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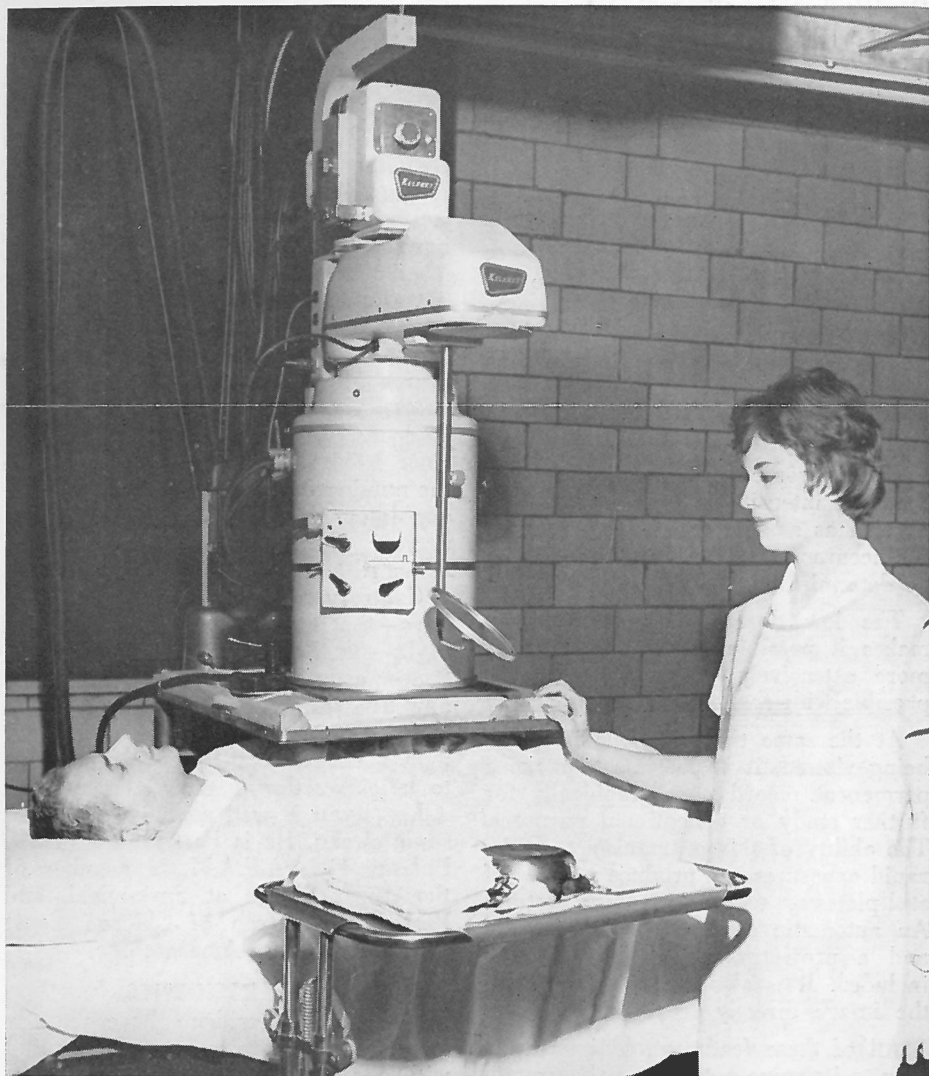
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## Illinois Masonic Hospital

### NEWEST X-RAY PROCEDURE



William Purdy poses as patient while Dorothy Huck, R. N., makes arrangements to demonstrate new Fluoroscopic Image Intensifier Unit in the Cardio-Pulmonary Department. Instrument will greatly facilitate diagnostic procedures.

## X-Ray

### Procedure

The latest development in diagnostic X-Ray equipment is the Fluoroscopic Image Intensifier Unit which has just been installed in our Cardio-Pulmonary Function Laboratory. This machine, which will be under the supervision of Dr. Paul Schimert, will be used in many ways but will be of greatest immediate value in cardiac catheterizations and diagnostic problems.

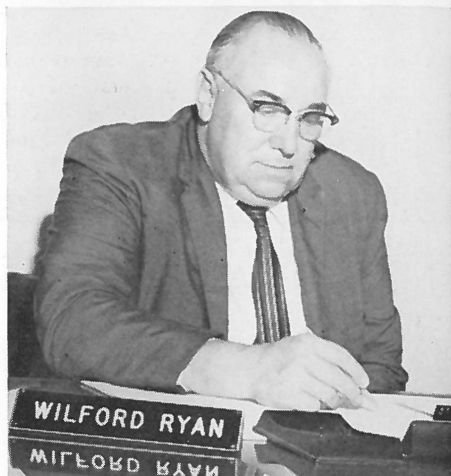
The first to be installed in Chicago and valued at over \$40,000, this unit has many advantages. The greatest of these is that it will enable a physician, at a low dosage of radiation to the patient, to see an image 3,000 times more distinct than he was able to see with the conventional fluoroscopic screen. This means that the machine may be used for longer periods of time without harm to the patient, making it possible for the complete procedure to be viewed by the physician.

An electronic light stabilizer insures the same intensity of light for the large as well as smaller areas. This adds to the accuracy with which diagnosis can be determined.

The low dosage of radiation also makes it possible to use the machine more extensively on children than is possible with conventional equipment.

At the same time that the image is being viewed, it is possible to make a permanent record photographically for further study or educational purposes. The ability of this mechanism to make rapid exposures can produce a series of still plates or a regular moving picture. An automatic developer for such film and a projector for its viewing are included. It is also possible to televise the image directly from the machine.

All of these features add immeasurably to its value not only in the process of diagnosis itself but in the development of education for further advances in the medical field.



In the current issue of the *Readers' Digest* appears an article lamenting the lack of the presence of doctors in many hospitals during the night hours. Our hospital not only has doctors on duty, but also a superintendent to coordinate all the functions of the hospital so that the best of service can be given twenty-four hours a day.

Mr. Wilford Ryan, Night Superintendent, has been with the hospital since 1954 when he was working with the nursing department. In 1957 he was appointed assistant superintendent and a year later was given his present responsibility.

Contrary to the idea that some may have—that things are quiet during the night—Mr. Ryan assures us that there is “never a dull moment.” About 80% of admitting is done during the evening shift; emergencies must be handled with a skeletal staff; and people seem to be sicker during the night hours.

Mr. Ryan is well acquainted in Masonic circles. He is Past Master of Mt. Pulaski #87, A.F.A.M., a member of the Anzar Shrine at Springfield, and Past Royal Patron of Chicago Court #2, Order of the Amaranth.

### NEW RESIDENTS

Several new residents have recently been added to those already serving with our hospital staff. This brings the total to approximately forty in training with the staff physicians in different specialties.

## **BEIDLER BEQUEST**

Attorney John R. Tripp has sent to the hospital a check in the amount of \$5,000. This comes as payment of the bequest under Article Six of the will of Mrs. Ann Estelle Beidler. The residue of the estate is to be divided between two charities — the Salvation Army and the Illinois Masonic Hospital. We understand this is a considerable sum. The Board of Trustees is very grateful to those who provide in this way for the work of the hospital.

## **PURCHASE SECOND AUTOANALYZER**

At the beginning of the year, this paper carried a feature story about the AutoAnalyzer which was being put into operation in the Clinical Laboratories. Used to automatically test numerous blood and chemical procedures, this machine has proved so satisfactory that the Board has felt it worth the considerable investment to purchase a second of these devices. This will further facilitate the efficiency of the department, for such a machine can do the work of several technicians.

## **CLARA FRANCIS MEMORIAL NURSES SCHOLARSHIP**

This fall another nurse will be put on full scholarship in Illinois Masonic Hospital through the sponsorship of the Clara W. Francis Club in honor of their former Worthy Grand Matron. This makes the eighth young lady to be chosen as a recipient on the basis of merit, ability and need to receive such a scholarship. Mrs. Yolanda Van Emden is chairman of the fund.

## **ASSOCIATIONS PATIENTS IN THE HOSPITAL**

*Lodges:* Albany Park, Banner Blue, Fortitude, Herder, Independence, Kosmos, Portage Park, Richard Cole, Vega Herder.

*O.E.S. Chapters:* Bohemia, Forrestville, Irving Park, Justice, Ravenswood, Woodlawn.

## **\$20,000 BEQUEST RECEIVED**

Last month the Hospital received \$20,000, a bequest from the estate of Ida H. Schmidt, deceased. The Board of Trustees is very appreciative of this large donation which will be of such great help to our building program this winter.

We should also like to express our appreciation to Miss Ida H. Hummel through whom this gift came to us. Miss Hummel and her brother Fred'rk



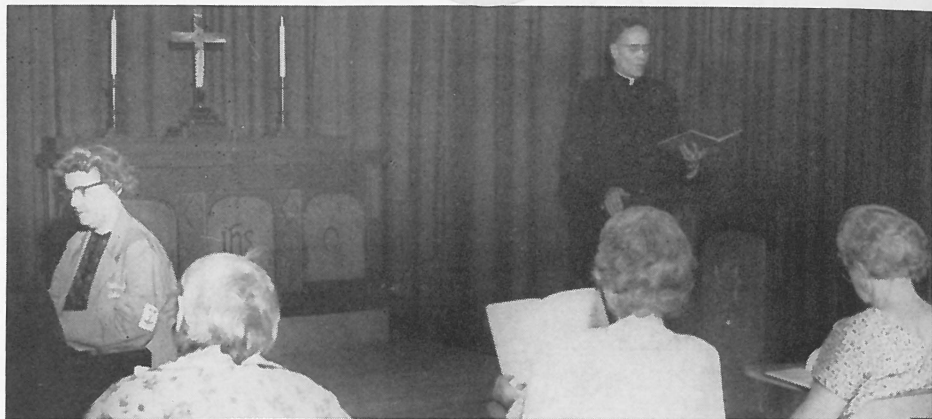
The late Fred'rk E. Hummel

E. Hummel, who passed away last December, have been quietly helping to support the charitable work that we have been able to do through regular contributions from the Hummel Foundation. This Foundation was started by the family many years ago and has been the means of assisting thousands of people through the years. We are very grateful for such loyal friends.

## **SCOTTISH RITE ALMONERS DONATE**

The President of our Board, Judge Edgar A. Jonas, has turned over to the hospital a check for \$500 given to him by Mr. Oliver Grunditz on behalf of the Scottish Rite Almoners Fund. We appreciate the support we have been privileged to receive from the Scottish Rite Bodies throughout the years to aid in our services to the sick and needy.

## NON-SECTARIAN WORSHIP



Miss Doris Robison at the piano (left) and the Rev. Philip Warmanen of the Messiah Lutheran Church lead the non-sectarian worship service being conducted in the Chapel of the 6th Floor.

Each Sunday since 1954, the quiet strains of a simple, hymnal prelude has been heard in the corridor near the sixth floor Seminar Room just before 2:00 P. M. On those days, as well as other special religious holidays, the front of the room has been transformed into a restful chapel by a curtained background and the beautiful fumed oak altar and lectern. These were purchased with a gift presented to the hospital on behalf of the Grand Court

of Illinois, Order of the Amaranth.

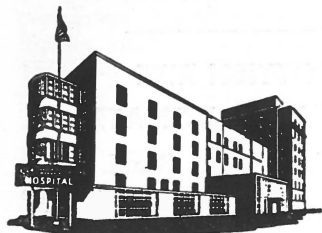
Regular services are conducted each Sunday by ministers provided by the Lakeview Associated Ministry of Protestants. Music is offered by Miss Doris Robison, registered music therapist, who also works with patients through the hospital.

These non-denominational services are open to all patients, visitors, and hospital personnel and afford a devotional period for people of all faiths.

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