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Confirmation Administered First Time at Cresson State Hospital



Bishop Howard J. Carroll is shown at the bottom at the left during the administration of the sacrament of Confirmation to four patients in the Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital, Summit, Cresson. (Cresson Sunbeam). The sacrament was administered on Monday, May 13, at 7 p.m.

It is believed that this is the first time in the history of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese that the sacrament of Confirmation has been administered within the State Hospital. Bishop Carroll (top row, left) is pictured giving an instruction on the sacrament to those about to be confirmed. He is assisted by the Rev. Francis R. McCaa, Vice-Chancellor (left) and the Rev. Francis Ackerson (center). The invocation of the Holy Spirit is pictured (top row, right) prior to the actual anointing with Holy Spirit. The patient in the photo (bottom row, left). The patient is seated as they receive the sacrament from Bishop Carroll. The right blessing and the light blow on the cheek brings the administration of the sacrament to a close. The photo (bottom row, right) pictures Bishop Carroll as he completes the administration of the sacrament to the fourth patient at the State Hospital. The Rev. Walter Byrne, chaplain at the hospital is pictured in the left of Bishop Carroll in the final picture as the ceremonies connected with the administration of the sacrament are performed by Bishop Carroll.



Special Holy Week Services Planned at Dr. Flick Hospital

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MISSION SPEAKER

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Rev. Buttiger is a native of Pleasant Hill, Snyder County. He was graduated from Susquehanna University, Selingsgrove, and from the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg.

Pastorates served by Chaplain Buttiger before assuming his present position in Huntingdon were St. Mark's English Lutheran Church, St. Louis; St. Thomas Episcopal Lutheran Church, Franklin County; and Methodist Episcopal Lutheran Church, Newburg.

Chaplain Buttiger is married to the former Grace Thomas of Pottsville and the couple has three children ranging in age from 3 to 15 years.

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A bloodmobile visit to the Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital... will be from 2 to 3 o'clock...

Lengthy Illness Proves Fatal to Dr. C. E. Levan

Dr. Carl E. Levan, 74, of 2111... died at his home... cause of death... lengthy illness...

Ex-General Heads Lankenau TB Unit

The appointment of Dr. Arthur... as medical director of the State Tuberculosis Station at Lankenau Hospital...

Patients Get Gifts

Cresson - Patients of Lawrence Flick State Hospital have been presented gifts by Cresson Junior High School...

ALTONA MIRROR Kiwanians Told Of TB Peril

Subscribers may not be aware of the fact that tuberculosis is the leading cause of death... Dr. Jones said there seems to be a general misunderstanding...

Group of 35 Nurses Tour Flick Hospital

Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital was recently host to 35 students and six graduate nurses from Lehigh Valley Hospital...

PSU Graduates Training for Rehabilitation

UNIVERSITY PARK-10 are the growing demand for professional rehabilitation workers... Dr. Kenneth W. Hubert is director of the program...

Cresson Joint School PTA Group Hears Miss McHail

Miss Eleanor McHail of Cresson was guest speaker at a meeting of the Cresson Joint Parents Teachers Association Monday evening in the school...

Flick Hospital Nurse Speaks

ALTONA-Miss Eleanor McHail, staff nurse at Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital, Cresson, spoke at a meeting of Catholic Nurses Association here...

Pharmaceutical Association Elects Cresson Druggist

Robert Rager of Keystone Avenue, Cresson, manager of Justice Drug Store, was elected president of the Cambria-Southern Pharmaceutical Association...

State Hospital Nurses Enrolled In St. Francis College Course

For the fifth consecutive year the Nurses Registration Program at St. Francis College... Miss Mary E. Wessinger...

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Amateur Radio Club Planned at San

Two amateur radio operators on probation and one from Baltimore planned through heavy falling snow Wednesday night to attend a hot-off meeting for the formation of a ham radio club at Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital.

These attending were: Emmet Reed (PAT), W5SPF, Clarence Good (CLARENCE), W2ZHU, Johnston, and James Frazier (JIM), W5SBE. Frazier, conveying his enthusiasm for the amateur radio program, PAT pointed out to patients, "You can do your own and the general public a big service."

Operators of the station at Flick Hospital (WV1052) one other local ham operators on the air when the hospital station checked into the Coast-to-Coast civilian defense net, and around the interests of amateur radio from everywhere when it comes to a radio net at the South Pole.

Bellefonte Man to Intern At Flick State Hospital

The fourth intern to participate in the special program of rehabilitation counseling at Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital, Cresson, is John T. Saylor of Bellefonte. It was announced by Dr. Harry W. West, Medical Director of the state hospital.



MR. SAYLOR

Mr. Saylor will do the internship under the supervision of Richard E. Acciavatti, director of rehabilitation counseling at the hospital, as partial fulfillment of the requirements for the master of education degree in rehabilitation counseling at Pennsylvania State University.

The internship, which will last approximately twelve weeks, is part of a cooperative program between The Pennsylvania Department of Health's Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital and the Counseling in Education Department of The Pennsylvania State University. Its purpose is to expand the rehabilitation services at the hospital, and at the same time, to provide a realistic experience in this field for the interns.

Mr. Saylor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip P. Saylor, Bellefonte, and is a graduate of St. John's Parochial School and the Bellefonte Joint Area High School. He is a veteran of the United States Air Force, and upon his discharge from that service, was matriculated at The Pennsylvania State University. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from that institution in January, 1965. At present, Mr. Saylor is a candidate for the Master's degree in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling and will complete the requirements for that degree at the termination of his internship.

Acciavatti Gets Degree

A degree of doctor of education in counseling and education was conferred on Richard E. Acciavatti, 13 Duell Drive, Altoona, March 17, at Pennsylvania State University.

Dr. Acciavatti is director of Rehabilitation Counseling at Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital in Cresson. He is a graduate of St. Carmel and a graduate of the Mt. Carmel University of the Holy Spirit. He earned his bachelor of science degree in psychology from State Teachers College, Millersville, in 1957, after spending two years in the Army Medical Corps as a surgical technician. The son of Mrs. Pauline Hanson of Northumberland, he was graduated from Northumberland High School in 1944. He is doing graduate work in vocational rehabilitation counseling at Pennsylvania State University.

Third Intern In Training at State Hospital

CRESSON — The third intern to participate in a special program of rehabilitation counseling at Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital is Madison E. Hanson of Northumberland. Dr. Harry W. West, medical director of the hospital, has announced.

Mr. Hanson will do his work under the supervision of Richard E. Acciavatti, director of rehabilitation counseling. A partial fulfillment of the requirements for a master of education degree from The Pennsylvania State University, Mr. Hanson received a bachelor of science degree from State Teachers College, Millersville, in 1957, after spending two years in the Army Medical Corps as a surgical technician. The son of Mrs. Pauline Hanson of Northumberland, he was graduated from Northumberland High School in 1944. He is doing graduate work in vocational rehabilitation counseling at Pennsylvania State University.

The practical, on-the-spot program of training in rehabilitation counseling has been initiated as a cooperative effort between the State Department of Health's hospital at Cresson and the counseling in education department of Pennsylvania State University. Its two-fold purpose is to expand the rehabilitation services for patients and to provide a realistic experience in this field for the interns.

The main function of rehabilitation, according to Mr. Acciavatti, is to help the patient help himself. The patient is brought on by months of hospitalization in the institution. He must acquire to live outside a facility in the world outside. The help is offered through counseling, vocational diagnosis and guidance, an adult education program and consultation services.

Professor A. M. Wellington is chairman of the consumer education department and Dr. Kenneth W. Ryherd is the director of the rehabilitation counseling program at the Pennsylvania State University.



CHILE AT CHRISTMAS — Presenters above are Richard Steiger (left) and John C. Adams, commander of the Cresson Legion Post 258, presenting a gift to Joseph Renko of Cresson, a patient at the Lawrence Flick State Hospital and a veteran of WW II. The men of the Legion presented gifts to 31 veteran patients at the hospital in their annual Christmas tour last Tuesday.

2 Contracts Awarded For Flick Hospital Job

CRESSON — Contracts worth around \$40,000 were awarded Thursday by the Central State Authority for Rehabilitation to replace a partly destroyed in the damage building at Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital.

Mr. James J. Pappas, chairman of the board of the Central State Authority for Rehabilitation, said that the contracts will be awarded to Robert P. Honey, Hollidaysburg, and a son of 1947.

WAIT AND BE TOO LATE Order EASTER Flowers NOW!

Teachers Group Hears Senator

JENNERSBURG — State Sen. Fred P. Hare Jr. of Somerset was in the annual dinner-cum-meeting of the teachers and directors of Jennings-Jennersburg Joint School District in Cresson, Pa., Tuesday.

Cresson Woman Registered Nurse

Mrs. Mary Joan Schwabeger, Baker of South Branch, Cresson, has received word that she has successfully passed her nursing state board examinations in Maryland.

Calls From Texas 'Ham,' Aids Pike Victims

HOUSTON, Tex., March 14 (UPI). — A 14-YEAR OLD Houston ham radio operator may have been responsible for saving the lives of several persons involved in a wreck on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, it was learned today.

Tommy Matthews, the ham operator, said he turned on his radio last Wednesday and picked up an emergency call from W5SOX, a mobile radiotelephone in a car operating on the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

"The man said there had been a major accident on the Denzard exit, near McKeesport," the teenager said. "A car had overturned and several people were pinned in the wreckage and seemed severely injured."

The operator of W5SOX, who was not identified, called Tommy if he could help and the boy said he would try. He placed long-distance telephone calls to McKeesport police and the Pennsylvania State police at Cresson, who sent help.

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STATION 'THERAPY' South Pole Radio Contact Reported

CRESSON—Amateur Radio Station WV1052 at Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital — The first such station set up in a Pennsylvania tuberculosis hospital—has made contact with a ham station at the South Pole.

Francis H. Yonker of State College, whose ham signature is W4UD, operator of the local station, spoke with AL of Boston (AC028) at Byrd Station in Marie Byrd Land, Antarctica, previous 4:42 and 4:44 p. m. Wednesday. The Byrd station is on a 10-watt "quick set" type.

W4UD Miles Apart AL reported that 23 men were incarcerated in the radio shack at Prince Patrick Island, near the North Pole, and has joined with 13 other amateurs forming a civilian defense network in Columbia County.

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The hospital maintains the station as part of the recreational therapy program for patients, according to Dr. Harry W. West, medical director. Interest in the station was initiated by Van H. Tilley, assistant business manager of the hospital, and Charles F. Latta, recreational therapist.

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Dr. West Receives Fellowship At Atlantic City Convention



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

Approximately 1,200 members from United States and foreign countries attended the meeting of Physicians which was held in the Ambassador Hotel from June 3-10.

Dr. West graduated from Jefferson Medical School in 1916, interned at the Allegheny Hospital, and went into private practice in Altoona in 1920. He was called to the grand service in 1941 and became Division Surgeon of the 28th Infantry Division. Upon being discharged from active service, he was promoted to the rank of Colonel.

He served as secretary of health of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from September, 1945, to January, 1947. After returning to school in Philadelphia for refresher courses, he became medical director at Cresson State Hospital, now known as Dr. Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital, a position which he still holds.

Dr. West is a member of the Blair County Medical Society, American Medical Association, American Podiatry Society, American Public Health Association, Association of Military Surgeons, Association of Physicians and Surgeons of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, member of the board of directors of the Blair County Tuberculosis and Health Society and at present is on the staff of the Altoona City and Mercy Hospital, Altoona. He also is a member of the Committee on Emergency Medical Disaster for the State Medical Society, and a member of a number of Veterans Organizations.

Dr. West is married to the former Dorothy L. Longstreder of Altoona, and they have one daughter, Joan, married to Robert Houser, of Clarif, Penna.

Former Cresson Hospital Head Dies At Age 84

Dr. Thomas H. A. Stiles, former medical director of the Cresson sanatorium died at the age of 84 at his home at Boulton, Nantux, R. D., Saturday, May 23.

Dr. Stiles, a leading specialist in pulmonary tuberculosis, headed the sanatorium now known as the Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital for two periods from 1923 to 1932 and from 1939 until his retirement in 1943. He was also a vice president of the First National Bank of Cresson and a past president of the Cresson Rotary Club.

He was born in Wyoming, Pa., April 26, 1872. He is survived by his wife, former Mary Henry, a daughter, Mary, at home and four sisters.

Flick State Hospital Given Appropriation

Dr. Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital received an appropriation of \$100,000 for erecting an addition to the building, widening the entrance to the building and reconstructing the entrance to the State House of Representatives.

The hospital was among various state institutions allocated funds for improvements and repairs in bills introduced Aug. 30 in the State House of Representatives.

Nurses, Students Visit Flick State Hospital

CRESSON—Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital hosted 23 student nurses and 6 graduate nurses from Lehigh Valley Hospital and Clinic, Lehigh Valley, Pa., during a field trip sponsored by the study of tuberculous lesions. A tour of services and facilities was conducted and a film, "Epidemiology of Tuberculosis," was shown.



CEED — Four employees of Dr. Flick State Hospital, Cresson, were cited this week for their long service record at the institution. Reading of a letter of congratulations from Dr. C. L. Warner Jr., at its secretary of health, and presentation of 25-year good service pins and certificates was made by Dr. Harry W. West.

Cresson Rotary Hears Radio Ham; Message About Cuban Revolution

The Cresson Rotary Club saw a demonstration of a local ham radio setup and heard a communication in the Cuban revolution at Thursday night's meeting in the Legion home.

Van Tiffany, personal director of Dr. Flick State Hospital, Cresson, spoke and demonstrated the amateur radio setup of a patient at the Bonnell sanatorium. Although the amateur station is in operation, the range at present is limited to a few miles radius. Mr. Tiffany explained that an effort is being made to improve the setup.

He demonstrated the set by holding a conversation with the

hospital patient about a mile away from the Rotary meeting room.

Following Mr. Tiffany's talk, the club secretary, Paul Newkirk, read a communication from the Matanzas, Cuba, Rotary Club. Copies of the letter, over the signature of David White, vice president of Union Theological Seminary, are being sent to all Rotary Clubs in the United States.

The complete letter is as follows:

"Many of you have been reading and hearing of the Cuban Revolution. Unfortunately the press and radio have concentrated on the executions taking place, resulting in growing criticism in the United States of Cuba's new government.

This has in turn brought about a violent reaction in Cuba seriously endangering Cuban-American relations.

"As a fellow Rotarian, an American working and residing in Cuba for most of the last seven years I am very much alarmed at this deterioration of relations.

"The Cuban people greatly admire the U.S. as a stronghold of democracy and they are extremely hospitable to those Americans who visit or live among them. However, they are frankly unable to understand how after a very considerable American silence regarding the heinous brutal crimes of the Batista government, there has now arisen a violent criticism of the executions of those who perpetrated those crimes.

"As a Christian minister I have my serious reservations of the death penalty. It is, however, difficult not to justify it for men who have been convicted and who have murdered on a mass scale. One of Batista's legal police sergeants had admitted to over 70 murders. Public opinion has very strongly supported the new government in its actions against these people.

"It has been extremely unfortunate that the reporting of the Cuban liberation from dictatorship by the American press should have concentrated on the one aspect. Press reports have completely missed the spirit, the idealism of the Cuban revolution. They have overlooked the orderliness and modesty of the revolutionary front, the almost complete lack of any violence and above all the genuine respect and reverence felt in government created by the new administration.

"It should be emphasized that President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the other leaders have the overwhelming support of the churches, civic groups and other democratic organizations.

"An international tragedy is in the making unless U.S. public opinion can be more adequately informed of the very positive aspects of the Cuban revolution. We Americans should withhold our criticisms and in patience and understanding give the new government time to get its house in order.

"We Rotarians are called to encourage and foster the advancement of international understanding, good will and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service." Preliminary, and in representation of the fellow Rotarians here in Matanzas, Cuba, I ask that in your club and community you do what you may to create a more favorable and understanding public opinion for Cuba's new venture for freedom.

"In Cuba we say *esta es tu casa* (this is your home). May we invite you down to know Cuba and the Cubans."



"HAMS" — An amateur radio ham and an interested spectator, Van Tiffany, of Dr. Flick State Hospital, Cresson, and K. R. Cole, program director for Thursday night's meeting of the Cresson Rotary Club, were photographed with the set used at the local installation. Mr. Tiffany demonstrated by taking with the

Nurse Discusses A-Bomb Effects

CRESSON—The staff of Cresson Sanatorium heard an address last week in which the effect of atomic bombing from the nursing standpoint was reviewed.

The speaker was Mrs. Elna Marsh, RN, an employee of the Bureau of Public Health Nursing Headquarters. She said that if a person suffers atomic burns on 49 percent of the body surface, 1000 cc of plasma and 100 cc of whole blood should be given to save the victim's life. The more serious cases of that degree are not curable.

Mrs. Marsh is one of five nurses from Pennsylvania who were invited to a course sponsored by the Atomic Energy Commission at the University of Rochester. She stressed the need of first-aid courses in preparation for atomic attacks and said at least one person in each household should have a home first-aid course. Mrs. Marsh explained that if an atomic bomb is dropped, medical help needs to be organized to meet the needs of a community.

Dr. Harry West, medical director of the sanatorium, presided over the presentation in case of atomic bombing in the area.



Cartoonist Auborne Harris of Sewickley, puts finishing touches to a charcoal drawing of Ella Hogue at Tuberculosis Hospital at Crescon where he is a patient.

Drawing Toward Health

IT'S a long taxi ride to becoming a moderately successful cartoonist. At least that has been the experience of Auborne Harris of Sewickley.

Mr. Harris was a taxi driver for the Seay Cab Co. of Sewickley up until 12 years ago when he contracted tuberculosis and had to be hospitalized. During his early hospital stay he developed a talent for cartooning and has sold a number of humorous drawings to the American Medical Journal.

Oddly enough it was a paint brush which led Auborne into the taxi business. A letter by trade, he was painting the firm name on a Seay taxi one day when the proprietor, Mrs. Marshall Seay, asked him if he would "pick up a client."

"I dropped my paint brushes and drove my first taxi. I liked the job so much I drove cab for the next eight years."

When his health broke down, Mrs. Seay drove him to the Lawrence F. Flick Hospital in Crescon, an institution operated by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

"His recovery amazes me," Mrs. Seay says. "The day I took him to the hospital, I didn't think he would live out the week."

Noting Auborne's flair for art, the rehabilitation counselor at the hospital high in the Alleghenies became interested and encouraged him to study. The patient took a correspondence course in art and then got to work.

His cartoons reflect the humor and pathos involved in his situation and that of the other patients.

Planning soon to leave the hospital, Auborne says he is open to offers. He hopes to earn his living as an artist, specializing in cartooning and portraits.



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Flick Hospital Official Discusses Mental Health

"Mental Health Should Be Everybody's Business" was the theme of the monthly meeting of the Catholic Nurses Association in Altoona Friday. Miss Eleanor McHaff, member of Sigma Theta Tau national honorary nursing society and staff nurse at Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital,

spoke to the participants on behalf of the Allegheny County Association for Mental Health.

"Health is more than just the absence of disease," emphasized Miss McHaff. She defined mental hygiene and briefly related the history of psychiatric care before the advent of the mental health movement. The speaker pointed out that, according to National Mental Health Association statis-

tics, more people are in hospitals for mental illness than for pneumonia, cancer, heart disease, tuberculosis and other diseases combined.

Miss McHaff said that 17 million Americans are suffering from mental or emotional disorders that require professional treatment.

Urging a larger participation of professional people in mental health activities, Miss McHaff said, "when people are ready to face mental illness freely, to talk about it frankly, understand its threat and the hopes of curing and preventing it, then the citizen's movement for strengthening our mental health will have reached maturity."

She pointed out that the number of participants in Allegheny County is too few to achieve the objective of the mental health organization which is to improve mental health by preventing mental disorder and handicaps, not by improving the care and treatment of persons suffering from mental disease.

Patricia Reynolds O'Malley, chairman of Sigma Theta Tau chapter at Minkley Hospital, Altoona, stated the speaker is a devotee for a mental health center in the city in near future.

Tobin Appointed Purchasing Agent At State Hospital

Clarence R. Tobin of Laurel Avenue, former postmaster, has been named purchasing agent at the Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital. His appointment became effective last Wednesday.

Mr. Tobin succeeds Edward Z. Holscomb of Ashcroft Avenue, who retired Nov. 1 after 30 years as chairman of the Democratic Party and spent 30 years in government service, serving as postmaster in Crescon for 11 1/2 years.

Mr. Tobin has served as area chairman of the Cancer Crusade of Cambria County Unit for many years and is a past president of the Cambria County Postmasters Association.

He is a charter member of the Crescon Lions Club and is currently a Lions International Councillor.

He is married to the former Louise Lamborn of Nickerson and has two daughters — Mrs. Donald O'Malley of Pittsburgh and Mrs. William Eberhart of Crescon. There are six grandchildren.

Group of 35 Nurses Tour Flick Hospital

Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital was recently host to 25 students and six credentialed nurses from Lehigh Valley Hospital and a public health nurse for a field trip in the study of the treatment of tuberculosis. Arrangements for the tour were made through Rachel A. Noll, director of nurses at Flick Hospital and the Allegheny County Tuberculosis Association.

The tour of the various services and facilities of Flick Hospital was conducted by Miss Eleanor McHaff and Miss Janice Bachell of the nursing office staff. The visitors were familiarized with the operation of a hospital for the treatment of TB by seeing first-hand the convalescent wards, operating rooms and surgery ward, clinic, laboratory and X-ray rooms.

They were briefed on services, including rehabilitation, social services, convalescent clinic, occupational therapy, post office, and visiting facilities, as well as the nurses home, chapel and the staff and patients' dining rooms.

Lunch in the staff dining room at noon and viewing a film, "Dynamics of the Tubercle," were included in the program.

Hospital Names Plant Engineer

Dr. Henry W. Wood, Medical Director at Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital, Crescon, has announced the appointment of Robert E. Thomas of Hamburg as plant maintenance engineer.

Mr. Thomas was formerly assistant to Plant Maintenance Engineer at the Charles H. Meyer Hospital at Hamburg.

He is married to the former Violet Prokop and the couple has two children — Joseph A. and Miriam — and Mrs. Thomas is a member of the Crescon Chapter of the Red Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas plan to make their home in the Crescon area in the near future.



HONORED — Pictured above are seated at the main table of the testimonial dinner honoring E. Z. Holcomb, veteran employee of the Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital who had retired. Shown (left to right) are Front Row — Mrs. Leroy Douglas, Mr. Holcomb, honored guest, and Mrs. Eugene F. J. Rubin, Back row — Leroy Douglas, headmaster, Father Walter A. Byrne, hospital chaplain and Eugene F. J. Rubin, business manager of the hospital. The dinner was held at the Cresson Tea Room Saturday evening.

Flick State Hospital Employees Honor E. Z. Holcomb Saturday

Employees of the above-named department of the Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital, just in the evening at the Cresson Tea Room to honor Edward Z. Holcomb, retiring headmaster.

Leroy Douglas, headmaster, on behalf of the employees, handed Mr. Holcomb for the five minutes in which he treated his employees Eugene Rubin, business manager of the hospital, gave a summary of Mr. Holcomb's business life.

David Wanda, accountant, told how he appreciated working with a man of such high caliber. Jess Wright, supervisor of the receiving department, said there may have been instances of different opinions, but everything was always settled amicably.

A pair of house slippers and a pipe lighter were presented to Mr. Holcomb by the employees. Mr. Holcomb thanked all for the presents and said, "I enjoyed working with you in the past years. I have been a school teacher, newspaper man and business man in the sixty years of my working life."

Mr. Holcomb has always been active in community affairs. He has been chairman for 20 years and at present is a trustee in the Cresson Loyal Order of Moose.

He started to work for us on March 1, 1939, and received a 25-year bulletin a number of years ago. His residence has been in Cresson practically all his life. He was married to the former Ellen St. John who died in 1946. He is the father of two children and resided with his son and daughter at 314 Ashcroft Avenue.

Father Byrne gave the blessing before the dinner. The following persons attended the dinner: Bill Dronnelly, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Douglas, David Gibney, Mr.

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Flick Hospital Employe Feted Upon Retirement

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CRESSON — Employees of the Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital were Saturday evening at the Cresson Tea Room in honor Edward Holcomb, a 17-year-old, purchasing agent.

Leroy Douglas, headmaster, on behalf of the employees, handed Mr. Holcomb for the five minutes in which he treated his employees Eugene Rubin, business manager of the hospital, gave a summary of Mr. Holcomb's business life.

David Wanda, accountant, told how he appreciated working with a man of such high caliber. Jess Wright, supervisor of the receiving department, said there may have been instances of different opinions, but everything was always settled amicably.

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Cresson Rotary Hears Talk on Medicine

Dr. John G. Jones, originator of Dr. Flick State Hospital, Cresson, was program chairman and speaker for last Thursday night's meeting of the Cresson Rotary Club.

He talked on the history of medicine and explained the Hippocratic Oath taken by recipients of the doctor of medicine degree.

Dr. Jones noted that Louis Pasteur first discovered that disease is actually caused by germs but Edward Jenner made the first great contribution to medicine in 1792 when he discovered a vaccine for small pox.

Francis Reichler is program chairman for tonight's session at 8:15 p. m. in the Legion house. H. Connel Lang is in charge of next week's program.

13 Enrolled in Course

CRESSON — A successful course in occupational education is being offered by St. Francis College, Leavenworth, for the fifth consecutive year at Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital.

The course is part of the hospital's nursing education program, and credits are applicable to a basic college degree. Theoretical and practical courses toward a baccalaureate degree are included.

Thirteen members of the staff are enrolled in the class according to Dr. Harry W. West, medical director.

Dr. West announced the appointment of Robert E. Thomas as first maintenance engineer. Thomas formerly was chief of the plant maintenance department at Charles H. Mize Hospital, Bowling Green.

Homemaking Course Set at State Hospital

Special to Mainline Dispatch

CRESSON — The fourth homemaking course for female patients at Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital will get underway in April, according to Dr. Harry W. West, medical director.

Mrs. Richard Griffin of Chambersburg has been appointed instructor of the six-week course, which will be offered three days a week.

This course is simplified homemaking was presented at Flick Hospital in 1957 through cooperative planning by the hospital and the habilitation department under the direction of Richard E. Acitavac, director of Pennsylvania Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation's consultant, John Paul Jones.

The course is offered to women patients after medical stability has been achieved to help them readjust to home life. "These courses are designed to aid the homemaker and mother in maintaining an almost regular pattern of family life after she returns home," Mr. Acitavac pointed out.

The course is divided into a series of discussions and demonstrations, which are geared to show women how to perform household chores in an easy way. Discussions include such subjects as the development of work centers and working methods in the kitchen; correct washing and posture; nutrition and general health.

Demonstrations include the selection and use of small appliances; improved methods of mending; efficient ways of laundering and ironing; ironing; and sewing. Each course may vary, and useful tips to facilitate general housework.



GREETER — Eda Marie Hogue, Ebensburg, nurse of the state health department's Lawrence F. Flick Hospital, Cresson, will be a greeter at the sixth annual reunion of former hospital patients. The reunion will be held at the hospital Sept. 15.



SAN EMPLOYEES GIVE TO R.C. — Father Francis L. Gurney, of Gallop, Allegheny Ridge Branch chairman of the Catholic County Red Cross, received a check for \$200 from Miss Judith Cook, of the Lawrence Flick State Hospital. The money was collected from the employees of the hospital in the recent Red Cross drive directed by Miss Betty Boyle. The presentation was made on Monday at the hospital. To the right can be seen the drive thermometer, showing the nearness to the goal of \$100.



B'NAI BRITH PRESENTS GUIDANCE KIT

Attorney's B'nai Brith chapter, the Jewish Scientific Lodge, recently presented a vocational guidance kit to the rehabilitation director of the Cresson Tuberculosis sanatorium, Richard Accorotti. The kit will be used in conjunction with the hospital's program of vocational rehabilitation and is the one that is compiled by the national B'nai Brith's Vocational Guidance office. Taking part in the presentation (left to right) are: Earl Scholover, Dr. Harold Brande, Arthur Hurwitz, Saul Palino, Louis Miller, treasurer; Marvin Freedman, president, and Richard Accorotti of the hospital.

Flick Hospital Hosts Conference On Human Aspects

The tenth conference on Human Aspects of Administration and Consultation in Public Health is being held this week at the Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital, Cresson.

Resource personnel for the conference, headed by C. Earl Albrecht, M.D., deputy secretary of health, includes: Joseph Adinolfi, M.D., director of Mental Hospital Services, Department of Public Welfare; Marie C. Goff, R.N., Mental Health Nursing, Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh; Wendell G. Scheffer, Ph.D., assistant dean, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh; William Speech, University of Pittsburgh; Walter C. Treuting, M.D., head, Department of Public Health Practice, Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh.

These conferences are held periodically under the direction of Henry R. O'Brien, M.D., director of Professional Training for the Pennsylvania Department of Health, in aid staff members of the department in working together in the Health Program of the Commonwealth.

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Dr. C. Earl Albrecht, deputy secretary of health; Dr. Walter C. Treuting, head of Department of Health Practice, center left; Dr. Harry W. West, medical director for Lawrence Flick State Hospital, center right; Mr. Henry R. O'Brien, director of professional training for the Pennsylvania Department of Health, under whose direction these conferences are held.

WHEN PHONES FAIL

Hospital Gets Aid Of Ham Operators

CRESSON—An amateur radio, in contact with other hams in the area, was successful in reaching Ned Mountain, Ill. Clermont Street, and Harold E. Bunn, 277 Ludlow Street, both of Johnstown.

The interruption occurred about 11 p. m. Oct. 16 when a telephone company trunk line serving the area was damaged.

Van Tiffney, assistant business manager at the hospital and an amateur radio ham, drove to an outside phone and reported the trouble, then returned to the hospital and began efforts to establish contact with other hams in the area.

State Hospital Laundry Honored

The Ellen H. Richards Institute certificate of efficiency has been awarded to the Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital laundry for the eighth consecutive year. The announcement was made by Dr. Harry W. West, Medical Director of the Cresson Institution.

This 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 H. Richards Institute, College of Home Economics, Pennsylvania State University.

This award was made at the 26th annual Institutional Laundry Conference sponsored jointly by the Departments of Health, Public Institution, Justice, Welfare and Military Affairs and Pennsylvania State University. The conference was held this year at the Pennsylvania State University.

State Budget Gives Increases To Local Area Facilities

Increase in institutions located in Central and Western Pennsylvania are noted in the \$1,097,932,700 budget submitted to the General Assembly on Monday by Gov. David L. Lister.

He said the budget calls for appropriations in the General Fund of \$1,097,932,700, less that \$177,78,874 must be added to pay for the 1957-1959 deficit. "To carry this amount," he said, "we must maintain all State taxes at their present level."

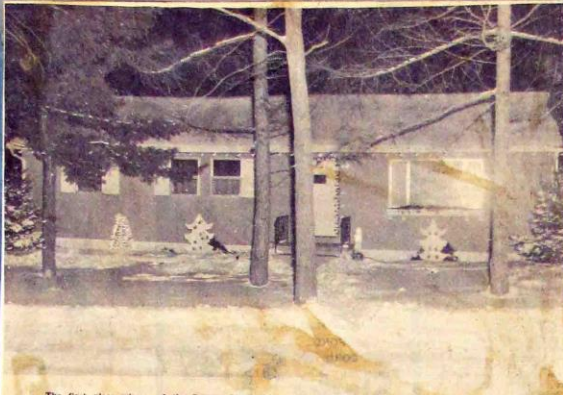
One noted sizable increase in the budget is a program of social research. Under the budget proposals a \$300,000 increase in total appropriations for this category.

The Health Department's \$10,250,000 allocation for operating hospitals, hospitals and the Pennsylvania crippled children's hospital, includes the amount of \$1,000,000 for the operation of the Lawrence F. Flick Hospital in Cresson.

Under Public Welfare, the Rehabilitation Institute shows an increase in appropriations of \$944,025.

Of the more than \$6 million increase for State-supported services to education, 14 of the Commonwealth's State Teachers College stand to benefit in the authorized \$916,139,899 earmarked for the category. Indiana State Teachers College will receive a grant of \$500,000, or \$1,078,547 over the 1957-1958 figure of \$1,482,753.

State subsidies to school districts are raised from \$641,355,042 to \$705,678,520. These are largely heavily-needed increases for such major expenditures as instructional materials, pupil transportation, food and school building costs.



The first place winner of the Cresson Lions Club Christmas lighting contest is shown above at the home of Dr. Richard F. Jahng located along the main drive of the Lawrence Flick Sanitarium. The color theme is green with green and white spotlights showing on the house with

green lights rimming the house and the trees. An amplifying system is located behind the two white trees on each side of the front door and gives forth with the songs of Christmas. The judging took place last Saturday evening.

Flick Awarded Plaque

A plaque awarded at each conference is the hospital's highest honor. The best presentation of their case was awarded to the Flick State Hospital. Staff members of the local institutions presented cases were Dr. Thomas F. O'Leary, Dr. Francis L. Taylor and Dr. Joseph L. Chick. Dr. J. Thomas Millington, director of the State Bureau of Preventive Diseases, presented the plaque to Dr. Harry W. West, medical director of the local hospital.

Moderators for the discussion sessions were Dr. Eugene D. Robas, assistant professor of medicine and chief of pulmonary diseases, Department of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh, and Dr. Lewis E. Ester, professor of radiology, University of Pittsburgh, Falk Clinic.

Guests Present
 Guests included Dr. Daniel H. Boe of Indiana, president of Pennsylvania Medical Society, and Dr. M. C. Stayer of Carlisle, former director of the Division of Tuberculosis Control. A number of physicians from state mental institutions, which are operated by the Department of Welfare, also attended.

The one-day conference closed with a luncheon of the visiting physicians and clinicians in the home of Dr. and Mrs. West. In addition to the local institution, other participating state TB hospitals were Summit, Deems Hospital, South Mountain, Henry Lefebvre Hospital, Philadelphia, and C. Howard Harty Hospital, Pittsburgh.

Sanitarium Workers Dismissed Is Press Conference Topic

DISMISSALS of two employees at Cresson's Lawrence Hospital was brought up at the January 6 Governor's press conference in Harrisburg by Western Virginia WETA newscaster from Altoona. Here is the transcript reflecting the Governor's attitude.

WESTER: Governor, two employees at the Lawrence Flick State Hospital, the TB hospital in Cresson, claim that they were dismissed for failure to contribute three dollars a month to the Democratic Party of Cambria County. Do you feel this is a localized situation, in error, or is this something that is just winding out the employment in this Party that has been going on throughout the State?

GOVERNOR: This is the first I have heard of that. If it is true, they will be put back. If they were dismissed for not making contribution — I am not saying that they were. But if they were dismissed for that reason, they will be put back in their jobs. They may have been dismissed for other reasons — incompetency or failure to do their work or many many other things that they could be dismissed for.

Staff Addition Announced by Flick Hospital

Dr. Harry W. West, medical director of the Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital, Cresson, has announced the addition of James R. O'Connell to the hospital staff. Mr. O'Connell will be entering the rehabilitation connecting department under the supervision of Richard C. Adams who is director of rehabilitation at the hospital.

The interview, which will last about three months, is part of the cooperative program between Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital and Pennsylvania State University and Pennsylvania State University Rehabilitation Consulting Program of which Dr. Kenneth Hilbert is director.

Mr. O'Connell, of Me. and Mrs. H. B. O'Connell of Philadelphia, is a graduate of the doctor of education degree and is serving his internship at the University of the Pennsylvania for the Agency

Dr. Jahng Wins First Prize In Light Contest

Dr. Richard Jahng, Lawrence Flick State Hospital, has captured first prize in the annual Christmas outdoor decoration contest sponsored annually by the Lions Club of Cresson. Dr. Jahng won the first prize in 1937.

Other prizes were awarded to Edward Culley Jr., Sackertown, second; George Quertz, William Penn Highway, third; Raymond Eckenrode, 403 Laurel Avenue, fourth; and Thomas Phillips, Mountain House Grounds, fifth.

The contest was based on symmetrical outline of trees combined with outdoor speakers with H. F. Eitzen. The judging was accomplished Saturday night.

State Employee Boost Spurred

The Pennsylvania State Employees Council of the AF-CIO has urged that the state employees' pay scale become effective January 1, 1941.

Dr. J. H. Miller, president of the council, said the group has a \$ 5 per cent pay raise for state employees, effective January 1, as requested by Gov. Lawrence. The council also called for an estimated \$5.7 million expenditure in the next month's budget period, employees would receive the pay increase in connection with their annual increments. The council, which represents 10,000 state employees, now has to have all pay boosts effective December 1 and 1941.

Miller said he had received an official call to go to the state capital to see what he could do for the state. The proposed pay raise would be in all of the 100 trades in state service, he added.

Caseworker Added to Flick Hospital Staff

CRESSON — Robert B. Pollock of Pittsburgh has been appointed a caseworker in the social service department of Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital.

He is a graduate of Connetquot High School and earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology at St. Vincent College, Latrobe. Mr. Pollock served two years with the Army in Korea.

He previously worked as a counselor at the youth forestry camp in Hookstown, Beaver County, and as a caseworker at Mayview State Hospital.

The appointment was announced by Dr. Harry W. West, medical director.

First-AM Course
 Seventy-seven hospital employees and two members of St. Ignace Mother's Club have completed a Red Cross first-aid course in the hospital and 14 of

Flick Hospital Hosts 2 Groups

The Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital, Cresson, was host to the County Tuberculosis and Health Association Tuesday evening.

The business meeting was conducted by John V. Hubner, M.D., public consultant to the hospital. A tour of the hospital services was conducted following the meeting at the request of Joseph Oliverio, secretary of the association.

A social hour followed the tour and refreshments were served to the group in the staff dining room.

A similar program and tour was held at the hospital on Wednesday for participants in the County Health Education Workshop from Pennsylvania University, which were making their annual winter visit to the local health institution.

The 50 members in the group were accompanied by Arthur L. Hartzart, professor of physical education at the University.

TB Clinical Meet Planned

CRESSON — Semiannual joint clinical conference of the Division of Tuberculosis Control, Pennsylvania Department of Health, will be held at 10:30 a. m. Thursday in Lawrence F. Flick State Hospital.

Dr. Harold E. Coder, director of the division, will conduct the meeting. Moderators will be Dr. Eugene D. Robas, assistant professor of medicine and chief of pulmonary diseases, Department of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh Medical School, and Dr. Lewis E. Ester, professor of radiology, University of Pittsburgh Falk Clinic.

Dr. C. Earl Albrecht, deputy secretary of health, and Dr. J. Thomas Millington, director, Bureau of Preventive Diseases, will represent the secretary of health. Dr. Daniel H. Boe of Indiana, president of Pennsylvania Medical Society, will be a guest.

Medical directors and persons of their staffs of the four state tuberculosis hospitals will present cases for diagnosis and treatment. Approximately 15 physicians interested in the treatment of pulmonary diseases are expected to attend.

Visit Flick Hospital

Members of Cambria County County American Legion Auxiliary, visited Lawrence Flick State Hospital, Cresson, yesterday afternoon to distribute cash gifts and red socks to the 82 hospitalized veterans.

Mrs. George Essinger of South Fork is rehabilitation chairman.