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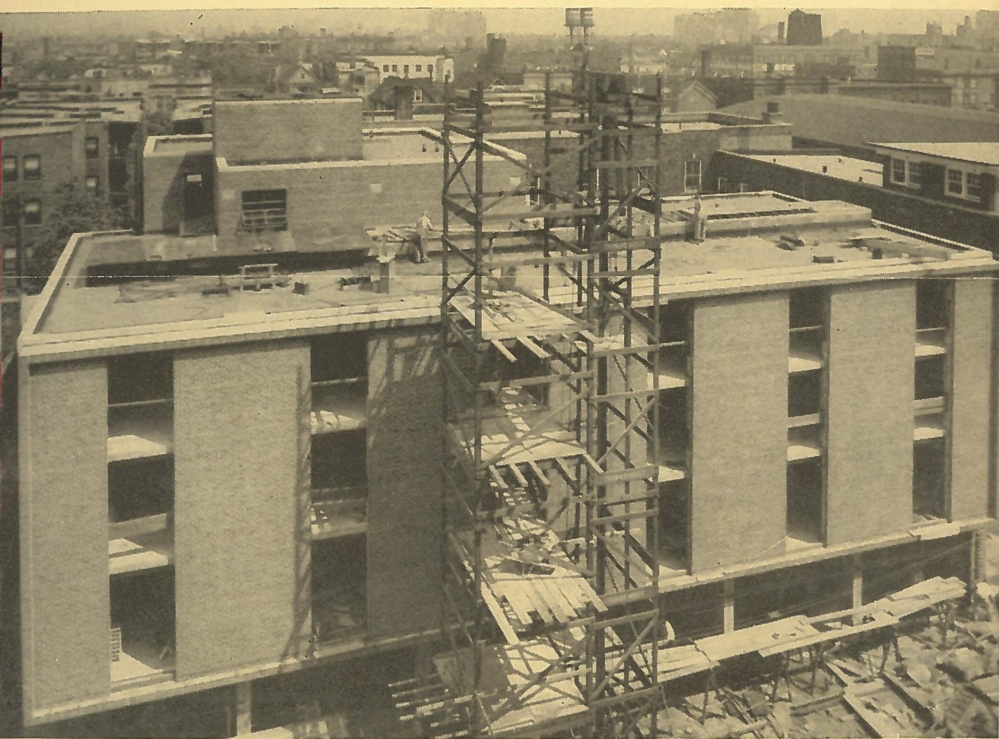
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Illinois Masonic Hospital

New Building To Be Ready By October 15

Thomas O. Wallace Nurses Residence at Illinois Masonic Hospital will provide living accommodations for 85 additional students. It also contains lounges and a chapel.



FALL NURSING CLASS IS LARGEST EVER

The fall class of student nurses which began training on September 7, 1954, is the largest class ever enrolled in our Nurses Training School. Capping ceremonies will be held at the Wellington Avenue Congregational Church on Monday, September 20.

Coming from approximately 20 communities in Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Indiana, these 43 young ladies are embarking on a career of service which will challenge their intelligence and strength. We welcome them and wish them every success in their train-

ing period. The following girls have enrolled:

Shirley Jane Samelson — Chicago
Diane Louise Guss — Chicago
Marlene Joan Robbins — Chicago
Jacqueline Ruth Richison — Chicago
Joyce Dolores Heideneich — Chicago
Marion Louise Johnson — Chicago
Dorothy Loewenstein — Chicago
Chiquita Lake — Evanston, Ill.
Patricia Grace Philp — Villa Park, Ill.
Evelyn D. Garcia — Chicago
Sandra Mozelle Ruble — South Bend, Ind.

Janette Smith — Benton Harbor, Mich.
Shirley Mae Gang — Elkhart, Ind.
Phyllis Diane Dean — Oaklawn, Ill.
Delores Jean Holbo — DeKalb, Ill.
Janet Dolores Costley — South Escanaba, Mich.

Jean K. Weinhold — Chicago
Thalia Dracos — Waukegan, Ill.
Ruth Anne Molnar — Chicago
Theresa Adele Setzke — Chicago
Doris Ann Dunham — Chicago
Mildred Ruth Martin — Martinsville, Ill.
Jacqueline Lucile Hoff — Chicago Heights, Ill.
Mary Edith Farmer — Franklin Park, Ill.

Georgette Kriegseis — Chicago
Francine Bernice Makstell — Chicago
Nancy Louise Morgan — Elmhurst, Ill.
Carol Jean Sedenquist — Escanaba, Mich.

Carol Ann Wendt — Des Plaines, Ill.
Doris Elaine Saari — DeKalb, Ill.
Marie N. Pencoff — Chicago
Nancy June Olson — Chicago
Gloria Mary Raczka — Chicago
Janice Mary Taglia — Chicago
Jo Reinardy — Evanston, Ill.
Carol Gladys Lubman — Chicago
Patricia Mary Brewer — Evanston, Ill.
LaRita Jean Asplund — Wausaukee, Wis.

Arlene Marie Burghard — River Forest, Ill.

Marilyn Iona Gogerty — Danville, Ill.
Barbara Jean Behrens — Chicago
Patricia Joan Storey — Danville, Ill.
Sue Carole Smith — Lake Forest, Ill.
Leora Reames — Chicago

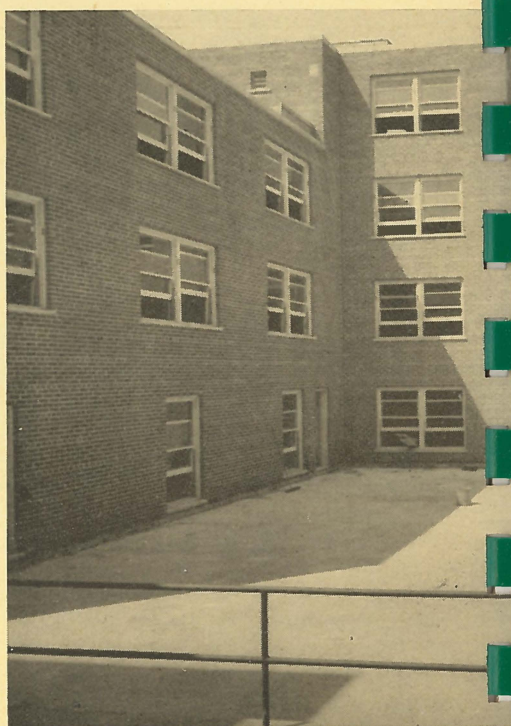
"JOHN'S GRADUATION"

Dr. John W. Williamson, retired pastor of St. Stephen's Methodist Church, has been a minister for over 50 years. Formerly president of the Roseland Ministerial Association, Dr. Williamson has been very active in civic affairs throughout his long career of service.

John's reputation was established well enough with his fellow men for people to call him a "gentleman and a scholar." If over forty years of preaching, teaching, counselling, and writing could produce a reasonable amount of intelligence, then John had the privilege of accepting with appreciation the admiration of his friends.

Yet John was due to enter a new school, a school where it was easy to be a scholar, but very difficult to be a gentleman. A very unexpected and unpleasant experience occurred suddenly one night.

He had gone to bed at his usual 10:30 p.m., apparently in good health. Six hours later, stabbing pains in the abdomen had John twisting and turning his body in an effort to find relief.



Roofdeck between new addition and old building provides privacy as well as sunlight.

He did just what anyone else would do — he yelled for help while his imagination went on a rampage guessing at the nature of his trouble. There were a number of consoling ideas. He had, for once, acted wisely in maintaining a Blue Cross membership.

Another blessing in the midst of pain was the fact that John's daughter Marjorie, a registered nurse, had said just before she sailed for Europe: "If either you or Mom ever need surgery, get hold of Dr. P.S." So it was. As soon as telephone arrangements could be made, Dr. S. acted, and the Illinois Masonic Hospital became John's new school of experience.

Arriving at the Hospital, John's eye caught sight of a bronze plaque set in the wall of the main entrance, "Dedicated to the service of mankind." Somehow the words were mental darts of encouragement, helping the new arrival to increased faith and confidence.

In this new school, he was a different person. All his life he had been advising and helping others; now, he must listen to others and accept their help. He had always had a will of his own; now, he could only fight the pain, indulge in fears, and wait for further care. John said to himself: "Never since I left my mother's lap have I had helplessness

make me feel to be a nobody, without adequate knowledge or ability to care for myself."

Strange indeed, for a man 72 years old, 170 lbs., 5' 10" tall, and renowned for health and strength. Wondering like a child "what comes next," he found himself taken to room 532C, where his earthly possessions were reduced to personal articles of comb, razor, and toothbrush, and a night gown split in the back, tied at the neck, and draped like a smock to the hips was given him for his 24-hours-a-day costume.

John was not left wondering too long, He soon found himself in an orderly process of handling and treatment, carried on by skilled people whose one interest was in finding out: "what's wrong with you?" and "how do we get at it and fix it?"

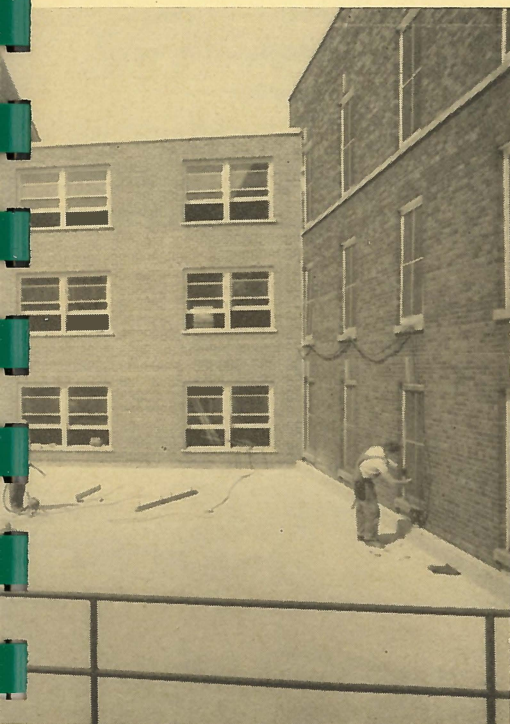
Enlightenment entered his understanding as he observed various helpers enter Room 532C. Never had he thought, for example, that a 22-year old Negro nurse would assist him in the services required in a bathroom. Those things which had always been considered the privacies of life had suddenly become matters of very public relations.

But, consistently, his surprise and embarrassment melted away under the influence of the girl, born on a Mississippi farm, whose training and dedication to the nursing profession had produced a decorum, dignity, kindness, and efficiency in service which removed all embarrassment and inconvenience.

Inevitably, the time of discharge arrived. In the meantime, experience had been stored in his memory of much to be remembered as being worthy of gratitude for services and care rendered. Four doctors, eight nurses, half a dozen X-Ray and laboratory attendants, had given John's body a thorough treatment inside and out.

Now he agreed and belived more than ever what David recorded in the 139th Psalm: "I will praise Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." In fact, the 139th Psalm became in John's mind a prophetic interpretation of what goes on in a modern hospital. Such ideas of "search and research", "knowledge too wonderful," "darkness chased by light," mysteries of human frame and organisms," are all parts of ancient language fitted to the clinic and the hospital.

Room 532C also provided a window through which John could watch workmen building another addition to the Nurses Home. And he came to understand that such expansion was a part of a plan and purpose for the furtherance of living up to the bronze plaque at the main entrance: "Dedicated to the service of mankind."



Portion of Nurses Residence will provide sunbathing and recreation.

Rep. Edgar A. Jonas Leads Fight for Federal Hospital Grants

In the battle over the Hill-Burton appropriation for federal grants to build and complete hospitals and facilities, the Hon. Edgar A. Jonas spoke in the House recently and stated: "In recent years hospital construction under the hospital survey and construction program has amounted nation-wide to about one-third of our total hospital construction, exclusive of purely federal construction. Total civilian hospital construction has been at a level which has barely kept up with the increase in population. If the hospital survey and construction program is to be only \$65,000,000 next year, no inroad can be made on the accumulated bed deficiency"

Chaplaincy Service

The Hospital is pleased to announce that the new Chaplaincy service, with a non-sectarian Chaplain in attendance for the comfort of patients, has been received by many sufferers with great satisfaction. Every Sunday afternoon at

2.00 P.M. a worship service is held in the 6th Floor Seminar Room. These non-denominational services are open to all in the hospital who wish to find strength and comfort through meditation and prayer.

Future Addition

We are currently developing ideas and plans for a further addition to your hospital, which, we hope, can be erected in the near future. This new wing would not only provide additional bed space, but also room for Psychiatric and Chronic cases, as well as new and enlarged Obstetrics and Pediatrics departments.

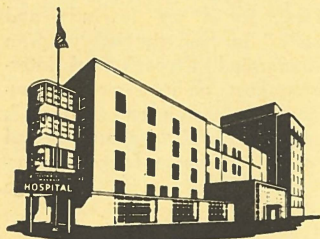
\$1,000 Gift From

Mrs. Annie J. Weyrauch

We gratefully acknowledge the generous gift of \$1,000 from Mrs. Annie J. Weyrauch, presented to the Hospital recently through Elmwood Park Lodge. A plaque commemorating the donation and honoring the memory of her husband, William Weyrauch, will be placed in the hospital lobby.

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