Thank You Notes

Complaints are passed on rapidly—as the saying goes “bad news travels fast.” On the other hand, compliments which fortunately far outnumber the complaints, and for which we are very appreciative, usually are not shared with as many people as they should be.

In order that we might share some of our more recent compliments with our justly deserving staff, we are reprinting in part a letter from a recent patient.

Recently I was a surgical-orthopedic patient on 5th floor at Parkview, and I am taking this opportunity to tell you my thoughts of those 22 days I was hospitalized.

I wonder if you really know what a wonderful, kind and efficient supervisor you have on 5th floor in the person of Mrs. Miriam Lancaster, R. N. . . . how she finds time for even those personal little chats with the patients, making rounds with the doctors and can still smile when she goes off duty is beyond me.

To have a graduate nurse in charge 24 P.M. to midnight in the person of Miss Lydia Dunham . . . with all her youth, charm and patience completes a perfect day for patients on 5th floor. We had such wonderful care, gratitude and praise for the student nurses Miss Karen Burnister, Miss Sharon Bues, Miss Kay Bosler, Miss Linda Crull and Miss Sharon Battersholl that we all wished we were young again.

I would also like you to know the services of Mrs. Ruth King, LPN and Mrs. Genevieve Slough, LPN are indispensable. We could not miss mentioning the efficient Nurses aides Mrs. Mary Davis, Mrs. Ruth Cato, Katie Smith, Mrs. Darrell Shroyer and Mrs. Ernestine McDaniel who were so courteous, kind and helpful to us.

I can see why a large, beautiful, modern hospital like Parkview would have a person like Don Wasson in charge of Physical Therapy . . . he never loses patience . . . but gives one encouragement when we’d like to give up.

We were never served an uninteresting meal, thanks to your Dietitians and marvelous cooks.

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Thank you for making my stay such a pleasant episode in my life and an experience I shall never forget.

Edna M. Getts
Garrett, Indiana
Medical Staff Elects New Officers

Dr. Donald M. Hickman was named president of the Parkview Medical Staff at the staff's annual election meeting on December 20. Dr. Hickman served the staff as president-elect during the past year, and as secretary-treasurer during 1959.

Retiring president of the Medical Staff, Dr. Franklin A. Bryan, was named to succeed Dr. E. M. Hoetzier as chairman of the executive committee.

Dr. Donald S. Painter who served the staff as secretary-treasurer during the past year became president-elect, and Dr. Alvin J. Haley was named to fill the position of secretary-treasurer.

The chairman of the hospital's various Clinical Department committees, sub-department committees, and other committees will be named shortly after the first of the year.

AT RIGHT—Diana DeMuth, left, was selected to represent Parkview in the Miss Student Nurse contest on January 17. Other contestants were Beverly Diffendarfer, center, and Loretta Gruver, at right.
Season's Activities

Christmas time is a busy time everywhere, and hospitals are no exception. Christmas trees appear almost overnight, and gay decorations are put up in order to bring the magic of the season to those who are unable to be home for the holidays.

Parties are planned for the youngsters in Pediatrics, and Santa Claus is scheduled for a special visit to the hospital.

Christmas time is a time for showing appreciation, and the hospital supervisors showed some measure of theirs by honoring doctors, board members and employees alike at two "Christmas Smorgasbords."

On December 18 the Student Nurse Chorus, directed by Ted Taylor, had their annual Christmas program at English Hall. Besides this "Christmas in Music" program they have sung at many of the local churches during the holiday season.

Nurses decorated the trees in many areas of the hospital in order to bring the spirit of Christmas to those who would not be able to be home for the holidays. From left to right are: Ann Beazy, Anita Steele, Kathleen Henegy, Mary Winegardner and Constance Thompson.
Attendance Records

Parkview personnel who have established outstanding attendance records during the past two months include two who have completed three years of perfect attendance. Fay Buck, Nursing, and Robert Rankin, Radiology, are the two who share this honor.

Helen McGahey, Gift Shop, is also at the top of this month’s list, having missed only one day in the past five years.

Others whose employment dates fell in October and November, and who have been cited for their attendance records during the last year are:

Nursing: Barbara Hale, Renee Neihouser, Genevieve Slough and Esther Stier.

Dietary: Audra Hedges, Frieda Stoppenhagen.

EEG: Jerry Martz.

Pharmacy: Florence Butler.

Housekeeping: Quinton Gatewood.

Laboratory: Judith Reeves.

Personnel: Laura Smith.

Physical Therapy: Donald Wasson.

Welcome!

During the past two months the following new employees have joined the Parkview staff. They replace others or fill new positions to provide for the ever expanding services of the hospital.

Nursing: Registered Nurses Martha Burris, Barbara Grabill, Linda Delagrange, Mary Eisenmann, Carolyn Foster, Marian Gricius, Dorothy Hedrick, Joanna Lengacher, Kathleen Moore, Jane Morsch, Sylvia Murbach, Carol Platter, Marilyn Purdy, Mary Riedorf, Geraldine Robinson, Suzanne Sauder, Carol Siewert and Barbara Skees. Nurses aides: Millie Goodwin, Hilda Hunsberger, Joanna Jacobs, Irene Johnstonbaugh, Agnes Kendrick, Joan Laird, Janet Leham, Dorothy Madden, Carolyn Maroney, Gloria Miller, Eileen Morton, Audrey Uhrick, Ethel White and Inez Zehr.

School of Nursing: Sue Ann Drabenstot.

Laboratory: Marilyn Dayton.


Maintenance: Roy Cline.

Housekeeping: Elnora Cook, Robert Fendricks, Scott Johnson, Mary Martin, Mildred Nance and Lester Rine.

Medical Records: Mary Haugen.

Central Supply: Frieda Schaab.

Dietary: Connie Koch, Barbara Ward, Betsie Williamson and Mable Ray.

X-Ray School Wins Film Award

Parkview’s School of X-Ray Technology won the group film award at the 21st annual convention of the Indiana Society of X-Ray Technicians. Shown here with the winning display are, left to right, Karen Worden, Sue Corney and Karen Meyer. Darlene Randolph, not pictured here, also won an individual award for a scientific paper which she presented at the meeting.
White Cross News

During the months of October and November the White Cross Volunteers and the Nursettes provided 10,843 hours of service to the hospital — 800 hours more than in the same period a year ago.

In order to show some measure of appreciation for outstanding service such as this, each year the hospital sponsors an informal tea honoring all White Cross members.

This year the "Kaffe Klatsch," as these informal teas have come to be known, was held at English Hall on November 1. About 100 of the volunteers attended, and although it was not a record attendance much enjoyment was derived by those who were there.

First to arrive for the Kaffe Klatsch were five from the Christ Methodist Guild. Left to right are Mrs. Mary Holden, Mrs. Margaret Frederickson, Mrs. Doris Dunbar, Mrs. Joyce Turner and Mrs. Betty McMillan.

Others attending the Kaffe Klatsch were, seated, left to right: Mrs. Herman Baumgartner, Mrs. Anna Landis, Mrs. Golda Archer, Mrs. Gladys Smith and Mrs. Mae Miller. Standing, left to right: Mrs. Hazel Augsberger, Mrs. Olive Braun, Mrs. Nina Mertz and Mrs. Neva Liddy.

Posting the final total is Parkview's United Fund Queen Mary Jane Frederick. Although the goal was exceeded by only a narrow margin, the total donations represent an increase of 10% over last year.

UF Drive Success

On October 27 Parkview's employees pushed their donations to the United Fund "over the top" for the third consecutive year. Lead by such areas of the hospital as Laundry and Linen, Parkview's employees met the increased needs of the United Fund by raising about 10% more than last year.

Other departments with 100% participation were Nurses Residence, Plant Maintenance, Nursing School, Pharmacy, Central Supply, Medical Records, Oxygen Therapy, X-Ray, Laboratory, EKG, EGG and Orthopedic.
JOHNNIE ON THE SPOT! It's best to delay your visit until the second or third day following surgery. If you insist on rushing things, a card or note may be more appropriate.

WE DON'T WANT TO BE POLICEMEN! . . . but for the welfare of the patient please observe good visiting practices.