

## W. F. Freeman Heads Nurses At County Hospital

The nurses at the hospital here were headed by Mrs. W. F. Freeman, a Haywood native who was trained and worked for several years at the James Walker Memorial Hospital in Wilmington. After several months at the Haywood County Hospital she was appointed director of nurses. She succeeded Mrs. Richard Rogers.

Nursing is a profession that has attracted her sister, Mrs. Grace Plott Campbell Fisher, who has been at the local hospital since 1937.

Mrs. Freeman has a seven-year-old daughter, Frankie.

She is the daughter of Mrs. D. C. Campbell and the late Mr. Campbell.

## Director Of Haywood Hospital Nurses



Mrs. Ellen Campbell Freeman, director of nurses of the Haywood County Hospital since 1948. She has had a vast experience in hospital work in this state and New York. She is a native of this county. (Mountaineer Photo).

## Powdered Asbestos Used In Combating Heart Disease

Powdered asbestos is used as an "encouraging" surgical technique for combating one of the principal forms of heart disease, Cincinnati surgeon reported.

The operation is designed to restore the blood supply to the heart by virtually gluing the patient's healthy lung to the heart by means of an asbestos "paste" onto the surface of the heart.

The paste is made by mixing powdered asbestos in a solution.

Dr. N. Carter of the University of Cincinnati said the function of the asbestos was to serve as a "glue" that would cause the lung to form new tissue at the point of attachment—and provide channels between the lung and the heart.

The operation—performed on patients so far—is designed to combat a condition known as "coronary disease" wherein the blood vessels supplying the heart with nourishment have hardened and narrowed.

Dr. Carter, who described the technique at a conference of top surgeons sponsored by the American Institute of Health, told that his report on the technique in human cases was the first in this county "and in the world".

It has been estimated that aluminum forms about one-thirtieth of the earth's crust.

## Dog, A-Bomb Vet, Missing

**BUFFALO, N. Y. (AP)**—Duke, said to be the first dog to see an atomic bomb explosion, disappeared from his home here recently.

The dog, a 9-year-old male cocker spaniel, was present with his master, Henry E. Friedrich, at the Los Alamos, N. M., A-bomb test in 1944. Friedrich was then in the Army. When he later went to Clarkson College, Duke attended classes and also was present at his graduation in 1947.

## First Patient Given First Aid Treatment

The first person to be treated at the hospital here was Frank Albright.

The hospital opened Dec. 31, 1927, and a short time later Albright was treated after breaking three toes while working at the Suncrest Lumber Company. He was given only first aid treatment and was not in the hospital any length of time. His doctor was the late Dr. W. L. Kirkpatrick.

A six-year-old girl was the first person to be entered as a regular patient. She was brought into the hospital for an operation about the same time Albright was taken there.

Since Albright was treated about 45,500 people have entered the Haywood County Hospital.

## Would Be Hard To Burn Down

The county's new hospital is the type called Triple-A fireproofed. It is of interest that nearly all materials in the building are those of fireproof type.

There is very little wood used, and this is mainly for doors.

Brick, steel and concrete are the main materials in use.

## Learned His Riding In The Bronx

**MIAMI (AP)**—The "bonus baby" of the Hialeah jockeys has been 17-year-old apprentice Charlie O'Brien who learned his horsemanship at a riding academy in the Bronx.

O'Brien became one of the highest priced riders sold in years when his contract was purchased for \$12,000 by the Trio Stable from Eddie Holton, the lad's mentor for the last 18 months. The deal placed O'Brien under the tutelage of former jockey Merritt Buxton, quite an artist during his active days in the saddle.

The Chicago White Sox's 41 spring training games include 16 against National League clubs, 10 against American, 13 against minor league opposition, and two against independent teams.

Australia had 81,000 immigrants in the first nine months of 1952.

## About 65 Per Cent Of Patients Have Insurance

A lot of people, but not all, let insurance companies pay their hospital bills.

Administrator Lee Davis said that about 65 per cent of the patients entering the Haywood County Hospital have insurance and he added the percentage is increasing slowly.

The greatest change, he said, has been noted among rural patients since the CDP-sponsored group insurance was started a year or two ago. This enables people to get rates considerably lower than before and has encouraged many more people to join this plan.

Davis calls it "one of the best things that has happened for the benefit of the people and the hospital." Not only has it taken care

## Clue To Combating Malaria From Chinese Remedy

A 3,000-year-old Chinese remedy for malaria has given scientists at Lederle Laboratories a clue to the production of a synthetic antimalarial agent which is many times more active than quinine.

In tests with laboratory animals, the new drug has shown amazing efficiency in combating the malaria parasites, a Lederle spokesman said. The drug recently reached the clinical testing stage.

The search for a new and better drug for malaria started more than five years ago, during World War II, when the supply of quinine was critically short. Quinine is derived from the Chincona tree, which grows primarily in the Dutch East Indies and is difficult to obtain during war time. In addition, quinine has never been looked upon as the ideal agent for treating malaria.

Lederle investigators began working with roots of a native Chinese plant called Ch'ang Shan, which the Chinese have used for thousands of years as an antimalarial agent. Since the supply of this plant was limited, a search was started to find a plant in this country which contained the essential alkaloid. The Lederle researchers discovered that a common variety of the hydrangea filled the

## Lollipop Tree

**AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)**—Boys and girls in the Casis School area have something that kids dream about—a self-perpetuating lollipop tree.

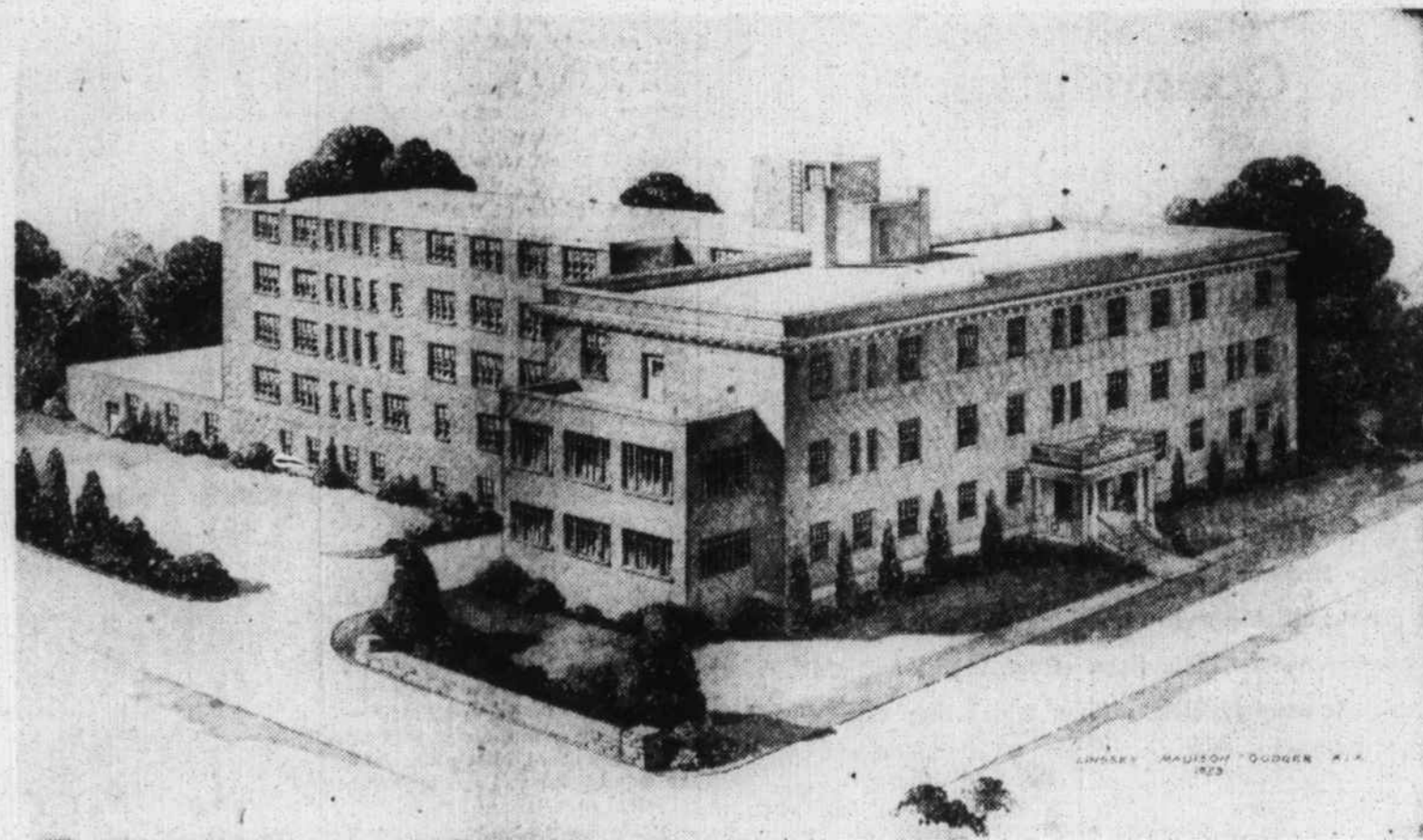
George Stautz, sporting goods operator, set up the tree with a stock of 3,000 lollipops of all colors and all flavors. The moppets can take their choice from the lollipop tree and—thanks to the replacement plan that keeps the tree full—they will always find their favorite flavor there.

The invention of cannon has been assigned to a monk named Berthold Schwartz in 1313.

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