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*The Student Nurses' Glee Club of the Flower-Fifth Avenue School of Nursing
singing carols at the College Christmas Party in the Medical School foyer.
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COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

One of our gayest Christmas parties was the College Community Christmas Party held on Thursday, December 14th in the College Foyer. The Glee Club of the School of Nursing, under the direction of Miss Verna Carega sang a group of especially arranged Christmas Carols. Miss Shirley Chester of the Social Service Department sang "O Holy Night". Don R. Weisman, Class of '51 sang "The Blind Ploughman". Mike Bernstein, Class of '53 sang the "Lord's Prayer". Malvin Sumner Class of '53 served as Master of Ceremonies. Fifteen minutes of community carolling was enjoyed after which Santa Claus, played by Warren Cagney, Class of '53 came to the party midst holiday cheer and distributed gifts to faculty members. Christmas punch and fruit cake added to the holiday spirit.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Christmas program this year was quite an extensive one both for the staff, nursing department and College faculty.

1. Nursing Faculty and Nursing Staff, Food and Tea. Christmas Tea, 3-5 P.M. Thursday, December 14th, 9th Floor. Miss Daum in charge.
2. College Christmas Party, Medical Students and Faculty and Hospital Officials. Thursday, December 14th, 5 P.M. Open House, College Lobby and Auditorium. Miss MacGrady in charge.
3. Students Nurses' Santa Claus Party. Friday, December 15th, 8:00 P.M. College Lobby. Miss Daum, Miss MacGrady.
4. Children's Santa Claus Party. Thursday, December 21st, 2:15 P. M. Ward 2C. Mrs. Berry in charge.
5. Employees Christmas Party. Wednesday, December 20th, 2 P. M. College Auditorium. Mrs. Himmelman, Miss Wark.
6. House Staff Party, Friday, December 22nd, Doctor's Dining Room. Miss Wark in charge.
7. Operating Room Party, Coffee and Donuts. Friday, December 22nd, 9 A. M. Operating Room, 8th floor hospital. Miss Wark, Miss Martin.
8. Nurses' Buffet Supper. Christmas Night, Cafeteria. Miss Wark in charge.
9. Open House, Thursday, December 28th, 3-5 P. M. College Foyer. Miss Wark, Miss Daum, Mrs. Himmelman.

In the operating room on the morning of December 22nd, the operating staff had a delightful party with a tablet set up with the usual Christmas delicacies coffee and donuts. Miss Martin and Miss Wark did themselves proud.

The Open House party on December 28th was a delightful affair with everyone in the institution joining in the festivities from the Dean and down. The dietary department put on a very attractive table and the Christmas cheer which flowed from the impromptu bar was enjoyed by all. It was interesting to note that no one was left out this year and all took a universal part in celebrating the Christmas Holidays.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

An elaborate and beautiful Christmas party was held in the children's ward the week before Christmas, with the entire ward brightly decorated with seasonal trimmings.

Dr. Herbert M. Eskwitt doubled for Santa Claus. He entered through an improvised fireplace of beaver board, accompanied by the sound of jingling sleigh bells, with toys for all. The gifts were distributed with many a cheery jest and quip from the gay St. Nick.

A family of native Cherokee Indian children, all of whom have been patients at the hospital in the past and many of whom were born here, entertained with Cherokee dances. They are Margarette, Jean, Margaret, Josephine, and James Buffalo, children of Mr. and Mrs. James Buffalo, aided by Lous Martin and Louis Mofsie. Dressed in native costumes, they danced to the rhythm of Cherokee drums, with professional skill. All are under 15 years old.

Two other of the Buffalo children, Naomi, 5 years, and Susan, 4, dressed in Indian costumes, stood guard before the gifts in Ginty's Toy Shop, named for Miss Katherine Ginty, supervisor of the pediatric ward. The toy shop, set up in a cubicle outlined by electric lights, was decorated with a large Christmas tree.

Three children costumed as angels, appeared as an animated synchronized Christmas card, extending greetings to guests.

Christmas carols were rendered by two guest artists, Ruella Curtis, vocalist, and Helen Chase, pianist. A salute to the flag and the national anthem opened the program.

Gifts were provided by the Women's Auxiliary to the Flower-Fifth Avenue Hospital and the Social Service Committee. Mrs. C. T. Berry, director of the Social Service Department as-

sisted by members of her department, arranged the program.

On Christmas Day another present was given each child in the hospital at that time.

CARNIVAL

The 1950 "FANTASIA" Carnival transformed the New York Medical College into a wonderland of animated cartoons and familiar faces on a great number of characters from fact and fancy. The cafeteria became a "Whale" of a bar and the student lounge a gambling den that gave its customers an even break. The entire lobby was fantastically done in murals and figures depicting a never-never land of fictional rabbits, crickets, mice, dogs and owls as well as witches, dragons and goblins. The auditorium was transformed into a lavish ballroom with all the trimmings.

Nearly everyone appeared in costumes that were really wonderful—some magnificent, some humorous, and some scant! Certainly it was an unrecognizable group of Faculty, Doctors, Students, Nurses and friends all of whom relaxed and enjoyed themselves.

The Carnival spirit prevailed throughout the college as crowds went from booth to booth and danced in the auditorium to the music of the College's own "Flower Five". Many "played the horses" and other games of chance while others preferred bed tilting and other tests of skill. The most popular booth seemed to be the "Kissometer" although the "Nickel Pitch" (inflation?) was also kept very busy.

The highlight of the evening came when Movie Star Denise Darcel appeared to draw the 1950 winner of the four door Plymouth Sedan. Although he was not present to receive it from Denise herself, Dr. Robert O'Connor, of the department of Medicine at New York Medical College, is now the proud owner of a new Plymouth Sedan.

This extravaganza was for the benefit of the Student Loan Fund which has been rapidly growing each year. The final tally for this year has not been completed but the earnings, after meeting all cost, will be approximately six thousand dollars.

OUR OLDEST LIVING GRADUATE

Dr. Grosvenor S. Farmer of Watertown, N. Y. reached the age of 101 years on January 6th, 1951. He received his M.D. degree from our College in 1874. Dr. Farmer, who is in fairly good health, says "I am now in the second year of my second hundred."

The Carnival Committee is particularly gratified at the response of the Alumni of the college for the interest they showed in this enterprise. Alumni and Faculty together made a total contribution of about four thousand dollars.

The Student Loan Fund continues to grow not only from the Carnival, but also from other benefit affairs held at the college throughout the year. The need for such a fund is also increasing as fewer and fewer students have G. I. Bill benefits, costs continue to rise, and the curriculum extends through the summer months following the third year.

GRADUATE SURGICAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 14, 1950 in the evening at the Pen and Pencil Restaurant in New York City, the Graduate Fellows had their Christmas party with the Director as guest of honor. After the initial cocktails, the boys were seated at a long table and the festivities were started by Dr. DeFurio who read the following poem:

"Uncle Joe"

*To New York Medical College we go
Because there's a shepherd there we know,
Who caretakes of many little lambs,
Now this they say is true,
He's kind and thoughtful and full of magic
too,
His friendship is like gold,
And though it may sound so strange,
His lambs he will change,
Into Knights of the Scalpel, brave and
bold.
Do you know of whom I speak?
Of course it's your beloved Uncle Joe!
So, let's drink a toast to his happiness
Forever and a Day*

At this time the class presented to the Director a beautiful Ronson Pencil lighter and taking no chance, added a full supply of Ronson flints and lighter fluid. This was immediately put into service and the Director appreciated it very much, and more, the thought behind it.

Lobster, clams, oysters, filet mignon filled the inner man to repletion. Many stories were told by those present and the evening closed with the following poem by the Director. A loving-cup filled with champagne was passed around.

*The Yule log shines so bright
Upon the Holiday night
But the light in heart and brain
Shines greater with a flame
That fills our soul.*

*Jack and Frank, Michael and Al
Mervin, both Pauls, Edgar and Joe
Edwin and Larry, Harry and "O"
Carry the torch. Your health and so
We raise the bowl.*

The class departed the next day for their various homes for the Christmastime celebrations. It is occasions like this that make life worth living even with the serious world we live in today.

JOSEPH H. FOBES, M.D.,
Director of Graduate Surgery

ALUMNI SMOKER

There will be an Alumni Smoker held on Ground Hog Day, Friday, February 2nd, 1951 at 7:00 P. M. in the Auditorium of the New York Medical College, Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals, 105th Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City.

This will be a Real Old Fashioned Smoker and has been arranged without cost to any of us by your Alumni Association and Medical College. Lets all gather at the College, Friday, February 2nd at 7:00 P.M. for a rousing good time. No Speeches! No Solicitations of any kind! No Admission Charge! All Drinks on the House!

Please help your committee to make the proper arrangements for food, drinks, entertainment and a howling success of good fellowship by advising Frank J. Borrelli, committee chairman, at the College, if you will be present at the smoker.

Announcements have been sent to all our graduates.

JOHN HERRLIN, '23, President
P.S.—Bring your old tricks and fun makers, and round up your classmates.

GRANT FOR CEREBRAL PALSY

New York Medical College, Flower-Fifth Avenue Hospital, has received a grant of \$5,000 from the Cerebral Palsy Society of New York City, Inc., it was announced by Dr. J. A. W. Hetrick, president.

The grant was made in recognition of the value of the work of the institution's Mentally Retarded Clinic in treating cerebral palsy cases and is to be used to further the work with these children.

Jack Hausman is president of the Cerebral Palsy Society.

PATIENTS' LIBRARY AND VOLUNTEER OFFICE

Our Patients' Library and Volunteer Office share the same room and are located in the hospital in Room 541. From here two very faithful volunteers, Miss Betty Anne O'Connor and Miss Virginia Quinn take book carts twice weekly to patients throughout the hospital. Our hope is to not only keep patients supplied with reading material but to carry to each bedside that intangible quality which has therapeutic value. Much can be done for patients with wise selections of literature.

We want the doctors, the nurses and the staff to enjoy the books too, so visit the Patients' Library. It is open 10:30 - 3:30 Monday through Friday.

Most of our books are donated by patients, the staff and the volunteers as well as the trustees and Social Service Committee. However we can always use more books, books, books.

The Volunteer Office serves the hospital by interviewing and placing volunteers. They work in clinics, the Pediatric Ward, Patients' Library wherever help is most needed. Their duties are many and varied from clerical work to feeding babies.

Again as we approach very critical times it is well to keep in mind that our hospital has this Volunteer Office where much is accomplished by those that give so generously of their time. When your friends are interested in doing volunteer work have them call the hospital for an appointment. Our extension is 375.

MRS. McDONALD E. WRENN

Director of Volunteers

DR. SALZMAN VISITS DR. SCHMAHL

Dr. Carl C. Salzman, class of '24, has recently returned from a flying trip to California. He visited with Dr. Philipp J. R. Schmahl, class of '11, and his family, and reports that Dr. Schmahl is in good health and very happy in his new home. He is located in the mountains at Redlands, California, where scenic beauty and ideal climate is the order of the day. He is doing some medical work with the Air Force at San Bernardino, Calif. Dr. Schmahl sends his kindest regards to his many friends at the College and Hospital, and would be happy to hear from them. His address is:—Dr. Philipp J. R. Schmahl, 845 Sunset Drive, Redlands, Calif.

MEDICAL RECORD LIBRARIANS

The Greater New York Association of Medical Record Librarians will concentrate all their efforts on the study of record procedures applicable to emergencies in the coming year, and will endeavor to arrive at a routine, both time saving and efficient.

The Monthly Meetings will be held at Host Hospitals: Invitations from the following:

*Grace Hospital, New Haven, Connecticut
New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, New York, New York

New York Medical College-Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital, New York, N. Y.

U.S. Marine Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y.

U.S. Navy Hospital, St. Albans, L.I., N. Y.

U.S. Veterans' Administration Hospital, Bronx, N. Y.

St. Mary's Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

St. Vincen's Hospital, New York, N. Y.

*This meeting will be a Joint Meeting of the Connecticut, the Greater New York, and the Westchester Associations sometime in February, 1951.

HELEN G. DIXON, R.R.L., *Director*
Medical Record Department
Flower-Fifth Avenue Hospital

PHYSICAL MEDICINE

The third meeting of the Latin American Congress of Physical Medicine will be held the week of March 21, 1951 through the courtesy of the Government of the Dominican Republic at the oldest university in the Western Hemisphere in the capitol city of Ciudad Trujillo.

This meeting will be limited to 100 doctors and any doctor who so desires may present a paper covering any field of medicine.

Special planes will be made available for this trip and the cost will be \$360.50, plus Federal Taxes. The plane will make stops at San Juan, Ciudad Trujillo, Port-au-Prince, Jamaica, Havana and Miami.

Information concerning this meeting as well as applications for attendance and presentation of papers may be obtained by writing Cassius Lopez de Victoria, M.D., Executive Director, 176 East 71st Street, New York City, or telephone BUTterfield 8-6241.

EXPANSION OF THE SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

New York Medical College Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals From 1917 to 1951

Scientifically there are wave movements in the air, in the water, and desert sands. The Social Service Department has followed these wave movements entering its period of existence through ebb and flow tides.

A small building in the courtyard of old Hahnemann Hospital on Park Avenue, which had been used as an isolation ward before New York City had other isolation departments available, was allocated later for the opening of a Social Service Department. This small building consisted of two rooms. One room to be used as an office and a reception center for the patients coming to the department and the second room was designated as storage for garments, etc. that might be given to the needy people.

Through the efforts of the first Director of Social Service Grace Pringle, in 1917 money had been raised and many garments from the Needle Work Guild were placed in the storage room on the day before the opening morning of the department to be used as required.

The morning the doors were opened to receive Social Service clients, the Director unlocked the door to this little building passing through the first room to the second room feeling happy over the new clothing ready to be given out as required, only to find the "cupboard was bare" as someone had been there during the night or early morning hours and the room was empty. Nevertheless, Social Service at Hahnemann continued.

A secretary was added to the department and in 1922 when Hahnemann Hospital became a part of the Fifth Avenue Hospital, Miss Pringle opened the doors of her new office at 1249 Fifth Avenue, New York City, as time passed on more workers were added to the department.

Following the first World War, during the depression, the Social Service Department was greatly affected by this wave movement and it was necessary to reduce personnel. Miss Helene H. Prentiss, Director at this time resigned and Miss Mary S. Swan, who had been Assistant Director, became Director of Social Service. Ebb tide was still following the Social Service Department during this depression.

The personnel of the department consisted of 2 social workers and a secretary until 1935. Due to a severe illness of Miss Swan who resigned, the Social Service Department's personnel was finally reduced to one Social Worker, Mrs. Carolyn T. Berry, who was without a secretary.

Then in December, 1935, the Flower Hospital took over the Fifth Avenue Hospital. Two workers were added to the department later on, during which time the department had only one secretary. As tides change the personnel was increased, and with a grant from the United Hospital Fund two extra workers were added to the department.

In 1939 the Social Service Department moved its offices from the Hospital Building to the College Building entrance on East 105th Street, (Clinic entrance). With the increasingly large number of patients for Social Service, assistance expansion in the department was required. Thusly more workers were added and another secretary; the department consisting of a Director, Cardiac Worker, Medical Worker, and a Psychiatric Worker.

With disturbed world conditions which always affect health conditions and add more problems, the department continued to expand and another secretary was added.

"Time Marches On", until today the department has a staff of 11, viz. Director, Case Worker, Case Supervisor carrying Obs. and Gyn. work, Cardiac Social Worker, Medical Social Worker carrying Medical and EENT work, Pediatric Social Worker, Neuro-Psychiatric Social Worker, Child Guidance Social Worker and a Retarded Children's Clinic Social Worker which includes the Speech Clinic.

During the year 1950 Social Service had office interviews, viz. telephones and casework interviews totaling 33,953, also other interviews of 13,711.

The above data shows that we are now at high tide. With world conditions uncertain, we are hoping that we will not immediately witness ebb tide.

CAROLYN T. BERRY
Director of Social Service

DEAN'S DINNER

A delightful dinner to the interviewers of students for the New York Medical College, with Judge Link acting as host, was held at the Union League Club, Park Avenue at 37th Street, New York City, on Thursday, January 11th at 6:30 p.m.

YOUR RUMMAGE IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO OUR HOSPITAL

Anything can be sold at the Thrift Shop.

Remember the hospital when you are discarding old clothes, china, furniture, kitchen utensils, rugs, old silver, bric-a-bracs, toys and children's clothes.

Whatever you give to us is credited to your account and we send you a receipt to be used for tax reduction purposes on your own income.

Mark clearly, please, your packages and boxes for Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals, with your name and address in order that we may receive the benefit of your gift.

You can telephone Everybody's Thrift Shop, 922 Third Avenue (E15-9263) and your donations will be called for. Or if it is more convenient for you to leave your rummage at the hospital, it can be left at the Volunteer Office (Room 541) or at the Mail Desk.

The proceeds from our sales at the Thrift Shop enable us to continue the work of the Social Service Department.

Mrs. Berry, who heads the department, is doing a splendid job of raising standards of health as well as an effort toward making better citizens of those who come through her office.

MRS. CHARLES D. HALSEY

Chairman, Social Service Committee

NURSES IN THE ARMED FORCES

Captain Mary Syczmowicz is now in the Nurses Corps of the Army, stationed at Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. She was formerly a head nurse at the Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals.

2nd Lt. Nancy Cahill of the class of 1948 of Flower-Fifth Avenue School of Nursing has been assigned to Far East Command and expects to depart Saturday, January 6th, 1951 for that area.

1st Lt. Jean K. Dobbins, A.N.C., U.S.A.R., and 1st Lt. Muriel J. McCausland, A.N.C., U.S.A.R., Head Nurses in Emergency Room and 2A Obstetrics are leaving February 5th, 1951 to report to Medical Field Service School, Brooke A.M.C., Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. They will be there for 4 weeks and then reassigned to a permanent station.

HELEN M. DAUM,

Director of Nursing

PRENTISS LIBRARY

Prentiss Library has added a number of new books this fall, and others, ordered, will be received as published or reprinted. The Library is at all times prepared to accept with gratitude any gifts of journals and books, and is very grateful for the very fine copy of Spratt's Obstetric tables published in 1847 which was presented to us by one of our trustees, Mr. Keith Urmy.

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MAXINE ANN WEISS, *Librarian*

PERSONALS

Please send personal items to the News
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1908

Percival D. Bailey, M.D. is in active general practice at Norwich, N. Y. He is secretary of the active staff of Chenango County Memorial Hospital at Norwich, and is a member of Phi Alpha Gamma Fraternity. Dr. Bailey has four sons in the Army. One son at Alfred University, in Pre-medicine, one son at the University of Michigan studying Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, and one son still in High School. Dr. Bailey had only one daughter, a B.M. and B.A. graduate of the Eastman School of Music, and University of Rochester. How many more of the class of 1908 are still living and in active practice?

According to our records, still living are:—

Buell, Arthur W. 706 Professional Building, Long Beach 13, Calif.

Clark, Lloyd H. 337 Monroe Street, Rochester, N. Y.
Ellis, Hubert, 2717 Erickson Street, East Elmhurst, L. I., N. Y.

Farmer, Harlow G. 120 Stone Street, Watertown, N. Y.

Lane, George E. 51 Cannon Street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Safford, Henry B. 640 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y.
Smith, F. Montgomery 11 East 68th Street, New York N. Y.

1915

Krichbaum, Carroll, E. M.D., who has been Post Surgeon at the U. S. Army General Depot, Cumberland, Penna. for a number of years, advises that a statutory requirement at the age of 60, as of March 1, 1950, will terminate the above assignment, and that on March 2, 1950, Dr. Krichbaum will be assigned as Post Surgeon at Camp Detrick, Frederick, Maryland, in status of Civilian Medical Officer.

1929.

Halley H. Friederwitzer, M.D. has been re-appointed Research Medical Director of Modern Medical Products, New York City, and has also been elected Second Vice-President, beginning January 1, 1951.

1930

Dr. A. Schechner of Nyack, New York, was elected president of the Rockland County Medical Society on December 13, 1950.

1931

Henry T. Gaynin, M.D., New York, N. Y. has been recently promoted to Associate Visiting Ophthalmologist at the Sea View Hospital, and has been appointed Associate Visiting Ophthalmologist to the Department of Correction Hospitals.

1932

Elias D. Padernacht, M.D., announces the opening of his office for the practice of Peripheral Vascular Diseases at 50 Park Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

1934

George R. Nagamatsu, M.D. has received an appointment as attending Urologist at the Veteran's Administration Hospital, at Kingsbridge, N. Y.

1939

Irving Selig Behr advises:—"After 5½ years in the U. S. Navy, and four years of surgical residency, he is happy to announce the opening of his office at 825 Prospect Place, Brooklyn 16, N. Y. Practice limited to General Surgery."

1940

Dr. and Mrs. Clifford J. Tichenor announce the arrival of their third child, Lance Baldwin, on December 10th, 1950.

1941

Saul I. Firtel, M.D. was awarded second prize in the oil painting exhibit of the American Physicians Art Association, at the American Medical Association Convention, 1950.

MARCH, 1943

George M. Campion, M.D. announces his recent appointment as Director of Radiology at St. Joseph Hospital, Burbank, Calif. Dr. Campion is also Associate Radiologist at Children's Hospital, in Los Angeles.

1944

Leopold Bellak, M.D. gave two lectures to the combined staffs of the Menninger Clinic, the Winter General Hospital and the Topeka State Hospital, Topeka, Kansas, on December 12th and 13th. His topics were:—"Manic Depressive Psychosis: some quantitative aspects of Psycho Pathology," and "A Multiple Factor Psychosomatic Theory of Schizophrenia."

Margaret E. Crusius, M.D.—Mr. and Mrs. Christopher C. Crusius have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dr. Margaret Edith Crusius, to Dr. Henry Howard Jones, of Rehobeth Beach, Delaware. The wedding is planned for January 27th, 1951.

Michael R. Ettenson writes:—"It has been some time now since I last wrote to my friends. A great deal has transpired, yes indeed! On September 24th I became engaged to Miss Muriel F. Kleiner, of Woodmere, L. I.—on November 29th we were married in Lawrence, L. I. We had the pleasure of having Irv Mond, Marty Nissel, Alan Brooks, Siggy Scherl, Milt Eagle, and their wives, at our wedding. At present we are making our home at 6202 Haddon Avenue, Baltimore, 12 Md., while I complete my year as Orthopedic Resident at the Kernan Children's Hospital.

Come April 1, 1951, I'll finish off five years of training in Orthopedics by being associated, for a time, with Dr. Winthrop M. Phelps at his office, and at the Children's Rehabilitation Institute for Cerebral Palsy, in Cockeysville, Maryland. While I haven't as yet decided where I'll practice, I hope to be able to do so some time this summer or early fall, providing Joe Stalin is a good boy! My wife and I would like to wish all our friends Season's Greetings and a very healthy and happy New Year."

Thomas F. Lenihan, M.D., writes: "I was in practice exactly 24 hours, after forcing 500 announcements of my opening into 5 separate mail boxes in various parts of Fairlawn, N. J., almost exactly six years after medical school graduation; I was notified by telegram to report next day for physical examination by U.S. Army. I was a member of the inactive Reserve which I joined in February 1948, and became eventually one of the ten physicians involuntarily from the State of New Jersey during the Korean Emergency. Incidentally, I was called up, strangely enough as a Pediatrician with specialty number C-3116. On October 14th I reported to Valley Forge Army Hospital in Phoenixville, Penna., where I am operating a 28 bed Ward and outpatient service for Army dependents children, and referral center for 2nd Army Area Pediatric problems. Catherine and I are residing at 510 Gay Street, Phoenixville, Penna. and expecting our first born to make an appearance at Bryn Mawr Hospital in January."

Raymond T. Wise, M.D., writes: "Am finally taking opportunity to drop a note to the Chironian. After finishing with the Navy, I took a residency in Medicine in Connecticut and a course in Cardiology at Harvard. Am now practicing Internal Medicine in New Britain, Conn., and have been appointed attending physician and cardiologist at New Britain General Hospital. I'm now just marking time before taking part I of the Boards. We (the wife, three children, and I) occasionally see Henry Kaplan, who apparently plans to practice Obs-Gyn in this town."

1945

Arnold Salzberg, M.D., has moved to 7417 Three Chopt Road, Richmond 26, Va. However, January 1st he and the family are moving to Lynchburg, Va. for six months, after which they expect to return to Richmond. He will be at Lynchburg General Hospital.

1947

John F. Ljunggren, M.D. writes: "Since enlistment in Army in September, 1949, have been stationed at Fort Benning and Camp Stewart, Ga. Have participated in Operations Portrex in Puerto Rico and am now on the Orthopedic staff at Fort Bragg, No. Car. See Dick Colfax, '47, (Lt. j.g.) daily and have been partying with Dick and Bill Ford ('47 and Lt. j.g.) regularly. Ray Schipke '46 is a non-army pediatrician at Bragg, borrowed from Duke University Hospital. Got my Captaincy two months ago. Have been assigned to two medical and one infantry outfits in the past eight months, that are now in Korea. Just shipped out in time."

Ivan D. King, Jr. writes: "As you see in the return address, I have been called up to active duty in the Navy attached to the Army. I was called out of an Anesthesia residency at the Kingsbridge V. A. Hospital in the Bronx. After five days indoctrination with the army in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, I was sent to Murphy Army Hospital, Waltham 54, Mass., where I am chief of the Anesthesia section. I met Bob Weisenseel, Bill Webb, Jules Ladenheim and Bob Pollak down in Fort Sam Houston."

Joseph A. King, M.D. has been in general practice at 20 Stevens Road, Needham 92, Mass., since July 1, 1950. He came here following a tour of duty in the U. S. Navy. His wife, the former Mary

Crowley, has had two children, Kathleen Ann, 16 months, and Rosemary, 4 months.

Thomas F. Sullivan, Jr., writes: "I enlisted in the U.S.A.F. on October 19th, and recently received my orders to report to Lowry Field, Denver, Colo. on January 6, 1951. I just completed nine months at the Boston City Hospital on the Surgical Service—Orthopedics. I intend to take my Orthopedic Boards within the next two years. I would like to express my best wishes to my classmates and would like to hear from Ray, Mac, Smiley, Ben, Jim Dunn."

1948

Arthur L. Chambers, Bronx, N. Y., has been notified by his draft board to appear at Camp Hood, Texas, on February 19th. Dr. Chambers has been fortunate in being appointed to a post in Ophthalmology, which is his specialty. Dr., Mrs. and Baby will be leaving these parts shortly to settle somewhere in Texas, nearby Camp Hood.

John J. Donovan, M.D. and Mrs. Donovan and Son Tim, are now in Wurtzberg, Germany. Dr. Donovan is a Captain in the U. S. Army, M.C., and has been assigned as Chief of Surgery at 57th Field Hospital, Wurtzberg, Germany.

Richard H. Lange, M.D., writes: "After completing my internship and a year of medical residency at Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, N. Y., I am once again in the Navy stationed at present at the U. S. Submarine Base, New London, Conn. Stationed here also at the dispensary are Berwyn R. Force, '42 and John F. Egan, 49. Recently James Dobbins, '47 was transferred leaving this place still quite a "Flower" stronghold. We all soon will be Admirals !!!" Richard H. Lange, Lt. j.g. M.C., U. S. N. R. — U. S. Submarine Base, New London, Conn.

"Captain and Mrs. Alvin Medoff announce their return from Japan after serving with the army of occupation on Hokkaido, the northernmost Japanese island. While there they became the proud parents of a daughter, Dianna Lynn. Captain Medoff is now at St. Albans Naval Hospital. He would like to contact Dr. William Kantor and Dr. Robert Suozzo." Home address of Dr. William Kantor is 25 Warrington Place, East Orange, N. J., and the home address of Dr. Robert Suozzo is 23-38 Broadway, Long Island City, N. Y., however, Dr. Suozzo is in the Armed Forces, somewhere in Japan.

Lawrence J. Oot, M.D. is stationed in Salzberg, Austria. Mrs. Oot and the two children, Joseph, 5 years old and Michael, one year old, are living in Chiemsee, Germany. They can be reached through this address. Captain L. J. Oot, U.S.M.C. A.S.N. 059598—9th Station Hospital, A.P.O. 541. % P. M. New York, N. Y.

Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Vasilas announce the birth of Peter Anthony Vasilas, on August 6, 1950, at the Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals. Dr. Vasilas is now stationed at Fort Jay, on Governor's Island, doing X-Ray.

Wayne M. Weisner, M.D., writes: "After completing a one year internship at St. Clare's Hospital, I took a residency in Pyschiatry with the Veterans Ad-

ministration. Our training program is under the New York State Long Island College of Medicine with Dr. Potter as its director. The first year consisted of in-patient work at the Veterans Administration in Northport, L. I. This year we spend time at the Mental Hygiene Clinic, Ryerson Street, Brooklyn; King's County Hospital and the new Brooklyn V. A. Hospital (Ft. Hamilton). Dr. Robert Lifton, also of '48 is in the same program."

"I was married on July 1, 1950 to Miss Eugenia Hayes, a graduate of Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart and we are now living at Stuyvesant Town, 10 Stuyvesant Oval, Apt. 3A, New York 9, N. Y."

1949

Murray Herman, M.D. and wife, Evelyn, announce the birth of a son, Bruce, weight 8 lbs. 8 oz. on November 17, 1950. Dr. Herman is currently serving as Medical Resident in Veterans Administration Hospital, Des Moines, Iowa.

Eugene T. Hupalowsky, M.D. is now in the service of the U. S. Army, his address is—Captain Eugene T. Hupalowsky, M.C.—0976680—4th Field Hospital, A.P.O. 973—% P. M. San Francisco, Calif.

Edward Kushner, M.D. has accepted a position as junior resident at the Menninger Clinic, starting July, 1951.

Bernard S. Levowitz, M.D. is now serving with the U. S. Navy at Springfield, Mass. Recruiting Station, as Lt. j.g. M. C., U.S.N.R.

Joseph Linsk, M.D. has an appointment as assistant resident in medicine at the Veterans Administration Hospital, in Newington, Penna.

Clemons E. Prokesch, M.D. served his internship partly at Queens General Hospital and partly at Englewood Hospital, Englewood, N. J. and at the present time is resident in Medicine at Englewood Hospital. Dr. Prokesch recently wrote an article entitled "Newer Concepts and Developments concerning Poison Ivy in Allied Conditions" which appeared in Archives of Pediatrics.

Harold Kaplan writes the following. "Presently I'm residency in psychiatry at Kingsbridge Veterans Hospital. My brother, Gerald, was called up in the reserve and presently is in Korea. His address is:—A.P.O. 7, % Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. At the time he was called back to service he was a straight interne in obstetrics at City Hospital."

John H. Sergeant, Jr., writes from Guam:—"I'm serving with the U. S. Army on the island of Guam. I've been in service since October 20, 1950. Till then I was taking a medical residency at Meadowbrook, Nassau County Hospital. I'm dispensary surgeon for the 2000 troops and their dependents, and also act as assistant sanitation officer for the Army command. Expect to be at various South Pacific stations for the next 21 months. Robert Bethje and Jack Loeffler, both of '49, are in military service as is Gerald Kaplan. Dr. Loeffler is in the U. S. Navy and has just arrived on Guam (saw him having a fine time at the beach). Dr. Gerald

Kaplan was called to service early in November 1950, and is now somewhere in Korea. Dr. Bethje as yet has not received an overseas assignment, and at present is a surgical resident at Wilson Memorial Hospital, Johnson City, N. Y." My address is:—1st Lieut. John H. Sergeant, M.C. 0976816—8161 Army Unit—A.P.O. 240. % P. M. San Francisco, Calif.

1950

Gregory Zann, M.D., at the Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C. is in charge of the first quadruple amputee of the war in Korea, Private Robert L. Smith, of Middleburg, Pa.

POST GRADUATE, 1944

David Schwimmer, M.D. delivered a lecture on "Differential Diagnosis of Jaundice" at the monthly meeting of the North Hudson Medical Society in Weehawken, N. J. on November 27th, 1950.

IN MEMORIAM

JONES, DR. DANIEL L. East Great Plain, Conn., was graduated from the New York Homeopathic Medical College in 1887. Dr. Jones died on June 19, 1950, aged 82.

JOUARD, DR. PAUL EDWARD, Mt. Vernon, N. Y. was born in Rutherford, N. J. on January 11, 1891. He graduated from Chapin Collegiate School, then took a pre-med. course at N. Y. University. He received his M.D. degree from the New York Homeopathic Medical College in 1920, and interned at Peck Memorial Hospital, Brooklyn. Dr. Jouard was on the staffs of Peck Memorial Hospital and Mt. Vernon Hospital. He maintained offices in Brooklyn for the past thirty years, and practiced privately in Mt. Vernon. He was a member of the Kings County Medical Society, Mt. Vernon Medical Society, American Medical Association, and the Phi Alpha Gamma Fraternity. Dr. Jouard died of coronary thrombosis on December 1, 1950, aged 59. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Louise E. Stauderman; a son, Paul E. Jr., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; a daughter, Mrs. George Collins of Quantico, Va.; and five sisters, the Misses Dorcas, Lydia and Anne Jouard, and Mrs. Thomas Holmes and Mrs. Louis Johns.

ROBERTS, DR. HERBERT A., Shelton, Conn., was born in Riverton, Conn. on May 7th, 1868. After attending public Elementary and High Schools he entered the New York Homeopathic Medical College where he received his M.D. degree in 1896. His specialty was Internal Medicine. He formerly was on the staff of Grace Hospital, New Haven. Dr. Roberts served as a transport surgeon in World War I. He was

the author of a number of books and articles, principally homeopathic, and was a member of many medical societies, a Mason, and a K. P. He retired from active practice in November, 1946, after fifty years of medical practice. Dr. Roberts died on October 13, 1950, after a lingering illness, at the age of 82. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Edith C. Roberts.

TYTLER, DR. JAMES E., Scarsdale, N. Y. was born in New York City on October 30, 1880. He graduated from the Peddie Institute, Hightstown, N. J., and in 1903 received his M.D. degree from the New York Homeopathic Medical College. He was a descendent of a long line of New York physicians including Dr. Johannes de la Montagne, one of the first doctors in New Amsterdam. Dr. Tytler interned at Metropolitan Hospital and took post-graduate study at the N. Y. Ophthalmic Hospital, where later he became a surgeon, and was a professor at the New York Medical College, Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals. He was a specialist in Otolaryngology. He practiced in New York City until his retirement about four years ago. He was a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy, the Homeopathic Medical Society of the State of New York, the Helmuth Club, the Meissen Society, the Physicians and Art Club of New York, and the Masons. His paintings had been exhibited across the country. Dr. Tytler died on November 28th, 1950, aged 70. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Estelle T. Hakes and Mrs. Helen T. Rind, both of Scarsdale.

WATSON, DR. THOMAS JOSEPH, Newburgh, N. Y., was born in New York City, on August 6, 1923. He previously attended Cathedral Grammar School, Brooklyn Prep. and Fordham University, prior to entering the New York Medical College, where he received his M.D. degree in 1947. He served an internship at Kings County Hospital, and was assistant surgeon for another year. He was also resident in surgery at Doctor's Hospital, New York City. He opened his office for practice in Newburgh, N. Y. on November 18, 1950. He was a member of the Alpha Kappa Kappa Fraternity. Dr. Watson died in an automobile accident on December 29, 1950, age 27 years. His small sedan skidded on the ice-coated Route 9-W near Balmville, N. Y., and crashed into a northbound car. Both cars went through the guard railings alongside of the highway. Dr. Watson was killed instantly, and two others were injured in the accident. He is survived by his parents; one brother, Donald, of New York City; and two sisters, Mrs. Harry Brown of Newburgh and Mrs. Gloria Sands, of Hackensack, N. J.

LUBASH, DR. SAMUEL, New York, N. Y., was formerly an assistant professor of Urology at the Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals, and professor of Urology at Broad Street Hospital. Dr. Lubash graduated from N.Y.U. Bellevue Medical College in 1921. At the time of his death he was attending Urologist at Beth Israel Hospital and at Physicians Hospital in Queens. He was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and diplomate of the American Board of Urology. Dr. Lubash died on December 8, 1950, aged 54. His wife, Mrs. Florence Lubash, survives.

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LECTURES ON ATOMIC ATTACKS

Teams of doctors from New York Medical College, Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals, who have received special training in the medical aspects of atomic energy, are relaying this information to medical societies in outlying areas and working with them to formulate joint plans for action in case of atomic disaster.

It is felt that there is a vital need for cooperation of doctors in outlying districts in planning treatment for victims of any possible atomic attacks, since local medical care in a disrupted area could function only on an emergency basis and a great deal of responsibility would lie with practitioners in adjoining sections.

Doctors heading the teams were trained at classes at Brookhaven National Laboratory in September, and at the Institute on Medical Aspects of Atomic Energy held at New York Medical College, Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals, in June.

Teams of two doctors each from the college have already lectured at St. Luke's Hospital, Newburgh; Summit Park Sanitarium, Pamaona; Horton Hospital, Middletown, and also at Liberty, N. Y. and Monticello, N. Y. Two sessions are held at each institution visited.

This is part of an educational program in which city and state authorities are cooperating with medical colleges to reach doctors throughout the State of New York on the question of preparedness for possible atomic disaster relief.

IN THE ARMED FORCES

- Balchunas, Anthony P. '46.
 Beshlin, Frederick M. '46.
 Biel, Leonard, Jr. '46.
 Brewster, David T. '11, Regular Army.
 Budetti, Joseph A. '36, Lieut. M.C., Fort Riley, Kansas.
 Colfax, Richard, '47, Lt. j. g. U.S.N.R., Fort Bragg, N. C.
 Close, Elbert L., '47, U.S.N.R., Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va.
 Dobbins, Richard F., '45, Lt. j. g., U. S. Naval Receiving Station, Washington 25, D. C.
 Dobbins, James, '50.
 Donovan, John T., '48, Captain, U.S.A., Chief Surgery, Wurtzberg, Germany.
 Donovan, Joseph William '46.
 DeLancey, Charles A., '48.
 Duerk, Donald L., '48, Captain, M.C., U.S.A.
 Dougherty, Edward, '48, Lt. j. g., U. S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia 45, Pa.
 Ennis, Henry R., '41, Regular Navy.
 Egge, Robert K., '48, U.S.N.R.
 Egan, John F., '49, Lt. j. g., U. S. Submarine Base, New London, Conn.
 Ebbels, Bruce-J., '48, Lt. j. g., U.S.N.R., Transport duty in Pacific.
 Ford, William J. A., '47, Lt. j. g., Fort Bragg, N. C.
 Force, Berwyn R., '42, Lt. j. g., U. S. Submarine Base, New London, Conn.
 Freedman, Robert, '45.
 Fusco, Arthur J., '48, Lt. j. g., N. Y. Naval Ship Yard Dispensary, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Giorgio, Douglas J., '37, Lt. Comdr. U.S.N. Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.
 Gottlieb, Richard, '48, Captain M.C., U.S.A., in Japan.
 Hupalowsky, Eugene T., '49, Captain, Army 4th Field Hospital, A.P.O. 973-0976680 % P. M. San Francisco, Calif.
 Kovach, Walter M., '48, Lt. j. g., U.S.N., U.S.S. Okanogan, A.P.O. 220, % F.P.M., New York.
 Kreske, Frank V., '46, Captain, M.C., 98th Gen. Hosp. A.P.O. 407, % P. M., New York City.
 King, Ivan D., '47, Murphy Army Hospital, Chief Anesthesia, Waltham 54, Mass.
 Ladenheim, Jules C., '47, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.
 Lubart, Alfred, '48, In Guam.
 Lawrence, Raymond W., '48, Squadron 118, in Guam.
 Ljunggren, John F., '47, Captain, U.S.N.R., Orthopedic Staff, Fort Bragg, N. C.
 Lenihan, Thomas F., '44, Army Pediatrician, Valley Forge Army Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa.
 Lange, Richard H., '48, Lt. j. g., U.S.N.R., U. S. Submarine Base, New London, Conn.
 Levowitz, Bernard S., '49, U.S.N.R., Lt. j. g., Recruiting Station, Springfield, Mass.
 Lea, Melvin E., '42, serving as civilian, Colon Hospital, Cristobol, Canal Zone.
 Massonneau, Robert L., '49, Fort Myer.
 Mamelok, Alfred Adgar, '46.
 Medoff, Alvin S., '48.
 Nevins, John W., '44, Field Medical Serv. School, Camp Le Jeune, North Car.
 Oot, Lawrence J., '48, Captain, A.S.N., 059598, 9th Station Hospital, A.P.O. 541, % P.M., New York, N. Y.
 Peterson, William F., '46.
 Pierson, Arthur H., '13, Regular Navy.
 Piscetta, Joseph O., '46.
 Pollak, Robert '47, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.
 Primich, Frank J., '45, Overseas.
 Putnoi, Martin, '38, Medical Detachment, Camp Atterbury, Indiana.
 Reddy, John B. '3/43, Lt. Comdr., U. S. Navy.
 Rossello, Salvador, '46, Captain, Army, Overseas.
 Reilly, John Joseph, '40.
 Sherman, Roger D., '40.
 Shortal, James, '47.
 Soelling, Warner, '48, Captain, U.S.A.F.
 Sproat, Harry F., '46.
 Suozzo, Robert John, '48, in Japan.
 Suriano, Philip C., '46, 1st Lieut., Port Surgeons Office, Fort Dix, N. J.
 Svigals, Morton Paul, '46.
 Schoenbucher, Albert K., '42, Captain, Army.
 Siege, Alfred, '12/43, Captain, Army, located at Eretria, Africa.
 Schipke, Raymond, '46, Non-Army Pediatrician, Fort Bragg, North Car.
 Sullivan, Thomas F. Jr., '47, Lowry Field, Denver, Colo.
 Sherman, Robert L., '48, Captain, Army, assigned to Far East Command, Yokohama, Japan.
 Tormey, David M., '48, Captain, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.
 Trier, William C., '47, Lt. j. g., M.C., U.S.N., U.S.S. Midway, (Cub-41) % F.P.O., New York, N. Y.
 Vasilas, Anthony, '48, Fort Jay, Governor's Island, N. Y.
 Wurzell, Edward M., '41, Commander, M.C., U. S. Navy.
 Webb, Wilson D., '47, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.
 Weisenseel, Robert J., '47, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS MASKING MENTAL ILLNESS

A CASE STUDY

General hospitals which are set up chiefly for the treatment of physical disease, must always be aware of the personality of the patient and the possible emotional involvement in disease. The following case will demonstrate how an emotionally disturbed girl of 21 travelled from hospital to hospital for over a year, receiving extensive and costly medical care without being detected and referred to a hospital which gives the type of treatment she needed.

Her story on admission was credible and interesting. She claimed that an acute flank pain attacked her while she was riding home on the Fifth Avenue bus. Emergency accepted her with the diagnosis of Renal Colic. Her first request was that the hospital not phone or in any way contact her mother since she was a cardiac and would have a poor reaction to the news. She told us that she was a medical illustrator for a well known publishing company, and mentioned it by name, earning quite a good salary for so young a person. Her familiarity with medical terminology and knowledge of hospital procedure made this believable. She was to receive her Masters this semester and was to start working on the doctorate. It was recounted that she occupied in midtown Manhattan, shared with another artist and was entertaining guests of the publishing company when taken ill. Her father was working for the FBI, her brother in the Philosophy Department of a well known upstate university; there were three other brothers, but no sisters. She stated in no uncertain terms that she was no longer dependent upon her family and would assume complete responsibility for all her bills covering what her hospitalization would not. Miss R. told that she was to be married in the summer and that her finance was a corporation lawyer at the moment out of town.

Previous medical history, according to the patient, including 3 other hospitals where she had an appendectomy, cholecystectomy and "strangulating adhesions". Our subsequent interviews with the patient, doctors and family and communications with other social agencies and hospitals exploded this glamorous myth.

After the initial workup which proved essentially negative the Social Worker working with the doctor began to explore indications that this patient's illness was emotionally weighted. She admitted to the Social Worker

that her "emotional background was rather shaky and they are beginning to think this is psychosomatic". The Social Service Exchange here proved to be very fruitful. Up to that time she was known to 15 social agencies. There was a long psychiatric history, several traumatic incidents and foster home placements. She admitted later that her mother was a diagnosed manic depressive for many years in a state mental hospital. She expressed some fear at that time that she was going to repeat her pattern.

Her childhood medical history obtained from a placement agency is revealing in that it shows past trends and tendencies. She had 3 forearm fractures within 2 years and frequent recurrent episodes of acute abdominal pain which continued even after surgery. Despite very painful examinations and a seemingly high temperature Miss R. adjusted admirably to the ward. Her vivacious personality attracted other patients to her. She mingled freely among them, absorbed herself with books and letters and appeared perfectly at home.

When she suspected we were learning something of her true illness, she secretly read the chart one night and learned that she was getting sterile hypos for the relief of her acute pains. Her anxiety then became intense, especially when she learned that a psychiatric consultation had been ordered. She was also suspected of manipulating the thermometer to produce fever which declined when she was supervised.

A psychiatric institution indicated hospitalization in 1945 and 1946 when she was 13 years old. She was diagnosed Schizophrenia, mixed type—condition improved with psychopathic obsessive tendencies and preoccupation. She developed some insight into her condition then. Abstracts from at least six general hospitals showed that she was admitted within the past year for some genito-urinary pain. All of them reported that there was a psychiatric component involved. We quote from some reports:

"... possible psychoneurosis with hysteria, conversion type ... sterile hypos controlled pain."

"Question of hydronephrosis of kidney, hysteria. Therapeutic nerve block brought no relief of symptoms."

"Hospital also found thermometer manipulation and termed her 'a pathological liar.'"

"Patient able to fake symptoms of pain and tenderness with great accuracy."

Private doctor considered her a malingerer.

We later learned that within the past year she had admitted herself to 16 different hos-

pitals and in each, underwent several pyelograms, cystoscopes and other extensive work-ups. Those that recognized her disease referred her for out-patient psychiatric treatment. Our psychiatrist here felt that her symptomology was due to a severe character disorder. He believed hers to be a cyclic personality with a possibly underlying manic-depressive psychosis. Arrangements were made for her to be discharged and referred to Psychiatric Out-Patient Department. This care was refused by the patient and she was referred by this hospital to a private psychiatrist who was apprised of the history and was interested in the case. She never appeared for her appointment and when the Social Worker spoke with the psychiatrist he urged that should she be located she should be asked to see him since this may well be a psychotic problem.

But Miss R., once released from the hospital was not located. A few days later, her sister called in an attempt to trace her. It was then that we finally got a true picture of the case.

The mother, migrated to the U.S. when very young. She was friendless and non-English speaking when she married Mr. R. a native born American. Their marriage was a limited one from the beginning and Mr. R. started seeing other women. The patient was the 5th and last child and soon after her birth the mother was admitted to the mental institution. The family was separated and the children sent to different foster homes. Mr. R. entered into an extra-marital relationship some years later. He never thereafter evinced interest in his legal family nor did he assume financial responsibility. After 1943 his whereabouts become unknown. Miss R. grew up in a middle class foster home in the care of an indulgent attentive family.

In our admitting history, the patient repudiated her sister's existence because she is the one most interested in tracing her and because she identifies herself so closely with her. Most of the things she claims to have done were actually done by her sister. She is not a medical illustrator in the employ of anyone. She had only been able to hold a job for a short time in one of the city's large department stores. Her memory is a retentive one and she does possess some artistic ability which made her fake with great accuracy familiarity with medical subjects. Her foster father actually an insurance salesman, she glamorized to be an FBI agent. She has been having difficulty in school, although of average intelligence, because of emotional blocking. Within the past year she had been in no less than 16 hospitals

and left a trail of bills behind her which her hospitalization did not cover. Prior to this her record was about once every 6 months. Missing Persons Bureau had tried to find her several times. The family was always eluded. We suggested they trace her through the Associated Hospital Service.

We later learned that directly on discharge from this hospital, seven others followed throughout the summer in quick succession until finally a physician sent her to the Psychiatric Division of a city hospital from where she was committed to a state hospital for the mentally ill.

What made this patient fly from one hospital to another in such quick succession and submit to the very painful examinations necessary for the type of complaint she gave? The usual psychological difficulties engendered by a broken home are here aggravated by the fact that the mother became ill soon after Miss R. was born—an illness about which the child fantasied a good deal. Her perverted thinking made herself the reason for her mother's illness and she lived with a strong sense of guilt which was somewhat relieved when she suffered pain. This was suggested to the patient and discussed with her. She had some insight and did not repudiate the possibility but needed a good deal of treatment to break this pattern of seeking attention and self-punishment. Another important factor in this case was the fear that she would "become like mother" a fear which was being fast realized unless she were able to get the type of treatment she so urgently needed.

We contacted the state hospital for follow-up information and learned she is now receiving psychotherapy and occupational therapy. Her condition is improved and there is a chance for discharge in the near future.

ROSALIND ARONOWITZ
- Medical Social Worker

SCHOOL OF NURSING GRADUATION BALL

The annual Graduation Ball of the Flower and Fifth Avenue School of Nursing will be held on Friday, March 2nd, in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Pierre. Miss Ann Murphy is Chairman of Senior 11 and Miss Josephine Juisto Chairman of Senior 1, Miss Kathleen C. MacGrady Faculty Adviser assisted by Miss Anita Martin. Jerry Malcolm and his orchestra will play for dancing from nine until two.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY MEDICINE

In the past ten years, the problem of the defense of the Nation has become much more difficult than formerly. With the increase in the speed and range of aircraft and the development of the atomic bomb, another war can start with a sudden crushing attack upon us. We will no longer have time to build up armed forces as we did in the first and second World Wars.

The best preparation for defense against such attack would be to have sufficient armed forces for proper defense actually in being. However, the cost of maintaining such forces indefinitely would preclude this solution, even if we were to overcome our traditional objections to such a large standing force.

In this situation, the Reserve Corps of the services occupy a most important position. The Reserves attempt to provide men with necessary military training, provided during evenings and vacations, who can come to active duty on short notice and function properly without further training. Under this system, there should be available trained men to build up the Army, Navy and Air Force in a hurry.

The various Reserve Officer Corps come primarily from veterans of previous service and from graduates of ROTC courses in colleges and universities. The Navy holds all former officers in its reserve and operates few ROTC Units. The Army and Air Force have made acceptance of Reserve Commissions entirely voluntary, both for former officers and for ROTC graduates. This has resulted in a lack of trained officers in the reserves of the Army and Air Force, particularly as regards medical personnel.

It seems likely that attempts will be made by Congress to correct the present deficiencies in reserve strength. Probably the Army and Air Force reserve policies will be made similar to those of the Navy. Also, the establishment of a system of Universal Military Service, now under active discussion, will provide a reserve strength sufficient for the Nation's defense.

We hope that there will be time to build up our military strength in this way, but the need exists now. Everyone should support actively the reserve programs of the Armed Forces. The Medical ROTC Detachment at the New York Medical College is a link in the Nation's defense, which deserves the support of the student body.

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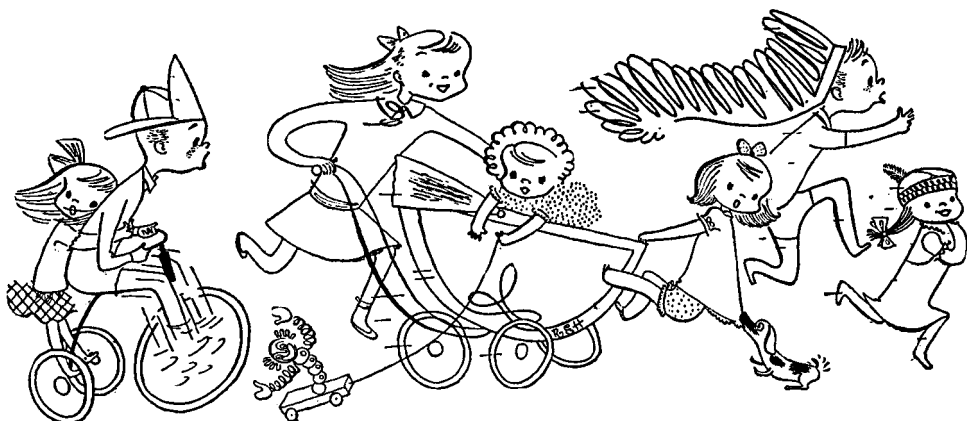
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Social:

The monthly January meeting of the Women's Auxiliary was high-lighted by a special holiday tea and musicale, arranged for the occasion by Mrs. Max J. Schwartz, president.

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