

# Woods Reaches New Plateau In "Youngblood"

Petite, young Ren Woods, who gained fame as "Dorothy" in the stage musical, "The Wiz", reaches another plateau as Sybil in the new American International Pictures' release, "Youngblood," coming to theatre screens this spring.

As Sybil, a young girl whose first tender love feelings are complicated by dope addiction, Ren adds another facet to a fast-rising dramatic acting career which has already seen her featured in the award-winning mini-series, "Roots" on television and the hit comedy film, "Car Wash."

Ms. Woods first began to make a name for herself singing at age 9 in Portland, Oregon, where she grew up and, "Sunday's Child," the trio she formed as a sub-teenager, made its national television debut on NBC-TV's "Soul Special."

"Youngblood" stars Lawrence-Hilton Jacobs and introduces Bryan O'Dell in the title role.



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The film features an original musical score, composed and performed by the rock group, WAR.

"Youngblood" was directed by Paul Carter Harrison. Hal DeWindt was associate producer.

## Mercy Lowers Outpatient Surgery Rates

Mercy Hospital has lowered its charges for use of the operating room for out-patient surgical procedures. In effect, the new rates reduce the average cost per procedure from \$95 to \$50.

"Because of the increasing volume in out-patient surgery," explains hospital Controller, Martin G. Moore, "we have been able to do more effective cost analysis and to adjust rates. We are continually looking for ways to reduce costs and hope that by lowering these rates, we will make use of out-patient surgery even more economical for our patients."

Since the majority of cases are completed in 20 minutes or less, the basic charge for use of a surgical suite is \$50 for the first 20 minutes. The rate

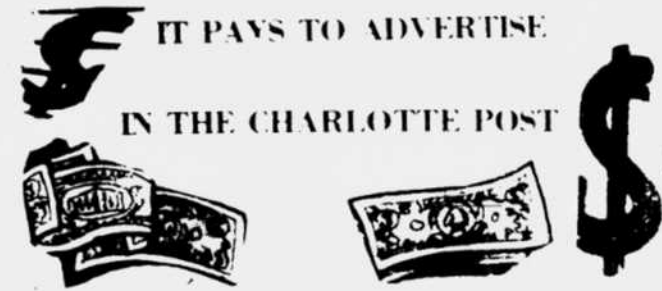
increases \$10 for each 10 minutes thereafter.

Under the previous rate schedule, patients paid a \$20 Emergency Room fee plus \$75 for the first 30 minutes of operating room time.

Some of the more common out-patient surgeries performed at Mercy include skin grafts, tooth extraction, orthopedic reconstruction, D&C, insertion of ear tubes, partial face lifts, and mammoplasty.

The hospital averages 40-50 out-patient surgical procedures a month, plus at least 150 minor procedures done in the Emergency Room.

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