

CITY HOSPITAL 'PATIENT LOAD' RISES SHARPLY

Fails to Take Normal Summer Drop and Costs Climb Upward.

Existing trends indicate that City Hospital will be called upon to handle 30 to 40 per cent greater patient load this winter than last.

The patient load has not decreased this summer, as it has in past summers, and all hospital records show that each year the winter load tops the summer load by 30 to 40 per cent.

Dr. Kenneth Kohlstaedt, assistant superintendent, said that at least a part of the surprising load this summer is yet unexplained, but that perhaps a part of it is caused by the WPA layoffs.

Expect Increased Load

If that is true, he said, as more and more are laid off and have to depend upon City Hospital medical care rather than pay private physicians, the load can be expected to go up even over the winter trends, he said.

Dr. Kohlstaedt said that the hospital still does more work than in former years, particularly in diagnosis.

This runs up laboratory and X-ray work, he said, the most costly service the hospital is called upon to furnish. At the same time, these services pay the biggest dividends to the community, it is claimed, since they speed up curative treatment.

During the first seven months of this year there were 9777 more patient days than during the same period last year; 1070 more operations; 14,763 more laboratory examinations and 2077 more X-ray examinations.

Clinic Visits Up

There also were 10,577 more clinic visits and 6807 more prescriptions and \$1,992 more meals served, Dr. Kohlstaedt said.

Even so, the hospital asked an increase of only about \$10,000 in its budget this year.

Last year, Dr. Kohlstaedt said, the hospital had 102,103 clinic days and 118,336 patient days. The new hospital law requires that counties pay state hospitals \$1 a clinic day and \$3.25 a patient day.

If the City Hospital had run on that basis it would have spent \$436,697, Dr. Kohlstaedt said. The hospital actually spent only \$424,963, which was \$61,734 less.

CALIFORNIA BEGINS GO-OPERATIVE PLAN

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 28 (U. P.).—California today embarked on an ambitious relief program of state co-operatives and "production-for-use."

Governor Culbert L. Olson authorized the State Relief Administration to begin immediately to carry out far-reaching recommendations of his special commission on re-employment, he revealed today after six months of preparation.

Employment in state co-operatives of jobless now on the dole, and distribution of the goods produced through a system of central warehouses are features of the plan.

While the Governor favors complete elimination of the cash dole for California's 350,000 relief clients, the proposed plan appeared to be only a step in that direction. Relief recipients will receive about \$30 of an average \$40 budget in cash for rent, utilities and other similar items, with the remaining \$10 in credit at state stores.

TOWNSEND TO SPEAK AT LABOR MEETING

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Aug. 29.—Governor Townsend and Rep. Raymond S. Springer will speak at the all-day program of the Shelbyville Central Labor Union today at the Shelby County fair grounds.

A feature of the day will be a fish fry. The grounds will be open to the public without charge.

RELEASE PHEASANTS IN SHELBY COUNTY

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Aug. 29.—More than 400 young pheasants sent here by the State Conservation Department have been released in the county by the Shelby County Conservation Club, Shelby County Sportsmen's League and the Shelby County Coon Hunters Association.

BANNED FROM RIDING

WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 29 (U. P.).—Irene Blake, 18, and Charles Darrah, 19, charged with riding bicycles against traffic, were fined \$5 each and prohibited from riding bicycles for a one year period.

W. New York St. Span's Open Grating Is Argued

Works Board members today began an investigation of the flooring of the W. New York St. bridge, now being completed, to determine whether the new type of open grate roadway would prove hazardous.

The open grate decking, similar to sidewalk grating, was installed under a contract held by the Ben Hur Construction Co., Indianapolis, said to be the latest type of bridge roadway. It is the first open grating to be used in Marion County, according to City Engineer M. G. Johnson.

The grating drew criticism from Leo P. Welch, Board vice president, who said that in his estimation the crevices in the grate would be large enough to catch the heels of women's and children's shoes, and also would prove dangerous to horses.

Board members decided to inspect the bridge today and to confer with company engineers on the possibility of overlaying the grating with asphalt or concrete.

Completion of the bridge has been delayed twice, having been set orig-

Ambition Rears Its Head In Ranks of Debutantes

One of Fashionable Set Tells Of 'Supreme Sacrifice' For Art.

By GEORGE ROSS

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (NEA).—I learned a few things the other day from a disillusioned debutante. Or, as Jean Harrington, a tall and pretty lass with a flair for hats and clothes, identified herself—a "post-debutante."

I asked her what that meant. "Well," drawled Jean, for the girls in her set choose their words and utter them in slow motion, "a post-debutante is a debutante who was left at the post four years ago."

Looks Raise Doubts

Staring at the comely features, I expressed my doubts. "Not at all," said Jean. "The public never seems to learn the difference between a debbie and post-debbie. A girl can only be a debutante for a year or two. Not long after her coming out party, she becomes a post-debutante. I've been one for four years, but you would never know it by the society columns. They expect me to be a chicken all my life, apparently. And Brenda—Miss Harrington, of course, is speaking of Miss Frazier—'will never live it down. She'll probably be called a deb until she is 60.'"

"And why not?" retorted Jean. "A girl can't look forward to night club tables, teas, cocktail parties, charity committees, eligible bachelors and dress fittings all her life. You columnists have said some nasty things about us that aren't true. Don't faint, but you'd be surprised to know that some of us even have ambition to do something useful!"

Explanation Asked

"What, for example, Miss Harrington?" I had been calling her Jean, but this seemed a good time to wax formal.

I ventured that it certainly was rare to meet a damsel of the Stork-EI Morocco circle who didn't object to growing older.

"Well," she drawled again, "I am interested in designing clothes. And hats. And I have a job modeling them now. And it keeps me pretty busy. I have even skipped a couple of lunches at '2' to hang around the showrooms. And you probably won't believe it, but I also told a boy friend that I couldn't meet him for dinner at the Colony Restaurant. Now, you know, for any debutante, that is the supreme sacrifice."

"I like Brenda," she rambled on irrelevantly, "very much, and it's remarkable how she has kept her head with all the wonderful publicity, but I think it's terrible that she turned down an offer to go into the movies. Brenda isn't so occupied that she couldn't undertake a little hard work!"

Heresy on Park Avenue!

CONNERSVILLE TAX RATE BOOST SOUGHT

CONNSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 29.—A proposed 1940 city tax rate of \$1.98, an increase of \$1.15 over the current rate, was announced today by Clerk-Treasurer F. G. Coats. The amount to be raised is \$233,095, compared to the 1939 budget of \$102,719.

A decrease of approximately \$800,000 in the tax valuation, depletion of balances and added expense were cited as reasons for the increase. It was said the City will have to borrow money to tide it over the remainder of this year.

EPILEPTICS VILLAGE OPENS BIDS SEPT. 12

NEW CASTLE, Ind., Aug. 29.—Bids for hospital furniture and equipment for the infirmary at the Indiana Village of Epileptics here will be opened in the village office at 10 a. m. Sept. 12.

Plans and specifications are on file at the offices of Dr. W. C. Van Nuis, village superintendent; the state inspecting architect, 320 State House, Indianapolis; the F. W. Dodge Corp., 627 Architects & Builders' Bldg., Indianapolis; and Herbert Polz & Son, 333 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis.

A PWA grant of \$114,750 has been awarded for the \$255,000 project.

TEACHERS TO CONVENE

LEBANON, Ind., Aug. 29.—The annual fall institute of Boone County teachers will be held Sept. 9 at the Lebanon High School. Speakers will include Dr. John Benson, superintendent of the Indianapolis Methodist Hospital; Donald Crise, Pulaski County schools superintendent; and Quentin Wert, of the NYA state department.

HOLDUP PAVING OF E. 28TH ST.

Residents and City Unable To Reach Agreement on Assessments.

The paving of E. 28th St. from Olive Ave. to Sherman Drive was postponed by the Works Board today after 25 residents yesterday were unable to agree with the Board's estimates of assessment charges.

Several persons living on intersecting streets within 150 feet of the proposed improvement said they understood they would be assessed a large amount for intersection paving. When they were told by the Board that they would be assessed an average of about \$3 a lot, they asserted they wanted that statement in writing.

The Board members, after a conference, decided to ask these residents who would have to pay intersection assessments to sign waivers of this right to remonstrate to prevent the possibility of court action.

The total cost of the improvement is \$12,268, and residents whose property abuts 28th St. have agreed to pay their assessments.

Market Stands Sag Under Home Produce



City Market stands are laden with Indiana fruits and vegetables and business is brisk as the home-canning season nears its peak. Right now fruit being "put up" includes southern Indiana peaches and home-grown apples. There is an abundance of Marion County corn, beans, tomatoes, cucumbers and most every other variety of vegetables. Shown here shopping are Mrs. W. F. Seyfried (left), 1330 Bosart Ave.; Miss Katie Raimondi (center), clerk, and Mrs. Edna Mauzy, 5020 College Ave.

NYA CASH GOES TO LAW SCHOOL

Work Assigned to Students Must Be Practical And Useful.

The Indiana Law School, Indianapolis, will participate during the 1939-40 school year in funds allotted by the National Youth Administration. It was announced today.

Allotments are made to various colleges and universities on a basis of nine monthly payments. NYA students may earn a maximum of \$20 a month.

Eligibility requirements are that students must show a need for financial help, must be between 18 and 24, inclusive, must be American citizens, of good character and possess such ability that they can give assurance of performing good scholastic work while receiving aid.

Work assigned to the students must be practical, useful and socially desirable.

TOWNSEND CLUBS TO MEET

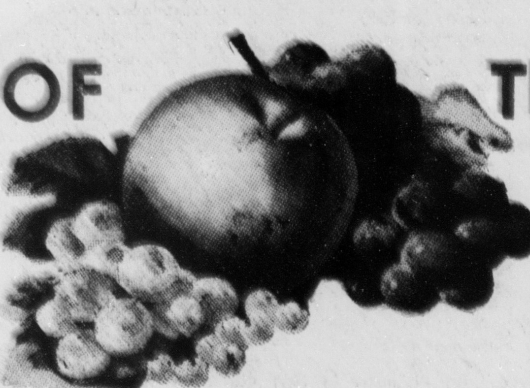
Townsend Club 10 will meet at 8 p. m. tomorrow at the Knights of Pythias Home, 611 E. 73d St. Mrs. E. Beechman, president, said today.

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