

### Hospital Week To Feature Open House May 9-15

Durham. — North Carolina's 122 general hospitals will roll out the welcome mat to the public during North Carolina Hospital Week, May 9 to 15.

Reid Holmes, newly-installed president of the North Carolina Hospital Association, today announced plans for the special observance, which he said will be the most extensive in the state's history.

"The public is cordially invited to visit the general hospitals in North Carolina during this week," Holmes said. "The latch-string will be out and we hope that every citizen who can will pay his local hospital a call, and learn first-hand about the life-saving work which it is doing."

Holmes said the theme of North Carolina Hospital Week this year will be "Serve Your Hospital—It Serves You." He

pointed out that North Carolina hospitals today are taking care of more patients than ever before. Practically all hospitals in the state are crowded, he said, and many are short of nurses, technicians, and other personnel.

"The reason the hospitals are so crowded," Holmes explained, "is not that there are more sick people than there used to be, but because the average citizen today can afford medical care, despite the higher rates, whereas 10 years ago, he could not. The widespread growth of Blue Cross and other prepaid hospital coverage has been a big factor in this development, as has the general education of the public to the benefits of modern hospitalization and care. More and more the people have come to realize that the hospital is a center of community health—not just a last resort in cases of serious illness or accident."

Hospital care nowadays is also less expensive than it was in the past, despite the fact that average patient-day cost has tripled in recent years, Holmes said. As proof of this statement, he cited the modern methods of patient care—early ambulation, etc.—which have cut the length of patient stay in the hospital. "So actually," he observed, "the patient pays less. Although the patient-day cost has increased considerably, the patient pays for fewer days. And in the long run, he gains both in health and in money over the time when patient-day cost was much lower and length of stay in the hospital was much longer."

Holmes appealed for stronger support of hospitals by the public. "There are many ways in which the people can help our hospitals to render better serv-

ice," he said. "For example, by paying hospital bills promptly, and by practicing good manners when visiting hospital patients. These may seem like very insignificant things, but actually they are extremely important."

### Mrs. Henderson In 1849 Costume At Brushgrowers Meet

Wilmington, May 3.—Thousands of Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach residents, were out to welcome and enjoy the precentennial celebration of the Winston-Salem Brushgrowers, who arrived Saturday aboard a special train at 3 p. m. They were met by local residents who carried them in a parade through Wilmington and continued to Wrightsville Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyles, Mrs. Pauline Henderson, Mr. Paul Minnish and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sale, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pegg, of Wrightsville Beach. This party, accompanied by other friends from Wilmington, enjoyed a three-hour cruise on the Eria McAnn (yatch), returning home at 7 p. m., where a buffet dinner was served at 8 o'clock, before going to the Lumina, to attend the traditional square dance. True 1849 costumes were worn at all times and were magnificent in style and color.

Sunday morning a program was given at the Ocean Terrace Hotel. Lunch was served at 12:30 p. m., after a broadcast, everyone enjoyed singing and a lot of laughs by a ventriloquist and "Burgandy Wine." This pair would give Charlie McCarthy and Edgar Bergen stiff competition, should the occasion arise.

By this time the hours had clipped away and the Brushgrowers were returned to Wilmington, amid the noise of farewells and the flash of cameras they boarded the Special Train for Winston-Salem and Home.

### "Everybody Crazy" At Millers Creek

The Senior Class of Millers Creek high school will present a farce, "Everybody's Crazy," by Jay Tobias. It is a three-act royalty play about three college boys who rent a supposedly haunted hotel. The audience will laugh itself into the aisles watching the trio. One boy impersonates a doctor and treats the guests for imaginary diseases while another plays a female character role and plays fast and loose with many a palpitating masculine heart.

This play will be presented on Friday night, May 6, at 8:00 p. m. in the Millers Creek auditorium. Admission to adults will be 50c; children, 25c.

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