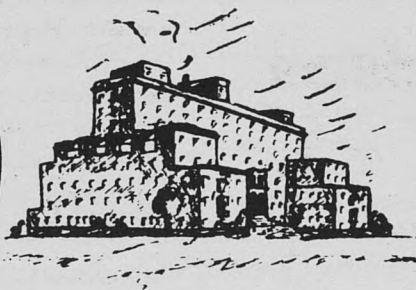


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Joan Crain operates graphotype machine to be used in new admitting system. (See story Page 3)

Executive Director's Column

A popular ball player on one of the St. Louis teams, when asked to account for his longevity, is said to have remarked, "Never look behind - someone may be gaining on you." The complex organizations that are hospitals, too, must keep moving forward; if they are static they retrogress. In recent columns we have talked about the building program, home care, medical education and food, but have said little about some of the internal activities that make a hospital tick. This month I invite attention to some changes in housekeeping, engineering, and admitting departments.

A few weeks ago, Mrs. Anne J. Vestal assumed her duties as Executive Housekeeper. Mrs. Vestal, who was born in Chicago, is an example of that *rara avis*, a housekeeper who is already trained in and qualified for her role in the larger setting of an institution whose philosophy, ethics, and operation are oriented to service to patients. In addition to serving as Executive Housekeeper in two major hospitals before coming here, she has taught institutional housekeeping at the Emily Griffith Opportunity School in Denver, has served on the faculty of institutes on Hospital Housekeeping conducted by the American Hospital Association, and has written about several phases of her chosen field of building service.

The results in the most immediately discernible field of housekeeping, cleanliness, are already becoming apparent in the short time that Mrs. Vestal has been with us. Of equal importance are the changes that are taking place in reorganization of the department with appropriate streamlining, assignment of supervisory duties, elimination of waste and duplication of supplies, etc. As an

initial project, Mrs. Vestal has cleaned out several large airy rooms on the basement floor, formerly used for furniture storage to consolidate in one location the Building Service and Housekeeping offices, mending room, sewing room, linen and uniform distribution room, paint shop, and locker rooms.

Another new key member of the hospital team is Mr. William F. Conrad, Chief Engineer, a St. Louisan who has had extensive experience as supervisor of maintenance and as engineer in food processing plants, dairies, and a large refrigeration plant. He succeeds as Chief Engineer, the popular Harry Urban, who several years ago passed the three score years and ten mark and who will continue with us in charge of Maintenance. In addition to supervising plant operation and maintenance of our present buildings, Mr. Conrad will work closely with the contractors in the building program that will get under way soon.

The number and complexity of admissions to the hospital each year have reached the point where a reorganization of this vital activity becomes necessary. Moreover, it is not too early to begin to plan for a larger institution which will add groupings of rehabilitation, chronic, and mental patients to the types already accepted for admission. Supervision of the Admitting Office has been assigned to Mr. Paul Wozniak, with instructions to introduce new procedures where indicated to serve better both patients and physicians. An example of one new procedure, the graphotype admission plate, is described elsewhere in this issue.

David Cottner, M.D.

New Addressograph Admitting System Saves Time, Reduces Handwriting

Traditionally, the nurse has carried on her shoulders nearly every phase of hospital operation including preparing meals and cleaning the floors. At the same time, she has taken over some of the duties of the physician. As her duties became more specialized, centralization of activities resulted in the creation of separate dietary and housekeeping departments and later such activities as the central supply station relieved her for the all important task of nursing care of the patient.

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Facsimile of imprint that will appear on records and other forms.

Today, we hear of the burden of paper work which consumes much time on the nursing division. To relieve many routine functions involving paper work, we are installing an Addressograph Admitting System which will penetrate far beyond the admitting office in conquering writing procedures.

Studies have shown that at least 60% of desk work at the nurses' station involves writing the patient's name, room number and other information about him. Much of this can be transferred to the addressograph system. At the time the patient is admitted, a metal addressograph plate is made similar in form to the charge-a-plate used by many department stores. This plate contains such information as the patient's name, doctor's name, room

number, date of admission, religion, and the like. This can be used to imprint any number of forms and notices for use throughout the hospital. Upon admission several impressions are made of this information in order to advise departments and facilities throughout the hospital, including pharmacy, x-ray department, laboratories, mail room, telephone operators and information desk, of the patient's admission.

The plate then accompanies the patient to the nursing division to which he has been assigned and there it is used to head up the medical record and to make out all kinds of requisitions and charge slips.



Maie McComb operates hand imprinter used at nursing stations.

An additional plate is made up for use in heading up business office forms and for preparing admission and discharge lists.

While relief from handwriting is of prime importance, other advantages of this system include accuracy and legibility, uniformity of patient data, economy of operation, and a saving in time which will give valuable nursing personnel more time to care for their patients.

From time to time during 1954, other phases of this system, such as the preparation of lists for midnight census, taking of temperatures, time sheets, etc., will be implemented.

Auxiliary News

UNUSUAL PROGRAM PLANNED

An exciting autumn meeting, commemorating the first year of its existence, will be held by the Women's Auxiliary at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, October 16 at the Moses Shoenberg Nurses' Home, 302 S. Kingshighway. All Auxiliary members and their friends are urged to attend.



Mrs. Winograd

Mrs. Samuel J. Winograd, chairman of Michael Reese Hospital Women's Board, Chicago, will deliver an inspiring message on "How Your Auxiliary Can Best Serve Your Hospital". Mrs. Winograd is a dynamic speaker and a woman who has been active in health organizations in Chicago. She is a past-president of the Spastic Children's Center and is a member of the National Committee for Women's Hospital Auxiliary of the American Hospital Association.

An interesting feature of the program will be an entertaining quiz show, written by Mrs. Arnold Dankner and Mrs. Saul Rosen. Mrs. Harry Milton is program chairman.

A dessert tea will be served promptly at 12:30 p.m. and the program for the afternoon will follow. Prizes will be given. Organize a driving group; bring your friends. Come, see and hear how the "Auxiliary Serves The Hospital That Serves You!"

WE GO ON THE AIR

A dramatic radio skit highlighting the Auxiliary's work for the Jewish Hospital will

be heard on The American Jewish Hour program over radio station KXLW at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, October 11.

The skit points up with touching human interest the many ways in which patients as well as doctors are helped by the Auxiliary. Two of the Auxiliary's "pros", Minna Milton and Miriam Tucker, authored the show. The program also announces the plans for the important Auxiliary autumn meeting on Friday, October 16. Remember to . . . tune in to the show . . . come to the meeting!

NEW COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

With the new chairmen and co-chairmen appointed to head the many important committees, the Auxiliary is preparing to perform a multitude of services this year for the Jewish Hospital. Mrs. Robert Aronson, Auxiliary president, announces the following appointments:

Mrs. Melvin Dubinsky and Mrs. Frank Wolff, co-chairmen of Tea Room Planning; Mrs. Saul Dubinsky, chairman of Decorating; Mrs. Henry Stern, chairman and Mrs. Clarence Eckert, co-chairmen Tribute Fund; Mrs. Maurice Frank, chairman, Administrative Budget; Mrs. David Grosberg, chairman, Printing and Supplies; Mrs. John Isaacs, Jr., chairman of Photography; Mrs. David Israel, chairman Conference of Jewish Organizations; Mrs. Melvin B. Kirstein, chairman of Publicity; Mrs. Harry Milton, chairman and Mrs. Martin Meltzer, co-chairman, Program; Mrs. Roswell Messing, Jr., chairman, Hospitality; Mrs. Lester Nieman, chairman and Mrs. Alfred Felberbaum, co-chairman, Library; Mrs. Louis Putzel, liaison chairman to Medical Social Service Program; Mrs. Earl Rosen, chairman, Constitution and By-Laws; Mrs. Edward K. Schwartz and Mrs. Melvin B. Kirstein, members of Executive Committee; Mrs. Harry Weitzer, chairman and Mrs. Lester Munchweiler, co-chairman, Volunteers; Mrs. Elmer Abramson, chairman and Mrs. Alvin

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Auxiliary News (Cont. from page 4)

Goldstein and Mrs. Gordon Scherck, co-chairmen, Gift Gallery; Mrs. Leo Greenwald, chairman Nursing Committee; Mrs. Leon Leonson, chairman, Membership; Mrs. Fred Sale, Jr., chairman, Recreational Services; Mrs. Paul Felberbaum, chairman Budget; Mrs. Alfred Goldman, chairman, Gift Gallery Advisory Committee; Mrs. Theodore Lending, chairman, Speakers' Bureau; Mrs. Harry Harris, chairman, Telephone Corps; Mrs. Leon Yatkeman, chairman, Home Care, and Mrs. Herman Seldin, chairman, Hospital Building Committee.

HOME CARE PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The new Home Care program of the Jewish Hospital will be serviced by volunteer workers of the Auxiliary and a committee to perform this service has been formed. Mrs. Leon Yatkeman is the committee chairman.

Volunteers are urgently needed for Home Care in many capacities. Drivers are wanted for the transportation of patients to and from the Jewish Hospital and to bring medicine to the patients. Women who can speak and understand Yiddish and other foreign languages are needed. Workers who can teach knitting, weaving, painting and other crafts are requested. For women who know how to run a movie projector, the Volunteer Film Association will provide movies to be shown in patients' homes.

No volunteer worker will be sent to homes where there are communicable diseases. Big hearts and willing hands will qualify you for this committee! Telephone Mrs. Yatkeman now at PA 6895.

MEMBERSHIP TEAS GIVEN

A series of small membership teas to introduce the work of the Auxiliary to women who are not familiar with the organization was begun in September. Mrs. Leon Leonson, chairman of the Membership Committee, has planned several more to be held in the autumn.

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Pack System Of Linen Distribution Put Into Effect

A joint project of the Nursing Department and the Laundry was the recent transition to the Pack System of linen distribution. Linen closets on all nursing divisions now are identical, and standards for each division are marked on the doors and on the self labels under each item. Every morning linen count is made, and the quantity of linen needed to bring the number of packs and other single items up to standard is sent up from the laundry.

A "pack" consists of a bed spread, draw sheet, face towel, bath towel, pillow case, and wash cloth, all items regularly needed to provide a patient with new linen for the day.

The new method saves the time of nursing personnel on the floor by eliminating the necessity of getting each piece separately before going to the patient's room, and provide less opportunity of missing pieces of linen and inconvenience to the patient.



Katherine Ellerbracht prepares pack. Watching demonstration are Mary Caffery, R.N. and Harry Cook.

Accurate records are being kept to see if the new system provides increased efficiency. This system also makes the charging of linen and laundry costs to the various floors more accurate in conjunction with the cost accounting system now in operation.

1953-54 House Staff Poses For A Portrait



First Row: (from left) Drs. Izmirlian, Hernandez, Simon, Joshi, Frankel. Second Row: Drs. Karsh, Braverman, Goldberg, Freedman, Rother, Susman, Prabhundha. Third Row: Drs. Heeb, Goldstein, Tippet, Commerford, Newport, Burstein, Handler. Fourth Row: Drs. Reitman, London, Deninghoff, Walker, Chiles. Not Present: Drs. Rabieb, Auner, Jick, Chinsky, Rodgers, Skirball, Lau, Allen, Chou, Sanchez.

AUXILIARY NEWS (con't. from page 5)

No more than twenty-five women will be invited to each tea. Speakers who are well acquainted with the Auxiliary's program will address the guests informally.

Hostesses who have offered their homes for such functions include: Mrs. Samuel Schechter, Sept. 29, Mrs. Samuel Krupnick, Oct. 1, Mrs. Mike Travis, Oct. 6, Mrs. Sol Shakofsky, Oct. 6, Mrs. Jack Handleman, Oct. 7, Mrs. Alvin Goldstein, Oct. 9, Mrs. Frederick Grand-Jean, Oct. 21, Mrs. M. D. Marcus, Oct. 30.

PICTURE PRESENTED

Mrs. Harry Heifetz, prominent local artist, has generously given one of her interesting

pictures to the newly decorated Admitting Room at the Jewish Hospital. The picture's title is "The Yellow Bird" and it is a cheerful addition to the new room. The Auxiliary was delighted to receive an original Eva Heifetz for the Hospital.

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CHRONIC DISEASE DIVISION

The annual New Year services held at the Sanatorium were conducted by Mr. Aaron Poletsky. The Ladies' Auxiliary participated by preparing special meals for the patients. Mrs. Vera Brownstein and Mrs. Sophie Lending were especially helpful in making the holiday a successful one.

The Sanatorium has been given a beautiful new portable record player by Mrs. Louis Kanner and Mrs. Peter Rothman in memory of Mr. Peter Rothman, a former patient at the Sanatorium.

We need records very badly for our musical programs, and can use any popular or semi-classical records that play at 45, 33-1/3 or 78 r.p.m. Donations of records will gladly be received. Call Te. 5-3918 and we will arrange to pick them up.

Social Service Signals

(MEDICAL SOCIAL SERVICE DIVISION)

Dr. Joseph Gitt became the Social Service Department's psychiatric consultant on September 1, and will remain until March 1, 1954. Much as we regret the loss of Dr. Arnold Block, we favor the rotation of psychiatrists from the clinic on our consultant service because it enables us to become better acquainted with each of the psychiatrists and familiarizes all of them with the work of the Social Service Department.

Miss Mary Davis has resigned to take employment in Minnesota, her home state. Miss Shirley Bindursky joined our staff on October 1. She has taken over Miss Davis' assignment as full time caseworker at Miriam Convalescent-Rehabilitation Division. Miss Bindursky, whose home is in Lepanto, Arkansas, has her master's degree in medical social work from Tulane University in New Orleans, and was

formerly employed at the Anderson Hospital in Houston.

Miss Mary McKeever spent a week in Washington, D.C., with her sister.

Miriam Murmurs (REHABILITATION DIVISION)

A few years ago, a physical therapist at Miriam Hospital conceived the idea for a weaving loom which would specifically exercise forearm muscles used in crutch walking. The Missouri Loom Company made such a loom, and for the last year and a half it has been used experimentally in Miriam's occupational therapy workshop. The therapist's experience and advice in improving the design has resulted in a new model, the first of its kind in the country.

The O.T. Department has just purchased this new, perfected loom, equipped with weights which are lifted in the process of weaving, thus exercising the muscles.

Miss Ann Brown, R.P.T., has left Miriam Hospital's staff to open and head the physical therapy department at Deaconess Hospital. We wish Miss Brown every success and satisfaction in her new position.

Mrs. Georgia Gregory, occupational therapy student at Washington University has joined the O.T. workshop at Miriam for a period of three months. Mrs. Gregory is the first student to come on the three-month affiliation, former students having spent only two months in training here.

Miss Lois Stephens, B.S., R.P.T., from the Oklahoma College for Women, joined the staff on August 31st. Miss Stephens has been employed for the past five years at Hines Veterans Hospital, one of the large centers for training paraplegics.

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NURSING NOTES

A new school year was officially begun in the School of Nursing on August 31, with the enrollment of 54 new students. The first week was spent in orientation and social activities welcoming the new class. A "Big Sister-Little Sister" party on September 3 highlighted the week's activities, providing entertainment and fun for the faculty and students.

Nursing Service is happy to welcome the large number of new graduates as staff nurses in the hospital. Miss Claire Holler, R.N. was recently appointed to the position of head nurse on Division 28. Miss Holler is a graduate of the University of Missouri. To all of the new appointees on our nursing staff, we extend a cordial welcome to the Jewish Hospital!

Congratulations are in order on the engagement of Miss Gloria Bosche, surgical nursing instructor in the School of Nursing. Informal announcement of her engagement to Mr. Virgil Fick, was made on September 5.

Childrens Group Presents Gift To Hospital



Mr. Gee accepts gift for the purchase of braces for crippled children.

A check for \$177.00 – the proceeds of a backyard carnival given by a group of University City youngsters – was presented to the Hospital for the purchase of braces for children afflicted with poliomyelitis.

The presentation was made at the hospital by the 13 youngsters – ranging in age from six to eleven years – who gave the carnival.

The children participating were: Eileen and Judy Schneider, Joel Honigbaum, Larry Pearl, Carol Tennenbaum, Dorine Makovsky, Judy and Alan Wallach, Enid and Elliott Leon, Marlene and Arnold Solomon, and Steven Mayer.

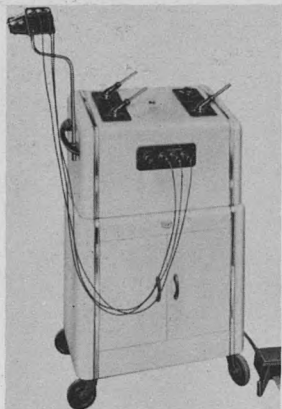
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New Equipment Needed



Pictured above is an electro-surgical cautery and coagulating machine which is essential for neurosurgery as well as other cases. Units can be purchased as memorial donations for prices ranging from \$600 to \$1300. Interested parties may call David A. Gee, FO. 8080.

Miriam Murmurs. (Cont. from Page 7)

That bright, new look at Miriam Hospital is the result of a fresh layer of lovely, moss green paint. Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Millard Waldheim, the Decoration Committee has also had new furniture placed on the porch, in the foyer and in the men's and women's lounges.

Mrs. Harry Franc, Sr., and Mrs. Louis G. Rothschild have made a contribution to the Miriam Hospital in memory of their mother, Mrs. Alice M. Ehrlich. This gift will be used for the purchase of new equipment.

A most cordial welcome and invitation is extended to all to attend the annual Miriam Hospital Open House, to be held on Sunday, October 25th, from 2 to 4 p.m. We hope you — and your friends — will come to meet our staff and view our various departments. Guides will take guests through the Hospital and explain those fascinating pieces of equipment in the departments. We're hoping you'll come and stay for tea!

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