, at the annual meeting, April 23-25, in Kansas City. Upon returning to Chicago, Dr. Lueth plans also to teach internal medicine at University of Illinois College of Medicine, where he formerly was on the faculty.

CONDOLENCES ARE EXTENDED by the many friends of VEN. SISTER MARY JOHN, R.S.M., Administrator of St. Catherine’s Hospital, Omaha, upon the death on March 7 of her sister, Miss Agnes O’Connor, a life-time resident of the city.

KENNETH E. WALLACE, President of the Mid-West Hospital Association, on March 1st moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma where he has accepted a new position as Business Manager of ST. JOHN’S HOSPITAL, after several years as Business Administrator of the University of Oklahoma Hospitals, at Oklahoma City. Congratulations, and we’re glad that you are remaining in Mid-West territory, Ken!

"CALL ME GRANDPA!” is the latest claim to fame of Hal G. Ferrin, Administrator of Bishop Clarkson Hospital, Omaha, for on January 18th his daughter, Mrs. Robert F. Mahood, gave birth to a son, Robert William, at Beaumont, Tex. Now, Grandma and Grandpa Ferrin are trying hard to find an excuse for a trip “down South” to make the personal acquaintance of the newcomer.

HAROLD L. SLATER, until January 1st with the Phebus Surgical Company, Omaha, is the new administrator of LEXINGTON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, Lexington, Nebr., with his wife, BARBARA EVANS SLATER, R.N. in the capacity of director of nursing. Mr. Slater, before moving to Omaha a year ago, had spent eight years in the administrative department of Mercy Hospital, Des Moines, Ia. and in military hospital work during World War II. Mrs. Slater is a 1947 graduate of Broadlawns Hospital School of Nursing, Des Moines.

MRS. E. DEANNE MATSON DETMER, R.N., formerly superintendent of BLUE VALLEY HOSPITAL, Hebron, has completed her post-graduate course in the St. Joseph’s Hospital School of Anesthesia, Omaha, and has now taken up residence as a bride at Fairbury, Nebraska with her newly acquired husband, Albert Detmer.

The many Nebraska friends of CHARLES NEWELL, hospital administrator of the University of Kansas Medical Center hospitals, Kansas City, Mo., are grieved to learn of his sudden death on February 15th, of heart trouble. Mr. Newell served as president of the Mid-West Hospital Association in 1952 and took part in several state meetings of the Nebraska Hospital Association during the past several years. ROBERT A. MOLGREN, administrator of Susan Allen Memorial Hospital, El Dorado, Kans., has been appointed to succeed Mr. Newell at the Medical Center.

FRANK D. RYDER, of Grand Island, formerly director of the Department of Health, State of Nebraska, Lincoln, has been appointed chief medical officer of the Cornhusker Ordnance Plant in his home city. Dr. Ryder is a graduate of Creighton University School of Medicine.

MISS THORA K. PATTERSON, R.N. assumed her new duties on March 10th as Director of Nurses at LINCOLN GENERAL HOSPITAL. Miss Patterson received her Bachelor Degree at Illinois Wesleyan College and completed her Master’s Degree at the University of Chicago, in December, 1951.
REV. BRETT O. LYLE, Superintendent of NEBRASKA METHODIST HOSPITAL, Omaha, was presented with a citation on February 13 by the Omaha Urban League for the part he has played in providing work opportunities for Negroes during the past year.

Two recent graduates of the St. Joseph Hospital School of Anesthesia, Omaha, have accepted positions in out-state hospitals. MISS LOIS GUNST, R.N.A., '49 graduate of St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing, Grand Island, is now anesthetist at ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, North Platte, while MRS. LAURA CUNNINGHAM, R.N.A., formerly superintendent of Lexington Community Hospital, has become head anesthetist at the GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL, Kearney.

G. E. CHARLTON, M.D. will conclude 36 years as superintendent of the NORFOLK STATE HOSPITAL when he resigns from that position July 1st, after 45 years of medical practice in Nebraska which began in 1906 at Moorefield, Frontier County. In 1913, Dr. Charlton was on the staff at Hastings State Hospital until his appointment, three years later, to the Norfolk position. Dr. and Mrs. Charlton will reside in Norfolk. DR. CHARLES INGHAM, member of the medical staff for the past 13 years and assistant superintendent the past year, has been named by the State Board of Control to succeed Dr. Charlton.

GILDA NEVA is the name of the new arrival on January 5 in the home of MR. AND MRS. DANIEL TAMES, of Chicago, their first-born. Mr. Tames has a wide acquaintance among Nebraska hospital folks through a score of years as an equipment and supply representative before entering the hospital and hotel furnishing business for himself; in 1945. Mr. and Mrs. Tames are residing at the Belmont Hotel, Chicago, pending completion of their new home which is now under construction.

THE OWEN A TRIMBLES celebrated the arrival (?) of Spring on March 20th by moving to their new six-room ranch-type home at 1715 N. 56 Street, Omaha and were snugly ensconced therein when Old Man Winter's belated blizzard came at week-end.

ARNOLD KAURA, out-state salesman of Seiler Surgical Company, Omaha, the past ten years, has been named superintendent of BOONE COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, Albion, by the Board of County Commissioners. He succeeds MISS BETTY WELEN, R.N., who resigned on November 15th.

ALBERT J. VAN LUND, of Omaha, graduate of the University of Nebraska, has been named Business Manager of the Douglas County Welfare Administration and of DOUGLAS COUNTY HOSPITAL, Omaha, by County Welfare Director Philip H. Vogt, to succeed GLEN C. AFFLEK, who resigned as business manager on February 19th to enter business in Los Angeles, California. Mr. Van Lund also has assumed the duties of Thomas Tighe who resigned as office supervisor on March 1st. Mr. Van Lund has a B.S. Degree in Business Management and a Master's Degree in Business Administration.

Good News has been received by the numerous friends in Nebraska of RAY KNEIFL, Executive Secretary of the Catholic Hospital Association, St. Louis, Mo., who suffered a severe coronary attack on December 5th. Mr. Kneifl now has been permitted by his physician to return to his duties on a restricted schedule - "the only trouble is preventing Ray from crowding more than eight hours work into a four hour day!", an associate reports. A "play by play" description of his illness was written by Mr. Kneifl while he was a patient at Firmin Des Loges Hospital, across the street from his office, and published in the February HOSPITAL PROGRESS.

MISS MARGERY JARMON, R.N., B.S.N.Ed., of Jamestown, N.D., on February 6th became Director of Nursing Service and the School of Nursing of Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital, Omaha, succeeding MRS. IRMA ROBERTS, R.N., B.S., who resigned after four years in the position. Miss Jarmon, a graduate of the Delaware Hospital School of Nursing, Wilmington, Del., received her B.S. degree from the University of Pennsylvania. For the past 18 months, she had been director of the school of nursing at Jamestown College and director of nurses of Jamestown Hospital.
WISHES FOR SPEEDY RECOVERY are expressed by friends of REV. EDWIN McDADE, Superintendent of BRYAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, Lincoln, who suffered a coronary attack on March 11th, and now is a patient in his own institution. Latest reports from his side indicate that he is making good progress.

EDGAR F. HUSE has been named Personnel Officer of the LINCOLN GENERAL HOSPITAL by Administrator HERBERT A. ANDERSON, to fill a newly created position. Mr. Huse received his undergraduate training at Creighton University, Omaha, and completed his Master's Degree in Educational Psychology at the University of Nebraska in January. "We are very hopeful of improving the efficiency and human relations of our personnel by the addition of Mr. Huse to our staff," Mr. Anderson states.

FRANCIS J. BATH, Business Manager of the CREIGHTON MEMORIAL ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL, Omaha, is Editor of a new monthly feature, "THE BUSINESS OFFICE," in the official journal of the Catholic Hospital Association, "HOSPITAL PROGRESS." Making its debut in the January, 1952 issue, the new Department detailed the discussion on "Why a Business Manager?" which featured the November meeting in Omaha of the Nebraska Conference, Catholic Hospital Association. The monthly articles will cover subjects of general interest to hospital administrative officers, the contributors including department heads and specialists in the field.

W. J. McMARTIN, M.D., Omaha Urologist, has been appointed for a three-year term as a member of the City-County Health Board by the Omaha City Council and the Douglas County Board of Commissioners. Retiring medical member of the Board is DR. F. LOWELL DUNN, Omaha cardiologist.

MISS LAURA M. VOLKMAN, R.N. is the new Assistant Chief, Nursing Education at the VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL, Grand Island, J. RALSTON WELLS, M.D., manager, reports. Miss Volkman, coming from Veterans Administration Center, Wood, Wisc., has had 18 years experience in nursing service and nursing education.

MRS. WILMA M. COOPER, formerly Business Manager of the DOUGLAS COUNTY HOSPITAL, Omaha, has been appointed administrator of Baraga County Memorial Hospital, L'Anse, Mich. She had been serving as superintendent of Wabash General Hospital, Mt. Carmel, Ill., since resigning her position in Omaha several years ago.

GEORGE N. JOHNSON, M.D., Omaha Surgeon, has been named director of the medical division of the Omaha Civil Defense Committee, succeeding ALFRED M. BROWN, M.D., who resigned February 1. Dr. Johnson, a member of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine faculty, has been serving as first deputy of the medical unit. His appointment as director was made by Lieut. Col. A. L. Tuttle, operations chief.

J. PHILIP REDWICK, M.D. is the newly elected president of the staff at CLARKSON HOSPITAL, Omaha. Other new officers are DR. J. JAY KEBBAN, Vice-president, and DR. W. D. WRIGHT, secretary-treasurer.

C. J. MILLER, M.D., of Ord, has been named Chief of Staff for 1952 of the ORD COOPERATIVE HOSPITAL. DR. C. W. WEEKES, Ord, is Vice-chief; DR. M. E. MARKLEY, Loup City, Secretary, and DR. R. J. LYNN, Ord, Legal medical advisor.

DR. H. J. HERBERT, '48 graduate of the Creighton University School of Medicine, and related plastic surgery specialist, has taken over the practice and office of Dr. FRED M. WHITE, Omaha physician, who suffered a stroke in 1950 and is still incapacitated, but recovering slowly. Dr. Herbert recently completed his three-year Residency at the University of Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary, Chicago.

Wesley Walter was the 6 pound, 12-ounce arrival on March 9 in the home of the J. Kenneth Hiller's, of Fremont, as companion to Lorna, now 2 years of age.
PEERIN AGAIN HEADS "How to Make Episcopal Church Hospitals Better Missions"

NEW EPISCOPAL BODY was the theme of the second annual meeting of a new church organization, the Episcopal Hospital Assembly, held in Cleveland, O., on February 21 as a section of the Protestant Hospital Association. Hal G. Perrin, Administrator of Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital, Omaha, was chosen to head the group for the second year, after he had sounded the keynote of the gathering in his declaration that "Pills and plaster are not enough; hospitals must meet the needs of the whole person, including his religious needs."

Named as first President-Elect was Rev. Edward C. Turner, of Parkview Episcopal Hospital, Pueblo, Colo. In creating the new office, the Assembly agreed that the two positions be held alternately by a lay administrator and a clergyman. The administrators and chaplains at the conference represented a wide range of Church hospitals, some with full-time chaplains and a full religious program regarded as a department as important in the work of healing as the other hospital departments.

Of 93 institutions listed as Church hospitals in The Living Church Annual, 26 were members of the association at the end of the first year. Among those present also was the Rev. Andrew H. Heederik, Chaplain at Clarkson Hospital.

While in the east, Mr. Perrin presided at a two-day meeting of the AHA Hospital Policy Check List Committee, of which he is Chairman, in New York, February 25 and 26, and attended an Episcopal Laymen's meeting, at Greenwich, Conn.

DIOCESAN HOSPITALS MAKE ANNUAL REPORT The six Catholic hospitals in the Lincoln Diocese gave a total of 126,350 days care to 19,796 patients during 1951, according to the annual report of Right Rev. Maurice W. Helmann, of Lincoln, Diocesan Director of Hospitals. There were 3,121 births, including 24 sets of twins. The hospitals report 472 physicians on their combined staffs.

St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lincoln, led all others, with 10,737 admissions and 1,521 births. St. Catherine's, McCook, had 3,904 patients and 654 births, followed closely by St. Mary's, Nebraska City, with 3,094 patients and 487 births. Next was Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Falls City, 1,056 patients and 245 births; Beeley Memorial, Lindsay had 624 patients and 170 newborn and St. Francis, Osceola, 381 admissions and 44 births. St. Elizabeth, the only diocesan hospital with a school of nursing, reported a total of 66 students in training.

PHARMACISTS GATHER The Mid-West Hospital Pharmacist Association at a one-day meeting, February 12, at the Creighton University College of Pharmacy, Omaha, enjoyed a presentation of experiments to demonstrate the action of drugs on animals. The program was presented by Frank Ferraro and Mrs. Ann Czerniak, instructors in biological sciences at Creighton University. Sister Mary Raphael Hilger, of St. Vincent's Hospital, Sioux City, Ia., president of the group, conducted the meeting. Hospitals of Omaha, Lincoln, Sioux City and Council Bluffs are members of the organization.

NEW PAPERS APPEAR "?' is the title (only temporary, we hope!) of a new mimeographed bulletin which has made its appearance monthly since January 1st under the banner of the Nebraska Psychiatric Unit, University of Nebraska College of Medicine, and the editorship of "R. Gross." Modest and intriguing, eh?? A "free psychological evaluation" is offered as a reward to the individual who submits a name "not too long, not too sord, colorful, different and original" for the four-page news bulletin which opened with an anniversary story of the Unit's 4 years.

"SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS" likewise began its existence January 1st, the work of students of the Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's School of Nursing as a news medium of School and Hospital activities, intimate chit-chat, home-spun poetry and narrations of the triumphs of the Royalty and honorary military ranks captured by popular students in pre-Lenten social whirl. Medical Staff "goings-on" likewise raw reading.
HERE AND THERE

OMAHA - Bequests totaling $21,000 toward two local hospitals were contained in the will of Mrs. Katherine Krug Metz, who died January 4 after an extended illness.

Principal beneficiaries were the Sisters of Saint Francis and CREIGHTON MEMORIAL ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL, who were bequeathed $15,000 for the purchase of unspecified major hospital equipment as a memorial to the donor's husband, the late Charles E. Metz, former executive of the Krug and Metz Breweries. The Sisters have received several previous benefactions from Mrs. Metz. CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL also was remembered with a gift of $6,000 in the will.

LINCOLN - Renovation activities at LINCOLN GENERAL HOSPITAL have included removal of the pharmacy from a basement location to new and larger quarters on the first floor, which already has resulted in improved efficiency for the Department, Administrator Herbert A. Anderson reports. Another project is the setting up of a test area with conductive floor treatment, "Condutec," to determine the efficiency of this type of product in eliminating explosion hazards in operating and delivery rooms. The test is being watched with interest by fire and health officials.

OMAHA - A financial campaign to raise $1,000,000 to assist in meeting the costs of a five-year expansion program for IMMANUEL HOSPITAL AND DEACONESS INSTITUTE will be launched shortly after Easter by a civic committee headed by W. C. Swanson, president of Nebraska Clothing Co., Omaha. Plans for the building program were outlined to a crowd of 500 friends of the institution at a dinner on February 19. It is proposed to increase the bed capacity of the hospital from 105 to 200 beds and possibly to add psychiatric and geriatric facilities. Completion of the nurses' home and school of nursing also is included in the long-range program.

WAHOO - Remodeling of the former Community Hospital into six residential apartments has been started by Dr. M. E. Lathrop, the owner, who has disposed of the equipment of the 20-bed institution. Several major items have been transferred to the new SAUNDERS COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL by Dr. Lathrop.

OMAHA - As CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL prepared to observe the fourth anniversary of its opening, on March 15, Administrator Phyllis Lovens was delighted to receive a gift of $500 from the Omaha Altrusa Club, the largest of its annual contributions since the hospital was founded.

LINCOLN - With an agreement by the Olney Clinic Foundation, Inc. and Dr. R. C. Olney to comply fully with requirements of the State Board of Health, legal objections to continued construction work on the new DOCTORS HOSPITAL, 48th and "F" Streets, have been withdrawn.

OMAHA - New stainless steel cabinets and tables, new centrifuges and a binocular research microscope grace the fully renovated pathological laboratory just completed at LUTHERAN HOSPITAL. Superintendent Lillian Angwert, R.N., is justly proud of the efficient new department, accomplished at a cost of $6,000.

LINCOLN - Plastering of the new $850,000 addition at ST. ELIZABETH HOSPITAL is well under way and completion of the unit is expected about October 1, Sister W. Pacifica, O.S.F., R.N., Administrator, now believes. The building will provide 48 additional beds for the institution, as well as new surgical and maternity service facilities.

OMAHA - Construction work has been started on a new $85,000 one-story brick structure at 36th and Dodge streets to provide modern office facilities for a group of seven Omaha physicians under a partnership arrangement known as the Medical Building Company. The building will be 38x124 feet in size and will have off-street parking. Partners in the venture are: Leo V. Hughes and C. C. Millett, general practitioners; Gerald C. O'Neill and Paul N. Morrow, pediatricians; R. Hugh Dickinson, psychiatrist, and Donald J. Bucholz and Charles M. Beet, dentists.
MAHA - Construction of a new $1,000,000 psychiatric unit to further comply with the medical center program of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine here seems virtually assured for a 1952 start as the result of several recent conferences between the University Board of Regents and members of the State Board of Control, whereby the two agencies have agreed each to advance half of the necessary funds. An application for a Federal grant under the Hill-Burton Bill is expected to help in bringing the project to fruition. Plans for the 100-bed psychiatric hospital are being prepared by John Latenser & Sons, Omaha architects, who have made several extensive inspection visits to similar teaching facilities from Denver to the Atlantic coast with representatives of the Nebraska Psychiatric Unit.

Agreement also has been reached with Douglas County officials for rescinding of the eviction order issued a year ago, calling for surrender of the facilities now occupied by the Board of Control-University psychiatric training unit at Douglas County Hospital by April 30, 1952. The mental unit will surrender 20% of its space to provide more room to relieve the present crowded conditions among county mental patients as well as to allow more beds for convalescing polio patients. Bids for the new structure will be taken about July 1st, but completion is expected to require 18 to 24 months, Architect Frank Latenser estimates.

OMAHA - Another physician seeking to evade the constantly expanding "Don't Park here" areas in the downtown district has found relief through the erection of a new $25,000 modernistic office building in the outlying south central residential section of the city. Dr. Joseph F. Drozd on February 1st moved into his California Rambler type office of eight rooms at 315 Deer Park Boulevard, complete with X-Ray and laboratory facilities. The exterior construction is of stone and white siding, while the sand-blasted knotty pine interior provides a touch entirely new in this community. The entire building is air-conditioned and contains a two-car basement garage.

OMAHA - Staff members of CREIGHTON LEMORIL ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL have made several valuable contributions to the institution, which are deeply appreciated by Sister M. Crescentia, O.S.F., R.N., and the Sisters. The gift of a Coreco research unit has stimulated interest among the surgeons particularly to record in colored film the unusual operative conditions which provide valuable teaching material for the medical and nursing students, and excellent subjects for staff meetings and discussions. The unit, including several sets of lens, cost $1,000.

Another gift of particular interest and value is the new $2,100 Automatic Ommigraph for film recording of cerebral, cardio and kidney angiography, also from the Medical Staff. This new and unusual piece of equipment was set up and demonstrated at the Hospital on March 7 by its inventor, Dr. J. M. Sanchez-Perez, of Los Angeles, California.

OMAHA - Increasing costs of operation have resulted in an upward revision of rates at DOUGLAS COUNTY HOSPITAL for the care of emergency and isolation patients, Philip H. Vogt, County Welfare administrator, has announced, to reduce the deficit for these services which in 1951 resulted in a net loss of fifty thousand dollars. The new rate for bed, board and general duty nursing care for isolation and emergency cases, as well as for polio patients, is $12.50 per day, compared with the old rate of $7 per day for the first two services, and $9 daily for polio care. Any deficits over and above total fees collected are met by the City of Omaha and Douglas County, the former paying 85% of such losses and the latter, 15%.

COURL FOR N-P AIDS - A four-months' course for the training of psychiatric aides sponsored by the Board of Control and U. of N. College of Medicine, will open May 1 in Omaha to provide a pool of trained attendants for the state's mental institutions. Students will spend the first 90 days at the Nebraska Psychiatric Unit, in Omaha, and the final month in state hospitals. They will get $80 per month, plus board and laundry, during the training program. Details may be secured from Dr. Cecil Wittson, Director, Psychiatric Unit, 40 & Woolworth, Omaha.
Six of the nine Nebraska hospitals which had listed a total of 81 internship vacancies for the year beginning July 1, 1952 garnered 42 contracts from the Cooperative Matching Plan for Internship Appointment which this year, for the first time, undertook the herculean task of distributing 5,564 senior medical students among approximately 900 hospitals which had listed a total of 10,414 openings.

Mechanics of the matching plan were carried out by the National Interassociation Committee on Internships, with the approval and support of the American Hospital Association, Association of American Medical Colleges, Catholic Hospital Association, American Protestant Hospital Association, the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the AMA, and the federal services offering internships. The preliminary task of getting hospitals and senior students together was accomplished through publication of a Directory of Approved Hospitals Participating in the Matching Plan for Internship Appointment. The plan was so designed as to preserve free choice by both hospital and student, giving effect to the preferences of both and with no attempt being made to limit the number of internes any hospital might seek.

Nebraska hospitals receiving internes from the matching pool include:
Bryan Memorial, LINCOLN, 2; Lincoln General, 3; OMAHA: Creighton Memorial St. Joseph, 19; Nebraska Methodist, 6; St. Catherine's, 1; University of Nebraska College of Medicine, 11.

EXECUTIVE FACULTY TO DIRECT U OF N SCHOOL
A re-organization of the executive faculty of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, providing wider representation on the policy-making body of the school, was effected February 23 by the Board of Regents at a meeting held in Omaha, and presided over by Dr. Carl W. Borgmann, of Lincoln, dean of University Faculties, and chairman of the special committee appointed by Chancellor Gustavson. The newly constituted Executive Faculty hereafter will include the Dean of the medical school, the director of the school of nursing, chairmen of 14 teaching departments and three members-at-large. Actions of this standing committee must be approved by the general faculty, the Board of Regents and the Chancellor.

CLARKSON PRE-CLINICALS TO SWITCH UNIVERSITIES
Freshman students of the Clarkson Hospital School of Nursing, Omaha, will enjoy greener scenery when they "go to college", starting in September, for their pre-clinical studies will be made at Omaha University, nestled in a wooded corner of Elmwood Park, rather than at the U. of N. College of Medicine, Hal G. Perrin, administrator, has announced. Nursing students will study four months at Omaha U. An increase in tuition and fees will make total cost for their three-year course $500 hereafter, to include also uniforms, books, board and room and uniform laundry.

MEDICS HONOR STUDENTS
Members of the Nebraska State Medical Association "turned on the charm" on March 27th when they entertained senior medical students from the Creighton University School of Medicine and University of Nebraska: College of Medicine at a dinner meeting at the Paxton Hotel, Omaha. In honoring the students, the medical fraternity stressed through a number of speakers the advantages and opportunities afforded by rural practice in Nebraska in an endeavor to interest the forthcoming graduates in locating in country communities after completion of their studies. Dr. Earl Leininger, of McCook, presided, as chairman of the state body's rural medical service committee.

X-RAY COURSE ON 'ED
Notice of continued approval of the School for X-Ray Technicians of Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, by the American College of Radiology and the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of American Medical Association, has been received by Sister M. Crescentia, O.S.F., R.N., Administrator. The School is under the direction of Sister Mary Liberia, O.S.F., R.T. who also is in charge of the X-Ray Department at St. Joseph's.
BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD CHOOSE OFFICERS FOR 1952 -- STEADY PROGRESS NOTED

Election of a full new Board of Directors, to comply with State Insurance Department regulations limiting the number of such directors to 21 members, and some several changes among the Officers marked the annual meeting of the Nebraska Blue Cross Plan, January 28, in Omaha.


Members of the executive Committee: The Officers and Messrs. Barnes, Duncan, Jacobberger, and Saxton; Drs. Kirk, MacQuiddy and Offerman.

Dr. Arthur J. Offerman was re-elected President of Nebraska Blue Shield on January 23. Also re-elected were Dr. Donald B. Steenburg, vice-president; Edward K. McDermott, Secretary and Associate Counsel; Arthur L. Coad, Treasurer; Joseph O. Burger, Executive Director and Attorney; G. P. McArdle, M.D., Medical Director.

A change was voted in the corporate title at the Blue Cross meeting and the former name of The Associated Hospital Service of Nebraska henceforth will be designated as the NEBRASKA BLUE CROSS HOSPITAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION. Changes in the Membership Agreement and in the Hospital contract also were voted, and recommendations reported for a greater variety of contracts, including a $10 per day allowance on room; $7.00 a day contract for individual enrollment agreements; elimination of the community enrollment plan, and clarification of several contract provisions.

BLUE SHIELD benefit increases effecting January 1, 1952 included allowance for childbirth in home or office; extension of office treatment benefits also to home service and allowance for home or office treatment of most simple fractures, minor dislocations, suturing of wounds and minor abscess incisions.

BLUE CROSS membership on February 28, 1952 stood at 228,966, representing 3,540 groups. Payments to Hospitals totaled $167,489.57. BLUE SHIELD had 184,147 members on the same date and paid out $136,638.35 for services to policyholders.

A series of meetings between BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD and hospital representatives was started January 21 at Bassett; February meetings were at Scottsbluf on the 27th and Chadron on the 28th. The next meetings will be at North Platte on April 14 and at McCook, April 15. Local physicians and their secretaries meet with the Plans personnel at evening sessions to discuss problems of mutual interest.

"N H NEWS WANT ADS"

FOR SALE: Coffee Shop unit, like new, including front and back counter in birch; 7 chrome and leather stools; electric grille, pie case. Selling due to recent cafeteria installation. St. Francis Hospital, Grand Island.

FOR SALE: A BARGAIN for some Physician! 5,000 Amp. 20 cc. Sodium salicylate and Sodium Iodide, each 15 Gr. with Colchine, Gr. 1/100. Name your price for all or part. Information from Francis J. Bath, Editor, NHNEWS.

FOR SALE: Two electrically heated food tray conveyors, with cold compartment; good condition. Burroughs accounting machine, accumulative totals; fine for payroll and distribution procedures. Write Box 10, NHNEWS, 2305 S. 10 St., Omaha.

IT IS EASIER TO DO A JOB RIGHT THAN TO EXPLAIN WHY YOU DIDN'T!
"WHY THINGS COST WHAT THEY DO"

YOUR HOSPITAL BILL

Want to make a hospital administrator see red? Just ask him why it is that one of his rooms costs as much as a room at a swank resort hotel. You might add that his beds are less comfortable, the meals aren't as good, and the service suffers by comparison.

If he happens to be a very patient man, he may take the time to point out just why your hospital bill comes to what it does, and why there isn't much basis for the comparison of hospital and hotel costs.

Hotel and hospital are similar only in that they both provide food and lodging. There the likeness ends, and the hospital goes on to more expensive and complicated problems.

The hospital spends about 40% of its total outlay to provide hotel-type services. In dollars and cents, just $6.71 per patient per day. Many hotels charge that much for the room alone. But in the hospital the $6.71 includes food, room and maid service.

The other 60% of the expense of operating a hospital covers a multitude of costs that a hotelkeeper never has to worry about. For instance, highly skilled professionals, such as nurses, therapists, and others who serve on a hospital staff; expensive medical equipment; laboratories; a pharmacy; operating and delivery rooms; X-ray equipment. And the hospital is a 24-hour business that must be ready to provide any of its many services day and night.

In total, another $10.17 worth of expense per patient every day. For all services that the hospital provides, then—the hotel type and the services that only a hospital provides—the cost is $16.88 a day at the average general hospital.

Here's how that cost of $16.88 a day breaks down into each of the major items of hospital expense.

First, those costs that are comparable to hotel costs.

ADMINISTRATION. The people you rarely see when you are hospitalized—accountants, purchasing agents, and other administrators—get $1.58 per patient per day.

MEALS. Your food and the cost of preparing and serving it total $2.76. This includes the cost of special round-the-clock dietary needs for some patients.

HOUSEKEEPING SERVICE. Maids and other attendants absorb 90 cents of the total daily expense.

MAINTENANCE, LAUNDRY. Heat, light and other utilities, plus the expense of doing all the hospital's laundry, average $1.47 per patient per day. Now, the costs that hotelkeepers don't have to worry about.

NURSES. Salaries for the general duty nurses, who make up the largest part of the staff, figure out to about $4.45 a day for each patient.

SPECIAL SERVICES. The X-ray labs, other laboratories, operating and delivery rooms, anesthetics, and other services cost $5.27. Though you may not use any of these, you never know when you might have to, so the hospital must have them available.

MISCELLANEOUS. Another 45 cents covers the miscellaneous and unbudgeted expenses the hospital has to allow for.

Figured on an hourly basis, the $16.88 comes to roughly 70 cents for each of the 24 hours—less than most pay for household help.
So far we've been talking about the actual cost of providing hospital service—not the charge that appears on your hospital bill. There is a difference. On an average, the patient pays only 89% of the real cost of his service. In this case, $15.18 per day. The rest of the cost is made up from the contributions and donations that most hospitals receive from the public at large, and from state and local governments.

Without this outside help nearly every non-profit hospital in the United States would have to raise its rates or go into debt. As it stands now, most hospitals manage to break even, or come out a little bit ahead. If a hospital does make a profit, it usually means that it has been over-crowded. So any extra revenue is often used for expansion.

The cost of hospital care rose from an average of $1.19 a day in 1900 to $15.00 in 1950. But hospitalization is a better buy now than it was at the turn of the century.

In the first place, the quality of medical care has improved so much as to make price comparisons difficult. Who can measure the worth of the better chance you have of coming out in good health?

The improvement in the quality of medical care shows up in another way, too. The average length of time spent in hospitals decreased from 32 days in 1900 to about 8 days in 1951.

You are back at work three weeks earlier, and for most people that makes a real difference in being able to stand the shock of the bill.

On a straight dollar-and-cents basis, the actual cost of hospital care is about the same now as it was 50 years ago. Here's how to figure it out:

- The 1900 hospital bill looked like this: 32 days at $1.19 equals $38.08.
- The present-day bill looks like this: 8 days at $15 equals $120. But the 1900 dollar was equal to about three of today's dollars, and the $38.08 spent for hospitalization in 1900 would be the equivalent of about $118 today. Compare that with the $120 for 8 days of hospitalization in 1951—the two are pretty close!

Not so long ago, most hospitals charged private patients rates high enough to make up for the losses the hospitals showed on their ward-patient care. The rate for a semiprivate room was figured at actual cost; the ward rates were arbitrarily set perhaps 20% lower; the private room rate, 20% higher.

Nowadays, hospitals have generally switched away from this rate structure to a more businesslike method. Most hospitals figure out the actual cost of providing the three classes of service, and charge the patient exactly that figure. In this way each patient pays for the true cost of providing the service he gets, and no patient pays any part of the cost of another patient's hospitalization.

Human nature being what it is, people don't like to pay a big hospital bill. They didn't want to go to the hospital in the first place. But for most patients the benefits are worth every cent of the bill. Worth more than lodging in anybody's hotel.

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"HOW SMALL HOSPITALS DO IT" AMAZES A.H.A. OFFICIAL ON SPRING JAUNT TO FIVE REGIONAL CONFERENCES IN STATE

A new concept of the problems which face the smaller hospitals of the nation in their efforts to provide patients the best of services with meagre facilities and limited medical staffs permeated the thoughts of Charles U. Letourneau, M.D., Secretary of the Council on Professional Practices, American Hospital Association, Chicago, as he climaxxed a week's tour of key rural medical centers with officers of the Nebraska Hospital Association on their annual pilgrimage, May 19 to 23.

"I shall have some pertinent suggestions to make to A.H.A. officials at our next conference as a result of my observations and "rubbing elbows" with folks in rural Nebraska communities", Dr. Letourneau declared. "This is my first visit to the "grass roots" areas and I have gained invaluable experience from a most fruitful week in Nebraska," he stated.

Off to a gala start on Monday, the Western Nebraska District #3 conference at the Kimball Country Club established the record attendance of the week, with a registration of 46 persons. Chairman of the District is Mrs. Henri J. Musolf, Administrator, Kimball County Hospital, who presided. Chairman of the morning session was Dr. George Post, of Morrill County Hospital, Bridgeport, while Dr. Frank Wanek, Gordon Municipal Hospital conducted the afternoon program.

Topics and speakers included:

"Simplified Purchasing and Inventory System in the Small Hospital."
A. Tergerson, Longmont, Colo.  
(Turn to Page 3, Please)
Despite flood conditions in Nebraska and Missouri which resulted in water-covered highways and in suspended railroad service to Kansas City, attendance at the 1952 convention reached near to the fifteen hundred mark in hospital personnel and an additional 450 exhibitors' representatives. The 140 booths of commercial exhibits provided a "mid-way" 20% larger than any previous Mid-West convention and a display of hospital equipment and supplies exceeded only by the 1951 A.H.A. show in St. Louis, last September. The delight of the exhibitors at the success of the convention and show was indicated by a healthy number of requests for additional booth space for the 1953 meeting of the seven-state organization.

Nebraskans participating in the twenty-fourth annual meeting program were:

Dr. Charles W. McLaughlin, Jr., Associate Professor of Surgery, University of Nebraska, Omaha; Mrs. Eva Tyler, Administrator, Sand Hills General Hospital, Valentine; H. C. Farr, Administrator, Clarkson Hospital, Omaha; Rev. John B. Rupley, Jr., Evangelical Lutheran Church, North Platte; Mrs. Henry Musolf, Administrator, Kimball County Hospital; Francis J. Path, Business, Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha; Miss Mary E. Converse, R.R.L., University of Nebraska Hospital, Omaha and Sister M. Paphnutiana, O.S.F., R.R.L., Saint Elizabeth Hospital, Lincoln.

Social highlights of the convention were the President's Reception, on Tuesday evening, at which honored guests, hospital leaders and exhibitors mingled at an informal cocktail and luncheon party prelude to the official opening of activities; the dinner Wednesday evening honoring the Catholic Sisters, and the annual banquet Thursday evening.

A record attendance of nuns, lay administrators and exhibitors heard a masterly address on "Employer-Employee Relations" by Rev. Austin E. Miller, S.J., Director of the Creighton University Institute of Industrial Relations, Omaha, and greetings from Dr. Anthony J. J. Rourke, President of the American Hospital Association, who was a special guest at the dinner Wednesday. The crowning social event was Thursday night's banquet which attracted 350 guests to a dinner and program par excellence. Kenneth F. Wallace, retiring president, was honored with a bronze plaque presented by Dr. Rourke, who also inducted President-Elect Hal. G. Perrin.

Eighty visitors from Nebraska were registered for the 1952 convention:


LINCOLN: ST. ELIZABETH Sisters M. Pacifica, Paphnutiana, and Francesca, O.S.F. Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Duncan. GENERAL: Herbert Anderson. UNIVERSITY: Dr. S. T. Fuenning. VETERANS: Ray O. Bumgarner.
1952 STATE CONVENTION
IN FREMONT, NOV. 13-14
Officers of the Nebraska Hospital Association have
chosen Fremont as the site of the annual fall meeting,
which will be held at the Hotel Pathfinder, Thursday
and Friday, November 13 and 14, President James G. Carr, Jr. has announced.

Committees named for the various Convention activities include:

HOTEL AND RESERVATIONS - Eugene J. Saxton, Community Hospital, Fremont.
LUNCHEON AND BANQUET - Sister Olive, Lillian Amgwert, Omaha; Lloyd Jensen, Wahoo
PUBLICITY - Paul G. Finnman, James Canedy, Herschel Nuss, Omaha.

PROGRAM: Phillis Levens, Hal G. Perrin, Omaha; Gerald L. Aldridge, Hastings;
Leslie R. Smith, Ainsworth; Harold J. Hamilton, Holdrege; Dr. Sam Fuenning, Lincoln

NOMINATING - Francis J. Bath, Omaha; Mrs. Edith Wilcox, Norfolk; Harold J. Hamilton.

"HOW SMALL HOSPITALS DO IT" . . . (Which story started on Page 1).
"RELATIONSHIP OF THE PATHOLOGIST TO THE MEDICAL STAFF" - Dr. W. O. Brown, Scottsbluff
"PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM IN THE SMALL HOSPITAL" - Floyd E. Grady, North Platte
"PATIENT'S POINT OF VIEW OF THE OPERATING ROOM" - Dr. Edwin R. Core, Kimball
"WHAT THE PATIENT THINKS OF US" - Hal G. Perrin, Clarkson Hospital, Omaha
"THE HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN" - Rev. John B. Rupley, Jr., Lutheran Church, North Platte
"RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMMUNITY DOCTOR TO THE INDIGENT PATIENT" -
Rev. A. H. Shamberg, Kimball County Hospital

"AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION SERVICES" - Charles U. Letourneau, M.D., Chicago
Business Meeting - Formation of West Nebraska Area Hospital Council - Frederic Veeder

TUESDAY, MAY 20 - Sixth District Program, McCook. Sister Barbara, O.P., Chairman.
"AIMS AND PURPOSES OF REGIONAL DISTRICTS" - Paul G. Finnman, Immanuel Hospital, Omaha
"CENTRAL PURCHASING AND CONTROL" - Harold J. Hamilton, Brewster Hospital, Holdrege
"WRITTEN PERSONNEL POLICIES" - James G. Carr, Jr., University Hospital, Omaha
"LEGAL PROBLEMS IN THE HOSPITAL" - Thomas J. Colfer, Attorney, McCook
"ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A HOSPITAL CAFETERIA" - Sister M. Theophane, O.S.F.
St. Mary's Hospital, North Platte

"NURSE RECRUITMENT" - Mrs. H. Horacek, R.N., McCook.
"AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP ADVANTAGES" - Charles U. Letourneau, M.D.

"ECONOMY IN PURCHASING" - Ralph Newton, Veterans Hospital, Grand Island
"WHAT A GOOD CREDIT DEPARTMENT MEANS TO A HOSPITAL" - Gerald L. Aldridge, Hastings
"ADVANTAGES OF A CENTRAL SUPPLY" - Mrs. Gertrude Beaver, R.N., Omaha
"ADVANTAGES OF A CLEAR PERSONNEL POLICY" - James G. Carr, Jr., Omaha
"WHAT THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION DOES FOR YOU" - Charles U. Letourneau, M.D.

Question and Answer Period
THURSDAY, MAY 23 - Second District Program, Norfolk. Mrs. Edith Wilcox, Chairman.
"BUSINESS PROCEDURES FOR SMALL HOSPITALS" - Francis J. Bath, St. Joseph's Omaha.
"EVERY DAY LEGAL PROBLEMS IN HOSPITALS" - Dahlol D. Jewel, Attorney, Norfolk
"THE ADMINISTRATOR VIEWS THE MEDICAL RECORD DEPARTMENT" - Sister M. Frances Marie,
Memorial Hospital, West Point

"RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE A.H.A." - Charles U. Letourneau, M.D.
"DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE NEBRASKA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION" - James G. Carr, Jr. and
Paul G. Finman, Omaha

"WHEN THE HOSPITAL MEETS THE PUBLIC" - Rev. Adrian Edgar, Norfolk
FRIDAY, MAY 24 - Fourth District Program, Beatrice. Rev. J. G. Kitzelman, Chairman.
"THE IMPORTANCE OF SMALL HOSPITALS IN RURAL AREAS" - Herbert Anderson, Lincoln.
"BENEFITS OF SECTIONAL MEETINGS TO ADMINISTRATORS" - Rev. Kitzelman
"BLUE CROSS IN THE RURAL HOSPITAL PROGRAM" - Joseph O. Buerger, Blue Cross, Omaha
"YOU AND YOUR PART IN THE NATIONAL HOSPITAL PICTURE" - Charles U. Letourneau, M.D.

Question and Answer Period.
RECORD LIBRARIANS FROM 7 STATES JOIN NEW BODY

Added strength and attendance for the Silver Jubilee Convention of the Mid-West Hospital Association, next year, is assured through the formation during the 1952 meeting of a new group, the Mid-West Conference of Medical Record Librarians, whose geographical area embraces the same seven states as the hospital organization.

Climaxing a two-day conference and program on Wednesday and Thursday, with 70 in attendance, the members of the newly formed body elected Mrs. Enna C. Black of Hillcrest Memorial Hospital, Tulsa, Okla., as President; Sister Mary Yvonne, St. Mary's Hospital, St. Louis, Mo., was selected as President-elect and Miss Mary E. Converse, University Hospital, Omaha, Nebr. Vice-President. Secretary is Miss Marian Adams, Bethany Hospital, Kansas City, Kans. and Treasurer, Miss Ruby M. Williamson, Colorado General Hospital, Denver. Councillors for the first year are: Sister M. Servatia, St. Mary Hospital, St. Louis; Mrs. Lorene Remi, Wesley Hospital, Wichita, Kans. and Sister M. Leocadia, Providence Hospital, Kansas City, Kans. Mrs. Black is a former president of the National Association of Medical Record Librarians. The group plans to meet annually, simultaneously with the Mid-West Hospital Association, in Kansas City, Mo.

INSTITUTE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS DRAWS 66

Five Nebraskans were among the group of 66 registrants in attendance at the two-day Institute on Hospital Public Relations as a prelude, April 21-22, to the twenty-fourth annual convention of the Mid-West Hospital Association, in Kansas City. Conducting the institute were C. J. Foley and Mrs. Ann Friend, of the American Hospital Association staff, and Miss Susan Jenkins, Assistant Director of the Kansas City Blue Cross-Blue Shield Plans and Executive Secretary of the Kansas City Area Hospital Council, who had served also as local chairman of the Institute. The two-day session was considered as one of the most successful short institutes ever staged by the A. H. A.

Eleven states were represented, including Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Minnesota, Texas, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Colorado and California. Those from Nebraska who attended were: Herbert A. Anderson, Lincoln General Hospital, Lincoln; Floyd E. Grady, North Platte Memorial Hospital; James A. Canedy, Clarkson Hospital, Omaha; Mrs. Edith Wilcox, Lutheran Hospital, Norfolk and Miss Lilliam Angwert, of Lutheran Hospital, Omaha.

THESE FOLKS FROM OMAHA WERE AT THE MID-WEST CONVENTION, TOO!


STANDING COMMITTEES - Nebraska Hospital Association, James G. Carr, Jr., President.


EXECUTIVE SECRETARY - Hal G. Perrin, (Ch); Sister Mary Kevin, Paul G. Finnman, Francis J. Bath, Herbert A. Anderson, Lloyd Jensen, Gerald L. Aldridge.


REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS FOR HOSPITALS AND RELATED INSTITUTIONS - Donald Duncan Lloyd Jensen, Herbert A. Anderson.


DISTRICTING - Paul G. Finnman (Ch); Joseph O. Burger, Donald W. Duncan.

ANTHONY J. J. ROURKE, M.D. (formally!) became just plain "TONY" Rourke, of Prides Crossing, Mass., as he cast aside professorial and administratorial dignity as physician-superintendent-administrator of the Stanford University Hospitals, in San Francisco, and as President of the American Hospital Association, to pace KC's "The Strolling Troubadours" and the Catholic Sisters in singing "hit parade" tunes of "The Gay '90's" and the early 1900's at the Wednesday evening dinner-party.

Many of the Nuns, too, glowed with true Celtic pride as "TONY" came forth with century-old favorites from the land of the Shamrock, while others beamed delight when songs of their native states mysteriously heralded the arrival of the Strolling Troubadours at their particular tables. Dr. Rourke reverted to usual presidential dignity when he addressed the Sisters briefly, and in leading in the singing of the glorious "Te Deum!" to conclude the evening's program.

* * * * * NEBRASKANS walked away with First and Second awards in the A. Reed Wilson Co. "Registration Prizes" contest which again featured the 1952 Convention. "A fine program, favorable weather and the great enthusiasm of Officers and Committee Chairmen who served so ably" were contributing factors to a highly successful meeting, Mr. Wilson states. Prize winners, both of North Platte, included Sister Mary Casimir, St. Mary's Hospital, who received an automatic electric coffeemaker, and Floyd E. Grady, of Memorial Hospital, who took home a fine electric corn popper to the "young hopefuls" of the Grady klan.

* * * * * "THE ATTITUDES OF HOSPITAL WORKERS START WITH THE ATTITUDES OF THE ADMINISTRATOR", Dr. Clifford Houston, Professor of Education, University of Colorado, told the Thursday general session audience. "Any administrator must learn to develop a power with people, not over them. If the attitude of the top person is right, the attitudes of workers to patients will be right," he avered.

* * * * * DOCTOR'S ORDERS reduced the Mid-West attendance by one, at least, as Lincoln's inveterate convention-goer, REV. EDWIN C. MCDADE, was directed by his physician to forego the annual spring jaunt to Kansas City, and to continue a prolonged convalescent rest after his recent attack of illness. 'Twas the first Mid-West meeting Rev. McDade had missed in his eight years at Bryan Memorial Hospital in Lincoln. Better Luck Next Time, Doctor Mac!

* * * * * NEBRASKANS who had gained approval to cross bridges spanning their flood-swollen Missouri River and who found "clear sailing" thereafter were chagrined on reaching the outskirts of Kansas City to find three feet of flood waters over Highway #71, and feared that their journey had been in vain. Bumper-to-bumper traffic detours via #169, however, diverted their direction-of-travel via North Kansas City's industrial area through heavy downpours of rain, and they finally arrived in time for the pre-convention activities, Tuesday evening.

* * * * * $30,000,000 IN BENEFITS to three million members of BLUE CROSS in the seven-state Mid-West Hospital Association area was the astounding record set in 1951, E. A. Van Steenwyck, Director of Associated Hospital Service of Pennsylvania, told the Friday morning general session. This care, kindly, sympathetic and scientific, was received by 20 percent of the population in the area, he said. Over the country, service given members by all Blue Cross Plans exceeded a half billion dollars.

* * * * * FRIENDS OF MISS BETTE WELIN, R.N., formerly superintendent of Boone County Hospital, Albion, were pleased to meet her and to learn that Bette is still in Mid-West land, as nursing superintendent of Arkansas City (Kans.) Memorial Hospital.

* * * * "A GOOD ADMINISTRATOR IS ONE WHO GOES AROUND WITH A WORRIED LOOK ON HIS ASSISTANT'S FACE!", said President Elect Hal Perrin in his discussion on "Management Policies in a Nut Shell" at Thursday's general session about "Administration in Tomorrow's Hospital," chairmanned by Ex-President Roy R. Anderson.
"SIDELIGHTS . . . "Continued"

* * * * * THE GROWING LIST OF IOWANS who attend the Mid-West Convention every year predominated on the panel program, "Integrated Administration of Small, Rural Hospitals," which had been scheduled as a pre-meeting "event," Tuesday evening, and bloomed into a feature attraction. Leonard P. Conty, of Chicago, Secretary of the Council on Administrative Practices of the A.H.A., led the discussion. Duane E. Johnson, Administrator of Audubon County (Iowa) Memorial Hospital, former administrative resident at Clarkson Hospital, Omaha, was one of the participants.

* * * * * ADDING TO THE PLEASURE OF EXHIBITORS who have expressed unqualified approval of the Mid-West's curtailed schedule of show hours, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., inaugurated in 1950, is the 1951 innovation of the Association in serving lunches to the men erecting booth displays on the Tuesday preceding opening of the convention. "The Mid-West is the only regional group showing us this courtesy, and we appreciate your consideration immensely," a spokesman of the exhibitors has advised officers.

* * * * * TEN PERCENT OF ALL BEDS IN ACUTE GENERAL HOSPITALS should be set aside exclusively for the care of psychiatric patients, Dr. Herbert T. Wagner, of New York, Director of Hospital Services, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, declared in his talk on "A Plan for More Complete Care of the Specialty Patient in the General Hospital," on the program, "Increased Service in Tomorrow's Hospital." He also stressed the need for more beds for care of poliomyelitis and similar ills.

* * * * * CONSPICUOUS BY HIS ABSENCE at the 1952 Mid-West convention was the RIGHT REV. MSGR. JOHN J. HEALY, senior trustee from Arkansas, who had been gravely ill in a St. Louis hospital during the early Spring. Msgr. Healy who is Diocesan Director of Hospitals, remains in critical condition at St. Vincent's, Little Rock.

NEBRASKA LIBRARIANS

HOLD SPRING MEETING

A splendid program featured the annual Spring State Meeting of the Nebraska Association, Medical Record Librarians, at the Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln, May 14, at which Sister M. Rosita, O.S.F., R.R.L., president of the group, presided.

Greetings were extended the visitors by Right Rev. Msgr. Maurice W. Helmann, Director of Catholic Hospitals, Diocese of Lincoln; Earl A. Rogers, M. D., Acting Director, State Board of Health and Harold S. Morgan, M. D., President of the State Medical Association. Herbert A. Anderson, Administrator of Lincoln General Hospital, spoke on "The Administrator Views the Medical Record Department" while Dr. Lynn Thompson, Department of Surgery, University of Nebraska, Omaha, talked on "The Busy Doctor Looks at Hospital Records." S. Lowell Dunn, M.D., Department of Internal Medicine, University of Nebraska, discussed "Newer Methods of Diagnosing Heart Diseases," while Dr. John D. Hartigan, Department of Medicine, Creighton University, Omaha, addressed the Librarians on "Evaluating the Laboratory's Results." Reports of the meeting of Mid-West Association of M.R.L. at Kansas City were given by Sister M. Paphnutiana, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lincoln, and Misses Mary Converse and Kathleen Polz, University of Nebraska Hospital, Omaha. Miss Maxine Kenney, of the Hospital Case Department, Nebraska Blue Cross Plan, Omaha, stressed the need of complete medical records in her talk on "Blue Cross and Medical Records." At noon, Joseph Alexis, Ph.D., Professor of Modern Languages, University of Nebraska, spoke entertainingly on "Contacts With Mexico and Central America," relating experiences gained on an extended visit to these two mid-America countries. Concluding speech was by Attorney Raymond McGrath, Omaha, on "Everyday Legal Problems in Hospitals."

NURSING INSTITUTE

A group of hospital leaders in the state participated in the two-day institute on "Improvement of Nursing Service Administration" at Grand Island, May 28-29, sponsored by the State Nurses Association and State Health Department. Taking part were James G. Carr, Jr., and Hal G. Ferrin, Omaha; Gerald L. Aldridge, Hastings; Thora K. Patterson, Lincoln; John L. Hurley, Grand Island; Mrs. Henri Musolf, Kaimball, and Phyllis Levens, Omaha.
TWINS SETTING RECORD IN WAKEFIELD, TOO!  "It was interesting to note in the March HOSPITAL NEWS bulletin that someone else has been hitting the jackpot, too," writes Miss Phoebe Ring, Superintendent of Wakefield COMMUNITY HOSPITAL. "Since February 13, 1952 we have had four sets of twins, two boys and two girls (impartial?) with three sets identical. We have had since we opened our hospital in July, 1947, nine sets of twins. With only nine bassinets in the nursery, it rather complicates matters when two sets of twins decide to occupy it at the same time!"

All babies born in Miss Ring's institution are eligible for membership in a very exclusive organization, "The Baby Alumnae of The Wakefield Community Hospital." There are now about 150 members in this Club which was organized a year ago. Plans are under way for the second annual Birthday Party of the group, to be held during the summer months. The Club has an objective other than social, too - to buy new equipment for the nursery in which they spent the first week, or more of their young lives! The 1951 gift to their Alma Mater was a new set of baby scales.

SECOND INSTITUTE ENDS  With final classwork of the second Institute on Professional Relations for the Nurse At Creighton University, Omaha, scheduled for June 10th, plans already are under way by Rev. Austin E. Miller, S. J., director of the Creighton School of Adult Education, for the opening of a similar course in the early Fall. Twenty nurses of the Omaha vicinity have been enrolled in the Institute concluded this month, which has been sponsored by the Nebraska State Nurses Association. Objective of the course is to assist the nurses "to find happiness in their chosen field" and to bring about a better understanding between the nurses and their employers, Father Miller states. The first institute, February 5 to March 25, attracted an enrollment of 40 nurses and hospital administrators.

"BABY" GETS A NAME  After spending the first several months of its young life without a name, the infant publication of the Nebraska Psychiatric Unit of the University of Nebraska School of Medicine has blossomed out in "Vol. I, No. 4" issue with its contest-selected title of "R A P P O R T". Winner of the free psychological test offered for the prize name remains a secret, however. Likewise, the Editorial Staff continues to masquerade under initials only, including the clever pen-line artist. Well, maybe - yes, COULD BE! . . . ! Disclosed, however, is the fact that the Occupational Therapy Department has added a printing press for the use of the patients in printing stationery, envelopes and small duplicating jobs, as well as gold lettering leather goods, etc.

Over at St. Joseph's, Omaha, "SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS" has grown to an eight-page semi-monthly containing newsy tid-bits of hospital family comings-and-goings, besides such "feature" articles as "CONFESSIONS OF A MEASLESITE", "Ambrose," the window-peeker at several of the nurses' cottages through a record-breaking sprint of students "determined to get their man", "SPRING IS SPRUNG", and other such choice examples of the literary talent of the Student body. Reporters there, too, hide their identities beneath the anonymity of initialed names.

DOCTORS' HOSPITAL HOLDS 10TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER  An informal buffet supper honoring the medical staff of DOCTORS HOSPITAL, Omaha, on May 23, celebrated the tenth anniversary of reorganization of the institution management under the present trusteeship arrangement. Dr. J. M. F. Heumann, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presided at the program on which talks were made by Raymond M. Crossman, Attorney, who reviewed the history of the past decade; Dr. Sven Isacson, who portrayed the hopes of the coming decade and Dr. Harry H. McCarthy, who spoke on the possibilities of small hospital cooperation in medical education. A special tribute was paid to Miss Josephine Dorsey, R.N., superintendent, who has been with the institution for 40 years, and her staff of nurses to whom credit was given for much of the hospital's progress during the past ten years.
HOSPITAL STAFF SETS With a batting average of .967 in five trips to the plate since January 1, 1952, the completely reactivated and reorganized Medical Staff of Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital, Hastings, is well on its way toward establishing a national hospital staff meeting attendance record which many administrators would be delighted to see emulated in their own institutions. With the adoption of new Constitution, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations, the 24 Active Staff members have demonstrated an interest which has resulted in perfect attendance at three of the monthly meetings to June 1st, and two absences at each of the two other meetings, a score of 116 in attendance out of a possible 120.

Gerald L. Aldridge reports that his Hospital has no problem with medical records as, by vote of the Staff, any Doctor who permits his records to become delinquent promptly loses the privilege of having his patients admitted to the hospital.

Mary Lanning Hospital has received notification of its approval for the training of Administrative Internes and Residents. On July 1st, the first Intern is to be admitted from the Iowa University Hospitals course in Hospital Administration, which is under the direction of Dr. Gerhard Hartman.

IOWA COLLEGE HONORS Foremost event on the commencement program of Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa on Monday, June 2, was the awarding of a Doctor of Divinity Degree to Rev. Brett O. Lyle, Superintendent of Nebraska Methodist Hospital, Omaha. In the bestowal of the degree to the Nebraskan, tribute was paid to one of Morningside's own alumni, as Dr. Lyle was graduated from the school with the class of 1923. After completing his studies for the ministry, Dr. Lyle served in pastorates of a number of Methodist parishes in Nebraska, and one term as District Superintendent, until his appointment, September 1, 1941 as superintendent of the Omaha hospital which he now heads. Numerous improvements have been made at Methodist Hospital under his direction and plans currently are being formulated for an expansion program which will cost approximately $1,000,000.

Franciscan Nun Gets Home After 29 Years Omaha, sailed May 22 on the USS "America" with five other Franciscan nuns from the Western Province of their community for a three months visit with relatives in their homeland, Germany. Sister Euthalia, who has been stationed at St. Joseph's since 1934, is a native of Hennef, near Cologne, from which city she entered the order of the Poor Sisters of St. Francis Seraph Seraph of the Perpetual Adoration in 1912 at Olpe, Westphalia, Germany, the World Motherhouse of the Community. After serving for two years as a nurse in the German Army during World War I, Sister Euthalia came to the United States in 1923 and has not since seen any of her family of 12 brothers and sisters, only five of whom are living.

Omaha Radiologist Dr. James F. Kelly, Sr., prominent Omaha radiologist, was named president-elect of the Nebraska State Medical Association at the annual convention, May 12-15, in Lincoln. New president of the body for the current year is Dr. Harold S. Morgan, Lincoln OB-GYN specialist. Dr. Charles E. Moon, Omaha, was chosen vice-president and Dr. Fritz Teal, Lincoln, as Speaker of the House of Delegates. Seven half-century practitioners were honored with 50-Year pins, including Drs. Philip Sher, Joseph J. Warta, J. C. Bleick and D. T. Quigley, Omaha; John D. Reid, Pilger; W. L. Albin, Lincoln and F. A. Fouts, of Central City.

25-Year M.D.'s Honored A quarter century of medical practice by graduates of the Class of '27, Creighton University School of Medicine, Omaha was given special recognition at the banquet on April 19 which marked the close of the Fourth Annual Spring Medical Assembly that brought 135 doctors from all sections of the United States for the three-day session at St. Joseph's Hospital. Certificates were presented the Silver Jubilee class members by the Very Rev. Carl M. Reinert, S.J., President of Creighton University, and Dr. R. B. Raney, Los Angeles, '27, was speaker.
"OF FOLKS WE KNOW . . . " WILLIAM J. KEESHAN, prominent Albion attorney has received a Citation for outstanding service to his community in the annual Good Neighbor Awards of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben. William D. Lane, President of Ak-Sar-Ben, states that the award to Mr. Keeshan is in recognition of his untiring efforts in bringing to fruition in 1949 the long-time dream of the community, the new Boone County Memorial Hospital, at Albion, and in securing for the area competent medical service. Mr. Keeshan served as chairman of the hospital board during the formative period and now continues in that capacity.

JAMES A. CANEDY, who is completing a year's administrative residency at Bishop Clarkson Hospital, Omaha, has been named assistant administrator of the institution, Robert Storz, Chairman of the Board, and Administrator Hal Ferrin have announced. Mr. Canedy, a native of Ulysses, Nebr, and graduate of Hastings College, completed his course in Hospital Administration in Washington University, St. Louis, from where he will receive his Master's Degree in June.

DR. FERDINAND G. GILICK, dean of the Creighton University School of Medicine, has been appointed as medical adviser to the Douglas County Chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Chairman Howard Drew has announced. He succeeds Dr. Harold C. Lueth, Dean of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, who has resigned and will leave for Evanston, Ill. on July 1st.

MRS. JANET F. KORNGOLD, R.N. is the newly appointed Director of Nursing of the CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, OMAHA, succeeding Miss Audrey Booth, R.N., who has resigned. Mrs. Korngold comes to her new post from State Hospital, Yankton, S.D. A graduate of Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, Chicago, Mrs. Korngold won her B.S. Degree at Earlham College, Richmond, Ind. and her Master's at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

DR. PAYSON S. ADAMS is the newly elected president of the medical staff of Nebraska Methodist Hospital, Omaha, Superintendent Brett O. Lyle reports. Vice-president is Dr. Clinton C. Miltett; Dr. Donald J. Bucholz is secretary and Dr. David Findley, treasurer. Rev. Lyle also has announced the appointment of John W. Estabrook, a graduate of Omaha University, as Assistant to the Administrator, and Clarence Schoenhair, of Omaha, as Credit Manager. The latter was for 12 years with an Omaha retail firm.

A FOURTH LITTLE INCOME TAX EXEMPTION has arrived in the home of MR. and MRS. VERNE A. PANGBORN, of Lincoln, in the birth on April 28th of a daughter, Christine Ann. With two girls and two boys now in the family, the proud father, who is Director of the Division of Hospitals, State Department of Health, hopes for his own teams of nurses and doctors, twenty years hence, to assist him in some of the growing problems of hospital inspections and staffing he meets about the state.

SISTER M. CORNELIANA, O.S.F., R.N., Director of the Maternity Department, and SISTER M. EDWARDINA, O.S.F., R.N., Director of the School for Practical Nurses of Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, and SISTER M. VIVINA, O.S.F., Pharmacist at St. Mary's Hospital, Columbus, have returned from Cleveland, O., where they attended the 37th annual convention of the Catholic Hospital Association, May 26 to 29. General theme of the meeting was "The Meaning of Efficient Patient Care."

Three Nebraska high school graduates have been awarded Cooper Foundation Scholarships to schools of nursing conducted by three Lincoln hospitals, in keeping with the annual practice of the Foundation, the funds of which are administered by the Altrusa Club of Lincoln. Miss Rose Marie Kadavy, of Weston, is the winner of the scholarship to St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing, with Miss Jeanette A. Gyhra, of Steinhaur, as alternate; Miss Elsie Sienknecht, of Lincoln, wins the Lincoln General School of Nursing award, with Miss Marilyn Folmer, also of Lincoln, as alternate. The award for Bryan Memorial School of Nursing has been made to Miss Annette L. Davis, of Omaha.
MR. AND MRS. HAROLD V. PIERCE have been named as Administrators of the new 30-bed OGALLALA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, assuming their new duties on June 1st. For the past 14 years, Mr. Pierce had been employed at Methodist Hospital, Omaha.

Two long-time Nebraska medical practitioners were summoned by death within three days of each other during May. DR. L. CLYDE HILSABECK, 70 years of age, of Gretna, passed away May 16 after a month's illness. A graduate of the Creighton University School of Medicine in 1910, Dr. Hilsabeck had practiced in the Gretna community for 42 years. A son, Dr. John R. Hilsabeck, also a Creighton graduate, is practicing in Santa Ana, Calif. On May 19, DR. CHARLES W. POLLARD, 81, expired at his home in Peru, Nebr. where he had lived since his retirement from practice in Omaha in 1939. Dr. Pollard received his M.D. degree in 1899 from Columbia University and came to Nebraska the following year. He was a member of the faculty of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine. A son, Dr. Joseph Pollard, lives in Portsmouth, N. H.

LESTER H. WEHNER has been appointed as Assistant Administrator of the LUTHERAN HOSPITAL, Omaha, a newly created position, according to Miss Lillian Amgwert, Administrator. Mr. Wehner, a native of Omaha, had served as credit manager at Methodist Hospital, Omaha, prior to his new appointment.

MRS. SYLVIA WILDER, an employee of ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL, Omaha, appears as a likely contender for the national title of "youngest great-grandmother", attained through the birth of a grand-son on June 2, 1951, when Mrs. Wilder was 45 years of age. Mrs. Wilder was born August 11, 1905 in Mississippi and was married when she was 13 years old. Her first child, a daughter who is the great-grandmother of the boy born a year ago, was born when Mrs. Wilder was 14. The latter was one of 13 children and she herself has borne 10 children, the youngest of whom is now 18. Mrs. Wilder's husband, Alex, was born August 11, 1902, is a construction worker.

HERBERT DAVIS, M.D., Omaha surgeon, is president of the recently revived Nebraska Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, which has been inactive in the state for nearly twenty years. Other officers chosen are: Vice-president, Dr. Don Kingsley, Hastings; Secretary-treasurer, Dr. Richard Garlinghouse, Lincoln; Counselors; Dr. Harry H. McCarthy, Omaha; Dr. Donald B. Steenburg, Aurora and Dr. Horace Munger, of Lincoln.

Death came suddenly on May 29th to MRS. CLARA POINTER, 76, widow of the late DR. CHARLES W. M. POINTER, who for many years was Dean of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine until his retirement in 1946. Mrs. Pointer had called her physician to complain of feeling ill, and when he arrived at her home, she already had expired. Death thus interfered with plans of Mrs. Pointer to leave on June 4 for Poughkeepsie, N. Y. where she had planned to attend the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration of her class at Vassar College, and for a visit with a daughter in Fort Washington, Long Island, N. Y.

DR. GEORGE W. KLEINSCHMIDT, of Hillsboro, Mo., has arrived to take up his new duties as Resident in Psychiatry at the Nebraska Psychiatric Unit, Omaha, after nine months of service in psychiatry at U.S. Naval Hospital, Corpus Christi, Texas. A graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine in 1948, he had spent 36 months in the Navy and served his internship at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, Cal. He also has spent a year in general practice in Oklahoma.

MRS. SHIRLEY RIEKE, Dietitian at St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, has been named Editor of THE NEBRASKA DIETITIAN, succeeding Mrs. Lucille Plunhof, who will join her husband in Japan. New co-Editor is Miss Ellie Sheridan, Cafeteria Dietitian at St. Joseph's, who is author of an article on "SETTING UP A PAY CAFETERIA" appearing in the Spring Issue of THE NEBRASKA DIETITIAN, outlining experiences in establishing the new employees' food service at the Omaha hospital in September, 1951.
"HERE - AND THERE . . ."

COLUMBUS - First occupants of the new Oxygen-Air Pressure Lock which was installed at ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL recently were the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cheloha, who received special attention from Sister Mary James, O.S.F., R.N., Supervisor of OB, and Mrs. Mary Uraland, R.N., head nurse. The specially-designed unit, which supplies heat, oxygen and air to the newborn plus negative and positive pressure elements to effect complete lung expansion and establish a normal respiration rate, is the first in this territory and has attracted widespread attention of the doctors of the community. Also new at St. Mary's is the stainless steel cafeteria which has been installed for use of employees, medical staff and the visiting families of patients. Sister M. Notburga is in charge of this splendid new facility and the adjoining dining rooms, which have improved the dietary department wonderfully, in the opinion of Sister M. Erharda, O.S.F., R.N., Superintendent of the institution.

NELIGH - National Hospital Day, May 12th, bore particular significance this year for the residents of this community, being highlighted as it was by dedication of the new $350,000 ANTELOPE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL by the Most Rev. Gerald T. Bergan, D.D., Archbishop of Omaha. All business in Neligh was suspended during the ceremonies and the Victory Memorial Luncheon sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce for the benefit of the new community enterprise. The 40-bed institution, which had been in the planning and building stages for seven years, was opened for patient service on June 1st by the Sisters of Saint Casimir, who also conduct St. Joseph's Hospital at Osmond, Nebr.

The new structure is two stories in height and is T-shaped, with delivery room, newborn nursery and surgery on the second floor. The hospital grounds occupy a full city block. Special provision is made by a wide aisle on the beautiful little chapel for wheel-chair patients. A special attraction is a hand-made liturgical style altar of white ash and birch top, with raised Old English lettering in black walnut, the work of Harold Kester, of Neligh. Contributions of $211,000 by residents of the community are being supplemented by a Federal grant to cover construction costs.

LEXINGTON - A $245,000 bond issue for remodeling and expansion of COMMUNITY HOSPITAL has won approval of voters here by a 2-to-1 margin. The firm of David and Wilson, Lincoln architects, has been engaged to complete plans for enlargement of the hospital from 24 to 44 beds, and the addition of laboratory, X-Ray and laundry facilities. The operating and delivery rooms, nursery and central supply are to be expanded and modernized, Administrator Harold L. Slater reports. A fund of $20,000, contributed by local residents several years ago, will be added to the bond issue to finance the expansion project, which is necessitated by a doubling of the population of this community since the hospital was established in 1936.

HASTINGS - MARY LANNING MEMORIAL HOSPITAL is in the process of an expansion program and Administrator Gerald L. Aldridge is looking forward to an extremely busy summer. Work already has begun on a 28x50', one story fireproof addition to the laundry building, which will entail also the purchase of $18,000 in new equipment for this department. Remodeling of the X-Ray department will provide for the addition of new fluoroscopic and spot-filming units to supplement present diagnostic equipment; a new dark room and viewing room, and long-needed deep therapy units, preparatory to the arrival of a full-time radiologist from Denver, July 15th.

Other projects include the replacement of a 20-year-old roof on the original hospital building; modernization of the entire Maternity Department, including re-location of the labor rooms and nursery, and repainting of all hospital corridors. Plans also are afoot for construction of a new wing in front of the present hospital, to provide expanded patient facilities, particularly more private rooms, and more adequate reception quarters for hospital patients and visitors.
OMAHA - Contributions and subscriptions totaling $425,230 have been received toward the million-dollar expansion and improvement program of IMMANUEL HOSPITAL, intended to increase the bed capacity from 105 to 200 beds and to provide for enlargement and completion of the nurses' home, Rev. Vernon Serenius, Director of the institution, has reported. Off to a belated start because of disastrous spring floods, the drive will continue until the objective is reached, officials state.

In the meantime, a special donation of $8,000 has been made to the Hospital by the Immanuel Deaconess Institute Auxiliary to assist in meeting the $11,000 cost of renovating the dining rooms and installation of new steam tables and serving equipment.

LINCOLN - An expanded mental health program of the University of Nebraska campus has been provided for during the next 10 years by a gift of $100,000 as a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Woods, from the Woods Charitable Fund, Inc. Mr. Woods, who died April 1, 1952, was a U. of N. graduate in 1890 and his wife, who died in 1950, graduated in 1892. Dr. Sam I. Fuenning, Director of the Student Health Center on the campus, plans to add a full time psychologist, a full-time psychiatric social worker and a part-time clinical psychologist to his staff as required to develop the program.

OMAHA - Remodeling of the fifth floor of the Nurses' Residence at Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital started June 3rd to provide expanded living quarters for students next fall, Sister Mary Crescentia, O.S.F., R.N., Administrator, reports. The project is made possible by conversion of the former auditorium-gymnasium, now no longer required because of availability of the ground-floor facilities of the Our Lady of Victory Unit auditorium. Space will be provided for 28 additional students, making unnecessary the purchase of further residential properties in the neighborhood to house the record enrollment anticipated for the School of Nursing in September.

GRAND ISLAND - The ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL OF NURSING, which has just completed its first full year in the new $750,000 home, was the subject of four large photos in a recent issue of the Omaha World-Herald, depicting various phases of its activities. Pictured were the exterior of the structure; one of the individual rooms for students; students in the large-demonstration room and, attracting most attention, the lone male student of the School of Nursing, Jerry Schneider, of North Platte, reposing peacefully in the fourth floor solarium, a favorite lounging spot.

Other news of ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL was the opening recently of a new and completely equipped recovery room adjoining Surgery, which is under the supervision of Miss Mary Brophy, R.N., and a beautiful new all-stainless steel cafeteria for employees and visitors, which has a staff of eight full-time workers, including one dietitian. A Hubbard tank is to be installed in July in the physiotherapy unit enlargement program which is now under way, Sister Mary Mechtildis, O.S.F., R.N., Administrator, states. Sister Mary Gerhards, O.S.F., B.S.N., Director, expects a record peacetime enrollment of 75 next fall. Students spend their first year at Duchesne College, Omaha; the next two at Grand Island.

VALENTINE - Fifteen women from this community are enrolled in the practical nurse course being given at the Sand Hills General HOSPITAL to bolster the nursing requirements of this area, Mrs. Eva Tyler, Administrator, discloses. Registered nurses of the hospital staff and volunteers from the community are teaching the classes, which meet twice weekly. The students also spend from three to six hours weekly in practical work in the hospital. Four high school students will work full time during the summer. The course has been so successful that it will be repeated next fall, Mrs. Tyler says.

OMAHA - Research grants of $5,000 each for the study of heart diseases have been made to the Creighton University School of Medicine and the University of Nebraska College of Medicine. Announcement of the awards has been made by Dr. F. W. Niehaus, president of the Nebraska Heart Association, which has supplied the funds.

COUNCIL BLUFFS - A $665,000 building permit, largest ever issued in this city, covers the four-story, 44x300' addition to ST. BERNARD'S, the psychiatric unit of MERCY HOSPITAL. Architects are John Latenser & Sons, Omaha.
The accomplishments and progress of the past 25 years will pass in review as the dreams of the next quarter century are projected to highlight the Silver Jubilee Convention of the Mid-West Hospital Association, next April 15, 16 and 17, according to preliminary plans formulated by Officers and Executive Board members at a meeting on June 7th in Kansas City.

Hubert W. Hughes, Administrator of General Rose Memorial Hospital, Denver, heads the list of dignitaries who compose the Program Committee, which includes: Hal G. Perrin, President; Harry J. Mohler, President-Elect; Kenneth F. Wallace, Immediate Past President; Miss Susan S. Jenkins, Executive Secretary, Greater Kansas City Omaha Hospital Council, and Miss Celeste K. Kemler, program chairman for 1952.

The Exhibits Committee, composed of Bruce Dickson, Bethany Hospital, Kansas City, Kans., Chairman; Donald W. Duncan, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lincoln, Nebr. and Robert Lyons, St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, Mo., announced plans to increase the number of exhibit spaces for the 1953 show to 150, the maximum available in the Arena, because of inability to accommodate all the firms which desired booths this year. Several 1952 exhibitors already have requested additional space for the 1953 meeting.

Announcement also was made at the Executive Board meeting that a two-day Institute on Front Office Procedures - Admissions, Credits and Collections will be conducted Monday and Tuesday, April 13-14, 1953, as a prelude to the Silver Jubilee convention, in cooperation with the American Hospital Association.

Other Committee appointments announced by President Perrin are:

BY-LAWS: R. L. "Bert" Loy, Mercy Hospital, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Kenneth Wallace, St. John's, Tulsa, Okla.; Dr. David Littauer, Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.; Roy R. Anderson, Presbyterian Hospital, Denver.


RESOLUTIONS: Clarece E. Copeland, Baptist Hospital, St. Louis; Roy K. Prangley, St. Luke's, Denver; Steacy Pickell, Kansas City General Hospital, K.C., Mo.


A Breakfast meeting for Officers, Trustees, Executive Board, Committee Chairmen and members will be held Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the A.H.A. hqtrs, Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa. during the American Hospital Association Convention.

HOSPITAL ELECTIONS

All officers of the BISHOP CLARKSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD were re-elected at the annual meeting, June 2, including: the Right Rev. Howard R. Brinker, Episcopal Bishop of Nebraska, president; Robert H. Storz, executive vice-president; R. D. Neely, Secretary; R. M. Sutton, treasurer. Trustees, 3-year terms: Robert S. Trimble, A. W. Gordon, Chester Cunningham, Messrs. Neely and Sutton.

Dr. Joseph Gross was elected president of the Catholic Physicians Guild for 1952-53 at the annual meeting held at St. Catherine's Hospital, Omaha. New Vice-president is Dr. Bernard V. Kenney and Dr. Robert J. Fitzgibbon, is Treasurer.

MID-WEST INSTITUTE

The bi-ennial MID-WEST INSTITUTE FOR HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS will be held August 18-22 at the University of Colorado, Boulder, under auspices of the American College of Hospital Administrators. Several Nebraskans already have been accepted as students for the 1953 Institute.

JOHN J. GREEN, 1116 West Fifth Street, Grand Island, is the new out-state representative of A. S. ALOE Co., St. Louis. ROY LOUDERMILK, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will continue to service the Omaha area.
GRADUATIONS . . . Although the Creighton University School of Medicine has more than three thousand applications for admission for the September, 1952 Freshman Class, officials will be able to accept only 75 of this number because of the lack of class rooms and facilities, the Very Rev. Carl M. Reinert, S. J., President of the University, told graduates and guests at the 74th annual Commencement Exercises, June 5, in the Creighton gymnasium.

Sixty-eight candidates received the degree of Doctor of Medicine during the ceremonies and 4 Residents in the Graduate School were awarded Master of Science in Medicine degrees. In the Creighton Schools of Nursing, Sixty senior students of the St. Joseph's Hospital Unit and 44 from St. Catherine's Hospital Unit were given Graduate Nurse Certificates, the second largest number in the history of the School. Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees went to five candidates and the same number received Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology degree. Thirty students in the School of Dentistry and thirty in the College of Pharmacy also received degrees.

Father Reinert also presented two new members of the Creighton University Lay Board of Regents during the commencement program, including Louis D. McGuire, Omaha, surgeon, and Edward Epsen, president of Epsen Lithograph Co., Omaha, who replace Dr. Adolph Sachs, retiring Board chairman, and Arthur A. Lowman. Dr. McGuire is associate professor of Surgery in the Creighton University School of Medicine. An Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa was conferred upon the Most Rev. Gerald T. Bergan, S.T.D., Archbishop of Omaha, and an Honorary Citation posthumously to Dr. Clair Carlton Criss, Creighton Medical School graduate of 1910, who shortly thereafter established and became president of the Mutual Benefit Health and Accident Association, Omaha, the largest company of its kind in the world.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - Dr. C. A. Weymuller, an alumnus of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science Degree for his research work in the care of new born infants, at the annual graduation exercises on June 7. Now Professor of Pediatrics at State University of New York, Dr. Weymuller was the speaker on the commencement program:

Eighty-two candidates were awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine and 20 received Bachelor of Science in Medicine degrees. Diplomas of Graduate Nurse went to 35 seniors of the School of Nursing and six graduates received Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees. Six also were given B. S. in Medical Technology and 3 B. S. in Radiological Technology degrees, while certificates in Medical Technology went to six candidates and to one in Radiological Technology.

SCHOOLS OF NURSING - National Hospital Day, May 12th, marked commencement exercises at IMMANUEL HOSPITAL, where 23 graduates received diplomas from Pastor Vernon Serenius, Executive Director of Immanuel Deaconess Institute.

Twenty graduates of CLARKSON HOSPITAL received diplomas at the sixty-second commencement exercises of the School on May 22. The presentations were made by Bishop Brinker.

A class of 32 graduates received diplomas from the NEBRASKA METHODIST HOSPITAL school at ceremonies on May 27, after four of the seniors had been awarded Bachelor of Science degrees earlier the same day at Wesleyan University, Lincoln.

ATTEND MEETING SISTER MARY JOHN, R.S.M., R.N., Administrator, and SISTER MARY KEWYN, R.S.M., B.S.N., Director of the School of Nursing at ST CATHERINE'S HOSPITAL, Omaha, have returned from Cleveland where they attended the 37th annual convention of the Catholic Hospital Association, May 26-29, and the Catholic Schools of Nursing conference which preceded it. They report an attendance of more than 3,500 and a particularly good and enlightening program. Three evenings of entertainment for the nuns in convention hotels proved a delightful innovation.
SELF-CERTIFICATION BY HOSPITALS ON MRO ITEMS

The authorization of health facilities to obtain, without securing government approval, controlled materials and products for maintenance, repair and operating supplies (MRO), for "minor capital additions" and for "installations" is explained quite fully in Special Information Bulletin No. 4, FSA, copies of which have been received by Verne A. Pangborn, Director, Division of Hospitals, State Health Department, Lincoln. After establishing its "quota base", the health unit may secure, in any quarter, any or all of these:

a. For MRO, up to 30% (Dollar cost) of quota base or $1,000 whichever is greater.
b. For all "minor capital additions", materials up to 10% of the quarterly MRO quota, or $1,000, but no single addition may exceed $1,000 in cost, including labor.
c. For all "installations," as above, but not more than two tons of carbon steel, 200# cooper. No aluminum, stainless steel or alloy steel may be such projects.

Questions regarding application of CMP Regulation #5 to hospitals and health facilities should be directed to Mr. Pangborn.

INTERNES GO AFAR

The 66 graduates of the Creighton University School of Medicine with the June Class have accepted internships in 30 hospitals in 14 states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, Dr. F. G. Gillick, Dean, reports. Of this number, 19 will serve their internships at St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, three at St. Catherine's, Omaha; two at Mercy Hospital, Council Bluffs.

PRICE PEAK REACHED??

Despite the fact that salaries and wages of personnel within the hospital still appear on the upward trend, several items of everyday use seemingly have reached their peaks, which they are maintaining, while others have started a slow toboggan ride which buyers watch with interest.

The last item to go upward, other than food stuffs, was catgut, on which prices took an upward swing of about 7%. On the contrary, two decreases of 1% each followed in quick succession on gauze and allied products have brought happiness to many buyers. Linens and other textiles seemingly are a "drug" on the market; dealers with high-priced merchandise are offering many inducements to reduce inventories and to convert merchandise into cash: The textiles weakness gives promise of remaining thus for the immediate future.

One national concern has announced firm prices again on all catalog items excepting one particular line of furnishings. "Bread-and-butter" items have shown a tendency to remain constant in cost for the most part.

HOSPITALS IN TELECAST

A quarter-hour picturization of activities in Omaha hospitals featured a National Hospital Day observance by STATION WOW-TV, with an elaboration and rebroadcast on May 18 which depicted some particular phase of specialized work in each of Omaha's twelve general hospitals. In addition, members of the Omaha Area Hospital Council were shown in session in the new Medical Staff lounge of St. CATHRINE'S HOSPITAL, Omaha, at the monthly gathering on May 8th. The program was contributed as a public service project by WOW-TV, with Ray Clark as the narrator.

REST HOME FOLKS MEET

A conference for members of the Nebraska Homes for the Aged and Infirm Association was conducted at First Presbyterian Church, Omaha, on May 22, under auspices of the State Health Department. Mr. Henry J. Dworak, accountant at St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, spoke on "Business Records and Fundamental Accounting" and a round table discussion was led by Varne A. Pangborn, Director of the Division of Hospitals, Lincoln.

AUXILIARY HEAD NAMED

MRS. CHARLES E. KLINDT, of Omaha, has been appointed State Advisory Counsellor for hospital auxiliaries in Nebraska by the American Hospital Association. A tireless volunteer work in many civic organizations. Mrs. Klindt recently was installed as President of the Immanuel Deaconess Institute Auxiliary, Omaha.
Seventy-five representatives from hospitals in Omaha, Lincoln and Council Bluffs gathered in Omaha on May 8th for the sixth of the series of nine regional conferences being staged by the Nebraska Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans to foster a closer union between the two groups. A tour of BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD headquarters preceded the noon luncheon at the Paxton Hotel and the afternoon panel discussion on admitting, billing and discharging procedures, and preparation of Lab and X-Ray reports. A stirring challenge was sounded by Miss Susan S. Jenkins, Assistant to the Director, Kansas City Blue Cross-Blue Shield Plans, in her discourse on "Our Three-Way Partnership" following the luncheon. Miss Jenkins emphasized the necessity of close cooperation between the Plans and the Hospitals to provide the maximum service to the third partner, the Patient.

A similar conference was held in North Platte on April 14th, in Beatrice June 4th and the concluding meeting of the spring schedule will take place June 26th, in Norfolk.

MEMBERSHIP EVER UPWARD
With continuing gains each month of the current year, BLUE CROSS membership on June 1st was 232,780 representing 3,568 groups. BLUE SHIELD membership was 198,304. The original $5.00 per day certificate, for many years the most popular contract, has been superseded in popularity by the $7.00 contract, of which 39,700 were in force May 1st, compared with 38,863 of the former still in effect. However, the $10 contract, first offered on April 1, 1952, is rapidly gaining in favor as it is offered to new groups and also for conversion with previously established groups. Payments to hospitals during the first four months of the year as benefits to members amounted to $740,237.92, or 89.65% of total earned income.

COUNCIL TO MEET IN LINCOLN
The June meeting of the Omaha Area Hospital Council will take members to Lincoln General Hospital, Thursday, the 12th. Luncheon will be served at noon and Administrator Herbert Anderson promises an interesting program on personnel and similar hospital problems.

NUNS IN X-RAY COURSE
The annual X-Ray Techniques short course for Catholic Sisters, conducted by Mr. Harold O. Mahoney, of the General Electric X-Ray Corporation, attracted 15 nuns to St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha. Those present included: Sister M. Adeline, St. John's Hospital, Spalding; Sister Bernard, St. Mary's, North Platte; Sister Mary Eileen, Mercy, Council Bluffs and Sister Elaine, St. Ann's, Algona, Iowa; Sister M. Bertina, Rosary, Coralville, Iowa; Sister M. Leonette, Memorial, West Point; Sister M. Celina, St. Elizabeth, Lincoln; Sister M. Anastasia, St. Joseph's, Omaha; Sister M. Alice, Our Lady of Lourdes, Norfolk; Sisters M. Romana and Ancilla, St. Joseph's, Osmond; Sister Teresa Marie, St. Francis, Maryville, Mo.; Sisters M. Narcissia, and M. Vida, Sacred Heart, Yankton, S.D.; Sister M. Paschal, St. Joseph's Mercy, Sioux City.

"N H NEWS WANT ADS"

FOR SALE: THERMADUKE FOOD SERVICE UNIT, Model #6780, including all stainless steel construction and insets. Never used because of change in plans. Available immediately; bargain for some institution. ST. CATHERINE'S HOSPITAL, Omaha.

FOR SALE: Doctor's widow has Fischer shockproof X-ray, with fluoroscope and accessories; used 1½ years, like new. Blood chemistry unit, with microcolorimeter; chrome office desk, chair, some instruments. 4644 Dodge St., Omaha.

FOR SALE: 3000 amp. 20cc. Sodium salicylate and Sodium Iodide, each 15 Gr. with Colchicine, Gr. 1/100. 12¢ each for part, 10¢ for all. Editor, NHNEWS.
"IT TAKES EVERYBODY TO RUN A HOSPITAL" IS THEME OF A.H.A.'S PRECEDENT-SETTING "UN-CONVENTIONAL CONVENTION" GATHERING

An exciting four days is in store for everyone who attends the 54th Annual Convention of the American Hospital Association in Philadelphia, September 13-18 headquarters officials assert.

The entirely new approach to convention program planning which is to be introduced during the 1952 session is expected to completely revolutionize all similar programming in the future, for it will be the most "un-conventional convention" you have ever attended!

You'll witness a four days program short on formal papers and long on panel discussions, demonstrations and on real problem solving. You will find yourself participating - as a member of the vast audience - in each part of the program, asking questions at every session.

The convention will be keyed to instruct and inspire administrators, their trustees and department heads - in fact, everyone who has a hand in operating the hospital — hence, the theme!

Dramatization of caustic hospital situations ... a speaker ... a panel discussion will introduce each day the Institute of Hospital Affairs to meet critical needs of today's institutions for the care of the sick. The general session theme Monday will be "A View of the Future." Tuesday's theme: "Trustees - Backbone of the Hospital" and "National Programs of Interest and Importance to Hospitals." Wednesday: "It Takes Everybody to Run a Hospital" and "Developing Leadership Skills." Thursday: "Stretching Your Hospital Dollar."

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The General Session Wednesday morning will be featured by a short talk on "What Causes Inter-departmental Friction?" and a demonstration of an actual meeting of department heads will point up topics for discussion. DON'T MISS IT! It will be a good lesson of the art of getting along with your co-workers and Staff.

Nebraska's own Hal G. Perrin is to address the 800 or more women present at the fifth Annual Conference of Women's Hospital Auxiliaries on his pet subject, "What the Patient Thinks of Us."

The largest "Hospital Merchandise Mart" on record will present 693 commercial and educational booths, with over 130,000 square feet of exhibit space to bring to you the latest in supplies and equipment, for your "in-between" moments.

AND, ON THE LIGHTER SIDE . . . 

THE DELAWARE BELLE will be waiting at the dock at 6 P. M. Monday to take you on a delightful, moonlight cruise. Buffet supper entertainment dancing a gay evening aboard a modern excursion boat promises a never-to-be-forgotten evening on the historic Delaware River.

Tuesday evening, the "Stretching Your Hospital Dollar Contest" winners will be chosen at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel and Thursday evening, in the same spot, the famous Westminster Choir will entertain you at the Annual Banquet.

Official representatives of the Nebraska A.H.A. members in the House of Delegates sessions, which open Sunday morning, September 14, will be Harold J. Hamilton, of Brewster Hospital, Holdrege, and Francis J. Bath, St. Joseph Hospital Omaha, who have served in similar capacities for the past two years.

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the two organizations. Topic of the opening panel was "Contractual Relations Between Hospitals and Blue Cross," with G L Aldridge, of Hastings, as Moderator. The speakers and their topics: "Why A Hospital Contract?", Donald W. Duncan; "Our Mutual Obligations," Eva S. Tyler; "Hospital Contract With Blue Cross," Francis J. J. Bath.

The discussion on "Blue Cross Rate Structure" was presided over by Mrs. Henri Musolf, Kimball, and included talks on: "Necessity for Adequate Blue Cross Rates," Hal G. Perrin; "What Determines Blue Cross Rates?", Frederick Veeder; "Doctors, Hospitals and Blue Cross Rates", Dr. Louis D. McQuire, Omaha surgeon.

Blue Cross contract benefit extensions from 30 to 90 days, and rate readjustments, effective November 1st, which the first time will see separate rate structures for female members, was announced by Director Burger.

On Friday, Sept. 5th, the Joint Committee of the two groups met to discuss details of the 1953 contract between Nebraska Hospitals and Blue Cross. The Committee voted to continue the existing contract for another year and to study several proposed changes for 1954. It also was recommended that the Joint Committee be made permanent, to consult on mutual problems of the two groups.

ST. JOSEPH'S, OMAHA, TO DISCONTINUE P.N. SCHOOL of the discontinuance of the School for Practical Nurses of St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, and its merger with a similar course conducted by the Omaha Public Schools, effective this month, has been made by Sister M. Edwardina, O.S.F., R.N., its Director. The School was opened in February, 1949 as the first of its kind in the state, and has graduated 72 students to date. The final graduation class will receive certificates in March, 1953.

ST. JOSEPH'S will join IMMANUEL and UNIVERSITY hospitals, Omaha, in offering the practical training and experience which is afforded students of the Omaha Public Schools course. Classroom is held at Technical High School.
Delightfully pleasing response has been experienced by the Officers and Committee chairmen in their advance planning for the Silver Anniversary Program of the Mid-West Hospital Association's 1953 convention, scheduled April 15-16-17, in Kansas City, Mo., President Hal G. Perrin and Executive Secretary Ann Walker report.

The theme, "TEAMWORK FOR BETTER PATIENT CARE," was adopted at the meeting of officers and committee heads in Kansas City on August 9th, which Program Chairman Hubert W. Hughes, Administrator of General Rose Memorial Hospital, Denver, enthusiastically heralds as a timely keynote for the Silver Anniversary meeting. "Our patients thus will occupy the center of attention in a program which will focus the spotlight of attention upon the achievements of Mid-West Hospital Association during the first quarter century of its activities," Mr. Hughes states.

Announcement was made by President Perrin that William Markey, accounting specialist on the A. H. A. staff, will conduct the two-day Institute on Front Office Procedures which will preface opening of the convention, April 13 and 14. Hospital pharmacists in the Mid-West territory are making plans to organize within the seven-state area and to hold their first meeting in conjunction with the Mid-West session. Fred Theis, Chief Pharmacist, Menorah Hospital, Kansas City, and Mrs. Frances Rodgers, Pharmacist at Bishop Clarkson Hospital, Omaha, are heading the organizational project.

Contracts covering booth space for the 1953 show were mailed out August 15 and within five days signed agreements and checks covering 15 per cent of the new 148-booth area had been returned, Secretary Anne Walker reported at a meeting August 21 in Omaha. The Exhibits Committee consists of Bruce Dickson, chairman; Kansas City, Kansas; Donald W. Duncan, Lincoln, Neb. and Robert Lyons, Kansas City, Mo. At the August 21 conference, President Perrin announced the appointment of Cleveland Rodgers, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Hospital Association, Tulsa, as Editor of THE MID-WEST COURIER and Mrs. Anne Walker as Associate Editor and Business Manager. Five issues are planned for the fall and winter months, the first to appear in October. Many changes are being contemplated to make THE COURIER of increased interest to its readers.

6-H SERIES OF STORIES

Six articles dealing with problems of administration and factors influencing costs of hospital services which, in turn, are reflected in charges to patients, provided an interesting series which appeared August 17 to 22 in the Omaha World-Herald. Written by Reporter Walter Panko, the daily stories presented many facts ascertained from interviews with Omaha hospital administrators, and blended into six composite articles under the general title, "YOUR HOSPITAL BILL".

Subjects of the representative problems detailed included: "Hotel Services Only a Third Those Provided by Hospital", "Salary Hikes Biggest Item", "Inflation Hits Hospitals, Too", "Salaries Push Meal Costs Up", "Hospitals Try to Save Costs; Health Insurance a Godsend" and "Survey Urged for Hospitals - Aim is Co-Ordination for Efficiency". Much enlightenment was afforded the public regarding phases of hospital administration which seldom are given consideration in an analysis of "the why and the wherefore" of patient charges. The World-Herald and Mr. Panko are to be congratulated warmly upon the publication of such a timely series.
HOSPITALS CROWDED AS THE 1952 INFANTILE PARALYSIS OUTBREAK IN NEBRASKA, THAT ON SEPTEMBER 6 ALREADY HAD CLAIMED 50 LIVES, LIKewise HAD ESTABLISHED ON THAT DATE A NEW HIGH RECORD OF 1035 REPORTED CASES, ACCORDING TO CLINTON BELKnap, NEBRASKA REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS, LINCOLN. THIS COMPARES WITH THE PREVIOUS PEAK OF 717, SET IN 1948. POLIO CENTERS IN HOSPITALS IN THESE COMMUNITIES HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO ACCEPT THE TRANSFER OF CONVALESCENT PATIENTS STILL REQUIRING TREATMENT AND CARE TO PERMIT THE ADMISSION OF FURTHER ACUTE CASES. CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, OMAHA, HAS ADMITTED 230 YOUTHFUL PATIENTS FOR 1952, WHILE DOUGLAS COUNTY HOSPITALS ADMISSIONS HAD TOTALLED 225 ON THE SAME DATE. THE SOUTH SIOUX CITY (NEBR.) AREA HAS REPORTED 65 CASES TO DATE. ON SEPTEMBER 1ST, 55 IRON LUNGS AND CHEST RESPIRATORS WERE BEING USED IN OMAHA HOSPITALS, MANY HAVING BEEN FLown FROM DISTANT POINTS.

Lincoln cases to Sept. 1 numbered 165, while Grand Island had reported 76.

A Graduate in 1929 of the College of Medicine to which he now returns as head, Dr. Tollman had served on the UN Faculty since 1931 and, before going on active duty in the U. S. Air Corps at Fort Scott, Ill. A year ago he had been professor of clinical pathology and Director of the School of Medical Technology. Dr. Tollman is a native of Crawford, Nebr. Dr. Lueth has returned to his former home, Evanston, Ill., to practice internal medicine and to teach at the University of Illinois Medical School.

HALF-CENTURY PRACTITIONERS
NOVEL W-H FEATURE HONOREES

Sixteen physicians in Nebraska and Western Iowa who this year are being given special recognition in their respective communities for the completion of fifty years in the practice of medicine won novel acclaim in a double-page spread composite article in a recent Sunday magazine section of the Omaha World-Herald.

The importance of Omaha's standing as a medical center is emphasized by the fact that thirteen of the 16 fifty-year group were turn-of-the-century students in the city's two medical schools from which they graduated in 1902. Six of the men were among the graduating class of 37 in the Creighton University School of Medicine while 7 were members of the first graduating class of 39, that year, of the University of Nebraska Medical College. Comparatively few of the 1902 graduates served internships because of the lack of internships, the World-Herald article points out.

The most interesting feature of the entire story is the "then and now" photographs of the half-century practitioners, picturizing high-collared, hair center-parted and mutton-chopped graduates of 1902 and portraits of the honorees as friends and patients know them now. "Youngster" of the 16-man group is Dr. W. L. Albin, 73, of Lincoln, while Dr. L. B. Bleick, Omaha, and Dr. William Kerr, Randolph, Iowa rank as the "oldsters," both being 78 years of age.

Others who have completed a half-century of service and were noted are:

Dr. Philip Sher and D. T. Quigley, 76, and Joseph J. Warta, 75, of Omaha; Amos W. Carlisle, 74, Manning, Iowa; Fred Fouts, 75, Central City, Nebr.; F. H. Hanson, 76, Magnolia, Iowa; C. W. Hickey, 75, Bennington; Peter L. James, 74, Elk Horn, Iowa; Guy R. Taylor, 74, Hebron, Nebr.; John A. Jelinek, 76, Bruc; John D. Reid, 77, Pilger; H. W. Benson, 76, Oakland, Nebr. And Mathew A. Tinley, 76, Council Bluffs.
HERE - AND THERE . . ." OMAHA - The first definite step toward providing new quarters for the NEBRASKA PSYCHIATRIC UNIT of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, which since its founding in 1948 has been housed in the Douglas County Hospital, Omaha, has been made in announcement that construction work on a $1,500,000 Psychiatric Institute will be started on the UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL campus here before the end of the present year. Cost of the two-story, 96-bed brick structure will be borne equally by the University, the Nebraska State Board of Control and federal funds provided under the Hill-Burton Act. Special departments for the treatment of problem children and the study and treatment of mental problems of the aged will be features of the new structure. John Latenser & Sons, Architects, announce that specifications for bid proposals will be ready in October.

FALLS CITY - The Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth soon will receive a residuary legacy estimated at around $200,000 from the estate of the late Mrs. Carrie L. Henderson, whose deceased husband, Dr. R. G. Henderson, had been a member of the staff of OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP HOSPITAL from the time the Sisters took over the institution in 1940 until his death, Sept. 25, 1946. The money is to be used to construct a memorial wing in honor of Dr. Henderson, in appreciation for the care extended him by the Sisters during his last illness. Dr. Henderson was a graduate of the Kansas City Medical College in 1902 and he was active in state and county medical circles. Mrs. Henderson died April 24, 1952 and her estate, after payment of a few special bequests, will go in residue to the Sisters. So unexpected was the gift that no plans have been started as yet for the Henderson Memorial Wing, Sister Mary Owen, S.C.L., R.N., M.S., Superintendent of the institution, reports.

OGALLALA - Dedication of the new COMMUNITY HOSPITAL here took place August 24, with United States Senator Hugh Butler delivering the principal address. The 30-bed, two story brick structure at the northeast edge of Ogallala was financed by voluntary gifts from residents of the community and through Hill-Burton Bill funds. Harold V. Pierce, Business Manager, reports that construction delays will prevent opening of the institution until mid-September. Mrs. Pierce, a registered nurse, will be in charge of nursing service. Officers of the hospital Board are: President, Frank J. Kersenbrock, Sr.; vice-president, D. D. Cole; secretary, D. G. Sanders; treasurer, C. G. Schwentker; financial secretary, Helen Combs.

OMAHA - A gift of $1,312 has been presented by Ak-Sar-Ben Riding Club to CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL for the purchase of needed equipment in the Polio department, which now occupies 70 of the institution's 100 beds. Items provided by the fund includes a tracheotomy surgical set, suction pump, an ophthalmoscope-otoscope, an oxygen tent, a mobile chart conveyor and a set of floor scales.

SPALDING - The new $250,000 ST. JOHN'S SULLIVAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL was formally dedicated on August 15, with the Most Rev. John L. Paschang, Bishop of Grand Island diocese presiding. Pontifical High Mass in the church was followed by dinner for the visiting clergy and nuns, and open house for residents of the community. At the ceremonies also was Verne A. Pangborn, Director of the Division of Hospitals, Lincoln. The new 20-bed hospital replaces the original St. John's which came into being February 12, 1944 when the John Sullivan residence was given to the Dominican Sisters by Dr. M. M. Sullivan and his sister, Miss Hanna, for use as a hospital. Removal of patients from the old to the new structure took place on July 9th. The former hospital is being used now as a residence for the Dominican Sisters who operate St. John's. Sister Mary Dominic, O.P., R.N., is Superintendent of the new institution.

OMAHA - Remodeling of the former auditorium-gymnasium on the top floor of the nurses' residence at CREIGHTON MEMORIAL ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL into living quarters for students is progressing nicely and the $50,000 project is expected to be completed by October 1, Sister M. Crescentia, O.S.F.,R.N., Administrator, states. The project will provide facilities for 29 students and will assist materially in the housing of the group of 65 Freshman students scheduled to enroll during September.
O'NEILL - MOTHER MARY BERTRAND, O.S.F., R.N., former resident and St. Mary's Academy graduate, has returned to her native community to direct preparations for opening of the new $500,000 ST. ANTHONY'S HOSPITAL, which is now nearing completion. Assisting Mother Bertrand are Sister M. Dolores, Sister M. Ludmilla and Sister Mary Fara. The Sisters of Saint Francis also conduct St. Mary's Hospital, Scottsbluff, and St. Joseph's Hospital, Alliance. Their provincial house is Denver.

OMAHA - Gift of a gyromatic mattress to ST. CATHERINE'S HOSPITAL by the Omaha Unico Club has been announced by Sister Mary John, R.S.M., R.N., Administrator. The mattress contains an in-built electric vibrator and a timing device which automatically shuts off the current at a predetermined time.

FALLS CITY - Combination bed lamps and under-pillow radios are among the latest conveniences for the pleasure and comfort of patients at OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP HOSPITAL.

OMAHA - The long steel strike, just recently settled, is making its aftermath keenly felt at NEBRASKA METHODIST HOSPITAL by delaying progress on the new $750,000 seven-story addition being constructed to increase patient accommodations and to provide new dietary facilities. Retaining walls and building footings have been completed and the contractors are anxiously awaiting arrival of the necessary steel for the structure itself and for completion of the 100-car parking area.

Ground-breaking ceremonies on June 29th heralded the initial step in the $1,000,000 expansion and improvement program which will increase the hospital's bed capacity from 156 to 236, provide a new kitchen, dining room and cafeteria area as well as a new pharmacy and double the size of the radio-isotope laboratory, the only such facility in a voluntary hospital in Nebraska. All the additional 80 beds will be served by a central oxygen piped system and an intercommunication system between patients and nurses. All patient rooms will be air-conditioned and have toilets and lavatories. Each room will have double plate glass picture windows. When the new addition is completed a year hence, a quarter-million dollar improvement project will be undertaken in the present hospital structure, Rev. Brett O. Lyle reports.

FRANKLIN - MISS OPAL JOHNSON, R. N. has been appointed as superintendent of the new FRANKLIN COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, which will open here soon.

OMAHA - Summertime contributions to the expansion and remodeling project fund for IMMANUEL HOSPITAL AND DEACONESS INSTITUTE had increased the total gifts and pledges to $460,000 on September 1, and the resumption of active solicitation late this month is expected to rapidly accelerate the growth of the fund, Rev. Vernon E. Serenius, Director, states. Tentative approval of a grant of $250,000 toward completion of the School of Nursing, one phase of the $1,500,000 expansion program, was made by the Nebraska Hospital Advisory Board at a meeting August 24th in Ogallala. Just completed has been the addition of another floor to the building which houses the Chronic Convalescent and Aged Senile department, providing 39 more beds for women guests, and an addition to the Institute's dietary facilities.

GRAND ISLAND - The year-old ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING was featured in the July issue of "Catholic Building and Maintenance," national trade journal published in New York. Floor plans of the new structure and 19 photos were reproduced, together with a detailed description and history of the school.

OMAHA - Medical records at DOUGLAS COUNTY HOSPITAL from 1937 through 1950 have been microfilmed at a cost of $5,200, and the original written records are to be destroyed, Philip H. Vogt, county welfare director, reports.

OMAHA - Two 3/4-ton window type air-conditioning units have been presented to eight hospitals here by the World-Herald Good Fellows Club for pediatrics wards.
"OF FOLKS WE KNOW . . . "  LLOYD G. JENSON, 33 Administrator of SAUNDERS COUNTY HOSPITAL, Wahoo, on August 15 assumed his new duties as Superintendent of CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, Omaha, to which post he had been appointed a month previously. He succeeds MISS PHYLLIS LEVENS, who resigned July 15 after a year as head of the institution.

A native of Moorhead, Minn., Mr. Jenson received his B.S. Degree at Concordia College, Moorhead. A year later he won a commission from the Naval Academy, at Annapolis, Md., and spent five years in the Pacific, retiring with permanent rank as Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserve. He received his Master's Degree in Hospital Administration from Washington University, St. Louis, in June, 1950, after serving his administrative residency at Ancker Hospital, St. Paul, Minn. Later that year, he went to Wahoo to complete organizational plans for the new county institution which was then under construction. The Jensons have one daughter, Linda Diane.

Friends of DR. EDWIN CHARLES McDADE, Administrator of BYRAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, Lincoln, are pleased to learn of his marriage on June 21 to Miss Vivian Winona Brawley, in Chicago. Although the Newlyweds have established their home in Lincoln, Dr. Mac will continue to commute to Chicago several times monthly while Mrs. McDade completes a teaching contract during the coming school year.

MISFORTUNE AND SORROW hit twice within a week for THOMAS J. HANLEY, former "CURITY" representative in Nebraska, during July. Suffering from a gangrenous condition resulting from feet frozen during World War II service as a flier, Tom was hospitalized in Omaha for six weeks before returning July 7 to the Hines (Ill.) V A Hospital, where he had been a patient several years ago. On July 10th his right leg was amputated to stay the disease. On the following Sunday, his venerable father Thomas E. Hanley, passed away quite unexpectedly. Mrs. Hanley and their two children have given up their home in Omaha and are living at 1629 N. 74th Court, Elmwood Park, Ill. Tom's plans eventually are to return to his studies at Loyola University School of Medicine, Chicago, where he had completed his Freshman year before his appointment as salesman for Bauer and Black. Succeeding him in the Nebraska territory is THOMAS J. KELLEY, of Boston, Mass., who also will reside in Omaha.

MISS DOROTHY LOU BARNES, cum laude graduate of Fremont (Nebr.) High School in June, has entered the University of Nebraska School of Nursing, Omaha, as winner of a scholarship awarded by the American Legion Auxiliary. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo D. Barnes, of Fremont.

SISTER MARY ODOLINA, O.S.F., R.N., Surgical Supervisor for 17 years at CREIGHTON MEMORIAL ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL, Omaha, has been appointed to a similar post at ST. ELIZABETH HOSPITAL, Lincoln, where she will organize the operative service of the new surgical pavilion to be housed in the $850,000 addition now being erected. Succeeding Sister Odolina at the Omaha institution is SISTER MARY ANN FRANCES, O.S.F., R.N., who received her Master's Degree in Nursing Education at St. Louis University in June, and is continuing studies and research in her new position at St. Joseph's.

HOWARD B. HUNT, M.D., F.A.C.R., professor of Radiology and chairman of the Department of Radiology at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, was chosen president of the American Radium Society at the annual convention, in Chicago.

DR. EARL FARNSWORTH, Grand Island physician and member of the medical staff at St. Francis Hospital for the past 40 years, retired from practice July 15th. Also a member of the faculty of the St. Francis School of Nursing, Dr. Farnsworth initially organized the Grand Island Clinic, which now includes four other physicians. Dr. and Mrs. Farnsworth plan to make their future home in Santa Barbara, California.
JAMES G. CARR, JR., took time out from his duties as President of Nebraska Hospital Association and the assistant superintendency of UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA HOSPITAL, Omaha, to fulfill his annual tour of duty with the Army Medical Administrative Corps, July 27 to August 10 at Fitzsimmons Hospital, Denver. Major Carr served for three years as administrative officer of Crossville, Tenn. P.W. Camp during World War II. Upon his return from Denver, Mr. and Mrs. Carr and children, Judy and Bobby, visited their parents in Evanston, Illinois and Paris, Tennessee.

RUFUS L. LYMAN, M.D., 77, Dean Emeritus of the University of Nebraska College of Pharmacy, received national recognition on August 13th when he was named as Honorary President of the American Pharmaceutical Association at its annual meeting in Philadelphia. The honor is bestowed each year to an individual who is selected for having "contributed substantially" to the profession. Dr. Lyman received his MD degree in 1903 and the ensuing year was named Professor of Pharmacology and, in 1915 became the first dean of the College of Pharmacy. He retired in 1946. Dr. Lyman is the father of Dr. Edwin D. Lyman, Omaha-Douglas County Health Director.

MRS. JANE ASHBY, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, has been appointed to the post of administrative dietitian of CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, Omaha, succeeding Mrs. Ellen Hesse, who resigned recently. Mrs. Ashby had been assistant dietitian.

MRS. DONALD W. DUNCAN, wife of the Business Manager of ST. ELIZABETH HOSPITAL, Lincoln, is convalescing at her home following a major operation on August 2.

Newly elected president of the Omaha Optimists Club is DR. ELSLEY J. KIRK, assistant professor of internal medicine at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine and member of the Board of Directors and Executive Board of NEBRASKA BLUE CROSS. Named as a Director was FRANK C. HEINISCH, Omaha attorney, who holds similar offices and also is Secretary of THE BLUE CROSS PLAN.

Death has claimed two well-known Omahans who long have been associated with hospitals of the city. On August 14th, FRANK T. B. MARTIN, 75, Omaha insurance man for more than half a century and a member of the Board of Directors of BISHOP CLARKSON HOSPITAL, passed away following two heart attacks suffered within two weeks. A week later, on August 21st, DR. OLGA STASTNY, 73, a practicing physician since 1913 and a retired teacher who was honored in 1951 for her 23 years of service to the University of Nebraska Medical School, expired after a short illness. Dr. Stastny worked after World War I in France, Czechoslovakia and on the Island of Macronissi as an anesthetist for the American Women's Hospital Service. Upon returning to Omaha, she resumed medical practice and was active until her retirement in 1947. She continued as the medical director of Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle, Omaha, until last September, when she was succeeded by DR. NANCY CATANIA, of Omaha.

Back from a 3,500-mile automobile trip to the South and East are MR. AND MRS. JOHN L. HURLEY, of Grand Island, where Mr. Hurley is Business Manager for Saint Francis Hospital. Their journey took them through twelve states, down through the Great Smokey Mountains of Tennessee and to Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Chicago. The Pennsylvania-New Jersey Turnpike, which runs 160 miles without a crossroad, would be a worthy project for Nebraska to emulate, "Jack" opines.

DR. ROBERT D. JONES, native of Lexington, Nebr. and 1951 graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, has entered the Nebraska Psychiatric Unit at Douglas County Hospital, Omaha, as a Resident in Psychiatry. DR. FLOYD RING, who completed his psychiatric residency on June 30 will remain on the staff and also act as an instructor in Psychiatry at the University. His first two years in residency were spent at the Winter VA Hospital, Topeka, Kans. after graduation from Nebraska U.

MRS. THELMA BERGSTRESSER, R.N. is the new Superintendent of the BRODSTONE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, Superior, succeeding MRS. MARIE HARTELL.
DR. CHARLES L. HUSTEAD, who operated the FALLS CITY HOSPITAL until 1940, retired August 1st after 40 years of practice in Richardson County. When he turned over his hospital to The Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, who renamed the institution "OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP HOSPITAL, Dr. Hustead devoted his full time to his medical practice and operation of the Falls City Clinic, which he now has disposed of to DRS. WILLIAM H. GLENN and GUY H. CROOK, both former residents of Falls City. Both are graduates of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine. The former interned at General Hospital, New Haven, Conn. and spent four years at Mayo Clinic. Since 1949, he has been associated with Doctors Clinic, Kearney. Dr. Crook interned at St. Joseph's Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. and has been practicing medicine for six years at Grand Junction, Colorado. Dr. Hustead, '02 Creighton Medical School graduate, purchased the former Lutheran Hospital here in 1921 and conducted it for 19 years before turning it over to the Sisters of Charity.

New dietitian at DODGE COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, Fremont, is MISS RUTH H. FREDERIKSEN, who returns to her home town after serving two years as assistant dietitian at Lutheran Hospital, Omaha. Miss Frederiksen is a graduate of the University of Nebraska. MISS HENRIETTA RINDERSPACKER, former dietitian at Community Hospital, has accepted a position as dietitian at Midland College, Fremont.

SISTER M. ROMONA BRAUN, O.S.F., R.N., Surgical Supervisor for the past six years at ST. ELIZABETH HOSPITAL, Lincoln, has been transferred to a similar assignment at St. Anthony Hospital, Denver.

J. E. M. THOMSON, M.D., F.A.C.S., Lincoln orthopaedist, will make several presentations at the Thirty-first Annual Fall Clinical Conference of the Kansas City Medical Society, October 6-9, in Kansas City, Mo. Subjects of Dr. Thomson's talks will be "Diagnosis and Treatment of Ankle Injuries" and "Chest Emergencies" on October 8th, and "The Problem of the Elderly Patient with a Disability of the Hip, Due to Injury or Disease," on October 9th. Dr. Thomson is Chief of the Orthopaedic Department at the BRYAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, Lincoln. He is a graduate of Rush Medical College, 1915.

Two World War II overseas, DR. OTIS MILLER, of Oshkosh, and PAUL MARTIN, Stamford, have taken over the offices formerly occupied by DR. C. W. WEEKES, at Ord, immediately adjoining the Ord Co-Operative Hospital. The two young medics are graduates of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine and interned at Immanuel Hospital, Omaha. Dr. Weekes has removed to Omaha for future residence.

DR. CLARENCE M. HYLAND, 66, graduate of Creighton University School of Medicine in 1916, who attained worldwide prominence as head of the Hyland Laboratories, Los Angeles, Calif., after having been the first to perfect a process to market dried blood plasma on a commercial basis, died suddenly August 27 at his home in Apple Valley, Cal., of a heart attack. After interning at St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, Dr. Hyland became associate professor of bacteriology at Creighton. He operated a hospital at Palmer, Nebr. before moving to Ohio in 1923, and to Los Angeles in 1928.

VOLUNTEER WORKERS

An appeal for volunteer workers to assist regular staff attendants in Nebraska hospitals during the current siege of poliomyelitis is being telecast by Station KMTV, Omaha, in an effort to help provide needed care for the several hundred infantile paralysis victims presently receiving care. Pictures of patients and volunteers serving in three Omaha hospitals, Children's Memorial, St. Joseph's and Clarkson, featured an August 27 program and nightly requests for more workers are being made. The World-Herald likewise has printed stories urging volunteers to come forth as well as appeals for inactive nurses to offer their services, at premium salaries, for the emergency.
MORE THAN 90% OF PREMIUM PAYMENTS BEING RETURNED TO BLUE CROSS MEMBERS

The report covering the first seven months of operation this year by Nebraska's Blue Cross Hospital Service Association reveals that 90.42% of the $1,333,646.10 of earned income during this period was expended in the payment of hospital services to 22,288 of the 238,005 Blue Cross participants enrolled in the Nebraska Plan. Overhead during the first seven months of 1952 was $122,478.55, or 8.31% or earned income, which included 3% paid for taxes. Increase in claims paid was 2.85% over 1951.

Interesting statistics disclosed by the report show that the average length of stay in hospitals was 5.64 days and the average stay per case was $66.19. Shown also was that female patients remain in hospitals longer and that the average cost per case was $68.93 as compared with $60.14 for male patients. Total patient days of service amounted to 105,494. Revealed in the diagnostic classification of hospital cases is that diseases of the digestive system accounted for the largest percentage of expenditures, 21.58%, followed closely by obstetrical care and complications of pregnancy, at 21.23%.

Employed group memberships now account for 62% of the total membership, with the remaining 38% being divided between direct pay (those who have left original places of enrollment but still retain their memberships) and individually enrolled members.

Eighty percent of the Participating Physician agreement group in the Nebraska BLUE SHIELD PLAN, numbering 875, on September 1st had signed and returned amendments to their contracts wherein they agree to abide by the action of the House of Delegates of the Nebraska Medical Association at the annual meeting, May 13, in raising limits for Blue Shield service benefits. The new income ceilings for service benefits are $2,400 for single members and $3,200 for families. By signing the amended contracts, Participating Physicians agree to accept the Blue Shield schedule of benefits as full payment for services to members whose annual incomes fall within the above ceilings. Of the 330 such physicians in Omaha, 90% have signified their intent to cooperate.

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INTERLUDE

--- And now, having writ, The Editor takes himself away from desks piled high with "unfinished business" for "The City of Brotherly Love," on the banks of the historic Delaware and Schuykill Rivers, twelve hundred miles away.

There, in the third largest metropolis of the United States, with our Sweetheart of twenty-five years, we shall enjoy visits between AHA sessions to the spots which in Colonial Days made William Penn's famous center of religious and political freedom the Cradle of American Liberty. And, after Convention, our first vacation in four years will take us on into Connecticut and thence back through New York City into Maryland and the nation's Capitol City, for visits with friends of several decades, or more.

Wind-up of our journey, of course, shall be "Back Home Again in Indiana", to see our families and the friends of our youth in the 132-year-old city of Lafayette - the home of Purdue University - to re-live briefly the olden days where . . .

" . . . the moonlight's fair tonight along the Wabash . . . from the fields there comes the breath of newmown hay . . . Through the sycamores the candle lights are gleaming - On the Banks of the Wabash, Far Away."

See you again next month!

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THREE HOSPITAL GROUPS TO ASSEMBLE IN FREMONT, NOVEMBER 13-14, FOR ANNUAL SESSIONS — GOVERNOR-ELECT "BOB" CROSBY BANQUET SPEAKER

The great prerogative of greeting Governor-Elect Robert B. Crosby on the occasion of his first formal post-election address will be the dessert await-memors and guests of the NEBRASKA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION at the Thursday evening banquet which will highlight the Sixteenth Annual Convention, November 13 and 14, in Fremont. All events of the two-day gathering are scheduled at Hotel Pathfinder.

The privilege of rubbing elbows with the prominent young North Platte attorney, who on November 4 was named to the highest state office within the gift of the citizens of Nebraska, and of hearing him speak, undoubtedly will prove to be the paramount event of the 1952 convention. Even before the hectic days of his gubernatorial campaign, the popular young Republican candidate had accepted graciously the invitation of the Banquet Committee to speak to the hospital folks of Nebraska, "win or lose," so a hearty welcome will be extended to the Winner of the governorship race, who was swept into office with a plurality of more than 110,000 votes in the recent election. Officers and committee members, therefore, are making plans to entertain the largest crowd in NHA history for this most unusual banquet event.

Joining with the parent hospital organization in an all-day conference on Thursday will be the Nebraska Association of Medical Record Librarians, whose members also will attend the noon luncheon on that day as well as the annual banquet on Thursday evening. Following adjournment at noon Friday of the Nebraska Hospital Association's official sessions, representatives of Nebraska's twenty-one institutions conducted by Catholic Sisters will convene for the annual program and meeting of the Nebraska Conference of the Catholic Hospital Association.

With registration and Coffee Hour scheduled at 9 o'clock Thursday morning, the "Women's Hospital Auxiliary Day" session of the state association will get under way at 10 o'clock. President James G. Carr, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of University Hospital, Omaha, will serve as Chairman and Invocation will be offered by Rev. John G. Kitzelman, Administrator of Lutheran Hospital, Beatrice. A welcome to the Convention visitors will be extended by Eugene J. Saxton, Administrator of Dodge County Community Hospital, Fremont, and immediate past president of the state body.

Opening the formal presentations will be Maurice Norby, Assistant Director of the American Hospital Association, Chicago, who will speak on "What About Accreditation?". Following will be Robert M. Cunningham, Jr., Editor, The Modern Hospital, whose topic will be "The Doctor and the Hospital" and Dr. J. F. Tellman, Dean of the University of Nebraska School of Medicine, will speak on "How Medical Schools Could Help." "The Philosophy of Nurse-Patient Relations" will be presented by Miss Thora Patterson, Director of Nurses, Lincoln General Hospital. A Question and Answer Period will permit discussions or asking further information of the speakers.

"Bob" Cunningham will make a repeat appearance at the noon luncheon, when he tells how "Volunteers Can Help" on a program presided over by Harold J. Hamilton, Manager of Brewster Hospital and Clinic, Holdrege. Monitoring the afternoon session
will be Hal G. Perrin, Administrator, Clarkson Hospital, Omaha, and President of the Mid-West Hospital Association, who will introduce Mrs. C. E. Klindt, of Omaha, Chairman of the Immanuel Hospital Auxiliary, recently named State Advisory Council of Women's Hospital Auxiliaries by the American Hospital Association. Mrs. Klindt is to speak on "The Hospital Auxiliary Program in Nebraska." She will be followed by Mrs. Russell A. Hanson, Trustee of Swift County Hospital, Benson, Minn., whose topic will be "What Our Auxiliary is Doing" and Mrs. J. Dewey Elsgard, of the Board of Trustees of Children's Memorial Hospital, Omaha, who will talk on "An Auxiliary at Work."

After the ladies have had their say, Frederic R. Veeder, head of the West Nebraska Methodist Hospital, Scottsbluff, will tell the audience how "An Administrator Looks at the Auxiliary." The annual business meeting and election officers for the ensuing year are scheduled at four o'clock. The banquet will begin at 6 o'clock.

"TODAY'S HOSPITAL PROBLEMS" will be the theme of Friday morning's session, at which President-Elect B. O. Lyle, D.D.S., Superintendent of Methodist Hospital, Omaha, will preside. Again opening the program will be Mr. Maurice Norby, at 9:30 o'clock, on the subject "What About Hospital Costs?" Donald W. Duncan, Business Manager of St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lincoln, is to discuss "Management of Patient Accounts" and Joseph O. Burger, Executive Director of Nebraska Blue-Cross-Blue Shield Plans, will speak on "What's Ahead for Blue Cross?"

A Discussion on "Sanitation" will be presented by Frank Latenser, senior member of John Latenser & Sons, Architects, Omaha, after a short mid-morning break, and Edwin R. Core, M.D., of Kimball County Hospital, Kimball, Nebr. will present his talk on "A Patient's Eye-View of the Operating Room," which proved such a "hit" at the regional hospital conference in his home town, last May. An ever-timely subject in institutional meetings will be given a different slant in the presentation entitled "Can Visitors be Controlled?" to which Sister M. Crescentia, O.S.F., R.N., Administrator of Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, has given much study. A Round-Table discussion of the morning's topics will conclude the session at noon.

Committees in charge of the 1952 convention are:

PROGRAM: Paul Finnman, Hal G. Perrin, Gerald C. Aldridge, Harold J. Hamilton, Leslie A. Smith, Dr. Samuel Fuenning.

LUNCHEON & BANQUET: Sister Olive Cullenberg, Miss Lillian Angwert, Lloyd G. Jenson.

PUBLICITY: James Canedy, Herbert Anderson and Herschel Nuss.

RESERVATIONS: Eugene J. Saxton

MEDICAL RECORD LIBRARIANS PROGRAM:

9:00 A. M. Registration.
10:00 A. M. Call to Order. Presiding: Sister M. Rosita, R.R.L., St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, President.
Invocation. Rev. B. J. Leahy, St. Patrick's Church, Fremont.
Greetings. Rev. B. O. Lyle, Omaha, President-Elect, N. H. A.
10:30 A. M. Business Meeting and Election of Officers.
11:00 A. M. "International Congress". Miss Eunice Munn, R.R.L., Bryan Memorial Hospital, Lincoln.
12:00 Noon Luncheon with Nebraska Hospital Association.
2:00 P. M. "The Value of a Knowledge of Hospital Administration to the Medical Record Librarian". Sister M. Eugene, R.S.M., M.A.E., R.R.L., St. Catherine's Hospital, Omaha.
2:45 P. M. "Medical Records in a Military Hospital". Lt. Robert L. Gordin, Registrar, U.S.A.F. Hospital, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha.
Miss Lois Hunt, R.R.L., Lutheran Hospital, Omaha.
4:00 P. M. "Diseases of the Liver". Dr. Alexander Harvey, V.A. Hospital, Omaha.
6:00 P. M. Banquet with Nebraska Hospital Association.
ACHIEVE YOUR LIFETIME SECRET AMBITION! - GET A TRAFFIC TICKET "FIX" !!!

From no less a personality than the Mayor of Fremont himself comes this open invitation to ALL MEMBERS of Nebraska Hospital Association to openly violate the parking regulations of the Dodge County metropolis - so what POSSIBLE excuse can you have now to stay away from the Sixteenth Annual Convention, Thursday and Friday, November 13 and 14 ???

To all Hospital Folks comes this personal greeting:

"I am pleased, indeed, as the Mayor of Fremont, to extend a very cordial invitation to your splendid organization to hold your 1952 State Convention in Fremont.

"Fremont is one of the best convention cities in Nebraska. We have ample convention facilities, fine hotels and motels and you may be assured of the fullest cooperation in making your meeting a success.

"Our City's friendly welcome to convention guests is traditional - I hope that I may have the pleasure of meeting you personally in Fremont."

Yours cordially,

MAYOR CARL OLSON

P. S. I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOUR PARKING TICKETS, TOO!

NEBRASKA CATHOLIC HOSPITAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Friday, November 14 - Hotel Pathfinder

12:15 P.M. Luncheon
Chairman: Sister Mary Barbara, O. P., St. Catherine's Hospital, McCook; President, Nebraska Conference, C.H.A.
Sister Mary Celine, St. Mary's Hospital, North Platte "Public Relations and the Admission Office". Business Meeting and Installation of new Officers.

YOU'LL FIND IT HIGHLY PROFITABLE TO SPEND NOVEMBER 13-14 IN FREMONT!

DISTRICT ORGANIZES

Representatives of the thirteen institutions in the north central section of the state assembled on October 9th at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital to formally organize the District #2 group. After adoption of a Constitution and By-Laws, the group elected officers, including: President, Arnold Kaura, Boone County Memorial Hospital, Albion; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Marian Vuylstek, Tilden Hospital; Executive Committee, Sister Mary Daniel, Memorial Hospital, West Point; Mrs. Edith Wilcox, Lutheran Hospital, Norfolk. A round-table discussion on "Admitting Procedures" by the entire group provided a profitable session following the business meeting.
"OF FOLKS WE KNOW . . . "

SIDER FRANCIS MARIE, a luminary in the planning of MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, West Point, and its first administrator when the new institution was opened December 8, 1950, has reaped the reward of a task well done in Nebraska and is now at Good Samaritan Hospital, Zanesville, Ohio where she has been delegated the responsibility of developing plans for replacement of the half-century-old original buildings of that institution. Members of the Memorial Hospital staff and planning board honored Sister Francis Marie at a farewell dinner and program before she left on her new assignment. Coming in March, 1947 to St. Joseph Home and Hospital, Sister Francis Marie exhibited an outstanding ability in the hospital planning and construction field through her splendid work in conjunction with the group of Cuming County business men and citizens who sponsored and promoted the fine new 75-bed institution at West Point. The Board congratulated Sister Francis Marie upon her accomplishments and presented her with a Hamilton watch and a traveling bag as tokens on their esteem.

T. J. McGINTY, so Dame Rumor has it, is superintending MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL, at Chadron, after a year of rest, interspersed with some hospital consultation work, since leaving Lincoln General Hospital. No confirmation from "T. J." tho, as yet!

SISTER MARY DANIEL, new Administrator of MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing Education at St. Louis University in 1949, and had been on the teaching staff at the Zanesville hospital before her transfer to West Point. Other newcomers with Sister Mary Daniel include Sister M. Majella, R.T., who is now in charge of the X-Ray Department, and Sisters Mary Dorothea, Mary Felice and Mary Blanche, all graduate nurses who will bolster the staff at Memorial Hospital.

DR. JAMES P. TOLLMAN, Dean of University of Nebraska College of Medicine, Omaha, has been named as a national consultant in pathology and laboratory medicine for the U.S. Air Forces, one of 30 specialists chosen to advise the Surgeon General on medical problems. Dr. Tollman is a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserve.

MISS MARTINA NELSON, R.N., has been named Director of Nurses at Nebraska State Hospital, Ingleside. She formerly had been at West Nebraska Methodist Hospital, Scottsbluff. MISS LUCILLE GLENN, R.N., formerly assistant to Miss Nelson, is now the Director of Nurses at Brewster Hospital and Clinic, Holdrege.

JOHN R. SCHENKEN, M.D., pathologist at Children's Memorial and Methodist hospitals, Omaha, has been chosen president-elect of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. A member of the American Board of Pathology, Dr. Schenken also has been an instructor of pathology at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine 7 years.

DONALD P. STROHM, of Chicago, has been appointed resident representative of Scientific Products Division of the American Hospital Supply Corporation for Nebraska and adjoining territory. Mr. Strohm will make his home in Omaha.

RAYMOND A. BOHLING has been appointed assistant librarian of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, Omaha, Mrs. Bernice M. Hetzner, librarian, has announced. Mr. Bohling received his Master's Degree from Denver University.

MISS MARY A. CONVERSE, B.S., R.R.L., has resigned her position at University of Nebraska College of Medicine, Omaha, to accept a post as Chief Medical Librarian of the University of Maryland Hospital, Baltimore, after five years service here. MISS KATHLEEN POLZ, R.R.L., her former assistant, has taken a position as Medical Record Librarian at the Station Hospital, Offutt Field, at Bellevue, Nebraska.

MISS JOSEPHINE J. ALBRECHT, active in health work in Omaha since 1944, has been appointed Secretary of the Health Division, United Community Services, Washington, D.C. and she left for her new post on October 25. Miss Albrecht, who has been director of the Social Planning Unit, UCS, in Omaha the past two years, has been active in Omaha Area Hospital Council circles and many other health improvement groups. She was one of the prime movers for consolidation of the Omaha-Douglas County Health offices.
HERE - AND THERE . . .

GRAND ISLAND - ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL now has reached its full complement of 210 beds with opening of east wing, formerly occupied by student nurses, who now are housed in the new four-story, 100-room School of Nursing, dedicated in October, 1951. The hospital patient census is hovering around the 195-200 mark, the highest in its 67-year history. Sister M. Mechtildis, O.S.F., R.N., Administrator, reports. All furniture in the new east wing is steel, in two-tone colors of green and silver mist.

KEARNEY - The former St. Luke's Hospital here has been converted into a home for elderly people and is now known as ST. LUKE'S HOME. Operated by the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society, the institution will have quarters for 75 aged men and women. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Oehninger, of Kansas City, Mo., are in charge.

OMAHA - The final phase of the expansion and remodeling program of CREIGHTON MEMORIAL ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL, which started in 1949, is now under way, with the beginning of construction work on the new addition to the Kitchen on November 3. Sister M. Crescentia, O.S.F., R.N., Administrator, states that the Special Diet Kitchen will be housed immediately adjacent to the Main Kitchen when the building is completed, and that there will be ample storage space for fresh frozen foods in the 16x24' zero temperature refrigerator room in the basement. The building, 40x50 feet in size, will be two stories in height and will provide space for central linen service on the upper floor. Cost of the improvement will be about $125,000; completion is set for July 1.

SIDNEY - A new community hospital to replace two small privately-owned institutions here will be the object of a financial campaign soon to be undertaken by the Cheyenne County Hospital Association, of which Ira Steward, of Sidney, is president. The new institution is expected to cost approximately a million dollars and efforts will be made to raise half of this amount in contributions within the community.

OMAHA - Formal opening of the new premature baby center and newborn nursery at the University of Nebraska Hospital took place on September 26, when the public was permitted to inspect the modern new quarters which had been in the process of construction since November, 1951. Included in the new unit are facilities for 24 normal infants and for 14 premature babies. The equipment includes individual cubicles, temperature-controlled bassinets and a pressure air lock unit. A separate isolation and observation area also is provided. Modernization of the maternity department was accomplished along with renovation of the nursery, at a total cost, including equipment, of $100,000, R. B. Saxon, operating superintendent, states.

O'NEILL - Business was completely suspended throughout Holt County on September 24 as residents of the community gathered for the dedication ceremonies of the new 37-bed ST. ANTHONY HOSPITAL, marking the completion of two years of construction work. Most Rev. Gerald T. Bergan, Archbishop of Omaha, blessed the structure and made the principal dedicatory address. Other speakers included Mayor J. E. Davis; Rev. J. Lavern Jay, Methodist Conference District Superintendent, and District Judge D. R. Mounts. MOTHER M. Bertrand, O.S.F. has been appointed superintendent; Sister M. Ludmilla, R.N. is Director of Nurses; Sister M. Fara, dietitian and Sister Mary Delores is Registrar and office manager. The institution is operated by the Sisters of Saint Francis, of Denver, Colo., who also conduct St. Mary's Hospital, Scottsbluff and St. Joseph's, Alliance.

GRAND ISLAND - The response for volunteers at the ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL Polio Center during the recent epidemic was enthusiastic and immediate. More than 500 gowns were made by volunteers and over 100 blankets were donated for hot packs following a radio appeal. Contributions included $3,000 from the Ordnance Plant employees and $500 from Webb Livestock Co. workers, in addition to $5,000 raised in a public drive, headed by the Kiwanis Club, which brought a Hubbard Tank, two more respirators and other equipment for the physical therapy department.
OMAHA - Several local hospitals have been made beneficiaries in the wills of recently deceased residents, County Court records disclose. A bequest of $2,000 to CHILDREN’S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL was included in the will of Mrs. C. A. Swanson, who passed away on July 27, among several charitable gifts. ST. JOSEPH’S HOSPITAL will receive $3,000 from the estate of Mrs. Bessie Nejdl, who died September 15, as the second benefaction from this friend and patron. Several years ago, Mrs. Nejdl furnished a room at St. Joseph’s in memory of her deceased husband, Anton Nejdl. The former institution also received $2,075 as the proceeds of an auction staged on October 24 by the Omaha Feeder Calf Show patrons. Fifteen calves were donated for the benefit of the Omaha institution and prices paid ranged from $27.50 to $51 cwt.

LINCOLN - An intensive training program for twenty registered nurses to aid them in coping with the acute poliomyelitis problem was conducted September 15-24 at LINCOLN GENERAL HOSPITAL. The refresher course was instituted by Administrator Herbert Anderson at the request of the Lancaster County Medical Society through its coordinating committee, headed by Dr. F. L. Rogers. Members of the society presented lectures and demonstrations were given by nurses of other hospital staffs who had had special training in polio care.

OMAHA - SEVERAL local hospitals and organizations benefitted handsomely from the contributions of $7,316.42 made to The Bobby Farley, Jr. Memorial Fund by employees of the Union Pacific Railroad and friends, honoring the son of an employee of the company who had died from polio. One iron lung was given to Douglas County Hospital and one to the Fire Rescue Squad while chest respirators were purchased for Douglas County and Children’s Memorial hospitals. Seven suction pumps went to these hospitals and to St. Joseph’s, which had provided 40 beds for convalescent polio victims at the height of the 1952 epidemic.

LINCOLN - A special course of study in polio nursing care at the South West Folio Respiratory Center, Jefferson Davis Hospital, Houston, Texas has prepared Miss Norma Baxter, R.N., head nurse at General Hospital, for the training of other polio workers in proper care of afflicted patients. A Post-graduate course in Surgery has been completed by Miss Donna Neuhoefel in Rochester, Minn., and she returned October 15th to become Surgical Supervisor, Miss Thora K. Patterson, R.N., Director of Nursing, reports.

HASTINGS - Injuries received in an automobile accident near here resulted in death on November 1 for DR. CREIGHTON URIDIL, 39, local physician. Born in Omaha, Dr. Uridil graduated from the Creighton University School of Medicine, in 1940, and had practiced here since that time excepting during a period of service in the Navy, during World War II. He was the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Uridil, of Hastings, and attended school here before entering Creighton.

LINCOLN - FAY SMITH, M.D., of Imperial, and G. Paul Spence, Franklin attorney, have been reappointed, each for three years, to the State Advisory Hospital Council by Governor Val Peterson. The former was named to the group last year and Mr. Spence has been a member of the Council since 1947.

SCOTTSBLUFF - The first of a series of six Regional Postgraduate Courses, consisting of one-day meetings with prominent guest lecturers under direction of the Speakers Bureau Committee of the Nebraska State Medical Association, will be held here Monday, November 17. Guest Faculty members to appear here will include James M. Baty, M.D., Tufts College Medical School, Boston; C. H. Hodgson, M.D., Mayo Foundation, Rochester, Minn.; Claude S. Wright, M.D., Ohio State University College of Medicine, Columbus and Harry F. Southwick, M.D., of Chicago. Other meetings in the 1952 series will be at North Platte, Nov. 18; McCook, 19; Grand Island, 20; Norfolk, 21; Beatrice, Nov. 22. Course topics include heart, pediatrics, diseases of the chest, cancer and hematology.
SCHOOLS OF NURSING
UNUSUALLY HIGH ENROLLMENT IN FALL CLASSES

TAKE MANY STUDENTS

Reported by several schools of nursing in Nebraska.

Largest registration was on the Lincoln Campus of Union College, where 84 freshmen students began studies in a four-year program leading to a BSN degree. Sophomore students number 29; Juniors, 26; Seniors, 13; a total of 152, Miss Maxie A. Herin, Director, reports. The Clinical Division of Union College is located at Boulder Hospital, Boulder, Colo., and Porter Hospital, Denver.

Sister Mary Louis, O.S.F., R.N., M.S.N.Ed., Director of the CREIGHTON MEMORIAL ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL OF NURSING, Omaha, reports 67 freshmen, including one male student.

Total enrollment at St. Joseph's is 169 on the Campus and 43 affiliate students from seven other schools of nursing who remain in Omaha for 13 weeks of psychiatric work.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA School of Nursing, Omaha, had 33 degree program students among the enrollment of 52 on August 18. Miss Irma M. Kyle, M.A., Director, reports the appointment of Miss Myrl Alspach, R.N., M.A., as Educational Director for the new term. After graduating at St. Joseph's, Omaha, Miss Alspach earned her M.A. degree at the University of Iowa.

LINCOLN GENERAL'S Fall class included 38 registrants, Miss Thora Patterson, R.N., Director of Nursing, states. Miss Betty Lou Sorenson is a new Faculty member.

A class of 36 freshmen at Immanuel Hospital School of Nursing, Omaha, attend classes at the University of Omaha thrice weekly, according to Sister Olive Cullenberg, hospital superintendent. From San Jose, California came Miss Carol Anderson, a niece of Paul G. Finnman, Business Manager of Immanuel Hospital, and from Bridgeport, Nebr., Mary Blackstone, daughter of Dr. Herbert A. Blackstone, '27 Immanuel intern.

Twenty-eight students registered at St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing, Lincoln, Sister Mary Martha, O.S.F., R.N., B.S., Director, advises. New clinical instructors include Miss Jo Ann Warner, of Holbrook, and Miss Winifred Bower, Hastings, both graduates of St. Elizabeth School of Nursing.

The daughter of a 1924 graduate of the ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL OF NURSING, Grand Island, was among 26 new students admitted September 15, Sister M. Gerhardt, O.S.F., R.N., M.Ed., Director, noted on registration day. Two students each had sisters who preceded them at St. Francis and four others had close relatives as graduates.

Mrs. Elnora Druse, B.S.N.E., graduate of Washington Missionary College, is a new member of the Faculty. Miss Frances Habe, R.N., is assistant N.A. and clinical instructor; Miss Fern Larson, R.N., instructor in communicable and medical disease nursing, and Miss Louise Boyle, B.S.N., former instructor, has returned to the Faculty.

MARY LANNING HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING, Hastings, admitted its first male student, a World War II veteran, among its class of 24 new nursing aspirants. Total enrollment is 81 students. Thirteen-week affiliations have been established for Pediatrics at Children's Hospital, Denver and Hastings State Hospital, for psychiatry. A.B.S. Degree may be secured by an extra year's work at Hastings College, according to Miss Amelia Miller, Director.

With its new class of 19 students, WEST NEBRASKA METHODIST SCHOOL OF NURSING, Scottsbluff, now has 47 students, under Miss Jane Rainey, R.N., M.A., Director of Nurses. Mrs. Grace Sparks has assumed the position as Assistant Director. She is a graduate of Kahler Hospital's School of Nursing, and has been advanced from Medical Clinical Instructor. Mrs. Lucille Goodwin, R.N., is Nursing Arts instructor.

ST. CATHERINE'S HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING has a total enrollment of 121, including a Fall class of 37 students, Sister Mary Kevin, R.S.M., R.N., M.A., Director, reports. New Faculty members include Sister Rita Ann, R.N., B.S., who has come from St. John's Hospital, St. Louis, Mo. to serve as Surgical Clinical Instructor; Miss Mary Clark, B.S.N., Nursing Arts instructor and Miss Jeanne Kenney, B.S.N., Clinical Instructor. Both are graduates of St. Catherine's School of Nursing.

CLARKSON HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING enrolled 39 Freshmen, making a total of 109 students. Miss Frances Nolte, B.S.N. is a new instructor as is Miss Jean Butler, R.N., Clarkson Graduate, who will teach Nursing Arts.

NEBRASKA METHODIST HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING reports 26 new students, with an overall enrollment of 101.
NEBRASKA DIETITIANS

With 32% of its membership in attendance, Nebraska's delegation to the 35th annual meeting of the American Dietetics Association, in Minneapolis, October 21-24, received special mention in "A. D. A. LINES" for its achievement. Of a total membership of 76 in the state group, 25 were present at the session, including four of its officers: the president, president-elect and the in-coming patient, plus committee members and the journal editor. Mrs. Agnes Richling served in the House of Delegates and Dr. Ruth Leverton, of Lincoln, gave an excellent talk on "The Merry-Go-Round of Reducing Diets." Eleven dietitians from Omaha and Council Bluffs were among the group of 25 in attendance at the Twin Cities sessions.

A.H.A. CONVENTION GROWS

TOO BIG FOR ONE GUY!

With twelve thousand people a-millin' around and five miles (I'll betcha!) of exhibits to be done, American Hospital Association officials should start considering the possibility of either eliminating the programs entirely or doubling the length of the annual conventions. With programs a-runnin' from 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. (two evenings, at least)- and nigh on to 600 booths and their eager attendants hungry for attention - and social events (for some, anyway) a-reachin' into the wee sma' hours, the good Lord's pre-Twentieth Century day of just 24 hours just doesn't meet up with current mid-century demands, it would seem. Twenty-five or more Nebraskans, though, made the 25,500-mile journey and did their best in just four ordinary days to do justice to speakers, exhibitors and themselves during the A.H.A.'S 54th annual gathering, in Philadelphia, September 15 to 18, which provided many an innovation that added "ZIP" to those four warm days during which the Quaker City Weatherman did his best to drown out the enthusiasm of the Convention-goers by pulling the bottoms out of the clouds just at the wrong times, as attested by the half-inch-in-twelve-minutes deluge at 9 o'clock on the closing morning and almost-as-bad downpour Monday evening while delayed sail­ ing of "The Delaware Belle" for an hour while rain-saked folks searched for dry duds before embarking. We all had a grand time, nevertheless!

RATES ASCEND ONCE MORE!

Spiraling costs plus the threat of Clancy lowering the boom of a shortened work-week have started into effect another round of higher costs to patients in Omaha hospitals. Five institutions, Clarkson, Immanuel, Methodist, Lutheran and Doctors, on October 6th announced increases in room and daily service charges virtually amounting to $1.00 a day, "across the board". The new schedule establishes ward rates at $10 to $10.50; 2-bed rooms, $11 to $12.50 and private rooms from $13.50 to $22.50 per day. Other Omaha hospitals were hoping to continue prevailing rates until January 1, if possible, or longer.

BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD UF, TOO.

Adjustments in the premium structures of the NEBRASKA BLUE CROSS and BLUE SHIELD PLANS to cope with the steadily mounting claims experience resulted in new billings and new benefits under both Plans, effective November 1, according to Joseph O. Burger, Executive Director of the two organizations. Utilization had increased from 140 per thousand members in 1948 to an all-time high of 185 per thousand in 1951, and the experience continues to rise. Some compensations are provided, however, with an increase by Blue Cross of 30 to 90 days care in any one admission, and the inclusion by BLUE SHIELD of an increase from 70 to 90 days for in-Hospital medical care per admission. Maternity care benefits increase to $60. Income limits permitted members are increased to $2,400 for single people and $3,200 for families.

FOR SALE: Six basket bassinet stand (Thorner #1006), white, 3" casters. Never used. Will sell for one-third off list, delivered. Box 12, NHNEWS.

IT IS TRULY SAID: THE SUPERIOR MAN BLAMES HIMSELF - THE INFERIOR ONE BLAMES OTHERS. CHING CHOW.
A Christmas Message

May the song the angel chorus sang
On that first Christmas night
Re-echo in your heart today,
And make your Christmas bright;
And make God's everlasting love
Shine always on your way.
Watch over you with tenderness
And bless you every day.
RESPONSIBILITIES OF VOLUNTEER EMPHASIZED IN ADDRESSES AT ANNUAL CONVENTION -- NEW PRESIDENT'S INAUGURAL INSPIRING

Largest Attendance on Record Attests to High-Quality Program at Joint Gathering of Three Allied Groups at Fremont — North Platte Leader Chosen as President-Elect

The volunteer worker, even though she labors without remuneration, has a four-fold obligation to the institution and to the community in which she serves, declared Rombert M. Cunningham, managing editor of MODERN HOSPITAL", in his address at the Women's Auxiliary Day Dinner which high-lighted the opening day's program of the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Nebraska Hospital Association, November 13-14, at the Hotel Pathfinder, Fremont.

Meeting concurrently were three allied organizations, the Women's Hospital Auxiliaries, the Nebraska Association of Medical Record Librarians and the Nebraska Conference of the Catholic Hospital Association, whose members attended several joint sessions with the N.H.A., including the luncheon and dinner programs on Thursday. The attendance of 260 was the largest ever recorded, to the extreme gratification of officers and committee members in charge of arrangements for the conference.

An outpouring of Auxiliary members resulted in "standing room only" conditions at the noon luncheon and for the afternoon session, which was devoted to a series of discussions on women's activities and to the development of auxiliaries in institutions not presently served in the state. Mr. Cunningham's talk, "Volunteers Can Help", brought out the obligations a volunteer worker assumes when she offers her services on behalf of her community hospital. These responsibilities include:

1. To Understand the Hospital, recognizing that an institution has dual responsibilities, medical and economically, and that good service must never be sacrificed in the interests of economy.

2. To Interpret the Hospital's Obligations to the Community. The Real function of Public Relations is to reveal the problems of the institution to the public in such a way that the whole voluntary medical system is properly understood, and that the hospital charitable obligations are teamed with the economic obligations.

3. Support of the Hospital, through Auxiliary fund-raising projects that oftentimes may prove somewhat unpleasant; enlisting the support of the doctors, and the public as well as of the hospitals for an active Blue Cross-Blue Shield Plan program in the community and helping to establish the service for indigents on an equitable basis, encouraging industry to do its fair share in this phase of service.

4. To Improve the Hospital, by continued efforts to better the care of the patient and the whole function of hospital responsibility to society for the care of the elderly, the chronically ill and those in need of some form of rehabilitation.

During the afternoon session, Mrs. C. E. Klindt, of Omaha, State Advisory Councilor for Women's Auxiliaries, spoke on "The Hospital Auxiliary Program in Nebraska"; Mrs. Russell Hanson, Benson, Minn, told of "What Our Auxiliary is Doing" and Mrs. J. Dewey Bisgard, Omaha, outlined possible activities in "An Auxiliary at Work."
Frederic R. Veeder, Administrator of the West Nebraska Methodist Hospital, Scottsbluff, drew chuckles several times during his review on "An Administrator Looks at the Auxiliary," as he referred to the importance of team work between the women and the desirability of the administrator in helping to plan the program "without antagonizing the women who are to do the work." He recommended that the Auxiliary review some phase of hospital problem monthly - care of the mentally sick, the physically handicapped, student recruitment, et cetera - so that it may be a great public relations force to explain in the community just what the hospital is trying to accomplish.

Mrs. Bisgard's outline of duties include the raising of funds, recruiting of volunteer workers, play rooms for pediatrics patients, financing paid supervisor to train volunteers, providing tray favors, conducting visitors through hospital, operating gift shop, editing news sheet, holiday entertainment, birthday parties, etc.

At the banquet Thursday evening, Governor-Elect Robert B. Crosby, of North Platte, likened hospital administrative problems to those of state government and of the necessity of reorganization of the business pattern of such institutions at regular periods. The last deliberate attempt to reorganize Nebraska's state government was made in 1919, when 24 executive agencies were abolished and their work set up in six code departments. Thirty years later, there were 46 separate and distinct agencies including the Department of Public Assistance and Child Welfare, set up in 1935, that now is the largest spending agency in Nebraska, exceeding by far the state university and the highway departments, Mr. Crosby stated. Eighteen percent of people over 65 in Nebraska are now on the public assistance which, the Governor-elect said, was at first appreciated; secondly respected, and, now demanded by the public.

Induction of new officers concluded the banquet program, this duty being capably fulfilled by Maurice Norby, assistant director of the American Hospital Association, Chicago, who spoke on Thursday on "Hospital Accreditation" and on Friday on "What About Hospital Costs?". Mr. Norby also addressed the Medical Records group. In accepting the responsibilities of office as President, Rev. Brett O. Lyle stated that "the beauties of life develop as we give of ourselves to others. Each of us, the administrator, the mechanic, the nurse, the char woman - each is the most important person in the hospital when a particular job is to be performed. We are not the only one - but simply a small cog in the wheel of a vast machine that is working solely for the good of humanity."

Other topics discussed during the convention included "How Medical Schools Help", Dr. James P. Tellman, Dean, University of Nebraska School of Medicine, Omaha; "Can Visitors be Controlled?", Sister M. Crescentia, O.S.F., R.N., Administrator, St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha; "Management of Patient Accounts," Donald W. Duncan, Business Manager, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lincoln; "What's Ahead for Blue Cross?", Joseph C. Burger, Executive Director, Nebraska Plans; "Sanitation" Frank Latenser, Architect Omaha; "The Philosophy of Nurse-Patient Relations", Miss Thora Patterson, Director of Nurses, Lincoln General Hospital and "A Patient's Impression of the Operating Room," Dr. E. R. Core, Kimball County Hospital, Kimball.

Election of officers on Thursday resulted in the selection of Floyd E. Grady, administrator, Memorial Hospital, North Platte, as President-Elect; Leslie R. Smith, Ainsworth Hospital, Vice-President; Herbert A. Anderson, Lincoln General Hospital, Secretary, and Sister Mary Kevin, R.S.M., R.N., St. Catherine's Hospital, Omaha, Treasurer. Trustee to fill 3-year unexpired term of Dr. Harold N. Lueth, Eugene J. Saxton, Community Hospital, Fremont; 4-year term, Mrs. Edith Wilcox, of Lutheran Hospital, Norfolk. Hold-over trustees are Hal G. Perrin and Joseph O. Burger. James G. Carr, Jr., University Hospital, Omaha, retiring president, who was chairman of the Thursday sessions and banquet program, is a board member, ex-officio.

Much time was devoted at the business meeting Thursday to a discussion of the employment of a part or full-time executive secretary, and the matter was referred back to a committee headed by Herbert A. Anderson, for further study and action.
Fifty-one guests attended the luncheon which opened the seventh meeting of the Nebraska Conference of Catholic Hospitals on Friday, November 14, upon the adjournment of the Nebraska Hospital Association two-day session.

During the program which followed, Rev. Thomas S. Bowdern, S.J., of the Creighton University, Omaha, delivered an excellent discourse on "The Secret of Sanctity Through Moral Guidance." He was followed by Sister Mary Celine, O.S.F., of St. Mary's Hospital, North Platte, with a most informative presentation on "Public Relations and the Admission Office."

Sister Mary Kevin, R.S.M., Director of St. Catherine's Hospital School of Nursing, Omaha, assumed office as President, to which she had been elected at the 1951 meeting. Chosen as President-Elect was Sister Mary Celine, of North Platte, and as Vice-President, Sister Mary Getulia, O.S.F., R.N., Administrator of Good Samaritan Hospital, Kearney; Secretary-Treasurer is Sister Mary Eugene, R.S.M., M.Ed., R.R.L., Medical Librarian, St. Catherine's Hospital, Omaha.

Miss Eunice Munn, R.R.L., of Bryan Memorial Hospital, Lincoln, was inducted into office for the ensuing year at the annual meeting of the Nebraska Association of Medical Record Librarians, Thursday, November 13, at Fremont. She succeeded Sister Mary Rosita, O.S.F., R.R.L., of Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha, who presided at the all-day session.

Speakers included Miss Munn, who gave a highly interesting report on the International Congress on Medical Records held in London in September; Sister Mary Eugene, R.S.M., M.Ed., R.R.L., St. Catherine's Medical Record Librarian; Lt. Robert L. Goodin, Registrar, Air Force Hospital, Offutt Air Base, Omaha, "Medical Records in a Military Hospital" and Dr. Alexander Harvey of the Veterans Hospital, Omaha, whose topic was "Diseases of the Liver." A report on the national M.R.L. convention in Washington, D.C. was given by Mrs. Patricia A. Nicol, R.R.L., Clarkson Hospital, Omaha and Mrs. Lois Hunt, R.R.L., of Lutheran Hospital, Omaha.

Newly elected officers include: President-Elect, Sister Mary Eugene, R.S.M., R.R.L., St. Catherine's, Omaha; Secretary: Mrs. Verna Ressegieu, Lincoln General Hospital; Treasurer, Miss Marjorie Roscoe, R.R.L., Children's Hospital, Omaha.

Reverend Dr. B. O. Lyle, President of the Nebraska Hospital Association, last week issued an invitation to all members of the Executive Committee for a meeting on December 18, at Methodist Hospital, Omaha, for a discussion of plans for the 1953 activities of the state organization. Subjects on the agenda were to include committee appointments for the coming year; preliminary talks for the schedule of district meetings next Spring; Nebraska cooperation and its part in the program for the Mid-West Hospital Association meeting, in April, and the executive secretary proposal which was discussed at length at the Fall meeting, in Fremont.

Recent Hospital Articles:
"DILEMMA IN THE HOSPITAL", Nation's Business, October. Reprints $3 per hundred.
"ARE HOSPITALS BIG BUSINESS?" by Harry M. Berner, Executive Vice-President of American Hospital Supply Corporation, Evanston, Ill. Free copies on request.
ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

Announcement of several changes which will take from
the Nebraska scene one of the state's most active
workers in the hospital field and also return to Omaha
a familiar figure in council activities has been announced by Dr. James P. Tollman,
Dean of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine and Hospital.

Leaving for new fields is James G. Carr, Jr., who has resigned his position
of the past six years as assistant superintendent and finance personnel director
of UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL and the medical college to depart January 1st for Casper, Wyo.
where he will become Administrator of the Natrona County Hospital, a 175-bed institu­
tion. During his stay in Nebraska, Mr. Carr has taken an active part in the Omaha
Area Hospital Council and served as its president. He also is immediate past presi­
dent of the Nebraska Hospital Association and a member of its executive board. Dur­
ing World War II, Mr. Carr served in the Medical Administrative Corps of the U. S. Army
and for three years was Administrative Officer of the Prisoner of War Camp at Cross­
ville, Tenn. He holds the rank of Major in the Reserve Corps.

Succeeding Mr. Carr at University Hospital will be Duane Johnson, now
administrator of Audubon (Iowa) County Memorial Hospital, which position he will re­
linquish on January 1st and move with his family to Omaha. Mr. Johnson is a general
engineering graduate of the University of Oklahoma and also holds a Master's Degree
in Hospital Administration from Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. A native of
Salt Lake City, Utah, Mr. Johnson served his administrative residency at the Clarkson
Hospital, Omaha, 1949-50, and then became assistant administrator of the Latter Day
Saints Hospital in his home city, until he went to Audubon, Iowa in October, 1951.

7. A. HOSPITALS SLASH
STAFFS, CUT SERVICES
Curtailment in the staffs and operations of Nebraska's
three Veterans Administration hospitals has followed
in the wake of the recent V.A. orders which effected
a reduction of 2,250 professional and non-professional workers, Dr. John J. Tyson,
Omaha manager, reports.

Dismissal of forty employees, including ten registered nurses, resulted
in the closing of a 40-bed ward at the Omaha Veterans Hospital, Dr. Tyson states, as
efforts were made to maintain the quality of nursing care and hospital service rather
than to operate with reduced personnel. The Omaha institution has a current census
of about 325 patients, including 28 in the TB wards and 90 in the psychiatric unit.
The Hospital had admitted 5,840 patients from its opening, February 1, 1951 to Dec.
1, 1952, of whom 700 were mental cases during 1952.

At the Lincoln Veterans Hospital, Dr. Harry A. Scott, manager, says that
32 employees had been discharged and that the number of beds in service had been re­
duced from 300 to 250. Sixteen beds were closed at the Grand Island hospital as
36 employees were removed from the staff, according to Dr. Wells, manager.

LINCOLN NURSE HEADS
STATE BODY FOR 1953
Miss Rose C. Baker, instructor in obstetrics at the
St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lincoln, was chosen president
of the Nebraska State Nurses Association at the 1952
annual meeting in Omaha. First vice president is Miss Irma M. Kyle, Director of the
University of Nebraska Hospital School of Nursing, Omaha, while Mrs. Lydia Cahoy, of
West Nebraska Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, Scottsbluff, has been chosen as
second vice president. Secretary is Miss Helen Marsh, Assistant Director, St.
Joseph's School of Nursing, Omaha, and Miss Betty M. Pederson, Chief Nurse, Veterans
Hospital, Omaha, treasurer.

Miss Patsy Dutton, of University Hospital, Omaha, was elected President of
the Nebraska State Student Nurses Association; Patricia McGrath, St. Catherine's,
Omaha, Vice-president; Mary Ellen Bergstraesser, Bryan Memorial, Lincoln, secre­
tary and Mary Jo Chappell, West Nebraska Methodist, Scottsbluff, Treasurer.
OF FOLKS WE KNOW . . . "The RIGHT REV. MSGR. JOHN J. HEALY, Diocesan
   Director of Catholic Hospitals, Little Rock,
Ark., died in that city on December 6th following a lingering illness. A well known
figure in Catholic, American and Mid-West Hospital Association circles many years,
Msgr. Healy had undergone a serious operation last spring but rallied sufficiently to
attend the A.H.A. Convention in Philadelphia, in September. Burial was in Little Rock

NORFOLK  - SISTER M. CONSOLATA, O.S.B., R.N., has assumed new duties as administrator
of OUR LADY OF LOURDES HOSPITAL here and as Prioress of the United States
Province of the Missionary Benedictine Sisters, whose American Motherhouse is located
in the old hospital building which now houses the Convent. Mother Consolata, who
previously had been Superior of Sacred Heart Hospital, Lynch, Nebr., succeeds Mother
M. Mathilde, who, because of failing health, has retired and will reside in the home
for infirm Sisters of the Community, at Lynch.

OMAHA  - MISS EDNA A. FAGAN, B.S.N., Director of NEBRASKA METHODIST HOSPITAL SCHOOL
OF NURSING, has been appointed to a three-year term on the State Board of
Nurse Examiners by Governor Val Peterson.

LINDSAY  - JOSEPH F. VAN ACKEREN, M.D., native of this community and 1926 graduate of
Creighton University School of Medicine, Omaha, has been named Chief
Medical Officer of the U.S. Coast Guard, with rank of assistant surgeon general
(rear admiral). For the past eight years, Dr. Van Ackeren has been in charge of the
U.S.P.H.S. Hospital, Seattle, Wash. In his new capacity, he will plan and adminis­
ter the general medical program for Coast Guard personnel.

HOLDREGE  - DR. WAYNE BREWSTER, widely known as the junior member of a Father-Son
flying medical team in this mid-Nebraska rea, is recovering steadily
from injuries received November 23 in an airplane crash at Quincy, Ill., in which
he was hurt seriously. The elder of the two, Dr. FRANK A. BREWSTER, on May 23, 1919,
in a flight from Holdrege to Herndon, Kans. to attend an injured oil field worker,
became the first civilian surgeon in the United States to fly to a patient's bedside.
The "flying doctors" have their own planes and fly them personally. They conduct the
Brewster Hospital and Clinic here.

OMAHA  - JOHN R. NILSSON, M.D., 74, a member of the medical staffs of the Methodist,
Immanuel and University hospitals here and a practicing surgeon in Omaha
since 1912, died December 4 after a short illness. Dr. Nilsson served on the faculty
of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine for 47 years, until he retired on
July 1, 1948. He also had been chief surgeon of the Union Pacific Railroad for 15
years. A member of the American College of Surgeons, he was one of the founders
of the American Association for Surgery of Trauma. He graduated from the Omaha
Medical College in 1901 and practiced at Lead, S.D. until his return to Omaha in 1912.

GRETN A  - WILLIAM C. COLE, M.D., of Omaha, on December 1st began practice here in
quarters supplied by the Gretna Medical Association, an organization of
civic leaders. Dr. Cole graduated from Creighton University School of Medicine in
1951 and interned at ST. CATHERINE'S HOSPITAL, Omaha. Gretna has been without a phy­
sician since the death last summer of Dr. L. C. Hilsabeck, who had practiced here for
forty years.

The many Nebraska friends of WALTER G. CHRISTIE, for many years head of
PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL, Denver, and formerly active in Mid-West and American Hospital
associations, are grieved to learn of his death, which occurred November 29 after a
prolonged illness. Because of failing health, Mr. Christie retired early in 1951 and
was succeeded by ROY R. ANDERSON, who also is well known to Nebraska hospital folks.

OMAHA  - THOMAS J. COLEMAN, of Washington, D.C., has been appointed to the Public
Relations staff of the University of Nebraska and will be assigned particu­
larly to duties at the College on Medicine here. He recently has held a similar ap­pointment at George Washington University, his alma mater.
OMAHA - SISTER MARY LOUIS, O.S.F., Director of the St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, was called to her home in Steinauer, Nebr. by the tragic death of her brother, Leonard Wenzl, who had become lost in the Nov. 25th blizzard, and was found four days later, a quarter mile from his farm home. Surviving also are his wife and three small children, and his venerable father.

DR. CECIL WITTMON, Director of the Nebraska Psychiatric Unit, of University Hospital, was elected president of the Nebraska Society of Neurology and Psychiatry at the winter meeting in Omaha on November 30th. He also was named councilor of the regional neuropsychiatric organization. In addition, Dr. Wittson was chosen as 1953 sectional chairman for psychiatry of the Omaha-Mid-West Clinical Society.

DR. ADOLPH SACHS, for many years head of the Department of Medicine of the Creighton University School of Medicine and at Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital, was the Guest of Honor at the annual Christmas dinner for members of the medical staff of the institution, tendered by the Sisters of St. Francis, December 11th. Dr. Sachs has been a member of the St. Joseph's Medical Staff ever since his graduation from Creighton School of Medicine, in 1907, and completion of his internship in the institution. He also is a member of the staff of St. Catherine's and Doctors Hospital, Omaha.

DR. DONALD C. NILSSON has been elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, as also has Dr. D. P. Brigham, former Omahan, now of Greeley, Colo.

GEORGE E. LEVENGER, of Waco, Texas is the new administrator of the Red Cross Regional Blood Center here. He succeeds L. A. Robberson, administrator the past two years, who has gone to St. Louis, Mo. to become a member of the eleven-state Midwestern area of the Red Cross.

DR. ROSALIE BREWER NELIGII, 1943 graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine and currently a teacher on the Clarkson Hospital staff, Omaha, has been named medical director of Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle, national women's insurance society, at the headquarters in Omaha. She succeeds DR. NANCY CATANIA, who resigned December 1st to again devote her full time to general practice.

DR. RUSSELL BEST, Professor of Surgery U. of N. College of Medicine, has been appointed assistant director of the medical division of Omaha Civil Defense by Dr. George Johnson, director.

DR. NORMAN H. ATTWOOD, 66, became Omaha's 21st automobile accident victim of 1952, and Number 306 in the state's death toll when he was hit by a car on December 9th while crossing the street almost directly in front of his home. After serving as a Major in the Army during World War I, Dr. Attwood was graduated in 1920 from the Creighton University School of Medicine and served his internship at Saint Joseph's Hospital. He was a member of the medical staff of St. Joseph's and Doctors Hospital since 1936 had served as physician-surgeon for the Omaha Police Department.

LINCOLN - MISS BLANCHE GRAVES, Director of the State Bureau of Education and Registration for Nurses for the past 10 years, resigned that position as of December 1, and will leave soon for southern California, where she will live in retirement. A graduate of the Nebraska Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, Omaha, Miss Graves has given 42 years to the service of nursing in Nebraska, during which time she had served as President of the State League of Nursing Education as well as holding office and serving on many boards and committees in nursing activities. No successor has as yet been named by State Superintendent of Public Instruction, F. R. Nock.

GRAND ISLAND - Sympathy is extended to DR. E. A. WATSON on the death of his wife on November 24 after a lingering illness. Dr. Watson has been on the staff of St. Francis Hospital since 1914.
LINCOLN - The week-end of December 12-15 was a particular busy one for the Sisters of Saint Francis at ST. ELIZABETH HOSPITAL, when they moved furnishings and patients alike into the two Medical and Surgical service floors of their own building addition, an event they had been anticipating for nearly two long years. The two floors provide a total of 55 beds but there will be little net gain eventually as beds on the present Obstetrical floor will be taken out of service when the new O. B. Department, also in the new wing, is occupied about March 15. Meanwhile, the Sisters are preparing for their next move, about January 15th, into the Surgical Pavilion of the new structure as the enlarged operative quarters are completed, according to Sister M. Pacifica, O.S.F., R.N., Administrator.

OMAHA - CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL is richer by $25,000 as the result of the fourth annual bazaar given for its benefit on November 8th by friends of the institution who took full possession of three floors of the Fontenelle Hotel for a full day to sell some several thousand articles that had been donated for the affair. An auction sale of beef calves two weeks previously netted $2,071, which was included in the bazaar proceeds.

Announcement has been made of the purchase of a large residence near the institution to house about 20 affiliate student nurses who come to Omaha for training in child care from other hospitals in the state. The property, formerly the home of the late United States Senator R. B. Howell, was acquired at a cost of $23,000.

LINCOLN - A proposal to inaugurate a $6,000,000 building program at the University of Nebraska Medical College, in Omaha, is gaining strength and the Board of Regents has voted to submit the proposition to the 1953 Unicameral Legislature, with the suggestion that the financing be accomplished by a special state property tax of one-third of a mill, which is calculated to raise $1,200,000 a year for five years. The project would include an addition to the main structure to house administration and more patient beds; enlargement of the nurses’ home to accommodate 250 students; and expanded facilities for training another 100 medical students, a total of 400.

GRAND ISLAND - A new schedule of room rates, averaging an increase of $1 per day, was placed in effect November 1st at ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL, according to Business Manager John L. Hurley. The revised rates are: Wards, 6 beds, $7.00; four beds, with bath, new section, $9.00; 2-bed, with bath, $10; without, $9; private rooms, $10, $12 and $16.

OMAHA - Plans for conversion of CLEARVIEW HOME, established two decades ago as the county poor farm, into a modern hospital building for the care and rehabilitation of the aged and chronically ill have been advanced by Welfare Director Philip H. Vogt to the County Board, the members of which have reacted favorably to his proposal. Mr. Vogt believes that the remodeled structure would accommodate 275 elderly patients and that the cost of remodeling, about $200,000, would provide such beds at the minimal cost of around $735 per bed, as compared with $15,000 cost on new hospital construction. John Latenser and Sons, Omaha Architects, have been instructed to prepare plans and specifications for the project.

In the meantime, the County Board has approved an expenditure of $35,000 for the construction of a 2-story concrete block building, 40x60 feet, at the DOUGLAS COUNTY HOSPITAL to house a service building which will house paint and carpenter shops and also provide storage space.

LINCOLN - The new DOCTORS HOSPITAL, constructed by the Olney Clinic Foundation, Inc. and Dr. R. C. Olney at 43rd and "F" Streets, is now substantially completed and the Clinic has been transferred from its previous location, 1300 South 13 Street, to the hospital where it will occupy the entire first floor. The new structure is three stories in height. The building formerly housed the Clinic has been taken over by Drs. O. V. Calhoun and Dr. Donald Purvis for their offices.
"HERE - AND THERE..."  SCHUYLER - Walls are rising with satisfying rapidity, considering weather conditions, on the new MEMORIAL HOSPITAL structure which will provide this community with its first hospital in a number of years. Of one-story construction, without basement, the hospital will have 25 beds. The cost of $320,700 will be met by contributions from local residents, supplemented by a federal grant of $160,300 under the Hill-Burton program.

OMAHA - Two television sets have been presented by the Omaha Elks lodge to the polio wards of DOUGLAS COUNTY HOSPITAL, Supt. Lola Lindsey, R.N., reports.

KEARNEY - With several major projects now completed at GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL, the planning of The Sisters of Saint Francis now is being directed toward an entirely new dietary department, Sister M. Getulia, O.S.F., R.N., Administrator, reports. The past few months have witnessed improvements in both exterior and interior of the hospital plant. The admissions office has been completely remodeled, providing greater efficiency in the handling of business affairs. An additional delivery room and a new nursery are the main features of the Obstetrical Department renovation project. One of the biggest improvements effecting the public is the new parking area across the front of the hospital. Widening of the street has eased traffic congestion which had resulted from parked cars, while a new parking lot at the rear of the structure provides parking facilities for the Doctors and hospital employes.

OMAHA - BISHOP CLARKSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL benefited to the extent of $7,000 from the 6th Annual Luncheon and Style Show conducted by the Clarkson Service League. Proceeds of the event are used for the benefit of the Hospital and School of Nursing.

LOUP CITY - A grant of $160,324 has been allocated to SACRED HEART HOSPITAL for the construction of a 25-bed addition to the present facilities, the total cost of which is expected to be $320,648.

OMAHA - Dedication ceremonies for the new fourth floor addition at IMMANUEL HOSPITAL Home for the Aged were held on November 14th, with Dr. Oscar A. Benson, of Minneapolis, president of the Augustana Lutheran Church of America, officiating. The Board of Directors at a meeting on November 14 authorized the expenditure of half a million dollars to complete the School of Nursing and a similar amount for expansion of Immanuel Hospital from 105 to 200 beds. A budget of $1,500,000 was approved for operation of the Immanuel Deaconess Institute for 1953.

GRAND ISLAND - The grand climax of the recent community campaign for funds for the purchase of a Hubbard Tank for the Polio Department at SAINT FRANCIS HOSPITAL, spear-headed by the Grand Island Kiwanis Club, took place on November 28 when members of the organization held their weekly luncheon and meeting at the institution, at which presentation of a check of $5,000 was made to Sister M. Mechtildis, C.S.F., R.N., Administrator. The Kiwanians were guests of The Sisters of St. Francis and photographs were taken of the occasion for publication in International Kiwanis Magazine.

All labor for installation of the Hubbard Tank was donated by members of the Grand Island Central Labor Union, an estimated additional contribution of $1,000 by the craftsmen who also hauled the tank from the railroad yards to the hospital. In the meantime, Assistant Fire Chief Ward Babcock "sparked" a drive to purchase an additional iron lung and in two days the money had been raised. Donation of shot-pack machine and a resuscitator for the Polio Department was made by the American Legion Auxiliary, of St. Paul, Nebraska.

OMAHA - Conversion has been completed at VETERANS HOSPITAL from coal to gas and oil operation for the three boilers in the heating plant, at a cost of $58,800.
PLANS GO FORWARD FOR 1953 SILVER JUBILEE MID-WEST CONVENTION

"THINGS ARE PROGRESSING WONDERFULLY!" was the message brought back from a meeting of officers and committee chairman of the Mid-West Hospital Association, held December 4 and 5 in Kansas City, by President Hal G. Perrin, of Omaha, who is highly enthusiastic about progress being made in the plans being made for the SILVER JUBILEE CONVENTION, scheduled for April 15-16 and 17, 1953.

Program Chairman Hubert W. Hughes, of Denver, reported that speakers and other participants are willing and anxious to take part in the 25th Anniversary celebration of the Mid-West's founding, and that a number of prominent personages in the hospital, medical and economic worlds will be present to address and entertain convention visitors. Members of the Publicity Committee outlined their plans to attract the largest attendance in the Mid-West's 25 year history and the Exhibits Committee reported the majority of the enlarged display area in the Arena as contracted for by enthusiastic manufacturers and purveyors of hospital equipment and supplies.

For the Catholic Sisters' dinner-program, on Wednesday evening, April 15, Sister M. Leona, R.N., Director of the Mount Carmel School of Nursing, Pittsburg, Kans., reports the acceptance by Dr. Arthur Murphy, President of St. Mary's College, Xavier, Kans., of an invitation to address the gathering. Dr. Murphy, who is an outstanding educator, has been honored by Pope Pius XII by the conferring of the rank of Knight of the Holy Sepulchre of his activities in the field of education.

Applications already are being received for reservations for the two-day Institute on Front Office Procedures which will precede the convention, on Monday and Tuesday, April 13 and 14, at the Hotel President, Kansas City, Mo. Because of the heavy influx of hospital visitors expected for the 1953 convention, which will be held in the Municipal Auditorium as usual, two of Kansas City's leading hotels, the President and Muehlebach, have been designated as Mid-West Headquarters. Requests for hotel reservations may be directed to Mrs. Anne Walker, Executive Secretary, Room 601, 903 McGee Street, Kansas City, 6, Missouri.

OMAHA COUNCIL MEMBERS ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Business was disposed of in one-two-three fashion at the December meeting of the Omaha Area Hospital Council, December 11, at Lutheran Hospital so its members might join in a bit of gaiety as well as of reverent observance of the approaching holy feast of Christmas. With Paul Finnman, of Immanuel Hospital, at the console of the Hammond electric organ, the group gathered 'round to sing Christmas hymns and other seasonal songs, following which one of Santa's helpers distributed gifts from under a brightly decorated Christmas tree. Supt. Angwert and Mrs. Graham served as hostesses and plied the guests with tasty refreshments appropas of the holiday season.

Announcement was made that the annual meeting and election of new officers for the Council will be held Thursday, January 8, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Omaha.

FULL ACCREDITATION

Notification that Full Accreditation has been accorded by the National Nursing Accrediting Service to the Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Omaha, has been received by Sister Mary Louis, O.S.F., M.S.N.Ed., Director, St. Joseph's thus becomes the second school of nursing in Nebraska to be recognized as fully accredited in the new program which was instituted in 1949 for the approval of nursing schools in the United States. First Nebraska nursing course to be recognized in this manner was the Union College program, in Lincoln, which is affiliated for its practical nursing experience with several Colorado hospitals.

The Omaha school is a unit of the Creighton University School of Nursing and offers a degree program for its graduates who may wish to continue studies after completion of the regular three-year course at St. Joseph's Hospital.
FRANCISCAN ORDER GETS
PART OF LARGE FORTUNE
Two parcels of real estate valued at approximately $2,325,000 have been given to The Poor Sisters of Saint Francis Seraph, of Denver, by trustees of the estate of Mrs. Marguerite S. Davis, railroad heiress whose will left to her husband, Blevins Davis, of Colorado Springs, the bulk of the money she had inherited from her first husband, James S. Hill, and the balance of her fortune to be used exclusively for charitable purposes.

The Franciscan Community conducts nine hospitals in four mid-western states, including St. Elizabeth, Lincoln, Nebraska; St. Francis, Grand Island, Good Samaritan, Kearney; St. Mary, Columbus and St. Joseph’s, Omaha, in addition to two institutions in Colorado and one each in New Mexico and Kansas. Selection of the Franciscan Nuns as recipients of the large benefaction came in recognition of their pioneer work in establishing hospitals along the Union Pacific railroad in its push westward through Nebraska, and in establishing two of the early hospitals in Colorado. The Eastern Province, which has headquarters in Mishawaka, Ind., has twelve hospitals.

The two pieces of property given to the Sisters consist of the former Modern Woodman of America sanitarium, near Colorado Springs, embracing 1,400 acres of land and 27 buildings, and the famed Trianon Estate of Mr. Davis, in the Broadmoor section of Colorado Springs, which includes a magnificent 60-room mansion of marble, 23 acres of landscaped ground, a formal garden and a swimming pool. The Sisters plan to move the Motherhouse of the Western Province, St. Joseph Convent, from Denver to the larger of the properties and to develop the Davis Trianon Estate into a Retreat House. The remaining $2,750,000 portion of Mrs. Davis’ estate will be divided among 13 recipients, all but one being eastern religious, educational or welfare groups.

BLUE CROSS-HOSPITAL
COMMITTEE MEETS TO
The Joint Committee representing the state Blue Cross and Hospital organizations held its third meeting of the year on December 13, in Omaha, to effect a mutual understanding on several points left undecided at the last session, September 5th. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee voted to recommend to the respective organizations that, effective January 1, 1953 the subscriber contract provisions regarding non-payment of fractional day charges by hospitals be adhered to strictly, i.e., payment be made by Blue Cross for day of admission but not day of discharge, unless both occur on the same day. Hospitals having a policy of charging fractional days to patients may continue to do so, under the Committee’s recommendation but must itself work out matter of payment with the patient. Waist of the twelve-hour contract requirement for in-patient coverage also was recommended by the Committee, to clarify the apparent conflict between this provision and that permitting payment for day of admission when patient is discharged on the same day. The Committee also will request that the study of fractional-day charges be continued.

Present at the December meeting were: Arthur L. Coad, Joseph O. Burger, Frank C. Heinish, Rev. B. O. Lyle, Mrs. Eva Tyler, Rev. John G. Kitzelman, Harold J. Hamilton, John L. Hurley, Eugene J. Saxton, Mrs. Eva Tyler and Francis J. Bath. Unable to attend were Frederic R. Veeder, Mrs. Henri Musolf and Gerald C. Aldridge. Executive Director Joseph O. Burger’s November report indicates $193, 741.51 expended during the month for services for members, sending the total for 11 months of 1953 to $2,113,063.72, representing 88.6% of total earned income. Overhead expenditures of $197,817.18 amount at 8.29% to date.

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