

Co-Supts' Corner



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In Spring, a Duke Hospital man's fancy turns to the hoe and spade, picnics, fishing poles, Buggs Island—and BUDGETS.

Beginning this month, each department head in turn will be invited to attend a budget conference. This year's progress and this year's problems will be discussed in detail. Plans for the new fiscal year will be made and expressed in terms of dollars needed to provide personnel and supplies necessary to carry out these plans. Future income will be estimated and a balance between income and expense sought.

In light of the country's general economic situation and the financial problems facing us, it may not be possible to balance the budget. We will ask each department head to plan carefully and to take full advantage of all possible economies—economies that will NOT penalize service to our patients.

A report on the operation of our Hospital during the calendar year 1953 reveals some important things. The cost of caring for the average patient for ONE day in the Hospital was \$19.57—an increase of 12 per cent over 1952.

Why the increase? Biggest factors: Fewer patient days over which to spread the cost of operation, and increased salaries to personnel.

Inflation and new services for our patients helped account for the increase but were not major influences.

An average daily cost of \$19.57 per patient may seem to be a staggering figure, but it is well within the cost experienced by other hospitals which offer complete services.

Here's the way the Duke Hospital dollar was spent in 1953:

Administration	\$.05
Dietary	.14
Laundry	.02
Housekeeping	.05

Medical Personnel from N. C. Here for Spinal Cord Meet

A special two-day conference on spinal cord injuries got underway here Thursday for medical service personnel from throughout the State.

Dr. James H. Semans, program chairman, said that the Conference stresses team care of patients with spinal cord injuries, as well as explains the role of each service involved in the care of such patients.

"Care of a paralyzed patient during the first few weeks requires intensive, specialized team care," Dr. Semans pointed out.

Sessions began at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, in the Amphitheatre. Visiting representatives from the State's hospitals, clinics and teaching institutions had an opportunity to question medical consultants and other team mem-

bers.

Highlight on Thursday was a movie "The Men," starring Marlon Brando and depicting the story of a paraplegic.

Friday's meeting features a roundtable discussion of "The Integrated Treatment Program" for pre-ambulatory and ambulatory patients. The final session will deal with "Functional Devices and Home Adjustment."

Roundtable participants include Miss Mary Clyde Singleton, physical therapy; Miss Dorothy Bray, nursing; Mrs. Jeanette Reardon, social service; Mrs. Elizabeth Waggoner, occupational therapy; Dr. Semans, urology; Miss Glora Kicklighter, dietetics; and Dr. E. Charles Kunkle, neurology.

Heat, Light, Water	.03
Maintenance & Repairs	.05
Medical & Surgical	
A. Salaries of Physicians	
Surgeons and Housestaff	.05
B. Supplies & Misc.	.16
Nursing Service	.21
Nursing Education	.02
Medical Records	.02
Social Service	.01
X-Ray	.05
Laboratories	.05
Pharmacy	.03
Physical Therapy	.01
Depreciation	.05
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From a different point of view the expenses were distributed as follows:

Salaries & Wages	.55
Supplies	.31
Misc.	.14
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Scholarships

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attributes.

This year's contestants will be Patsy Paige McLamb, Goldsboro; Betty Frances Thompson, Wilmington; Loretta Kay Thompson, Ayden; Emily Eastwood Francis, Washington; Kay Lorraine Shepherd, Winston-Salem; Patricia Drake, Asheboro; Patricia Anne Ingle, Raleigh; Marjorie Anne Brewer, Graham; Sandra Eleanor Carpenter, Charlotte; Julia Ann Gardner, Gastonia; Martha Caroline Fortune, Brevard; Carolyn

Wayne Taylor, Charlotte; Dorothy Elizabeth England, Marion; and Patricia Ann Helms, Monroe.

Duke Calendar

A calendar of events and meetings to be held at Duke Hospital will be published in each issue of the InterCom. If you would like to include notices of events to be held during June and July, please call Hospital Extension 8206 before May 20.

April 8-9, Spinal Cord Conference in Amphitheatre.

April 9-10, School of Nursing Scholarship Competition.

April 11, 4 p.m., Town Hall meeting in Physics Building Auditorium. Topic for Discussion, "Accidents—in the Home and on the Highway."

April 19, 8:30 p.m., lecture by Paul Weiss in Engineering Auditorium. Topic, "Science, the Scientist and Society."

April 20, lecture by Dr. Richard Bing. Topic, "Metabolism of the Heart."

April 23, brief hospital lecture by Dr. d'Esopo.

May 4, 8 p.m., Women's Auxiliary annual meeting in Men's Graduate Center. Speaker, Elon Clark.