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'Now I Belong ...'



CRESSON—Mrs. Ann Holdo, left, of Nemacolin, near Uniontown, a patient at Cresson Sanatorium, receives a membership card in Cambria County Chapter, American Red Cross, from Mrs. Sarah B. Soderholm, right. Mrs. Soderholm is a payroll clerk at the sanatorium and is co-chairman of the institution's Red Cross fund and membership campaign, looking on are Dr. Thomas F. O'Leary, senior tuberculosis physician, and Mrs. Vereda Lewis of 504 Howell Street, Gallitzin, nursing supervisor. Mrs. Len's wife holds a Red Cross collector's bag. Mrs. Betty Boye is chairman of the drive at a goal of \$1,000. Mrs. Holdo, who is one of many patients who have received Red Cross blood, has been at the sanatorium for 22 months and is convalescing. The wife of Joseph Holdo, she has a 3-year-old son, Eli.

TB Seal Unit Plans Dinner

SOMERSET — Annual Christmas Seal sale dinner of Somerset County Tuberculosis & Health Society will be held Wednesday evening in Oakhurst Tea Room, near Somerset.

Dr. Harry W. West, director of Cresson Sanatorium, will be principal speaker. Dr. West will be accompanied by Dr. Shan Ho Ma, recently appointed to the medical staff at the Cresson Sanatorium. He has been a consultant in the war against tuberculosis in America and China for more than a decade.

The program will include piano and vocal music by Lew Bittner of Meyersdale. Arrangements for the dinner are in charge of a committee including Mrs. Ross T. Mickle and Miss Emeline B. Scott, co-chairmen. W. B. Barber, Dr. Lewis Coffman, Mrs. W. C. Miller and Mrs. Joann Killian.

Don't Reduce Patient List, Leech Asked

Governor Hopeful Hospital 'Can Live' With Budget Cuts

Gov. George M. Leader has asked Leech Farm to delay reducing its patient quota for at least six months to see if the institution can "live with its budget."

At a special meeting of local health officials, the Governor and Dr. Berwyn F. Mattison, State health secretary, expressed little hope of obtaining more funds for the tuberculosis hospital.

Several bills framed by Pittsburgh officials are aimed over prospects that Leech Farm may be directed to slash its services severely to district patients.

In fact, Dr. George E. Martin, Leech medical chief, fears budget reductions by the recent Legislature will eventually cut the patient load to 300. The hospital recently was ordered to trim its occupancy from 400 to 366.

Hope to Maintain 366
The Governor and Dr. Mattison appeared to feel that 366 patients might be accommodated even with fewer funds, and asked physicians here to give it a try.

The Governor noted that Pennsylvania's relatively tight budget is requiring more efficiency of State workers. He said he expects payrolls to "make more bucks with less straw."

The decision to attempt to accommodate 366 patients does not expect out plans to send new patients from this district to the State tuberculosis hospital at Cresson.

To Hinder Patients
Dr. Arthur G. Fisher, County health director, said some district patients will probably be diverted to Cresson in the next few months until the Leech Farm begins to operate on an even keel.

Dr. Mattison had requested \$3,600,000 to operate the farm for the next two years, but the Legislature appropriated \$2,771,000. Leech Farm was transferred to the State when the City Health Department was absorbed into the Upper Merion Health Unit.



STEELE CLARK, 1955
Cresson Hospital Ex-Patients Plan 2nd Get-together

The Cresson Hospital Alumni association will hold its second annual dinner at the Hoffman hotel, Cresson, at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

The organization now boasts of having 26 members from various parts of the state and nearby states. Reservations for the dinner have been received from a former patient now living in Ohio. She and her husband plan to attend.

The speaker will be Steele Clark of Cherry Tree, Indiana county, a popular dinner speaker and noted for his sense of humor.

A musical program has been arranged for the guests. Vocal soloists will be Rose Marie Gerbrius, Alice Linton and Rose Marie Graubergger of Mount Altoona Junior college. They will be accompanied at the piano by Jean Wooters.

The medical director of the sanatorium, Dr. Harry W. West, and Mrs. West will be guests at the dinner, along with other members of the association staff. Approximately 200 former patients and guests are expected to attend the dinner.

The association was formed about two years ago, with officers and a board of trustees. Its purpose is for amiability, to renew old friendships and promote good will among the present patients at the sanatorium.

New Chaplain At Grace Chapel Post At Sanatorium

The Rev. William J. Jackson, a native of Flint, Mich., is the new full-time chaplain at Grace Chapel, Cresson Sanatorium.

Appointed to the post by the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, the new chaplain said he expects to move to Cresson next week. His appointment is effective immediately.

The Rev. Jackson replaces the Rev. Henry Lee Robison Jr., who resigned last June after serving the charge for four years. He resigned to accept a position as executive secretary of the Interdenominational Religious World Foundation, with headquarters in Richmond, Va.

Prior to coming here the new chaplain spent a year in clinical pastor training at St. Luke's Hospital, New York City, at Graystone State Hospital in New Jersey and the Federal Detention Headquarters in New York.

During 1935 he was Protestant chaplain at Pilgrim State Hospital, Long Island, N. Y.

He was born Jan. 26, 1922 in Flint, Mich. He received his A. B. at Seattle Pacific College and later his S.T.E. in 1945, at the Biblical Seminary, New York. The Rev. Jackson was awarded his master of theology degree in 1952 from Johnston Theological Seminary and was later ordained in the Evangelical Mission Covenant Church.

After his ordination he served in home missions in Price Albert, Canada, Plainfield, N. J., and in Naugatuck, Conn.

Mrs. Jackson, the former Eleanor Olson of Plainfield, N. J., is a graduate of North Park College, Chicago. They are the parents of a three-month old daughter.

Monday, November 3, 1955

Sanatorium School Now Has New Name

CRESSON — Cresson State Sanatorium's school received a new name, The Carnegie School, at dedication ceremonies yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Harry W. West, sanatorium medical director, formally presented the name to Richard E. Novacelli, director of rehabilitation consulting and head of the school program.

Speakers included Dr. P. R. Shultz, superintendent principal of Cresson Joint Schools, and Dr. Arthur M. Stull, county superintendent of schools.

Both men cited the school's success in providing adult patients the opportunity to complete a high school education while hospitalized.

Two full-time teachers are employed at the school—Miss Mary Mackintosh, principal, and Mrs. Max Beyer.

Mr. Novacelli pointed out that many persons have achieved successful rehabilitation through the help and "aiding devices" of the teachers.

"Words cannot express the magnitude of good work that have been attained by these teachers," he said, "in preparing students to help themselves to a better life that they not have been possible except for their untiring goodness and patience."



100 PER CENTERS—Three departments at the Cresson Sanatorium have topped their goals in the Red Cross fund appeal now being conducted in Cambria County outside of Greater Johnstown. Mrs. Sarah B. Soderholm (left), co-chairman of the drive at the sanatorium, hands 100 per cent stickers to Joseph Kotal, representing the occupational therapy department, and Miss Genevieve Weber of the housekeeping department at the nurses' home. Looking on is Helen Lenhart, representing the laundry workers. The Cresson unit each year is one of the top fundraising groups in Red Cross drives conducted by the Cambria County Chapter. The campaign will continue through this month.

WEDDING DELAY

Lightning Bolts Hit Home and Shop

EHEMBSBURG—Lightning forced an hour's delay in a wedding here Thursday evening when it struck and set fire to the home of the bridegroom.

A bolt struck a corner of the rural home of Mr. and Mrs. William Stormer, Ehemsburg R. D., about 8:40 o'clock, less than two hours before the scheduled wedding of their son, William Clair. William and Miss Mary Ruth Evans, also of Ehemsburg R. D., were scheduled to walk down the aisle in First Christian Church at 7:30 p. m. Quick work by Dauntless Fire Company enabled the wedding to be held an hour later.

See Hall of Fire — Mrs. Stormer told firemen she saw a ball of fire in the kitchen of her home shortly after the lightning struck. She was preparing supper at the time.

She and her husband and son looked through the house but found no signs of fire. They were about halfway through the meal when a neighbor, Orval George, rushed in to tell them the top of their house was ablaze.

Firemen, using high pressure fog

equipment and water from a nearby creek, confined flames to the attic. Water damage to the second floor was reduced by the use of salvage covers, Fire Chief Robert Allison said.

Total damage was estimated at \$1,500 which partially is covered by insurance.

Sanatorium Shed Hit — Lightning also set fire to the carpenter shop at Cresson State Sanatorium about 6:30 p. m. Thursday, causing an estimated \$2,000 damage.

Robert Kenney, Cresson fire chief, said the light struck a tree beside the shop and then jumped to the building. Most of the damage occurred to the interior of the 45-by-30-foot frame structure.

There was no one at work in the shop at the time. The shop is located about 300 feet from the nearest building. Sanatorium officials credited quick response by firemen for preventing a more serious blaze.

The bolt struck at the height of a severe electrical storm. Hail and rain also were reported in the sanatorium area.

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A group of Hungarian refugees, who must remain unnamed, had much to talk about while they were patients at Dr. Flick State Hospital, Cresson, although they never had met before they arrived there.

One of them, a skilled artist, shows his fellow countrymen a few of the products of his brush and palette. Each an apt pupil, they learned quickly during their program of rehabilitation.

Six Hungarian Refugees Tell of Loneliness, Terror

By MRS. ROSE HERTZOG
Cresson-Gallithea Correspondent
The Tribune-Democrat

CRESSON—None in the midst of a crowd!
This was the situation for six Hungarian refugees at Dr. Lawrence Flick State Hospital here. They were among some 600 patients, yet because of their background and inability to speak the English language, they stood alone.
Because of their loneliness, authorities at the hospital arranged a weekly social hour in which they could meet and converse in their own language.
And they had many tales to unfold for until they met at the hospital here they did not know each other.

"It was horrible—no men or boys left in Budapest, only women in the streets. There were 37,000 reported to have come."
Know No English
The five Hungarian men and a woman, all young people, could neither speak nor understand English when they were taken to the hospital.
As a result they were at first terrified because they had been through so many incidents during World War II and the cold war. The similarity of being taken from trains in the dark of the night in Altona, hastened into a state car

with a nurse and an attendant and then taken through the stone entrance to the hospital terrified them for it reminded them of Budapest.
Could this be the "free" America they had escaped to?
Shortly after being admitted to the hospital, the patients were started on a program of rehabilitation.
Mrs. John Foreman, who taught the foreign patients, said they all are well versed in Latin. With her ability to speak Latin, French, German and Spanish, she was able to "reach them and teach them."
She said she first taught them about their environment and English words for the parts of the body so they could communicate

with the doctors and nurses.

Taught Individually

The refugees later were presented a book of illustrated words so that they could adjust themselves to their surroundings.
Each patient was given individual lessons, first at bedside. As they were permitted to go for meals, they were given additional lessons. Math was no problem for them but they had to be taught the English terms.
"They have brilliant minds and learn quickly but to teach them spelling and writing was difficult for in the English language many words are spelled differently than their pronunciation," Mrs. Foreman said.
Because of their fear of reprisal against their relatives in Hungary, they requested that their names be omitted from any newspaper stories.

Captain in Army

Patient A was a captain in the Hungarian Army during World War II. When the Iron Curtain fell, he was captured by the Communists and sent to Siberia as a prisoner of war. He was interned there from 1945 to 1948. Because of his exceptional talent for painting, he was taken under armed guard to Russia where he painted many murals. He then returned to Budapest. A commercial artist, he was graduated from a university with a bachelor of laws degree and has a diploma in the arts.
During the revolt for freedom he served as a leader in the national guard and was forced to hide for two weeks in the forest before he finally made his escape to Austria. His wife of 10 months is now in Czechoslovakia awaiting a visitor's passport to America.

Passes Talent Test

Since coming to America, Patient A has successfully passed a talent test and has been awarded a scholarship to an art school in Connecticut. He also has been

1957 Cresson Hospital Alumni Holds 4th Annual Banquet

Special to Allentown Herald
CRESSON—The Cresson Hospital Alumni association held its fourth annual reunion at the Hotel-Grand last Saturday, Oct. 5.
The alumni group was founded in July, 1953, when a number of ex-patients met at the patients' picnic and decided to organize. The organization now has a membership of over 200.
The objective of the association is to help patients and ex-patients in their rehabilitation, to aid in the entertainment program of the present patients, to help educate the public in the problems of the hospitalized tuberculosis patient and for social activities. The main social event of the year is the annual reunion dinner.
At the business meeting preceding the dinner, the association elected Charles Lettice vice president and Vivian Kull to the board of directors. The association also adopted a resolution to help some hospitalized, where possible, while that person is in rehabilitation school.
After the meeting the former patients and their guests toured the hospital and talked with the patients to encourage them to continue their cure and return to health.

At 8 p. m. the guests gathered in the dining room of the Hotel-Grand for a turkey dinner. The invocation was given by Rev. William J. Jackson, Protestant chaplain of the hospital. The medical director, Dr. Harry W. West, who presided, gave the address of welcome and remarked about the new program of the association.
This was followed by vocal solos by Miss Cheryl Alden and Miss Rosal Collier. Both are students at Mount Lebanon Junior college. They were accompanied at the piano by Miss Karen Anderson, also of the college.
Remarks and best wishes for continued success of the association were expressed by W. L. Fry, maintenance engineer at the state psychiatric asylum. Dr. Thomas O'Leary, Patrick H. Gages, James Abrams.
Other guests present included Dr. and Mrs. James J. Parkard, Dr. Harry Smith, medical service department, John P. Jones, rehabilitation consultant, and Mrs. Sadie Krenos, executive secretary, Tuberculosis and Health society of Westmoreland county.

Thursday, December 19, 1957

A CHRISTMAS I'LL NEVER FORGET

Now that Christmas is coming around again this year, it brings back to me memories of years ago. I'll never forget my Christmas of 1923.
I hadn't been well for some time. The doctor advised me to go to the Cresson Sanatorium. I wasn't hesitant, nor neither did I feel very ill. I didn't want to go and leave my husband and two children, one 7 months and the other three years. I finally made up my mind I would go. My husband broke up our home, taking our child to his mother's and sending our other child to my mother's in Pittsburgh.
My husband and my minister went with me to the hospital. I was put into a ward with 16 other patients. I never was lonely, but I was sad and my family. When Christmas time came around they decorated the halls and hung wreaths in the windows. There certainly was a lot of Christmas cheer in that hospital.
Christmas Eve the head doctor came through the hospital and tried to cheer us all by giving each of us a Christmas card. I still have mine to remind me of that never-to-be forgotten Christmas. Christmas morning the children sang Carols

for us and in the afternoon my husband came to visit me.
After I had been there awhile, I began to notice that there were others much worse off than me. And that was when I decided that I must get well so that I could get back to my loved ones.
I stayed there until the end of summer in a little cottage. After I left that summer we moved to the country to a little place with woods in the back.
Our next Christmas was spent together with a new addition, a daughter born to us after I left the hospital. Now I am a widow, all my children married. I live alone now, and when Christmas time comes around each year I always seem to remember my stay at Cresson and what a great role it had in my life for there I learned a great lesson.
I always shall be grateful for the kindness shown to me by the nurses, doctors, and other members of the staff and for the effort they put forth to bring a little cheer into the heart of one who was longing to be home again.
A Reader of the Observer

Chaplain to Be Installed Jan. 8 at Flick Hospital



CHAPLAIN REYNOLDS

Dr. Harry W. West, medical director of the Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital at Cresson, announced that there will be an installation service for their new Protestant Chaplain, the Reverend John H. Reynolds, Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 7:30 p. m. in Grace Chapel on the hospital grounds.
Chaplain Reynolds assumed his duties at the sanatorium Nov. 6, 1957. The chaplaincy program at the Flick State Hospital is a joint responsibility of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Prior to his appointment as chaplain at the above institution, Mr. Reynolds

completed a course in pastoral clinical training at the Austin State Hospital, Austin, Texas.
The Reverend Reynolds was graduated from Mississippi College with the A.B. degree and from Berkeley Divinity School, Berkeley, California with the B.D. degree. He served as an Air Force chaplain for about three years. Chaplain Reynolds had three years pastoral experience before entering the military chaplaincy.
The main address at the installation service will be given by the Rev. Claude L. Conley, president of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches and executive secretary of the Presbyterian Synod. Other executive officers of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches participating in the service will be by the Rev. Jesse D. Biber, general secretary, who will bring greetings on behalf of the State Council and Kenneth L. Lawton, who will give the charge to the chaplain.
Other clergymen participating in the service will be the Rev. Luther Norris of the Christian Church, Ebensburg; Walter E. Brown, First Church of Christ, Altoona; LaRue G. Bender, Great Methodist Church, Altoona; and Walter E. Funnell, Presbyterian Church of Cresson. Dr. Harry W. West, medical director, will bring greetings on behalf of the hospital.
Special music will be presented by James Chaster and Miss Doris Long. The organ accompaniment will be Mrs. Ruth Gages, R.N. The public is cordially invited to attend the service.

MAINLINER & DISPATCH



FRIEND OF ALL — Elsie Mosse Ma, 5-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Sam Ho Ma, showed lots of interest in Santa Friday when he visited the 16 tots at the kindergarten class conducted by Mrs. John Hart of Crescon. The Legion and the Moose Lodge made their annual trip to all schools in the Crescon latitude as well as local parochial schools, with treats for the kiddies. Transportation was furnished by the Elks company. Mosse's father is on the staff at Dr. Flog's state hospital, Crescon. They came here about 2 1/2 years ago from China and Formosa. After their views expired, an act of legislation made the family citizens of the United States. Sitting beside the little Chamber girl is Ramona Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Baker of Crescon. Santa visited Gailith Sunkay and treated about 100 children of Mosse members.



CHECKING SERVICES — Richard E. Agostini (left), rehabilitation director at the Lawrence F. Flick Hospital, Crescon, discusses hospital's rehabilitation program for tuberculous patients with Dr. Harry W. West (center), hospital's medical director, and Lester Miller, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Washington, D. C., hospital visitor.



SCHOOL REPORTERS AT WORK—Kenneth Keith, right, a former TB patient interviewed at a student press conference held yesterday at the Central YMCA. Left to right, Vic Henry, Newport Union High School editor; Wayne Mummo, Susquehanna High School reporter; Kay Snyder, Middletown High School editor, and Keith.

TWO-YEAR STRUGGLE ENDS IN VICTORY
Young TB Victim Conquers Illness—and Readjustment

By PAUL R. BEERS
Evening News Staff Writer

A young Prebleton man who had been given six months to live was interviewed yesterday by 14 Harriburg area high school editors and reporters.

Kenneth Keith, a former tuberculous patient, told the high school writers that readjustment to civilian life for the TB victim is often as difficult as fighting the dread disease.

Keith, 20, of 214 S. 2nd St., was afflicted by the disease in July of 1952 and struggled two years to conquer it.

HE FACED the high school pupils at a school press conference of the Tuberculosis and Health Society of Dauphin and Perry counties following a luncheon at the Central YMCA.

Keith, now a bookkeeper and a secretary, was given six months to live shortly after his doctors diagnosed his case.

"Suddenly all the hopes of my life were smashed," he said. "I felt ruined."

For two years of treatment at the state Samuel Dixon Sanitarium at Chambersburg, plus state rehabilitation funds which enabled him to complete his high school education and go on to business college, gave him the breaks needed to go on and live a normal life, Keith told the pupils.

TODAY HE LIVES a deliberate life. He avoids strenuous work and plays golf on Xmas every four months and survives to have at least eight hours of sleep daily.

He is president of the Kom-Bak Club, a local group of 18 persons, ages 18 to 65, who once had TB.

"Society still doesn't accept the ex-TB patient," he said. "Workers and employers are hesitant to be with an ex-patient. They might remember that ex-patients are always under a doctor's care and are usually thin persons to be around than persons who don't."

THE **KOM-BACK CLUB** will meet tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the TB Society headquarters for its monthly meeting.

Keith was interviewed by pupils from Newport Union, Middletown Area and Susquehanna high schools. They were Mary Shaw, Lois Brookhart, Donna Baker, Gloria Haines and Vida Henry, all of Newport; Ann Rymys and Kay Boyer, Middletown, and Carol Beyer, Sandra Eppley, Kay Fink, Susquehanna.

The society held an all-day session for the pupils.

HEALTH CAREERS were discussed by a panel composed of Miss Elizabeth V. Roscoe, executive director of the Visiting Nurses Society; Dr. Thomas T. Pugh, chief of the Tuberculosis Development section of the county; Robert C. Mulligan, deputy director of the Division of P. U. B. Health Education, both of the state health department; and Mrs. Nancy Silver, supervisor of the Family and Children's Service.

Mrs. Kermit L. Lettner, member of the society's board of directors, conducted another panel on "Meet the TB Fighters." Members of the panel were Dr. Ross K. Childers, chest specialist; Miss Myra Greenwald and Miss Mary Thompson, two registered nurses from the state Department of Health; and Mrs. E. Jase Pelech, executive secretary of the society.

George W. Smith, field director, was in charge of the program.

Flick Hospital Cops Laundry Citation

The Ellen R. Richards Institute certificate of efficiency has been awarded to the Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital laundry for the fifth consecutive year. Announcement was made today by Dr. Harry W. West, medical director.

The award is made annually to laundries of state institutions that attain an "A-1" rating, based on the average results of laundry test samples, which are processed regularly during the year by the Ellen R. Richards Institute, College of Home Economics, Pennsylvania State University.

The citation was made at the 23rd annual institutional laundry conference, sponsored jointly by the Departments of Health, Public Instruction, Justice, Welfare, and Military Affairs and Pennsylvania State University, which was held at the Crescon state hospital by Mrs. Mary Mummo, laundry superintendent.

MAINLINER & DISPATCH

County Red Cross Drive Falling Short of Goal

H. C. Terndrup, campaign chairman of the Cambria County Red Cross Fund Drive, has reported that the contributions from the county are not being returned as fast as he had hoped.

In the Allegheny Ridge Branch, reports indicate that Lily has collected \$269, Crescon, \$143, Lawrence \$55 and Gallatin \$80. The Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital at the present time, leads all contributing groups in the branch with \$412.

Mr. Terndrup states that the drive is considerably behind when compared with last year's contributions as of October 26. All branch officers have been asked to contact individual solicitors in their respective sections falling down in their contributions. A final report meeting will be held at the Laurel Hall in Elizabeth at 6:15 on Thursday, November 13.

During the past year throughout Cambria County, Red Cross performed many services. The Home Service Department gave 1,476 services to individuals in the county last year. Assistance was rendered to 27 families who met with disaster. More than 2,470 persons were trained in first aid and 1,500 youngsters were given swimming instruction. The Grey Ladies, Blair Aides, Maroon Aides, Marie B. Aides and Canteen gave many hours of their time in helping to promote Red Cross projects in the hospitals of Cambria County.

All of these services are requested by the public, but it takes funds to continue this type of work. All Red Cross officials request that those who have not yet been contacted report to the vice-chairmen of their respective districts and solicitors will be sent to the homes.

Psychology Course Offered at Flick State Hospital

For the fourth consecutive year the Nursing Educational Program at Dr. Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital, Cremon, has included a basic psychology course for interested professional personnel, according to an announcement by Dr. Harry W. West, medical director.

The three-credit course, offered by Pennsylvania State University, is taught by a full-time professor of psychology from the University Park campus. Classes, which began Sept. 24, are conducted by Dr. William Prokary each Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 4:45 o'clock in the lecture room of the administration building.

tuition for the course is underwritten by the Division of Professional Training, Department of Health, Harrisburg.

A total of 19 members of the class they are Mary Kennedy, Annie Donnelly, Marjorie Paustor, Bernice McGuire, Dorothy Zentila, Kathleen McKenna, Betty Mentzer, Mary J. Kopylov, Margaret Meiner, Edna Marie Hoque, Annie Pusey, Mary Weiland, Theresa Lueb, Barbara Wink, Sylvia Phillips, Grace Stephens, Dorothy Turlington, Mary Reichenberger and Van H. Tiffany.

The in-service education pro-

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A list of helps for the homemaker in home nursing has been prepared by County Home Economist Mrs. Carolyn Rogers (left) with the cooperation of Mrs. Keller Jones and Mrs. John Weyl (right), members of Ebensburg Homemakers Club.

Mrs. Jones stands beside her 12-year-old son, Henry, who constructed a model bed as a visual aid for the new course of instruction offered by Cambria County Home Extension office to women throughout the county.

Home Nursing Tips Available to Public

By WILLIAM DICKSON
Manager, Tribune-Democrat, Ebensburg Bureau

EBENSBURG—Attention, Mrs. Homemaker.

Are you caring for a sick youngster, nursing a bedfast patient, waiting on the needs of a disabled in-law?

If you're not right now, it's a new thing you have done so in the past and will have to do it again before too long.

While this reads like the lead-in to a commercial, the fact is that these new aids are ready for Cambria County. A few tips and shortcuts for easing the discomfort of your patient as well as for taking a heavy load of work out of your nursing problems when the ordeal comes your way.

And the best part is none of these little hints will cost you a cent.

Sample Hint:
For instance, do you know how

to make a bed table out of a card-board box?

Did you ever think of sewing newspapers together into a cheap, easily disposable bed pad?

How about hanging a shoe bag on the side of the bed for holding a child's toys or an adult's books, magazines and other gear for whisking away the hours?

These and other simple but valuable suggestions are all contained in a new instruction course entitled "Twenty Tricks to Make Nursing Easier in the Home."

They are being made available to you by Mrs. Carolyn Rogers, Cambria County home economist who collaborated in their preparation with two members of the Ebensburg Homemakers Club.

Class Program Needs

Mrs. Rogers is a woman who believes that it's fine to teach housewives how to cut drapes and weave baskets, but that any good home economics program must also offer a few adult guides for meeting the more realistic chores that best every homemaker at some time.

Noting that some educators in recent years have taken a step of certain parts of the nation's educational system as being frivolous and non-essential, Mrs. Rogers agrees that "a lot of criticism of home economics is justified."

"Some have specialized in the fields of housewifery and have not touched the down-to-earth things," she asserted during an interview in her office in the Ebensburg Courthouse.

"Especially since Sputnik, education has been reevaluated. There are those who feel that home economics, athletics and vocational training should be taken out of the schools and we should all study math, science and so forth. I feel that they are not really acquainted with the home economics program in its entirety," she said.

Former Teacher

As a former health teacher and instructor of practical nursing, the Studenrod woman was surprised to learn, when she became county home economist in August, that the Pennsylvania Agricultural and Home Economics Extension Service did not have a single course on that subject slanted to the homemaker's level.

She had all the credit for making such help possible to two members of the Ebensburg Homemakers Club—Mrs. Keller Jones and Mrs. John Weyl, who offered to help prepare what Mrs. Rogers calls a new "unit" in the curriculum.

Mrs. Jones, who is supervisor of nurses at Flick State Hospital in Cremon, and Mrs. Weyl, who is a graduate nurse, put together

some of their ideas.

The result is "Twenty Tricks to Make Nursing Easier in the Home," presenting through easy-to-learn demonstrations some of the most useful nursing aids they gained from years of professional experience.

Mrs. Rogers already has brought "Twenty Tricks" before three county homemakers organizations. There are 17 more to go, with several hundred women members.

Enthusiastic Reception

The course has been received enthusiastically, Mrs. Rogers reports.

Fearful at first that the new unit might not be colorful or interesting enough to catch on, the home economist now is sure that she has hit on something that housewives want.

"There's nothing pretty or glamorous about the demonstrations, but every word is practical and can be used because it eventually touches every woman who has a family," she says.

The presentation has the approval of Miss Mary Reisinger, district supervisor of the state's home economics extension service.

"Pennsylvania's home ec program is diversified and specializes in such down-to-earth subjects as food preparation, child care and fire buying. If it wasn't that way, they wouldn't have approved this service unit," Mrs. Rogers notes.

If "Twenty Tricks" is accepted in Cambria County, it will be tried in other counties and eventually may be written into the regular Pennsylvania State University extension course.

Lad Gives Aid

Mrs. Rogers received an unexpected helping hand from Mrs. Joseph W. Henry, a member of Central Cambria High School 4-H Agricultural Club.

When he learned what was in the wind, he offered to build a model bed which Mrs. Rogers now uses to demonstrate ways of making up a bed.

One of these tips is how to substitute a draw sheet—a strip of cloth lined with plastic, or an old pillowcase used to cover only the central portion of the bed, eliminating the costlier commercial rubber sheet.

Then there's the bedrest carved out of a sturdy piece of cardboard and placed behind the patient, serving the need just as well as an expensive hospital bed, which few homes have.

During the demonstration, homemakers are handed the sheets and make their own counts while Mrs. Rogers stands back and advises when needed.

And there's the knack of using a piece of cloth around the patient's shoulders while he is eating or taking medicine. Saves on pillows.

Or did you ever think of putting a clear glass mixing bowl over that big alarm clock, beside the bed? Eliminates the drive-you-crazy tick, wakes the alarm and lets you see the time as easily as before.

Simple? Sure, but even the old-wives may escape the mind of a

Ernest L. Tamburri In Rehab Dept. Of Flick Hospital



MR. TAMBURRI

Dr. Harry W. West, medical director at the Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital, announced today the addition of Ernest L. Tamburri to the hospital staff.

Mr. Tamburri will be in charge of the rehabilitation department, the supervisor of hospital physical therapists and the consulting education director of the rehabilitation committee at the hospital.

The internship, which will last approximately five hours, is part of a cooperative program between the State Department of Health and Lawrence F. Flick Hospital, and the consulting education department of the Pennsylvania State University, under the sponsorship of Professor A. M. Willinger.

Dr. Kenneth Hybert is the director of the Rehabilitation Consulting Program at the University.

Mr. Tamburri is a candidate for the master of science degree and will participate in a research program at the hospital as partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree. He received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania on August 10, 1957.

As an undergraduate, he was a member of the Theta Kappa Phi fraternity and has held the office of president of Iota Alpha Delta honorary guidance fraternity. Mr. Tamburri served with the United States Army for two years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Del Tamburri of Trouton, Pa.

homemaker barred by a rumpus—elderly younger home from a day of school or kept on the job by a spouse parent forbidden to get out of bed.

You're asking at this point, how do I get out from these twenty tricks?

Mrs. Rogers points out there are 20 homemaker clubs in the county. Three probably in one near you. Twenty tricks and lots of other demonstrations on other topics close to the home will be shown before these groups this year.

Demonstration Free

If your hometown garden club or book club wants the demonstration, the county home economics department will fit your group into a schedule.

A bridge club already has asked Mrs. Rogers to spend a couple of hours with its members.

And, while this may come as a surprise, Mrs. Rogers will visit your home and present a demonstration to you alone when your busy schedule permits.

All these services are free to you through your tax dollar, and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, which has its extension service headquarters in Penn State.

The county home economics extension service is not a charity organization, nor is home economist a political appointee. She must have a bachelor of science degree in home ec, and in her position she has the equivalent of a professor's status at Penn State.

New Unit Planned

Mrs. Rogers is hoping to develop still another new unit for county homemakers—how to get along with sick people.

Professional nurses receive two or three courses on that subject, she says, but the housewife lacks an extra problem in human relations in that the patient usually is her own child, husband, parent or in-law.

Unfortunately we all seem to be made that way—we seem to be nicer to outsiders and professional people than we are to our own loved ones. There's a real need for guides along this line, she declares.

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REHABILITATION BUDDIE

Vocational rehabilitation services at Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital, Cremon, were outlined for Robert Waldrop (center), vocational rehabilitation representative of the Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C., during his recent visit to the state institution. Discussing the

program with Mr. Waldrop are Dr. Harry W. West (left), hospital medical director, and John P. Jones of Johnstown, an employee of the Bureau of Rehabilitation of the Department of Health, who assists part-time in the operation of the hospital program.

Rehabilitation Dept. At Dr. Flick Hospital Adds Homemaking

An expansion in hospital service in Pennsylvania has been provided for the female patients at the Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital at Cresson, where a non-profit vocational rehabilitation course in homemaker homemaking has been initiated.



Dr. Huebner To Head Staff At Memorial Will Assume Office In 1960, Succeeding Dr. Philip E. Crooks

Dr. John J. Huebner Jr., 609 Pine Street, was named president of Memorial Hospital staff at the annual meeting Thursday night. He automatically will be president in 1960.

Dr. Philip E. Crooks moved into the president's chair, succeeding Dr. Richard P. Zimmerman, also elected.

Other officers are Dr. George H. Hudson, vice president; Dr. Wilbur H. Young, secretary; Dr. Thomas Dugas and Richard Zimmerman, members of the advisory committee.

Unknown Native

The president-elect was born in unknown. He received a bachelor of science degree in 1911 from the University of Pittsburgh and a year later he obtained a medical degree from Pitt. In 1914 he interned at Memorial.

Besides general practice, Dr. Huebner specializes in orthopedics. He is chief of orthopedics at Memorial and a consultant in orthopedics at Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital, Cresson. He has served as medical director of Cambria County Dispensary of the National Foundation and Cambria County Dispensary for Crippled Children and Adults, and is orthopedist for Raymond Hospital.

San Rehabilitation Staff at Conference

Several staff members of the Dr. Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital, Cresson, attended the rehabilitation conference Thursday at the Samuel G. Dixon State Hospital, South Mountain, Pa.

Attending the conference were Dr. Harry W. Wood, medical director; Richard E. Accavitti, director of rehabilitation; and Miss Mary South, director of social service.

Ernest Tamborn, rehabilitation counseling instructor, and John Paul Jones, counselor from the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Purpose of the conference was to discuss mutual patient rehabilitation problems in the state Department of Health Hospital.

The agenda included psychiatric profiles of patients in a large city hospital; orientation and education staff; patients and family; handling of the alcoholic patient; working relationships with the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation and desired organizational structure within the hospital to administer the program; and utilization of patient organizations in meeting educational, recreational and other problems inherent in long periods of hospitalization.

The Dr. Flick Hospital has an organized rehabilitation counseling department which includes a staff director, counselor assigned to the hospital by the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, and a rehabilitation counselor given approval at the hospital in partial fulfillment of the requirements for a master's degree in counseling from Penn State University.

Eugene F. J. Kuhn, a native of Altoona, Pa., will observe his 70th birthday Sunday, Nov. 25, at his Powell Avenue home. He is a son of Eugene and Susan (Schlatter) Kuhn and is married to the former Martha Jane Carlisle. They have two daughters, Alla Sue and Gretchen, who attend Cresson Joint H. Sch. Mr. Kuhn was a member of Cresson Borough Council from 1948 to 1954.

CRESSON 11/20

Nearly 30 rare patients on the Sanatorium W.F. Post at, Tuesday night were stripped of bandages and had aerial damaged Wayne King, Sanatorium public officer, investigated the theft along with State Police of the Shippensburg station.

The local Postman carryman observed their birthday party they are the Rev. John H. Fry, public chaplain at the Leverage Dr. Flick State Hospital, and the Rev. Raymond W. Stewart, pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance church. The Rev. Fry is 60 years old. The Rev. Stewart is 29 years old.

Certificate Given

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7/15/51 Hospital Unit Hears Iacurto

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Mr. Iacurto spoke on patient rehabilitation at 8 p. m. dinner. Dr. Harry W. Wood, medical director of the hospital, gave the welcome address. Entertainment was provided by the Grand Banquet, and dinner music by William Patrick.

The association, which numbers more than 100 members, began on July 10, 1948 after dinner in room of Lawrence F. Flick Hospital was at 8 p. m.

Rehabilitation Meet Attended By Flick Staff

Several staff members of the Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital attended a rehabilitation conference at the Samuel G. Dixon State Hospital, South Mountain, Nov. 8.

Attending from Flick State Hospital were Dr. Harry W. Wood, medical director; Richard E. Accavitti, director of rehabilitation; Miss Eleanor Mitchell, director of nursing education; Miss Mary South, director of social service; Ernest Tamborn, rehabilitation counseling instructor; and John Paul Jones, counselor from the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Purpose of the conference was to discuss mutual problems relating to the rehabilitation of patients in the Department of Health's state hospitals.

The agenda included psychiatric profiles of patients in a large city hospital; orientation and education staff; patients and family; handling of the alcoholic patient; working relationships with the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation.

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A number of patients dressed in costume.

Flick Patients Hold Party

CRESSON—Dishes, goblets and choirs of the women united for an annual Halloween party for patients.

Dancing music was provided by the "Chorus" under direction of Thomas Zerler. The orchestra was directed by the American Federation of Musicians, Local 40.

All intermission guests were entertained with a variety show directed by Mrs. Dorothy Albring. Acts included acrobatics, tap dancing, ball dancing and singing by Sandra Snook and Doris Baker. Mrs. Madeline Buck was accompanist.

Costumed prize winners were Mary Oper, Jean Hester, Robert Boyd and Mary Johnson.

Funds Short, State Hospital Cuts TB Care

Special to The Inquirer. — Dr. Don Longfellow, medical director of the State Hospital at Hershey, Pa., today announced that the hospital has been forced to curtail its tuberculosis care because of a shortage of funds. He said that only of tubercular patients to whom treatment had been State hospital, it was disclosed today at Hershey.



Jane Ellen Leader, daughter of Gen. George M. Leader, hugs day-old lamb during preview tour of State Farm Show at Hershey.

...ferred to the Saint G. Penn State Hospital at Meadville. "We are confident with a budget we cannot live with," Stayer said. "We must make up the funds somewhere. I will not say who is responsible for that amount of money but it is not enough."

Longfellow said the case load at the hospital totaled 420 today and would have been 200 more if conditions had not been curtailed. Longfellow denied a report that some 25 surgical patients and 20 others would be discharged.

patients who are sent to for discharge will be transferred to other institutions." Dr. Don Yarns (D. Herk) said he was seeking information as to the feasibility of an emergency appropriation to aid the hospital.

...of the Philadelphia Department of Health, Lawrence F. Cook, Hershey, is recovering from tuberculosis. She is one of the hospital's more than 400 patients confined to a convalescence division and is by a long called tubercular patient. Early diagnosis of health conditions and new treatment methods have reduced dramatically the hospitalization period. "Every case of tuberculosis is a tragedy because of the physical and economic burden it places on the patient and his family," Dr. Yarns said. "Every hospital director and every physician should be concerned by the fact that tuberculosis can be cured." In addition to the occupational therapy classes in which patients are instructed in various hobbies, the hospital has a vocational rehabilitation section which assists patients in adjusting to life after their discharge. "We had every attempt to find jobs for our discharged patients," Dr. Yarns said, "but we also check on their progress in their...

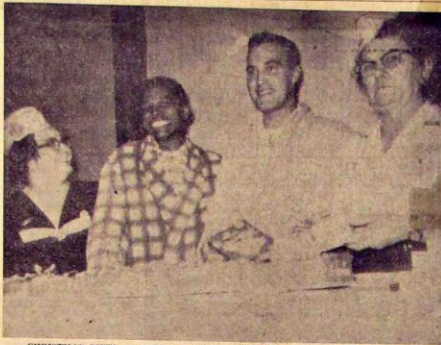
DRIVE WORKERS NAMED
Miss Betty Boyle has announced that the following workers will assist her with the campaign for funds and new members for the American Lung Society at Lawrence F. Cook State Hospital: Mrs. Sarah Soderholm, Mrs. Tiffany, Judith Cook and Miss Judith Derkey.
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Local Woman Recovering At Cresson, Pa., Hospital



SUMBERS, PLEASE — Mrs. Mildred Dixon, given Nurse Leona Fitch, the medical records. Mrs. Dixon, a patient of the state hospital, says she would like to have played on the parliament's tuberculosis hospital near Cresson, hospital's intensive system.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1951



CHRISTMAS GIFTS — Auxiliary to VFW Post 2377, Sankertown, visited Dr. Flick State Hospital, Cresson last week with gifts for servicemen. A total of 25 packages were distributed. On photo are Mrs. Helen Fretsch, law Sec. ed. On photo are Mrs. Pearl Schenk, head of the Cresson Ladies' aides. The Sankertown unit was visited Monday night by Alice Sinek, Dist. 28 president. Donations were approved to the department hospital fund, Sankertown VFW Post Christmas treats and to the Crusade to Freedom. The aides gave 12 dozen cookies for the Southeast Sigma party. Also visiting the Flick Hospital were Verna Hyman and Edna Lee.

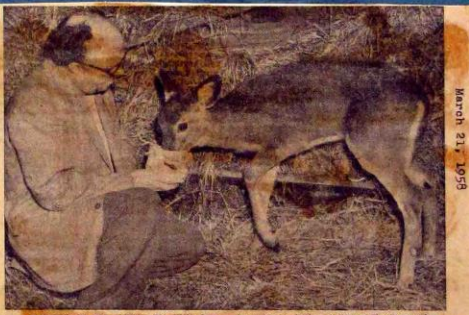


Miss McHail Gets Degree In Nursing

CRESSON—Miss Eleanor McHail of 329 Park Avenue, daughter of Mrs. Hannah McHail and the late Arthur McHail, graduated with highest honor and received a bachelor of science degree in nursing education at the University of Pittsburgh June 11. She has been on an educational leave of absence for more than two years from Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital here but will return next Wednesday to assume duties in nursing administration. While at the university she received recognition as her senior year as a leader in the field of nursing both at the chancellor's first honors convocation and at the students' top day exercises. She was also part in the annual tri-state area tuberculosis workshop. She was employed as student health nurse at the Pitt Medical Center Nurses' Residence. Miss McHail is a 1936 honor graduate of the former Bellevue High School. She graduated from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, Johnstown, in 1947 and for four years was employed at Memorial Hospital, Johnstown. She recently was made a member of Sigma Theta Tau national honor nursing society.

"Lucky" Finds Compassion At Dr. Flick State Hospital

"Lucky" is the little fawn which the game warden found orphaned and almost dead in the mountains here in the deep snows of last month. He carried the half-dead victim of nature to Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital, Cresson, and left it in the care of Sam Thordarson and Allan Sankertown, employed in the paint department, who maintained a feeding station near the men's dormitory for deer and other wildlife which abounds in the woods surrounding the hospital. The fawn was named "Lucky." Dr. Harry W. West, medical director of the hospital, stated that the warden patients "get a lot of pleasure out of watching the deer through the windows from their beds as the wildlife makes itself heard in the woods nibbling at the corn and salt blocks at the feeding station. Lucky is taking only milk and vitamin capsules fed by his friends at the present time but he appears to be anticipating the time when he can eat heavier foods as he gains strength. His spindly legs and emaciated body is showing the results of the care he receives from his protectors and soon he will be put out to roam the forests to "shift for himself."



"LUCKY" IS HIS NAME—The little deer being fed by one of his (or her) benefactors, Allan Sankertown, an employee of Dr. Flick State Hospital, was found half-dead in a snow woods last month by the game protector who placed it for care at a feeding station at the Cresson hospital. He (or she) survived, is now growing stronger and will soon be released to his (or her) natural habitat.

Cresson Hospital Alumni Hold 5th Annual Reunion

CRESSON—The Cresson Hospital Alumni Association held its fifth annual reunion at the Cresson American Legion home Saturday. The alumni group was founded in July, 1944, when a number of former patients of the Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital met at the hotel. The association now has a membership of over 200. Some of the objectives of the organization are to help the patients and to help the patients in their rehabilitation, to aid in the education program of the patients, to help educate the patients in the problems of the hospital.

Christmas Programs At Flick Hospital Listed by Dr. Weest

Special events during the Christmas season at Dr. Flick State Hospital, Cresson, have been announced by Dr. Harry W. West, medical director. The Christmas services will be presented in Grace Chapel Dec. 23 at 10 a.m. by the Rev. John H. Reynolds, Protestant chaplain. Special choir music for the service will be directed by Mrs. Ruth Oregon, pianist. Selected Christmas music and a reading entitled "Abundant Joy" will be broadcast to all ward patients Dec. 21 at 6 p.m. over the hospital's public communications system. Station WQAN. A record of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens will be broadcast on Christmas Eve. Tape recorded devotionals will be broadcast at the regular Tuesday and Thursday schedule during Christmas week. Father Walter Byrns, Catholic chaplain, will be celebrant of the 8 a.m. Christmas Day mass.

JUNE 12
Dr. Harry W. West, medical director of the Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital, Cresson, received a fellowship in the convocation of the American College of Chest Physicians International held in Atlantic City, June 4.

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TB Survivors to Hold Reunion in Cresson

They Licked Disease, Now Reassure Others Cure Comes With Treatment

CRESSON, Pa.—These "old grads" coming back for class reunion have their degrees, but no school pills, no athletic teams, no blueprints with rows of A's, B's, or C's.

On Saturday they are coming back for their sixth annual reunion at the State Health Department's Lawrence F. Flick Hospital located just outside of Cresson in Cambria County.

Leaving Friendships

Charles F. Latta, of Youngwood, president of the reunion class, said, "We come back each year to find out how and what our friends are doing."

"You make real and lasting friendships in a TB ward," Latta said. "You meet people across the state and around the nation. The LT Alums are always ready to lend a hand to others fighting TB."

Each member pledges to call on anybody in his neighborhood who is hospitalized for tuberculosis in order to ease the TB victim's worries and fears.

Their degree is LT—Licked Tuberculosis.

Dr. Harry W. West, medical director at Cresson Hospital, says a visit from a TB "grad" reassures a TB patient that tuberculosis can be licked and that hospitalization is both wise and necessary for all new cases.

Scholarship Plan

The Flick LT alumni even have their own scholarship program.

Funds are collected to help pay personal expenses of Flick patients undergoing rehabilitation training to help them build a new life in the community.



PRINCIPALS— Pictured above are the principals at the head table at the Cresson Alumni annual Alumni Day held at Lake Cresson Saturday evening. Front row (left to right) Mrs. E. Winfield Smith, R. Winfield Smith, executive director of the Pennsylvania Health and Tuberculosis Society, speaker; and Mrs. Harry W. West. Standing back (left to right) Charles F. Latta, president of the Alumni; Mrs. Marie Stewart, vice president and Dr. Harry W. West, medical director of the Dr. Flick State Hospital.

State Hospital Holds Reunion

The sixth annual Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital Alumni Association reunion was held Saturday at Lake Cresson. More than 100 members and guests attended.

R. Winfield Smith, executive director of the Pennsylvania Tuberculosis and Health Society was the principal speaker for the event. Charles F. Latta, president of the alumni association was the master of ceremonies.

Dr. Harry W. West, medical director at the hospital, gave the address of welcome with entertainment provided by the Johnson School of Dancing.

Mr. Latta gave a brief history of the association stating that it was founded in 1934 by a group of former patients that met at the annual patients picnic. He

stated that in addition to the annual reunion banquet, the objectives of the association are to help patients and ex-patients in their rehabilitation and to educate the public in the problems of the hospitalized tuberculosis patient.

Catholic Nurses Hear Talk on Mental Health

A program on mental health was held at the April meeting of the Allegheny County Catholic Nurses in the Regis World Hall of McKeesport. Mrs. Pauline Trubert presided.

As a member of the State Council Mental Health Association, Mrs. McCall, a nurse at the Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital, Cresson, presented the theme "Mental Health in Industry's Business." A film "Happy Boy" was shown also.

All the business sessions, Mrs. Trubert presided, secretary, and Mrs. Cecelia McAlister, treasurer, reported.

Final plans for the card party were made. The party will be held on Friday, May 1, at the home of Mrs. Cleora Lesure. Refreshments will be served and music furnished.

Plans for a committee breakfast in June were discussed. The speakers were offered by Dr. Roy Bernard O'Malley, speaker.

The next meeting will be held on July 21.

Looking Back for News of Yesteryear

FIFTY YEARS AGO
James DeBoa, national administrative association in America, addressed a large crowd of veterans at the Soldiers Theater.

Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, Pennsylvania health commissioner, is in Cresson inspecting a new tuberculosis sanatorium.

Nazi Victim On Flick State Hospital Staff

(Special to Allegheny Mercury)

CRESSON—A patient in Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital, near here, who preferred the life in a Nazi concentration camp to joining a German army unit, is now enjoying the United States citizenship he earned the hard way.

Joe W, an occupational therapy aide at the Flick Hospital, was born at Export, 27 miles west of here in Westmoreland County. At the age of 2 in 1934 his mother wanted to return to her native Yugoslavia. So the entire family, with the exception of his father, left Western Pennsylvania for Central Europe.

When World War II broke out, Joe was living with his mother and sister and was pursuing the occupation of a tinsmith in Yugoslavia. All other members of his family had returned to Pennsylvania.

Fearing that he would find himself fighting for the Germans against Americans, he refused to join the Nazis and was thrown into notorious Dachau concentration camp in Germany where he remained for four long years.

Released May 8, 1945, he was told he could not return to Yugoslavia. He was advised by the American consulate that he would lose his American citizenship rights unless he returned immediately to the United States.

After coming back here, he learned that his mother and sister had left behind in Yugoslavia, were safe.

Concentration camp life left its mark on Joe. While living on a farm near Butler, he became ill with tuberculosis. His family physician sent him to Flick Hospital last summer.

The early discovery of the disease led to a rapid recovery, however, returning past fevers by teaching hospital patients how to make the most of their confinement by working in the laundry shop.

3 From Hospital At Fire Institute

CRESSON—Van H. Tiffany, personnel director at Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital, Mrs. Elizabeth McCall of the hospital staff and Curtis W. Lesure, fire marshall at the hospital, attended the first annual symposium of patients and fire-fighting techniques held Wednesday at the Veterans Administration, 1145 Pitt St., Leech Farm Road, Pittsburgh.

Conducted by Lt. Robert May Grath of the Chicago Fire Company, and sponsored by the VA Hospital at Pittsburgh, the affair was attended by approximately 100.

LOOKING BACKWARD

Fifty Years Ago
OCTOBER 23, 1940

Andrew Carnegie, writing from Sibley Castle, Scotland, to State Health Commissioner Samuel G. Dixon, Harrisburg, has offered to make Pennsylvania a gift of a 50-acre tract of land near Cresson, provided the Commonwealth will utilize it as a site for a sanatorium.

LOOKING BACK FOR News of Yesteryear

FIFTY YEARS AGO
Pennsylvania Health Commissioner Dixon announced that the state has accepted the offer of 50 acres of land at Cresson by Andrew Carnegie as the site for the new tuberculosis sanatorium.

LOOKING BACK FOR News of Yesteryear

FIFTY YEARS AGO
Andrew Carnegie, steel magnate, offered 50 acres of land at Cresson, Pa., to the state of Pennsylvania for use as the site of a new tuberculosis sanatorium.