



MERCY News

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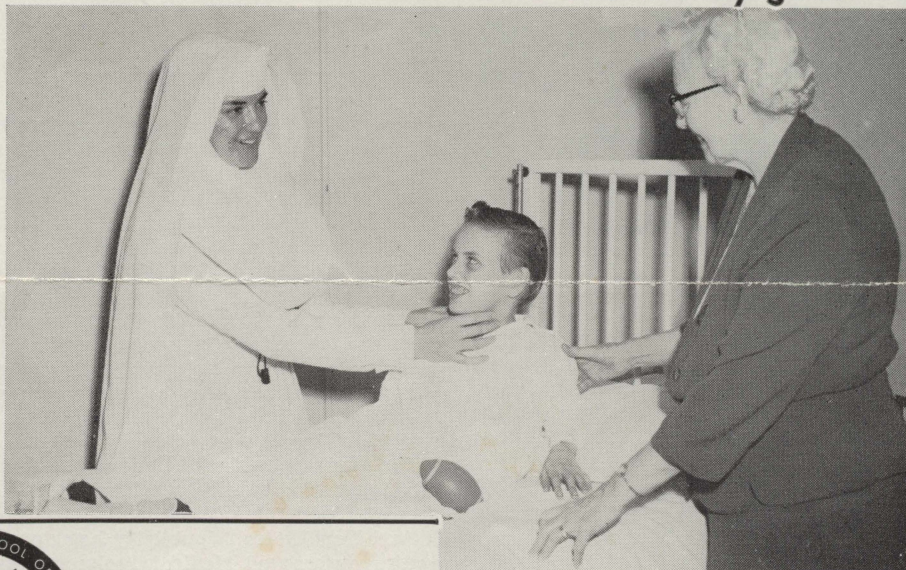
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WHO IS THE BOSS?

Who is the boss?
 The man who founded this hospital?
 The Board of Directors?
 The Medical Staff?
 The Administrator?
 The various Department Heads?
 No, none of these!
 I am the reason for this hospital.
 I am the reason for its success.
 I am its guiding genius.
 I do more to promote, raise wages,
 hire or fire, than any executive.
 I must be served before I bestow my
 blessings.
 I am the end-all and be-all of every-
 thing connected with this hospital.
 I am the foundation of all its progress.
 I am its Master.
 I AM THE PATIENT.

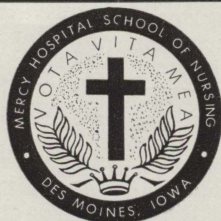
—"Pass-Events", Chicago

—Here is where GUILD BAZAAR money goes



Danny Hall of 216 E. Racoon Avenue is in good spirits as Sister Mary Timothea, Pediatric Supervisor, and Mrs. J. J. Kelly, a co-ordinator of the Guild's Christmas Bazaar, talk over his past experience.

GETTING TO KNOW



YOUR NURSES

Dear to every nurse's heart is her cap, recognized symbol of her profession and distinctive "trade-mark" of her school.

The stories of the origin of nurses' caps vary. Since the early days, women have worn caps indoors. Florence Nightingale was probably influenced by this when, in 1860, she designed the cap for the Nightingale Training School of St. Thomas Hospital.

Some authorities contend that the nurse's cap is a direct descendant of the headaddresses worn by nursing Nuns.

Each school's desire to have a distinctive cap has resulted in a multitude of styles. In the ensuing issues we will try to acquaint you with those found about our hospital.

Pictured here is the cap of our School of Nursing, affectionately spoken of by its wearers as the "Mercy Cap." It is made of white linen, and when unfolded lies flat for easy laundering. Upon graduation, the black stripe of ¼-inch velvet is applied.

The pin, which is also received upon graduation, is gold with the outer edge of royal blue, surrounding a cross and the Latin inscription "Vota Vita Mea"—I devote my life.

Needless to say, each of our graduates wears her pin and cap with a great deal of pride.



Preparations are in full swing for the Mercy Guild's Christmas Bazaar. This grand event takes place in the main lobby of the Hotel Fort Des Moines from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on December 3. A special \$1 bazaar luncheon will be served by the hotel. Free coffee will be furnished to shoppers during the afternoon.

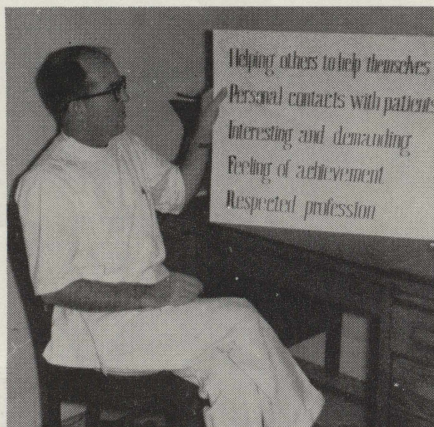
An all-out effort by members and friends of the Guild each year guarantees outstanding handmade merchandise at the one-day Bazaar. Items range from everyday needs to frothy, unusual holiday gifts and decorations. One of the new features of the 1957 Bazaar will be an "old world market" corner, where gifts from other countries will be displayed.

Mesdames J. J. Kelly and Albert Rutledge are the co-ordinators of the Guild's Christmas Bazaar.

All proceeds from the Christmas Bazaar will now finance Mercy's tonsillectomy program for needy children. The young patients, a maximum of 110 per year, are referred to the hospital through the Child Health Center. Mercy has been the only hospital in Des Moines underwriting the long-standing program.

Surgical care for the tonsil and adenoid cases is provided free by members of the Polk County Medical Association.

CAREERS THAT COUNT



Herbert Stuart, Registered Physical Therapist, displays a few of the qualities of his profession.

Physical Therapy is the treatment of disease and disability by means of massage, exercise, heat, cold, light, water and electricity. It has, like medicine, been studied and evaluated by scientific research and experiment, and the why's and wherefore's explained.

In the years following the First World War, the American Physical Association, a pioneer in this new profession, was acutely aware of a lack of educational standards and called attention to the necessity of accredited schools offering adequate courses. In the early 1930's, the American Medical Association adopted a resolution to study and consider the question of standards for physical therapy. Following this important action, the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the A.M.A. inspected the then existing schools and placed approval upon those which met requirements. The Council has continued this work to the present day.

A glance at the list of approved schools will indicate a variation in the length of courses offered and the type of certificate granted. It will be noted that the prerequisites include one of three backgrounds: Graduate of an approved school of nursing; graduate of physical education; or a stated number of science credits. Usually, but by no means universally, hospitals prefer physical therapists with the nursing background.

Physical Therapists can find employment in hospitals, private, public and industrial; schools for crippled children; state and federal welfare departments; physicians' offices; army hospitals, and others.

Physical Therapy can spell magic for the handicapped child, the victim of arthritis, and sufferers of other maladies that can be successfully treated by physical therapy. It is often a long pull of hard work and patience, but it is a very rewarding one. Physical Therapy is, indeed, one of the "Careers that Count."

LAB LINES

We are happy to once again call attention to our School of Medical Technology. Pictured below in the newly relocated and redecorated lecture room are our three students, and the three students from Broadlawns who are receiving their technical lectures here at Mercy.

November 1, Linda Brown, Shirley Ford and Janet Hanson, 1957 graduates of the Mercy School of Medical Technology, took the registry examination for national registration as Medical Technologists (ASCP). We're keeping our fingers crossed, too.

And Jeff Roggensack (the laboratory's gift to student nurses) says, "Four months at Mercy and still no mention in the MERCY NEWS."

In keeping with our reputation for hospitality in the laboratories, we are holding open house for the ornamental flu bug.

Our intention to provide the finest and best in laboratory services continues. Don Elefson, microbiologist, attended a three day seminar in intestinal protozoa held at the State University of Iowa; and Dorothy Becker, Serologist and Blood Bank specialist, attended the four day convention of the American Association of Blood Banks held in Chicago.

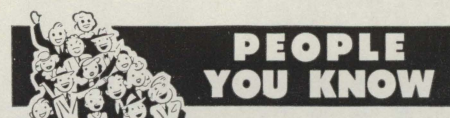
And Don Elefson (publicity hog) once again represented Medical Technologists and Mercy Hospital at the Annual Career Conference for High School Seniors at Drake University.

The Microbiology Lab personnel have established squatters' rights over observation of the small construction project in the north court, and want it understood they resent anyone else watching THEIR job.

The Mercy Technologists were hosts for the November meeting of the Des Moines Technologists. Dr. C. H. Denser, Jr. spoke on Cryptococcosis and showed some slides of this uncommon disease. Refreshments were arranged by Mary Ann Gaffey and Linda Brown.

Joe Zaletel, Clinical Biochemist, represented Mercy Hospital at the dedication of the new Medical Research Institute at Iowa City, November 23.

And in closing—he who thinketh by the inch and talketh by the yard should be kicketh by the foot.



BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Slater are proud parents of Karen Marie, born October 19. Mrs. Slater is the former Clarice Mattes, graduate of 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Barton L. Miner became the parents of Daniel Thomas, born on November 2. Mrs. Miner is the former Charlotte Welby, graduate of 1947.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Evans on the birth of Daniel Jude on October 12. Mrs. Evans is the former Elaine Durand, graduate of 1953.

Timothy Joseph, born November 9 to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burd. Mrs. Burd was formerly head nurse in Pediatrics.

Nancy Catherine, born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Petersen on November 2. Grace Petersen is a former Mercy dietitian.

INTRODUCING

On behalf of our hospital and the Mercy School of Nursing, the MERCY NEWS extends its welcome to Sister Mary Anne and Sister Mary Anton. Both Sisters are studying nursing in our school. Sister Mary Anne is a junior student, and Sister Mary Anton a senior.

HERE AND THERE

Miss Ruth Vawter and Mildred Torrance, dietitians, attended the meeting of the Iowa Dietetic Association at Ames, on November 12.

Miss Torrance, dietitian, attended the annual convention of the American Dietetic Association in Miami, Florida the week of October 20. One interesting feature was a side trip to the Research Division of Miami University. Here research is being carried on to find suitable methods of processing the many kinds of tropical fruits; such as guava, sea grapes, Barbados cherries, and papayas.

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The subject for today is—



Enrique Fals-Borda, Hematology Supervisor, instructs the Medical Technology students in the use of a Viewscope. Seated, left to right, are: Charlotte Nichols, Sandra Livengood, Sally Blackman, Joanne Bodenburger and Audrey Tam.