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**Expanded
Facilities
for
Central
Supply
Will
Improve
Efficiency**

Shown above is Miss Floretta LaRue, head of Central Supply with the new autoclave recently added to her department. This unit, one of the largest in Chicago, provides cyclomatic control which charts time and temperature for definite determination of sterilization. Along with its previous, smaller companion, it will care for sterilizing all equipment furnished by Central Supply. This is part of the latest renovation and ex-

pansion which doubles the area available for this perhaps unglamorous but most necessary part of a hospital.

This department furnishes all nursing supplies, sterile equipment, dressings, and other materials for all floors of the hospital, except Surgery and Obstetrics, and is responsible to a large degree for the fact that the rate of infection in our hospital is negligible considering the large volume of service that is given.

Expanded Facilities of Central Supply



Left: Sterile solutions and other equipment ready for use at a moment's notice are stacked on shelves in new and enlarged quarters of Central Supply. Right: Miss LaRue carefully checks equipment and supplies necessary for tracheotomy before wrapping complete tray for sterilization.

Some very small idea of the volume might be gained by learning that approximately 300 pairs of gloves are processed each day and that 8 to 10 thousand syringes are used each week with disposable needles. The syringes have their own special washing machine.

Bedside equipment for patients is dispensed from this department. All materials for special tests and procedures of all kinds are cleaned, checked for completeness, wrapped, sterilized, and stored so that they are ready at a moment's notice. The handling of all this equipment at a central location elimi-

nates duplication on each floor.

Another function of Central Supply is to prepare and sterilize solutions for irrigation purposes, hot packs, etc. To facilitate this phase of the work, new equipment has been added so that the department distills its own water.

Miss LaRue, head of Central Supply, was originally graduated from the Illinois Masonic Hospital School of Nursing. She has been in the department for twelve years and has under her supervision one other nurse and eleven aides, providing full 24-hour coverage for the hospital.

Scottish Rite Gift

We acknowledge with deep appreciation the gift of \$1500 from the Scottish Rite. This was sent to the hospital by William E. Kaiser, Almoner of the Van Rensselaer Lodge of Perfection.

Other gifts in the recent past for which we wish to express our gratitude are \$382 from Jackson Park Lodge #915 and \$300 from the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Grand Master's Report

The following is from the annual report of Paul R. Stephens, Most Worshipful Grand Master, A. F. & A. M. of Illinois; speaking of Illinois Masonic Hospital:

"While this wonderful institution is no part of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, we do recognize the work they do and the high standards they strive for. The Masons of Cook County can be proud of the part they play in the service this institution gives."

We Lose a Good Friend

Brother William Frank Koepke, a charter member and Past Master of Community Lodge #1005, passed away in the hospital on October 13, 1960, at the age of 83.

A retired fire chief, Brother Koepke was also a great help to Acme Lodge and the whole fraternity. It had been his practice for many years to visit sick brethren both at the hospitals and in their homes, and to conduct funeral services for members of the Order.

Illinois Masonic Hospital was grateful to Brother Koepke in a very special way for his work with Community Lodge in raising funds for the Hospital. The annual check for \$1005 from that group reached the hospital the early part of last month. This loyal support over the years has meant much to the hospital.

Endowment Gift Received

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Alfred Littlewood of River Forest, Illinois, have recently made a very substantial donation to endow a number of rooms in the Hospital. Mr. Littlewood is a member of Austin Lodge, Medinah Temple, and the Scottish Rite Bodies.

Rhinoplasty Clinic Meets

Again as in the past few years, the Illinois Masonic Hospital was proud to provide facilities for the annual seminars of Dr. Cottle's Rhinoplasty Clinic which met the first week of October. Founded by Maurice H. Cottle, M. D., the popularity of this event has grown until this year there were over 100 physicians and surgeons in attendance from all over the country.

The clinic was timed so that the doctors could also attend the American Rhinologic Society which met on October 8 in the Belmont Hotel. We are also proud that Drs. Roland M. Loring, and George G. Fischer, members of our staff, are president and treasurer respectively of this nationally famous organization.

Rainbow Girls Dinner

Mrs. Mary S. Abt, Supreme Inspector of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, with Miss Jean Bowdall and Mr. Herbert Sargent, members of the State Executive Committee were special guests at the Fourth Annual Dinner for Rainbow for Girls student and graduate nurses of Illinois Masonic Hospital. This affair was held October 26 in the Hospital dining room and was attended by many of the parents. Also represented were the Hospital Board, Staff and Women's Auxiliary. Mistress of Ceremonies was Miss Anne Forney of Libertyville.

It is of significance that we now have 24 nurses who are here at the hospital through the Order of Rainbow for Girls. The Superintendent was pleased to say that it is through the great help of this organization, the Jobs Daughters and the Order of Eastern Star that we receive the major share of nurses in our training school. Through the thinking of leaders and the providing of the nursing scholarships, these organizations have endeared themselves to many patients of the hospital.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS DINNER

The seventh annual dinner for the Job's Daughters who are in the nursing field at Illinois Masonic Hospital was held in the dining room on Thursday, November 3. Mrs. Lida Theis, Grand Guardian, and Mr. William Lemmer, Associate Grand Guardian, with many other members of the Grand Council of Job's Daughters of Illinois attended. These honored guests enjoyed visiting with the 41 student nurses and the 10 graduate nurses who are at the hospital. The program was planned and executed by the student nurses. Miss Lynn Perfect of Chicago Bethel No. 5 was Mistress of Ceremonies and Miss Peggy Clift of Calumet City Bethel No. 57 spoke on "A Job's Daughter as a Nurse." Members of the Board and the staff were also represented and made brief remarks praising the work of these young women.

Letters of Appreciation

Mr. Tenney:

Going home. Thanks for such fine people, such fine meals. All the help are ready at all hours to make everyone get well. God sent me here. My doctors are the best ever—Dr. Sugar and Dr. Fox.

I am so happy to be with God and my Doctors.
I am a Mason.

Charles R. Wennberg
Highland Park, Illinois

Dear Mr. Tenney:

Not too long ago, it was my unfortunate experience to be stricken with an ailment that required emergency hospitalization.

Being from out of town it was my luck to have heard of the Illinois Masonic Hospital so naturally I requested to be taken there for treatment. As a Mason in good standing (Mosaic 530 A & FM, Detroit) I had confidence that I would be among friends and receive proper care. My faith was well rewarded because had it not been for immediate and efficient medical attention my chances of survival would have been dim.

My purpose in writing this letter is to thank you and your staff for the wonderful services which were rendered me during my confinement and recovery. Please keep up the good work.

Very truly yours,

Paul Lobet
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

My husband stated he received wonderful care while a patient in Room 354, could not praise the nurses, aides and other personnel enough and thoroughly enjoyed his stay there. Many people complain about hospital service these days and I thought you should hear praise and gratitude when expressed. Thank you kindly for this wonderful care and attention he received.

(signed) Dorothea M. Mosbarger, R. N.

Your Hospital at Work

DISPENSARY

During the month of October the Dispensary handled 4,018 cases of whom 26 were Association Cases. Among the patients serviced were 104 student nurses, 124 employees and 74 casts were applied.

15 different Masonic organizations were represented in our dispensary for the month as follows:

13 Lodges and 2 Eastern Star Chapters.

The professional division of the dispensary was as follows:

Medical — 1,672; Surgical — 990; Ear, Nose and Throat — 262; Obstetrical — 230; Urology — 32; Pediatrics — 390.

PHYSIOTHERAPY DEPARTMENTS

1,033 treatments were given for the month of October. 935 were for patients in the hospital, 59 out patients, 5 Charity Cases, 1 Welfare Case.

LODGES HAVING ASSOCIATION PATIENTS IN THE HOSPITAL

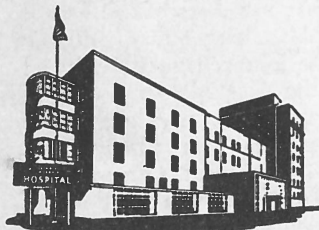
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