

It's The Most Important Building To Be Found In The Town

It's Your Hospital And It's Your Life

WILMINGTON — By H. J. WHITE, Administrator, Community Hospital. Hospitals are undergoing a REVOLUTION. THEY DON'T wave red flags. THEY DON'T shoot from behind barricades. THEY DON'T even look like wild-eyed radicals. Seter-suited businessmen most of them. Or modestly dressed women. Or black-hatted Franciscans.

THEY ARE THE PEOPLE WHO RUN YOUR HOSPITALS. Most of them don't especially want to be revolutionaries. Beset by bills to pay and plagued by the nursing shortage, they'd be happy for progress to give them a little breathing spell.

But willing or not, they're being caught up in a revolution that has swept the hospital business—changing medical treatment, boosting costs, converting the hospitals from private to community projects.

It's your revolution. In the first place, you've paid for these hospitals. Ninety-five percent of their buildings have been paid for by your gifts or your taxes. More important, your life probably will depend on the kind of care these hospitals give you. Sometime, that is — or maybe next week.

You have one chance in nine this year of entering YOUR HOSPITAL as a patient. Probably one of your family will enter it in the next two or three years.

What is this revolution? How does it affect your investment, or your life? In the first place you will probably enter a hospital more frequently and more casually than you have ever thought of doing. You go to a hospital for tests and treatments to prevent diseases that would have had your father flat on his back before the idea of a hospital ever entered his mind.

Once inside, even for a major operation, you get more concentrated care, more tests, more injections. You have a better chance to live. You're up on your feet sooner, and your stay is days shorter than it would have been even five years ago.

Your bill is higher, too. The average hospital bill today is enough to make you want to go back up to your room and lie down again. But there's nobody

standing behind the door and checking over the profits as you put your money down at the cashier's window. The amount of your bill invariably doesn't even reimburse the hospital for the money it has spent to get you on your feet again.

Even with the best efforts of business-like management and hospital that breaks even does so by the grace of God, the generosity and federal or the fact that it can't get enough employees to make the sort of deficit it would ordinarily have.

What are the revolutionary trends in the health and hospital picture responsible for your longer life, thinner pocketbook, and better health for the whole community?

Here are some that particularly affect Community Hospital as well as all hospitals.

1. Rapid medical advances that have changed the entire pattern of hospital care. Instead of a place just to keep sick people the hospital is becoming a center for medical diagnosis and treatment.

2. Transformation of the hospital from an isolated organization, run by a few to a community service.

3. Higher standards and wider fields for professional employees such as nurses which make the profession more attractive and its members more competent, but adds to the shortage of nurses.

4. Transformation of the hospital from a charitable service for the poor to a non-profit service for the whole population.

5. Inflation that has skyrocketed hospital costs, increased wages, forced hospitals to hire more people.

6. Increase of pre-payment insurance plans that help patients to pay their hospital bills and the hospitals to make ends meet.

These major trends will be examined in a series of stories beginning in the next edition of your JOURNAL. These stories are designed to give you a more thorough understanding of your hospital, as well as other hospitals throughout the country, as they struggle to keep up with progress.



FRESHMAN GIRL CROWNED QUEEN AT N.C.T.S.

— For the first time in years the Freshman class of Nash County Training School surprised the entire student body and the community at large by winning the Homecoming Contest which closed November 5, 1952. As a result, Doris Elmata Polley, co-president of the Freshman class was crowned Miss Nash III. The Freshman class under the direction of Mrs. R. P. Roberts and Mrs. Vera H. Mann led the High

school group with \$571.52. The coronation took place during a thrilling game between the Nash III Falcons and Mary Potter Rams. Attending the Queen were four classmates, Joyce Ann Brdicke, Arlinda Dunston, Jackie Rogers and Marie Sessions. Elementary attendants were: Thelma

Stalling, co-captain of the Falcons, escorted the Queen to the throne and Jodie Wilson, also co-captain did the honors of crowning Miss Nash III. Flowers were presented by David Cooper, co-captain of the Freshman class. A thrilling game 8-0 was enjoyed by everyone attending.

SENTENCE SERMON

LET US AS A NATION FEAR GOD, AND WE'LL HAVE NO FURTHER CAUSE TO FEAR.

1. This caption bespeaks a secret which most men seem not to know, and lacking this Divine intelligence are exposed to the enemy's blow.

2. The fear of God is the strength of the individual and the Nation; with it only can men rise to the height of their creation.

3. The toys of Satanic appeasement can't build a Nation strong, for His power is not give unto weaklings, who forever lean toward wrong.

4. Thus in the building of a

SCIENTIST EMPHASIZES NECESSITY OF RELIGION

1. DRUNKENNESS costs this country close to a billion dollars a year.

2. ONE OUT OF EVERY TEN persons in the United States needs mental treatment of some kind.

3. AND 22,000 AMERICANS kill themselves every year.

These three epidemics — Intoxication, mental illness, and suicide — indicate that personal mental crises are characteristic of our generation.

C. G. Jung, one of the three most distinguished of all psychiatrists and dead, gives us this revealing glimpse into his world-famous clinic:

"Among all my patients in the second half of life, there has not been one whose problem in the last resort was not that of finding a religious outlook on life. It is safe to say that every one of them fell ill because he had lost that which the living religions of every age have given to their followers, and none of them has been really healed who did not regain his religious outlook."

TO MANY WHO have abandoned religion, this must be throwing a new light on it. Walter Lippmann once said that Americans were suffering from "rootlessness."

This idea illustrates what happens when a man severs all connections with his Creator. At once he is adrift on a shoreless ocean. There is nowhere to go, nothing to do but drift.

As It Looks From Here

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HE WAS 85 and a half years old, he said, and he added the extra months as if he were proud of them. He hadn't had much time for books, except the technical books of his profession, since he finished Duke over fifty years ago.

BUT HE HAD LEARNED a lot by doing, and by watching the world around him. And he wasn't dissatisfied with what he had done, and he wasn't too disturbed about the way the world was going. He had spent his life building and helping cities grow. In a hundred little Carolina towns he had laid the first paving that hid forever the old dirt streets that were rivers of mud in winter and strips of thick dust in the summer time. He had built the electric plant that gave them lights and power to run machines. He had built the water systems that allowed them to board up the old wells where fevers lurked, and he had laid the sewer lines that had made them clean and healthy. And he had seen them build and grow far beyond the small systems that he laid out for them at first. He had laid out the snags of the little towns, he said, and in this he had helped to build the nation, and now in its strength the nation fumblingly and with many errors, but with good will, was helping to build a better and happier world.

AND WE TALKED about now for the first time in history a great nation, asking nothing for itself, was, when you get right down to it, trying to conquer the world with love rather than with force of arms, coveting nothing that others owned, seeking only that all men everywhere should live in freedom, and in peace.

AND WE BOTH AGREED that a nation whose strength went right down to the tap-roots, to the little towns, to the individual free man, cussing his government now and then, maybe, but knowing in his heart that no better govern-

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First Byzantine Shrine in Midwest

CHICAGO—Thousands of Communicants of the Greek Orthodox Church from all parts of the country and Canada are expected to converge here Dec. 5, to attend the dedication ceremonies of the newly decorated St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, said to be the first Byzantine shrine in the middle west. Dedication ceremonies will begin at 7 o'clock in the evening, Dec. 5, and continue for three days.

High dignitaries of the Greek church in America, including Rt. Rev. Bishop Gerassimos, Chicago, and practically all priests and choirs of the Chicago diocese, will take part in the rites which will be highlighted by traditional litanies and liturgies of the Greek church centuries old.

The decoration of St. Nicholas Church which has just been completed has been pronounced correctly Byzantine. Artist Costas Trinitaphyllou, who has studied Byzantine iconography and decoration in the old monasteries of Greece, came to Chicago to supervise the work. Rev. Daniel Gambiriza, head above, pastor of the church, announced that dedication ceremonies coincide with the 25th anniversary of the founding of St. Nicholas. Rev. Gambiriza also has completed 25 years of rectorship at the church.

Predict Record Number Of Births
January 1 Will Greet The New Year

GETTING children to eat often is a problem that can be solved through the use of beautiful silverware. Youngster above evidently recognizes her own 1847 Rogers Bros. silverware.

The year 1953 will get off to a record start with an all-time number of babies being born January 1... and it's likely all may be born with "a silver spoon in their mouth."

In announcing that for the fourth consecutive year all babies arriving on New Year's Day will be eligible to receive a free silverware gift, 1847 Rogers Bros. disclosed that 10,700 babies are expected to be born January 1, 1953. The estimate is based on forecasts made for 1847 Rogers Bros. by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and Parents' magazine.

"This means," declared John D. Shaw of the silverware concern, "that an all-time record for babies born on New Year's Day will be established. The January, 1952 total, while still not official, has been set at 10,502. This sets a new record. It is 556 more than the number of babies born January 1, 1951."

There'll be no increase in the number of twins due to arrive with the New Year. The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company forecasts 105 sets of twins—the same as a year ago.

Each baby born this New Year's Day is eligible to receive a three-piece feeding set from 1847 Rogers Bros. This consists of a newly designed long-handle spoon for easy infant feeding, plus a "Learn-to-Eat" fork and spoon. Approximately 47 per cent of the parents of 1952 New Year's Day babies received a free spoon from Meriden, Conn. silversmiths. This year 1847 Rogers Bros. would like EVERY baby born to receive the feeding set. Twins will be eligible for a six-piece step-up set that provides necessary flatware for children up to 7 years of age.

It is necessary only for parents of children born January 1, to send their names and addresses, plus the name of the attending physician and hospital to 1847 Rogers Bros., Meriden, Conn. to receive the free gift.

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It Pays To Advertise

DRIVE CAREFULLY

WILMINGTON — THEY FIGHT IT — The above students of Williston high school currently are selling T. B. seals under the direction of Miss Sadie B. Hooper of the high school faculty. Miss Hooper and Dr. M. N. Leary are heading up the Negro division of the seals campaign.

A & T Choir In Carol Concert

GREENSBORO — The A. and T. College Choir will present the annual Christmas Carol Concert in the Harrison Hall on Sunday, December 13 at 8:00 p.m.

Chimneying a full month of appreciation for one of the musical organizations' principal appearances of the winter season, the group will be conducted by Howard T. Peasall, director of music at the college and Miss Rosemond Satterwhite.

RELATED WEDDING GIFT — Famed musician Duke Ellington (left) is shown at a New York airport as he shipped off a belated wedding present to his white drummer Louis Bellson, now married to Pearl Bailey. The Bellsons, now back in the United States, are on cross-country auto tour to California. They may stop off to see Bellson's mother, who welcomes the pair. (Newspress Photo.)

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