

Seven members of the staff of nurses are shown (right) at the front entrance to the hospital. They are, left to right: Miss Lydia Stone, Mrs. Claudia B. Jones, Miss Martha Ann Coats, Mrs. Azalie Watson, Miss Ruth Owen, Mrs. Mary Irene Bowen, and Mrs. Frances McCall. Absent when this photograph was made were Mrs. Inez Grooms, Mrs. Grace Greer, Mrs. Myrtle Kitchen, Mrs. Dicie Waters and Mrs. Canna Woodfin.



medical care for the people of Transylvania County.

Before Ecusta was established, the Lyday Memorial Hospital, Inc., was operating in a rented residence, which was the only structure available at that time. A small building fund had been accumulated in the hope that some day a new building could be constructed. After Ecusta began operations in 1939, and an influx of people began in the area, it became imperative that the community have better hospital facilities.

Mr. Straus became very much interested in a

new hospital and he offered his services to the Board of Trustees—serving as chairman of the Building Fund Committee and later chairman of the Building Committee. During the drive for funds, Mr. Straus pledged the company to match, dollar for dollar, the contributions of the employees.

In the spring of 1942, when the hospital building had been completed, approximately \$106,000 had been raised, with the Duke Endowment giving around \$34,000, and Ecusta employees and the

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Transylvania County now has one of the most modern and best equipped hospitals in the South. Martha Ann Coats, RN, is shown operating the new autoclave, which sterilizes all instruments and supplies. A. E. Norville, Medical Technologist, is shown conducting one of the laboratory tests which are daily a part of hospital routine.

