

## Patient Care

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food, will serve hotter and colder food to the patients on the three new wards, the six old private wards, and possibly the eight public wards, thus taking the place of nine to seventeen small serving kitchens of the old individual ward type.

The fourth floor provides 10 new operating rooms and a staff lounge, relieving a long existing shortage and permitting more efficient handling of this part of the work of the surgical staff. On this floor in the wing connecting the old with the new operating rooms is a service unit designed to facilitate the preparation of the supply tables for each operation and to expedite the clean up of these tables following operation. Here is located one of the new ultrasonic washers for better and more rapid cleaning of surgical instruments, a special sterilizer for handling contaminated instruments and supplies and a large, central sterilizing area for surgical instruments. Connected to this by service elevators is the enlarged central supply room on the ground floor.

Also on the fourth floor is a recovery ward of 16 beds, located between the

old and new operating rooms. Supplementing this on the fifth floor is an intensive nursing ward of 29 beds. This latter ward carries the idea of the recovery room further into the postoperative period, and here patients of moderate means can secure the best of care for as long as needed without the necessity of special nurses, which are in short supply and frequently are not obtainable.

The remainder of the fifth floor contains dressing rooms and lockers for nurses, doctors and students, a dining room, sun deck for the staff, and overhead observation rooms from which nurses, medical students, resident staff, and visiting doctors can best view the operations in which they are interested without interfering with activities on the fourth floor.

The entire building is thus designed for better care of patients, conservation of the time of the staff and better training of the students be they undergraduate or graduate in the medical or nursing school.

## Nursing Personnel

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ment to facilitate, to a marked degree, the individual care so essential to each patient. Much the same can be said

for our new Recovery Room where more space and new equipment promotes the skill and ease of essential care.

Now, we are looking forward to the opening of the new Dining Room for ambulatory patients which will not only provide a more cheerful atmosphere for meals but, it is hoped, an area for planned recreation which is becoming more and more important in therapeutic treatment today.

All of these and many others help to create within the new wing a quiet, colorful environment conducive to pride, initiative and enthusiasm on the part of nursing personnel. This, in turn, reflects itself in more interest in and efforts to promote better patient care which is—after all—our real goal.

## Hot Foods Hot

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waitress according to their order. Patients will enjoy the advantages of efficient service, a selective menu and dining in an attractive social atmosphere. It is anticipated that many patients will avail themselves of this new service.