



HOSPITAL EDITION

With the rest of the paper practically filled with hospital stories, pictures and advertisements, we might as well string along and make this a hospital edition of the Gab Bag giving you, in our wise and uncopyrighted way, inside dope that you may expect to find nowhere else.

Since we came to Elkin going on seven years ago we have been rather closely connected with the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, having donated a slightly used but serviceable appendix to that institution personally, not counting our wife's appendix and our two kid's tonsils. So it can well be imagined that we hold a tender spot for the hospital on account of fine service and treatment received from doctors, nurses and business staff.

As a result of all this time spent in the hospital by our family, we have popped in and out up there quite a bit usually arriving outside of visiting hours. Dr. Haywood didn't like this habit of ours, but after vainly chasing us up one hall and down another several times, he finally gave up hope and nowadays we don't believe it would surprise him at all if we were to suddenly pop up out of an incision at most any time.

Well, this business of wandering about the hospital at all times of the day and night has taught us a lot of things we didn't know before. It taught us that nurses darn near have to be angels to put up with some of the patients and that their services cannot really be measured in dollars and cents. And it also taught us that doctors do not like to give medicine or operate upon the smallest excuse.

You may not know it, and we didn't until a few weeks ago, but when you develop a suspicious stomach ache and rush to the hospital in the belief you have appendicitis, they not only check your bloodcount, but make many other tests in an effort to diagnose your case correctly. It's a known fact that many an appendix in this world has been removed when it wasn't bothering at all, and in the hospital here they don't want to take out an appendix just for the exercise.

Many people who have never been a patient in a hospital have queer notions. For instance, we know of a case here in which a person who thought she was suffering from appendicitis, went to the local hospital for an examination. Following the examination, which was as complete as could be obtained in any hospital in the state, regardless of size, the pa-

tient was advised to remain a few days for observation. And she did, but firm in the belief that she was being kept there so that the doctors could work up an excuse to operate. The examination later disclosed that her appendix was not the source of her trouble.

A lot of people are just that silly. They never stop to think that the people in the front ranks in the fight against disease are the surgeons and doctors, who resort to an operation only in cases where it is found absolutely necessary.

If they could only do something about gas pains!

THIS AND THAT

Between acting as circulation manager for The State and looking after the hospital, Preacher Abernethy has his hands full these days. Of course he has a good assistant in the person of Uncle Dick Harris.

Elkin high school has a crack basketball team this year, but like during the football season, the team has received poor support in the form of attendance on the part of local people.

The New Year was ushered in with bell ringing and whistle tooting here, but no dynamite. Down in my home town we didn't consider the New Year had come unless the county was rocked by a blast or two.

At this writing the first 1938 baby has as yet to announce his or her appearance.

Hit The Mark

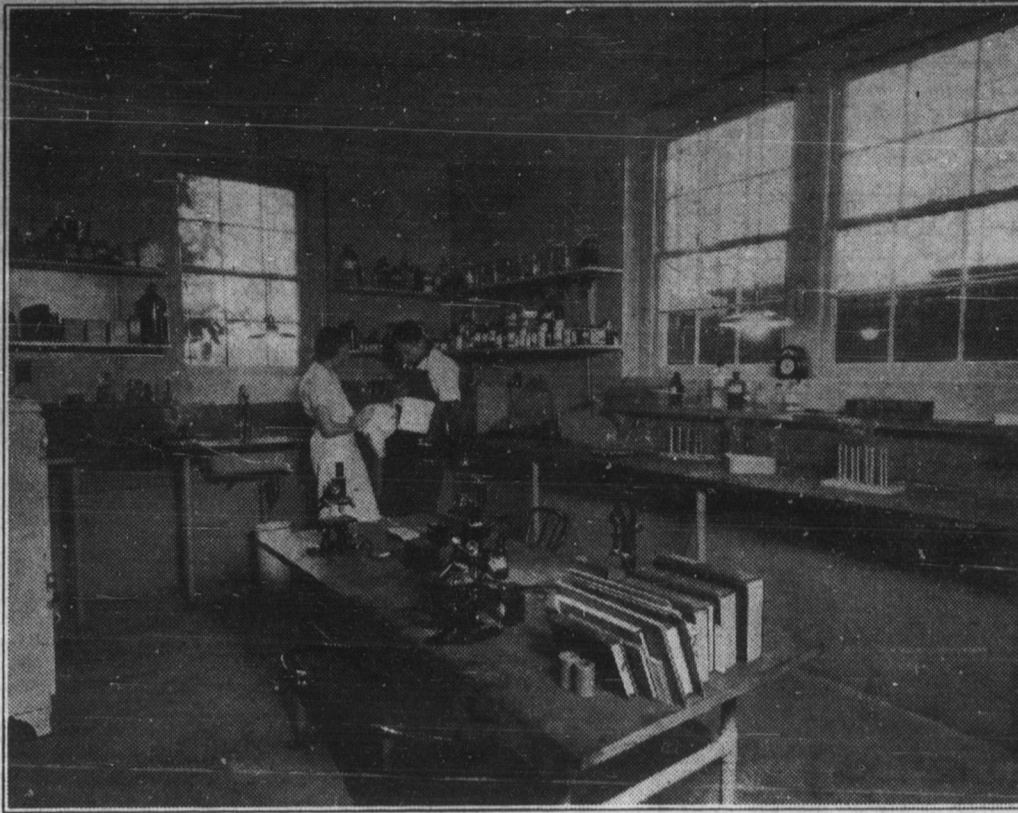
Boss—Rastus, I gave you \$5 to buy me a domestic turkey for Christmas. The one you brought me had buckshot in it.

Rastus—I done brought yo' a domestic turkey, boss.

Boss—Well, what about the shot in it?

Rastus (sheepishly) I 'specks dey was meant fo' me sah.

Laboratory of Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital



Above is shown one section of the new and larger laboratory of Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, located at the west side of the main hospital structure. This laboratory is provided with new and modern equipment and is said to be one of the most up-to-date in the entire state. Seen in the picture are Miss Sarah Baptist and John T. Grissard, of the hospital technician staff.

NEW ADDITION TO HOSPITAL MODERN

Of Fire-Proof Construction Throughout With Up-to-date Furnishings

HOUSES 38 MORE BEDS

The modern new addition to Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, recently completed, will be formally dedicated today.

The new structure, of fire-proof construction throughout, and modern in every particular, now provides the hospital with a total of 38 additional beds and ends the crowded condition which prior to its construction was forced upon the hospital by lack of space in which to care for the hundreds who sought treatment there.

The addition, three stories in all, brings to a total of 74 beds now available to patients throughout the entire plant, and if necessary, space for six more beds is provided by the large solarium.

The new wing to the hospital includes four beds for children, and in addition has made possible four additional beds for colored patients on the ground floor of the original plant thanks to the construction of a new store room. A colored dining room has also been made possible.

The rooms in the new addition are the last word in hospital construction. All furniture is of steel and the beds are provided with hospital type inner spring mattresses, especially built to withstand the bending necessary in raising and lowering the beds. Another modern new feature of each room is the "over bed" tables upon which meals are served, and which have a top that can be tilted to provide a reading or writing table without undue exertion upon the part of the patient.

The first floor of the new addition is used to house a new lobby and waiting room, the business office and telephone switchboard and information desk. With the installation of the switchboard, each floor and department of the hospital is now linked by telephone.

The first floor also houses six spacious offices for surgeon and physicians.

The second floor of the building contains only hospital rooms and work rooms. Each room is of large size, capable of two beds in case of need. Rooms are bright, airy and of cheerful appearance. Floors are of heavy linoleum, cemented down, and are of a restful green color.

The third floor, in addition to containing bedrooms, also is the site of the new and spacious solarium, or sun room. This room is beautifully furnished with modern new furniture of chrome finish frame and red leather upholstery. Numerous large windows permit a bountiful supply of sunlight and fresh air. The floor is of green linoleum.

Steel fire escapes are located at the south end of the building, making all floors quickly and easily accessible to the ground.

Additions have also been made on both the east and west ends of the original plant, and more rooms have been added to the nurses' home. The hospital additions provide sun porches, and on the ground floor at the west end is located the new laboratory, a large well lighted room provided with the very latest type equipment. The laboratory, in charge of a

staff of three competent technicians, is said to be as modern as any in the state, regardless of size of the hospital.

Cost of the new addition, including equipment, was \$46,000. The original hospital plant was erected and equipped at a cost of \$102,000, while the nurses' home

was constructed at a cost of \$24,000. Eight thousand dollars went into the home of the superintendent, making a total of \$180,000 which is invested in the entire hospital.

The elephant has a "finger" on the end of his trunk.

Pull Other Ear
A mother sent this satirical note to the teacher of her small son: "Pardon me for calling your attention to the fact that you have pulled Johnnie's right ear until it

is getting longer than the other. Please pull his left ear for a while, and oblige his mother."

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Hugh Royall

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Shorts

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JAN. 24-25—"ALI BABA"

JAN. 31 - FEB. 1—"DOUBLE WEDDING"

FEB. 7-8—"FIREFLY"

THE LYRIC THEATRE EXTENDS

CONGRATULATIONS

TO HUGH CHATHAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL UPON THE DEDICATION OF ITS MODERN NEW ADDITION

"MY FINEST TOBACCO!"

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