

**Pennsylvania Week Programs Presented At Cresson Sanatorium**

September 20, 1948  
 Pennsylvania Week was inaugurated at the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Sunday afternoon, with ceremonies on the spacious lawn, between the east and west wings.

Miss Lenora Swanson, popular employee of the institution, was mistress of ceremonies. She introduced Dr. Harry W. West, former Altoona, medical director of the Sanatorium, who extended a cordial welcome to the visitors. He expressed his appreciation for the cooperation received from employees at the institution, patients, members of the Lions Club of Cresson and others in helping make Pennsylvania Week in Cresson and the Sanatorium a success.

The crack 28th Infantry Division Band, Altoona, entertained the assemblage, with a selection of musical numbers. The Infantry Band served under the direction of Warrant Officer Louis Lantz.

Patients unable to leave their beds heard the concert over radio hookup W2AN at the Sanatorium.

On Tuesday evening the Brush Mountain Serenaders, featuring a state champion basson welder, furnished entertainment to patients in the entertainment hall.

The Patton High School Band will furnish a concert on the lawn at 3 o'clock next Friday afternoon, Oct. 1. State Senator John J. Haluska of Patton, a charter member of the Cresson Lions Club, will entertain the group with tricks of magic.

Chief of Police Eddie Donahoe, Patton, well known Cambria county vocalist will sing several songs. Transportation to and from Cresson for the musical program will be provided by Patton Loyal Order of Moose, Fraternal Order of Eagles and American Legion Post.

Prof. J. Semonick, director of music in the Patton schools, will be in charge of the Patton High School Band.

Eugene F. J. Kuhn, business manager at the sanatorium said yesterday that free chest X-ray will be given daily at the sanatorium, in a room adjoining the Information Bureau, Administrative Building, daily from 9 o'clock until 4 o'clock. Persons will not be required to disrobe for the examination he reported. Examinations are available for those 15 years of age or over. All the information desired in your name, age and address. Those having chest X-rays taken will receive a report of the examination by post-card. Free chest X-rays being shown daily in the Medical Directors office, Administrative Building on Tuberculosis from 1 until 4 o'clock.

**Tinstman Gets New State Job**

JOHNSTOWN (AP) — Carl C. Tinstman of Johnstown, former deputy secretary of forests and waters, has been named by Gov. James H. Duff to a new post in the State Revenue Department.

The Governor said last night he appointed Mr. Tinstman as an assistant to W. H. Beachy of Somerset deputy secretary of revenue. Mr. Beachy heads the bureau of investigation and collections.

Mr. Tinstman recently has been out of state on absence from his post in the Forest and Waters Department. The leave of absence was ordered by M. F. Draemel, secretary of forests and waters, after a policy disagreement.

Mr. Tinstman also has served as deputy secretary of health. It was while in this post that the U. S. Civil Service Commission found him guilty of violating the Hatch Act. The commission charged that he conspired to influence President Roosevelt in 1944. The Hatch Act prohibits political activity by employees of federal agencies which receive federal funds.



**Members Hear Doctor From Sanatorium**

Members of the Altoona Lions club yesterday were addressed by Dr. Harry J. Tresler, chief of medical service at the Cresson sanatorium, at their noon meeting at the Penn-Alto hotel. Rev. Stuart C. Snodgrass, president, was in charge.

The speaker asserted that cure effected at Cresson sanatorium compare favorably with those in private institutions. He pointed out that Cresson must admit all cases while private sanatoria will not accept cases too far gone.

Dr. Tresler stressed the fact that rest is one of the most important factors in the cure of tuberculosis and said that many patients to work near up the stairs period of rest and ultimately encounter more trouble.

Dr. Tresler said that the common idea that spreading a great deal of thin, outdoors and eating lots of fresh eggs and milk will work a cure has been proved false, first, complete rest is absolutely essential, Dr. Tresler stated. He said patients may eat meat, greens and milk foods.

The speaker started his address by outlining treatment of tuberculosis from 400 B. C. until the present time, paying tribute to Pasteur and the germ theory. He said tuberculosis can affect any part of the anatomy and that experiments are constantly in progress to discover new methods of effecting cure and making them available to the public.

C. E. Butler, chairman of the grand old machine project, reported that the public has been very generous in its support of the machines, proceeds of which go to the endowment fund for the blind.

Announcement was made that the new Cresson Lions club will receive its charter July 18 at the Oriental ballroom, Gallitzin, with Dr. Ralph Cox, district governor, in charge of the ceremony. A delegation will be present from the Altoona club.

A letter from County Commissioner Milton R. Eganish, who is contracting from an illness at Atlantic City, was read to the group. Mr. Eganish wrote that he is getting along fine and that his health is improving steadily.

*Jan 17, 1948*  
**The Johnstown Tribune**  
**Rule Carl C. Tinstman Violated the Hatch Act**

**U. S. Civil Service Asks His Removal From State Office**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Carl C. Tinstman, Pennsylvania's deputy secretary of forests and waters, violated the Hatch Act and should be removed from office, the U. S. Civil Service Commission has ruled.

Tinstman is a World War I veteran. He was deputy secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health at the time the commission found he violated federal law by circulating copies of a letter and other material. It was "in opposition to the candidacy of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, nominee for reelection as President."

Tinstman violated a section of the act which applies to officers and employees of state or local agencies whose principal employment is in connection with activities financed in whole or in part by federal grants or loans. The commission said in its decision announced last night.

The decision reported that Tinstman, former district commander of the American Legion, became

subject to the act because Pennsylvania in 1946 received \$3,336,233.17 in federal funds for Department of Health activities.

If Pennsylvania declines to remove Tinstman from office it is subject to deduction from federal funds it received of an amount twice Tinstman's 1947 salary, a commission spokesman said. His salary then was \$6,000 and deduction would be \$12,000, the commission found.

If the state dismisses him, it may not reemploy him for one and one-half years.

Tinstman and the commonwealth of Pennsylvania contended he was innocent. They said he had not been shown to have taken part in a political campaign and that his party affiliation had not been shown.

At his Yorktown home near Harrisburg, Tinstman said he would make no comment on the commission decision "until I have talked with the Governor." He said he probably would discuss the matter with Gov. James H. Duff today.

Duff, contacted during a visit to Philadelphia, said last night "I would have to study the case be-

**State Official Guilty of Hatch Act Violation**

**Tinstman Faces Loss of Position**

By ROBERT TAYLOR  
 Press Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The U. S. Civil Service Commission today ruled that Carl C. Tinstman, Deputy Secretary of Forests and Waters, has a perfect right to be active politically—but not while he's connected with a Federally supported state agency.

The Commission found today — a 4 to 3 vote — that Tinstman violated the Hatch "clean politics" law in 1944.

The finding means that Pennsylvania will be ordered to dismiss Mr. Tinstman from any state employment for its inactivity.

Mr. Tinstman's attorney pleaded "free speech" and the Commission agreed that any individual has a right to engage in politics. It added, however, that he has no right to hold certain jobs while he's doing it.

"The Hatch Act does not forbid expression of political opinion, but only political activities," the opinion said. "It questions an individual's right to take an active part in political management and campaigns. It merely contemplates that while so doing he shall not remain in certain types of public employment."

The opinion then quoted the late Justice Holmes as saying, in a similar case:

"The petitioner may have the constitutional right to talk politics, but he has no constitutional right to be a politician."

**Leader in Vote Affairs**

Mr. Tinstman, an active leader in veterans' affairs and a County town resident, was Deputy Secretary of Health in October, 1944. He worked out 1949 to 2009 circulars to veterans' affairs advising President Roosevelt, then a fourth term candidate.

The State Health Department got \$2,825,000 from the Federal Government in that year, and Mr. Tinstman's job was therefore controlled by the Federal law against political activity.

The Commission said it considered the violation "far more serious than the average case of political activity which comes before us."

Should Pennsylvania refuse to dismiss Mr. Tinstman, the Commission can hand a order requiring Federal agents to withhold from Pennsylvania equal to two-thirds of his salary.



# Sanatorium Modernization Program

### NEW PROJECTS WIN APPROVAL OF AUTHORITY

State Expending Millions to Strengthen Fight Against Tuberculosis.

## 2 New Sanatorium Buildings Planned at \$800,000 Outlay

Recent approval by the general assembly authority of additional construction projects for which contracts have not yet been let marked the move forward step in an extensive program of modernization and improvement at the state tuberculosis sanatorium on the Cresson mountain campus.

## Nursing School At Sanatorium Is Certified

Approved by the state licensing board is the new nursing school at the Cresson state tuberculosis sanatorium. The new school will be among the same group of projects as the new buildings and other structures.

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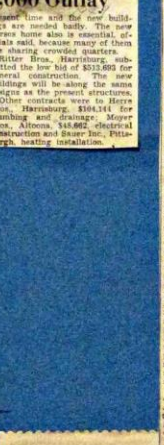
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## Medical Director



DR. HARRY W. WEST

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TB Operating Rooms 'Operationless' in Most Instances



Although there are two modern operating rooms at the Cresson Sanatorium, they are used only for minor chest surgery. They could be utilized for all types of operations if the hospital had the services of the necessary number of nurses with operating room experience. At present there is only one. Six are needed. Some of the leading surgeons of the Johnstown district are consultants at the institution and could perform many necessary operations if nurses were available. Patients requiring surgical treatment must be sent to hospitals in Altoona or Pittsburgh. In an effort to solve the nurse shortage problem the institution has instituted a student nurse training. The present class is composed of 13 women and eight men. On completion of a year's course, they will qualify as practical nurses. Many beds also are vacant in the Cresson institution due to the lack of trained personnel. The same situation exists at Mt. Airy and Hamburg, according to state authorities.

Surgery at Cresson Hit by Lack of Nurses

Nurse Shortage Bars 400 Victims From TB Sanitariums in State

First of Three Articles
By JOSEPH P. NOLAN
A shortage of nurses and other personnel in the State's three tuberculosis sanitariums is keeping more than 400 victims of this disease from being admitted to these institutions, a survey by The Inquirer disclosed.

Special Features

The milk problem as it affects farmers, distributors and consumers in the Philadelphia area is examined in a series of articles by Richard J. O'Keefe of The Inquirer staff.

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The Austlin, a new cow-punching, leather-punching, romance-filled adventure strip with a modern western setting, makes its debut.

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Lack of Nurses Hits Surgery At Sanatorium

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practical nurses and men and women who are willing to take a year's course to become practical nurses.
What is offered in the way of advantages to those who would join the staff of the Cresson Sanatorium? Living conditions at the institution are said to be good. It is pointed out that a modern nurse home is being constructed. The food is said to be excellent.

Patients Must Be Taken Elsewhere

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of two articles dealing with the acute nursing shortage prevailing in the state's three institutions for the treatment of tuberculosis sufferers.)
By Sid A. Weinstein
Democrat Staff Writer
Two modern, fully-equipped operating rooms await the skill of surgeons who stand at the top of their profession. The services of the nurses are available. What's so startling about these statements? Only this: The rooms are rarely used and the skilled hands of the surgeons are utilized only to perform minor chest operations.

Another Tragic Side of Life to Be Given Public

You have just been told the tragic situation that exists in the tuberculosis sanitariums of the state as a result of the lack of trained personnel. Now The Democrat will present you another tragic side of life—the real story of the home for the homeless—the Cambria County Home for the Aged. Here there are no vacant beds—sixth human wreckage jammed into cots and cots.

T. B. HOSPITALS IN PA. NEED AID

HARRISBURG (AP)—Dr. Robert W. Vaux, state health secretary, today appealed for more doctors and nurses at the three state tuberculosis sanitariums to cut the lengthy waiting list of persons needing treatment.
Advantages for doctors in service at the sanitariums at Hamburg, Cresson and Mt. Airy were listed as good pay, modern residential accommodations, full maintenance and leave with pay.

Johnston District Consultants

Johnston district consultants who are consultants at the Cresson institution, some of whom deliver lectures before the student nurses, include Dr. John W. Barr, Dr. Charles D. Hayes, Dr. Paul T. Meyer, Dr. Fred J. Beble, Dr. Joseph P. Burdette, Dr. Richard P. Zimmerman, Dr. H. B. Anderson, Dr. J. J. Hatcher and Dr. Jerome Cohen.

That's certainly an imposing list of consultants and staff members.

But the fact remains that there is an average of 80 vacant beds at the Cresson institution. And there are two operating rooms which are not fully utilized. Of course, if a patient is in need of a major operation, he is taken to the Altoona Hospital or Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh.

Why the problem more acute in these three institutions

is because, according to state authorities, there are 450 tuberculosis sufferers awaiting admission to state institutions, which have 210 to 225 empty beds. And as Dr. Weinstein pointed out, the longer period they must wait for hospital care, the more likely they will die.

What are these authorities doing in an effort to relieve the nurse shortage at the three sanitariums?

First, they are appealing to the Van Fleet, Pittsburgh, grant that insures nurses. They are asking nurses to go on duty in an institution where proper working conditions are provided. It is in a very human manner that the appeal is being made and it is hoped that some of the people by whose shoulders the

And This While Victims of TB Go Begging for Hospital Care



Despite the 210 to 225 unoccupied beds in the state's three sanatoriums, 450 tubercular patients are on waiting lists. What is the cause of this situation? It is the shortage of nurses and other personnel, say, lack of nursing personnel. Shown are Dr. Harry A. West, medical director of the state sanatorium at Cresion, and Miss Dorothy M. Kiser, director of nurses, viewing some of the 55 empty beds at the institution to which patients cannot be admitted because of the shortage of nurses. Similar situations exist at the state's other two sanatoriums—Hamburg and Mt. Alto.

Many TB Beds Empty Despite Big Demand

More TB Beds Needed In General Hospitals

Lead of Three Articles By JOSEPH R. NOLAN All the cases of tuberculosis in Philadelphia are not being treated in the city's two hospitals, nor in the State's three sanatoriums. Nearly 400 persons are in general hospitals of the city, which maintain a small number of beds for this type of patient. The Marcon Memorial Division of Jefferson Hospital at Broad and Pine streets, has 43 beds. All Nursing Hospital, Chestnut Hill, has 78; Bush Hospital, 77; Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, 5; Germantown Hospital, 25; Hahnemann Hospital, 21; Woman's Medical College Hospital, 2; Lehigh and Children's Medical Center, 5; Women's Homeopathic Hospital, 5; and the Philadelphia State Hospital, Byberry, 117.

RELIEVE THE BURDEN These institutions all require the services of tubercular patients. Dr. Rufus S. Reeves, City Director of Public Health, said yesterday it was the opinion of a recent conference here on tuberculosis that all general hospitals be asked to set aside 10 beds for patients suffering from this disease. Nearly 250 tubercular patients in

STATE-OPERATED CENTERS The State operates 98 sanatoriums and treatment centers, and 37 other centers that give other types of treatment outside Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

The Tuberculosis Division of the City's Health Department, under Dr. Martin J. Schindler, has a large job on its hands to find ways of treating tubercular patients, who really need hospitalization. Philadelphia General and the Hospital for Consumption and Diseases are presently handling 373 patients—the limit of their capacity. While Philadelphia has its quota of State beds—367—Dr. Reeves is trying to induce the State to increase its quota to take care of those now ill at home.

TRAINING PROGRAMS The State health officials, on the other hand, hope in the near future to open up some of the now available beds through the medium of practical nurses they are training in the three sanatoriums at Hamburg, Cresion and Mount Alto. These students are getting excellent training in tubercular work under competent instructors. They may be the answer to the bottleneck that now exists through the shortage in personnel.

IN 1940 the State had 2400 beds for tubercular patients and Philadelphia's quota was 487. In February of this year, there were 1940 beds in the three sanatoriums, with 397 of them for 1949.

DECREASE IN DEATHS The deaths for 1947 in the State totaled 2645. Latest figures for 1948 report 2469 fatalities. This compares with 15,430 average each year between 1900 and 1910. Despite the 1,636 or a number of cases diagnosed each year through modern diagnosis, the death rate in the State continues to decline. More beds and more personnel would mean further reductions, believe.

The End

Those 400 Empty TB Beds

It is nothing short of tragic that there are, because of a shortage of nurses and other personnel, 400 empty beds in this State's tubercular sanatoriums. This means that many more TB victims remain in their homes, growing sicker all the time and endangering the health of others.

The least the State should do is pay salaries high enough to keep nurses and doctors to maintain the facilities that now exist. But apparently the basic reason these hospitals are not holding on to nurses and doctors is that they cannot on their present budgets pay anything like enough money to compensate trained people for the risks in TB service and the inconvenience of working in isolated localities.

Advertisements in medical journals and recruiting trips to medical schools will get the same results. The few applicants work for the hospitals only long enough to gain a little experience before they accept more attractive offers elsewhere.

All this is in a sense a reflection of the nurse shortage afflicting the whole country, as Joseph P. Nolan in his series on the subject makes clear. If there were a surplus of nurses we might keep enough of them in our TB hospitals even under present discouraging conditions.

But the present grave state of affairs must not be allowed to go on. Pennsylvania should be able to offer its doctors and nurses as many benefits as any other State and do what it can to equal those of private institutions.

Inability to Secure Nurses Hurts Cause

More Than 200 Beds Remain Empty While 450 Are Seeking Treatment

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of two articles dealing with the acute shortage of nurses as it affects the three state sanatoriums for tubercular patients.

By Sid A. Weinschenk Democrat Staff Writer One war in which there is no armistice is that waged on tubercular. Public and private sources have joined in the fight to combat the disease. States, among them Pennsylvania, have played an active role in the battle. This state maintains three sanatoriums to assist tubercular sufferers to regain their health.

Today and every day of the year there are, on an average, 450 Pennsylvania sufferers from the disease endeavoring to gain admission to one of the sanatoriums. And today and every day of the year there are 210 to 225 unoccupied beds in the three state sanatoriums at Cresion, Mt. Alto and Hamburg. Tuberculosis Center and Eastburg, Berks County.

Why does this situation exist? It is because state officials are reluctant to accept the responsibility of paying a requisite to gain admission to one of these institutions. No, these are not the reasons why all persons making application for admission to a state sanatorium are not accommodated. There are two answers to the question as to why all applicants for admission are not supplied with immediately. The answers are: 1—The institutions are not sufficiently staffed with nurses principally those who are graduates and registered with the state. 2—Insufficient facilities to care for personnel even though it could be engaged.

Let's consider the situation as it exists at the three institutions. At Cresion, according to the State Department of Tuberculosis Control, there are 663 beds for adult patients. There are 568 patients in the institution on top of Cresion Mountain. Altogether there are 1231 beds which could be utilized to meet requests for tubercular treatment.

The nursing personnel at Cresion consists of 19 registered nurses, 24 practical nurses and 22 students who are training to become practical nurses. That's a total of 65.

Dr. Harry W. West, medical director of the institution, declares that 20 or more registered nurses are needed if the institution is to operate at full capacity. The institution would bring the complement of registered nurses to 44. According to accepted standards hospital standards it should be between 30 and 40.

In this connection, it should be considered that in addition to the hospital bed patients, Cresion Sanatorium also looks after the needs of 232 children and 150 ambulatory adult patients. Similar situation, as regards nursing personnel, exists at Mt. Alto and Hamburg. Not enough nurses, those in charge assert.

At Mt. Alto, there are 1250 beds. There are 510 patients, leaving 740 unoccupied beds. Dr. Henry C. Dooling, medical director, says there is need for 20 more registered nurses to complement the present staff of 28 registered nurses, 37 practical nurses and 22 students. The situation at the Hamburg Institution is a little more complicated. That hospital has an adult-patient population of 450, leaving 228 vacant beds. But these beds are not available because of reconstruction work now in progress at the institution. It is expected the work will be completed this year. Dr. A. E. Joad, medical director, asserts.

The present working staff at Hamburg consists of 22 registered and one practical nurses. There are no student nurses on the staff. Dr. Joad says that 10 more registered nurses are required. But if that number should accept positions at Hamburg today, could they be placed? Probably not, because there's no place to house them. Of course, when building work is completed, it is expected there will be sufficient housing facilities for nurses. So at present, even though Hamburg could obtain more nurses, where would they be housed?

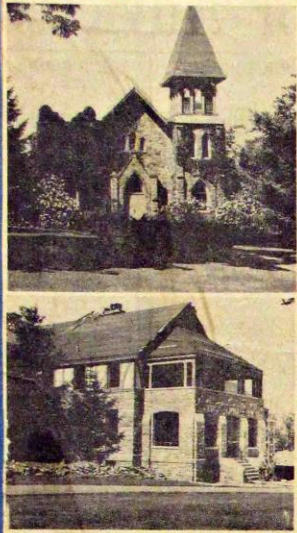
This same situation prevails to a lesser degree of Cresion. In course of construction at the institution is a nurses' home. It is expected it will be completed this fall. Meantime, if the number of unregistered practical or student nurses can be obtained quarters will be provided. Dr. West declares: "Get me the nurses and I'll find a place to house them, and the nurses' home is completed," he stated.

It seems rather odd that while state sanatoriums have beds which could be utilized if there were sufficient nurses, that state mental hospitals are overcrowded. While it is said there is also a shortage of help in these latter institutions, there are 1,831 patients on their

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Get Bids For Screens HARRISBURG—(UPI)—The State Property and Supplies Department last yesterday received a \$7,153 low bid from the Chamberlain Company of America, Pittsburgh, for a contract to install insect screens in the Children's House at State Tuberculosis Sanatorium No. 2, Cresion.

ONA MIRROR, ALTOONA, PA., SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1919. NEW, OLD IN HARMONY



The harmony with which styles of the old and new buildings of Creason sanatorium will blend is shown in these pictures. In the top panel is Union chapel, dedicated in 1871, while in the bottom panel may be seen the portion of the new nurses' home. Only a percent complete, the new building already seems to fit into the established picture. All construction on the hospital grounds follows this trend.

HOSPITAL PLAN 65% COMPLETE

Considerable part of the 500-acre grounds. Nearly the nurses' home is built of brick and equipped for Protestant and Catholic services. The new has been modernized with an addition to the rear to provide laundry and office space for members of the clergy. Not overlooking the spiritual aspect in the caring of these hospital patients and their families, hospital dignitaries have been connected chapel with other buildings by the tunnel system.

For patients who are bedfast, Creason Sanatorium has installed crutches at each bed, through which chapel services may be held. Radio receivers also are connected to the employees so that patients listening may have a choice of broadcasts.

Major portions of construction also are completed on two brick buildings which will house male and female convalescent patients. Located adjacent to the east and west wings of the hospital, each will accommodate 40 patients in semi-private rooms.

These buildings will not increase Creason's bed capacity because they will replace the convalescent cottages about the grounds. Dr. West explained. Twenty-one of the cottages, the first of which were built in 1911, remain but they are being closed and dismantled as needs permit for the location of new buildings.

Also rapidly nearing completion is the staff dining room in the administration section of the main hospital. It will be equipped with a sink, and the staff physicians, in consultation with all medical branches in addition to nurses, comprise the present staff roster at the sanatorium.

The jurisdiction will continue to generate electrical power at its own addition plant. A new 500-horse-power boiler will augment the steam plant already in operation. Each unit is automatically controlled and, along with providing heat for the buildings, supplies power to turn generators and a built capacity. Several of these generators now being installed in the old hall.

Provision for emergencies was the late engineer who has helped a mile of underground cables to utilize heat of the new old area.

ONA MIRROR, ALTOONA, PA., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1920.

American College of Surgeons Lists Approved Area Hospitals

The American College of Surgeons in its 21st annual hospital standardization report, just released, lists 1,200 approved hospitals in the United States, Canada, and a few other countries, at the end of 1918. Hospitals under survey totaled 1,847, making the approval percentage 79.7 percent. In 1917, 1,260 hospitals were under survey, of which 1,347 were approved. Of the 1,200 hospitals on the new approval list, 2,500 or 71.4 percent were fully approved and 320 or 8.2 percent are provisionally approved.

A new development in hospital standardization applied for the first time in 1918 is a point rating system, which according to Dr. Malcolm D. MacCallister of Chicago, hospital standardization program associate director in charge of the college, is an attempt to achieve a certain amount of precision in evaluating hospitals, with emphasis on the quality of professional services and care of the patient. He says:

"The enthusiasm with which hospitals have received the point rating system shows evidence to raise standards by keeping up with advances in medical science, technology, and social welfare ideas. The rating system will act as a stimulus to improve scores from year to year. Scores for each department or division and the total score are disclosed only to the hospital. The average score on surveys in 1918 is approximately 70 percent."

All in all, the annual convention held in Atlantic City in September, adopted a resolution commending the approval program and the point rating system of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. MacCallister praises the approved hospitals for their notable increase in organization, control and efficiency, leading to such results as the shortened average day stay to 8 to 10 days compared with 13 to 16 days a few years ago, and reduction in the death rate from 10 to 6 percent, to 4.4 percent, and in many hospitals even lower.

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medical staff for reviewing activities and results so as to maintain a high plane of scientific efficiency. A humanitarian spirit—the primary consideration being the best care of the patient.

The approved hospitals in this area include: Altoona hospital with a capacity of 135 beds and 48 basins, of general type, trustee controlled and association owned, and qualified for training interns, operating a school of nursing and as a cancer hospital.

Mercy hospital, capacity 150 beds and 17 basins, general type, trustee controlled and church owned, and qualified for training interns, operating a school of nursing and as a cancer hospital.

Chesterfield hospital, capacity 107 beds and 14 basins, general type, trustee controlled and association owned, qualified for a school of nursing and as a cancer hospital.

Creason State Tuberculosis hospital, capacity 774, tuberculosis type, operated by the health department and owned by the state.

Second Mount hospital, 25 beds and 4 basins, general type, director controlled and corporation owned, is a general hospital.

C. Blair Memorial hospital, Hazleton, capacity 75 beds and 14 basins, general type, trustee controlled and association owned.

Philipsburg State hospital, capacity 112 beds and 14 basins, general type, director controlled and state owned, is also approved for a school of nursing.

Miner hospital, of Northern Cambria, capacity 70 beds

THE ALTOONA MIRROR, ALTOONA, PA.

28TH INFANTRY DIVISION BAND MEMBERS PLAY CONCERTS FOR SHUT-INS



These are the members of the 28th Infantry division band as they appeared during the annual encampment at Indian Gap. The members are (left to right): First row—Capt. Clayton Smith, Col. Donald Balaban, Col. Bernard Katschke, Col. Harry Hindson, Sgt. Geo. Hutschler, Sgt. 1st Class Walter Alloway, Sgt. Ben Erdley, Pte. Edward Brandt; second row—Pte. Melvin Lutz, Pte. Martin Greve, Pte. Robert Balaban, Sgt. Arthur DeAngelis, Pte. Joseph Santella, Pte. Gerald Wagon, Pte. Raymond Shattuck, M. Sgt. Joseph Lewis, Sgt. 1st Class Francis Greve, 3rd row—Pte. William Scudling, Pte. Lewis S. Reese, Pvt. William Hergert, Pte. Philip Carbo, Pte. Will. Hummer, Sgt. Louis Pollock, Sgt. 1st Class Floss Lasker, Sgt. Fred Hirschfeld, fourth row—Pte. Arthur Fleming, Col. Louis E. Baum, Sgt. William Messner, Pte. John Shaffer, Sgt. Cecil Newark, Pte. Jack Botschker, Pte. David Hahold, Pte. Richard Lambert, M. Sgt. Joseph Riley; fifth row—Sgt. Anthony Dellaporta, Pte. Frank Shroem, Pte. Raymond Wagon, Pte. John Mosser, Col. Robert Hamer, Col. Pte. Allan Bevers, Sgt. Ernest Lutz, Pte. Paul Fackler, Sgt. Thomas Grever, sixth row—Pte. Martin Wolpert, W. O. Lewis, Lt. Daniel Lenz, Pte. William Eberhardt, Sgt. Robert McCool, Pte. Edgar Taylor, Sgt. William Kading, Pte. Robert Dwyer, Pte. George Blandin, Sgt. 1st Class Edwin Rubin, Col. Charles Morris, Col. George West, W. O. Robert, Director.

28th Div. Band Gives Concert For Hospital

BY SGT. GENE DOTTENBECKER

Altoona's own 28th Infantry division band under the direction of W. O. Lewis, leader, and W. O. Robert, EdVestian, presented a concert for the patients and personnel of the state hospital at Creason, Sunday, Aug. 25. A number of full strength of 36 soldiers met, the band secured a large audience with a varied program of musical selections broadcast throughout the hospital.

In addition there were several hundred visitors who enjoyed the concert on the beautiful lawn surrounding the institution. The bandmen honored Dr. Harry W. West, superintendent of the hospital, by playing "Kiddie Bill," the official march of the 119th Infantry regiment. Dr. West is a former colonel of the 119th regiment and appreciated this honor.

M. Sgt. Joseph Riley acted as master of ceremonies for the event and at the conclusion of the concert the band was served a delicious luncheon. Each year the 28th division band visits the hospital without compensation with the exception of the deep appreciation from the patients.

M. Gen. David H. Stocker, commanding officer of the 28th division, complimented W. O. Robert for the band's splendid work during the past summer field training at Indian Gap. The general was especially pleased with the fact that the unit was the only one in Pennsylvania attending training with full strength.

At the present time the unit is competing in a statewide contest for the famous Eisenhower trophy, an honor awarded each year to the most outstanding organization in the Pennsylvania National guard. Competition is based upon military training, attendance at drill and the unit's appearance in the field. Both W. O. Robert and EdVestian are confident that the band will bring this honor to Altoona in 1920.

The public is cordially invited to view the Edward Young army song Monday night and enjoy the programs held by the band. W. O. Robert, conductor, instructs personnel on various instruments and musicians who are the members of the band are invited to attend the classes.

"Taps" were given at the close of the program by William D. Canon, member of the 62nd High School, after which a gun salute was given by members of the Legion.

Guests from the Creason Legion included the distinguished commander, Paul Bunkelick, Martin Haver, a past commander and secretary-master of the Penn. Cross Company, and Joseph Sommer, Creason through commencement of maintenance.

Patients Mark Armistice Day At Sanatorium

(Special to "Herald Mirror")

CREASON, Nov. 11.—Armistice day was appropriately observed at the state sanatorium here with a presentation of a program in the auditorium at 10:15 a. m. Employees and ambulant patients, including children from the sanatorium schools, attended. The program, broadcast over the sanatorium radio hookup to the hospital patients, included:

National anthem by entire group; pledge to the flag by employees; "America the Beautiful," by children from the sanatorium schools; "The America's Creed" by children from the sanatorium schools.

Ray Treacher, president of the Penn. Cross for Creason company and a charter member and past commander of the Creason American Legion, was the principal speaker.

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## Rev. Thomas O'Donnell Of Cresson Dies at 76

### Once Served as Assistant Pastor Of St. John Gualbert's, Johnstown

Rev. Father Thomas O'Donnell, 76, of Cresson, former Johnstown priest, died at 2:25 a. m. yesterday in Merry Hospital, Johnstown. He had been a medical patient since Sept. 1941.

Father O'Donnell celebrated the silver jubilee of his ordination into the priesthood June 29, 1911, at Cresson Sanatorium, where he was assigned at the time of his death. He had been priest of St. John's Boys Home, Cresson, for more than a quarter-century. He served as chaplain at the sanatorium for an equal length of time.

The priest celebrated his first solemn mass at St. Anne's Church, Woodside, July 2, 1916, and later was assistant pastor of St. John Gualbert's Church, Johnstown, and pastor of St. Catherine's Church, Mt. Union.

Born in Eckley, Pa., a son of the late Patrick and Anna (McDonnell) O'Donnell, he spent his youth in Drifton, Luzerne County. As a young man he was active in baseball, being one of the organizers and players of the "Peanuts," a street amateur team.

He attended the Drifton schools and Hazleton Business College and for some time was employed as a bookkeeper in the Hazleton Machinery Company office. Later he resigned his position to enter Villanova College, Philadelphia, and became a member of the priesthood.

He completed his studies at the seminary of St. Francis College in Jersey City, and was ordained June 29 of that year in St. John's Cathedral, Albany.

Father O'Donnell was a brother



Rev. Father O'Donnell of the late Rev. Father F. X. O'Donnell, who had served St. Thomas Church, Ashville, and a uncle of Rev. Father Edward Gallagher of Williamsport.

**O'DONNELL**—Rev. Father Thomas at 2:25 a. m. Aug. 17, 1948, in Merry Hospital, one time assigned at St. John Gualbert's Church at Woodside. He had served Cresson Sanatorium for 25 years. Graduate of Villanova College and was ordained from St. Francis Seminary, Lehigh, in 1916. Born in Eckley, Pa., son of Patrick and Anna (McDonnell) O'Donnell. Survived 38 sisters, Mrs. James Gallagher, President, Pa. and several nephews and nieces, among whom are: Edward T. Gallagher of Assumption Church, Williamsport; Thomas will be required to recite at St. Alban's Wednesday morning; others in church: Thursday, Chairman of office of the dead at 10 a. m. Friday, followed by Mass. Most Rev. Bishop Richard T. Gallagher, Belmont, along with Rev. Father Morgan McDermott, John Hackett and Edward Gallagher, deceased; Thomas T. Casper, substitute; John O'Leary, master of ceremonies; and Patrick Harkness, secretary. Burial in Pleasant, Pa. John A. Conway Funeral Home.

## Cresson Sanatorium Unveils Memorial

### 1949

Harrisburg, Jan.—A bronze tablet to the memory of Dr. William G. Turnbull, first Medical Director of the Cresson State Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Cresson, Pa., was unveiled in the lobby of the Administration Building, Monday, December 12.

Dr. Turnbull came to the Sanatorium in 1912 while the main buildings were still under construction. The grounds about the Hospital were then just a wilderness. There was no heat or light in the buildings. The first few patients were hospitalized in the patient's dining room, and stoves were set up to furnish the heat.

Dr. Turnbull served the Sanatorium from 1912 to 1923, when he was appointed Deputy State Secretary of Health. He served in that post until 1929, when he became the Superintendent of the Philadelphia General Hospital.

The address of eulogy was given by Dr. Thomas H. A. Stites, of Nazareth, Pa., who followed Dr. Turnbull as the next Medical Director of the Sanatorium. Many former employees who served under Dr. Turnbull and Dr. Stites attended the unveiling of the tablet.

Dr. Harry W. West, present Medical Director of the Cresson Sanatorium, and former State Secretary of Health, presided.

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## Sanatorium Name Change Proposed

**HARRISBURG**—Dr. Harry West, staff member of Cresson Sanatorium, Monday night told of a movement to change the name of the institution to Calvege Hospital. The proposal is made by the institution's directors to honor Andrew Calvege, who gave the hospital its building site for a consideration of \$1.

Dr. Westler was guest speaker at an inter-club meeting of the Harrisburg and Northern Cambria Kiwanis Clubs at St. Thomas Parish Hall here. The doctor said that the hospital at present is understaffed. He added that the sanatorium has a capacity of 750 patients, but only 600 can be cared for now because of a shortage of nurses and nurses.

Program for the meeting was provided by the Northern Cambria group. Vocal selections were offered by Joseph Stone of Carlisle. Mrs. Mary Lewis was accompanied. Singing was led by George Pollock.

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## Career Of Cresson Man Is Interwoven With Development Of State Sanatorium

### Carl Brawley Has Worked There For Nearly 40 Years

**CRESSON**—The career of a Cresson man and the history of the development of the State Sanatorium here have been interwoven for nearly 40 years.

The man is Carl Brawley. He was born at the old Brawley homestead, located on land adjacent to the plot donated by the late steel magnate and industrialist, Andrew Carnegie, as the location for the state institution.

Brawley attended public school at The Summit in Cresson Township. When he was ready to seek employment he found it almost literally at his own doorstep. For six months he worked there, but from the neighborhood, watched curiously and evergreen last their noses and plotted the location of the new hospital along the Williams Penn Highway at its highest point in the Alleghenies.

Finally the preliminary work was done and an engineer whose last name was Baird took charge of activities on the ground. It was this engineer who hired young Brawley and several others and put them to work. They cleared the land for the present administration building.

**Helped Fill First Five**

Mr. Brawley says he has a vivid memory of the filling of the first five. The entire course of man then working on the land did not exceed a dozen, he says.

From that time of clearing the land went to work as laborers on the construction of the sanatorium's main wing, administration building and kitchen.

An construction neared completion, new jobs developed and the youth who began as a woodman was given the task of helping to equip the buildings. One of Brawley's duties was to see that lumber shipped to Cresson reached their destination on The Summit intact.

The task presented a real problem. The road up the mountain was a steep, muddy one, bearing little resemblance to the present four-lane concrete highway. Four patient mules and a wagon were used to move the transportation problem. In winter a sled was placed on the wagon.

All this preliminary work took place prior to the fall of 1912.



Carl Brawley... mule team to station wagon

when Dr. William G. Turnbull arrived as medical director. Although the buildings were not opened officially until 1913, patients were transferred from Mount Alto State Sanatorium near the end of 1912.

**Brows Survey**

Carl Brawley was the man sent to the depot with a two-wheeled survey and two mules to transfer the first patients, a father and daughter, to the new institution.

For several years little was heard of the man in transportation. The doctor used the vehicle to travel between his living quarters on the Mountain House grounds and his office.

**Truck Replaces Mule Team**

Later this ancient vehicle was converted into a truck and an overhead loading car was procured for the doctor's use. Soon Mr. Brawley was relieved of his mule-driving job and the truck replaced the wagon as a means of transportation. He used the vehicle to haul coal, freight, express and finally the mail and daily papers.

Today, most patients travel to and from the grounds in automobiles. Large trucking concerns bring freight and express to the sanatorium's doors. But Carl Brawley still makes his three trips to town each day for mail and the papers and perhaps an occasional package.

Now a modern station wagon is operated by the various employees. It is one of a fleet of motor vehicles in use at the hospital.

Mr. Brawley has served the sanatorium under the two early medical directors already mentioned and the following were succeeded there: Dr. Louis A. Wooten, Johnstown; Dr. E. F. Royer and Dr. Harry W. West.

The long-time state employee likes to talk about the frequent visits here of the late Gifford Pinchot, former Governor of the Commonwealth. He proudly tells how he drove the tall forester from Cresson to the sanatorium grounds and walked with him to the children's playground.

## Boxes Of Books For Sanatorium



With somewhere between 800 and 1,000 books collected by the Key Club of Westmont-Tupper Valley High School, there isn't one in keep for school purposes. Members of the club collected the books from residents of the Ashford for the library of Cresson Sanatorium. The club, sponsored by Johnson Kiwanis Club, is directed by William A. Ashby, instructor in social studies.

PA., WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 1949  
**22 PRACTICAL NURSES TO GAIN DIPLOMAS AT CRESSON SANATORIUM**



With classes scheduled to finish at the close of May, commencement exercises for 22 senior students at the Nurses' Training School for Practical Nurses at Cresson sanatorium will be conducted Thursday evening, June 2, at 8 o'clock at the sanatorium. Students have been receiving under the supervision of Dorothy M. River, R. N., division (extreme left), and Catherine M. Hovels, R. N., assistant division (extreme right). With them, graduates-to-be shown left to right are: First row—Mary Ann Phillips, Lily Geraldine Howey, Altona; Mary Vivian Fox, Belle Vernon; Elizabeth E. Hopewell, Harrisburg; Rosemary A. Stein, Kittanning; Mary Rosak, McKeesport, and Floss Jean Johnston, Butler; second row—Emma Jane Tiley, Altona; Mary Catherine Trzeci, Gallatin; Mary Gertrude Plummer, Sidman; Georgia L. Burkholder, Pittsburgh; Elizabeth Mae Parker, Butler; Lois Marie Culbert, Belle Vernon, and Dorothy Sanderson, Lilly; third row—Frank Konic, Greensburg; George Kerwin Elder, Philadelphia; John Lee McCoway, Dravosburg; Howard S. Tyler, Madras; Harold McClane Henry, Brownsville; Curtis Bricker, Brackenridge; Edward Paul Hancock, Altona, and Fred Paul Jock, Monaca.

June 3, 1949  
**Sanatorium at Cresson Holds Commencement**

*(Special to Allentown Herald)*  
**CRESSON, June 2.**—The annual commencement of the Cresson Sanatorium School of Nursing was held last evening in the sanatorium auditorium with 22 graduates receiving their diplomas.  
 "Putting on the Brakes in a World of Speed" Mr. Graul told the graduates that the duties of the country need to be more than government affairs so that communists will not have such a good chance to get a hold in government offices.  
 Dr. Harry W. West, medical director of the sanatorium, made the introductory remarks and Rev. Father Walter Byrne gave the invocation. Special music was provided by the Mount Airy Junior college chorus, accompanied by Helen K. Carroll, music director of the college. Miss Irene Roberts and Miss Mary Louise Weiland gave vocal solos.  
 The Florence Nightingale pledge was led by Miss Catherine Elaska, R. N., assistant director of nursing.  
 The presentation of diplomas to the 14 women and eight men from 17 different communities was made by Dr. West and Miss Alice M. Holloran, R. N., L.L.D., secretary of the hospital. Mrs. E. N. de Vries, director of nursing, a special guest, Mrs. Mary Trzeci, secretary of health, also attended the services and added to the presentation of diplomas.  
 The benediction was given by Rev. E. N. Fry and following the recessional a reception was held for the members of the graduating class in the auditorium and on the lawn.  
 Dr. Thomas H. A. Sittler, former medical director of the sanatorium, was an honor guest at the commencement exercises which were attended by many residents of the surrounding counties. The first class was organized in 1913 but was not publicly graduated until 1925. Thereafter classes were graduated in 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935 and 1937. The training school was discontinued in 1937 but was reorganized in 1942 due to the scarcity of registered nurses. The next classes were graduated in 1944, 1947 and 1948. Another class will be started in September.

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**Graul Urges More Attention To Government**

"If Americans were more alert in government affairs and paid more attention to the affairs of government, communism would not have a chance to make its roads into government." Joseph C. Graul, Harrisburg, told the audience at commencement exercises last night at Cresson Sanatorium. He was principal speaker at the graduation of 22 new nurses in the sanatorium school of nursing.  
 Mr. Graul is in charge of public program of the State Department of Health. Speaking on the topic, "Putting on the Brakes in a World of Speed," Mr. Graul discussed the apathetic attitude of citizens toward government.  
 Dr. Vance assisted with the presentation of diplomas. Miss Alice M. O'Holloran, R. N., L.L.D., state director of nursing, and Miss Dorothy Rivers, R. N., director of nursing at the sanatorium, were in charge of issuing the diplomas.  
 Dr. Thomas H. A. Sittler, former medical director of the sanatorium, was a guest of honor at the exercises. The class included 14 male nurses and 14 young women.  
 Music for the occasion was furnished by Miss Helen K. Carroll and the Mt. Airy Junior College Chorus with Misses Irene Roberts and Mary Louise Weiland as soloists.

**Graduate Nurses Get Diplomas**



Miss Mary Ann Phillips, Lily, smiles happily as left, and Frank Konic, Greensburg, second from left, receives her nurse's diploma from Dr. Norris West, medical director of the sanatorium, looks on at the right. Commencement exercises last night at Cresson Sanatorium. Edward K. Mack, Arnold, second from on at the right.

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 Partly cloudy, showers.

**Sanatorium To Graduate Class of 22**

**Practical Nurses to Receive Diplomas Thursday, June 2**  
 Twenty-two practical nurses will be graduated at the annual commencement exercises of Cresson Sanatorium School of Nursing Thursday evening, June 2, in the auditorium.  
 Diplomas will be presented by Dr. Harry W. West, medical director of the hospital, Miss Alice M. O'Holloran, R. N., L.L.D., and Miss Dorothy Rivers, R. N., director of nursing.  
 Guest speaker at the exercises is at 8 p. m. will be Joseph C. Graul of the State Department of Health.  
 The following program has been arranged:  
 Processional. Helen K. Carroll, invocation. Rev. Father Walter Byrne, introductory remarks. Dr. West; Mt. Airy Junior College Chorus, "Memories of St. Bernards' Foster"; vocal solo, "You Are Nurses"; Irene Roberts, address to graduates. Mr. Graul; Florence Nightingale pledge, led by Miss Catherine Elaska, R. N., assistant director of nursing; presentation of diplomas; vocal solo, "The Kerry Faith"; Mary Louise Weiland; "Christopher Robin Is Saying His Prayers"; Margaret Morgan and chorus; benediction, Rev. E. N. Fry, and recessional, Helen K. Carroll.  
 Members of the 1949 graduating class are: Mary Rosak, McKeesport; Elizabeth E. Hopewell, Harrisburg; Lois Marie Culbert, Belle Vernon; Mary Vivian Fox, Belle Vernon; Mary Catherine Trzeci, Gallatin; Emma Jane Tiley, Altona; George Kerwin Elder, Philadelphia; Mary Gertrude Plummer, Sidman; Georgia L. Burkholder, Pittsburgh; Elizabeth Mae Parker, Butler; Floss Jean Johnston, Butler; Rosemary A. Stein, Kittanning; Elizabeth Hovels, Altona; Harold McClane Henry, Brownsville; Edward Paul Hancock, Altona; and Fred Paul Jock, Monaca.

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**Dental Program Held For Children At Sanatorium**

**CRESSON**—A unique dental demonstration for the children at the Cresson Sanatorium was arranged recently by Dr. Harry W. West, executive medical director.  
 Miss Ida Mae Shiley and Miss Helen Gray, dental health teachers from Pittsburgh, and Miss Albert Champer, a dentist from Harrisburg, demonstrated the work of the dental health program in the Pittsburgh schools. The girls were on their way to State College, where they will assist in the workshop for dental health teachers.  
 Miss Shiley talked to the children on care of the teeth and on health and safety. She used her dog and his friend "Tommy Mouse" in her program.  
 Miss Albert Champer is in the country to study the dental health program. She has visited dental hygiene schools in this country and plans to go to Canada for similar visits. She had been in Pittsburgh to study the dental hygiene program in the school here.  
 When she returns to Harrisburg, she will be in charge of the dental hygiene program which will be started there. Twenty-five girls already have been recommended for the training by the military of education. An American dental hygienist who speaks French recently now is in France helping to get the dental hygiene program organized.

June 25, 1949.  
**ALTOONA MIRROR, ALTOONA**

**Local Music Groups Appear At Sanatorium**

*(Special to Allentown Herald)*  
**CRESSON, June 25.**—The patients of the Cresson sanatorium have been enjoying programs of entertainment provided by local groups.  
 Organizations which have been coming to the sanatorium during the hot telephone chorus of Altoona, under the direction of Howard W. Liberman. This particular program was divided in two sections. The first section consisted of choral singing, the second section a musical play.  
 Other well-known orchestras were the Joe Avanti orchestra and the popular Joe Krupper orchestra from Altoona, both orchestras being furnished under the auspices of the American Federation of Musicians local 66.  
 Other feature attractions included Earl Hillier of Oak Grove Hotel, Turtle Creek, promoter of the state. Shubin day also the Chas. Bore chorus of East Pittsburgh, under the direction of Mrs. Elvira Bruchmann, and a good-will program by Rev. Loy C. Gabelein of the Synagogue, Harrisburg, Altoona.

**Joseph C. Graul Speaks At Nurse Event, Cresson**

**CRESSON**—Joseph C. Graul, Harrisburg, was the commencement speaker Thursday at graduation exercises for 22 practical nurses at Cresson Sanatorium school of nursing.  
 The speaker, who is in charge of publicity for the citizens education program of the State Department of Health, had for his topic, "Putting on the Brakes in a World of Speed." He discussed the apathetic attitude of citizens toward government.  
 Mr. Graul declared:  
 "If Americans were more alert in government affairs, communism would not have a chance to make its roads into government."  
 Dr. Norris W. Vance, state secretary of health, assisted in the presentation of diplomas. Miss Alice M. O'Holloran, R. N., L.L.D., state director of nursing, and Miss Dorothy Rivers, R. N., director of nursing at the sanatorium, issued the diplomas. The class consisted of 8 men and 14 young women.  
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### Hospital Makes Plans For State Week Observance

CRESSON — Extensive plans have been made at Cresson State Sanatorium for the observance of Pennsylvania Week, according to an announcement by Dr. Harry W. West, medical director.

Open house will be observed throughout the week. Visitation will be conducted on tours of the grounds and buildings. Chat X-ray films will be exhibited. Handwork of patients will be displayed and motion pictures on tuberculosis will be shown every day from 1 p. m. to 2 p. m. in the office of the medical director.

The 28th Infantry Division Band of Altoona will give a concert on the lawn at the sanatorium at 3 p. m. Sunday, Oct. 16.

F. K. Shields, supervising principal of Cresson Borough school, will be the guest speaker at a program Monday evening, Oct. 17. At the entertainment, entertainment hall. School children at the institution also will be in the program. Musical entertainment will be provided.

Howard W. Lindeman, supervisor of music in the Altoona schools, will present a concert by different civic choral groups of Altoona Tuesday evening, Oct. 18.

Thursday evening, Oct. 20, an orchestra from Altoona will give a concert in the auditorium. The program will be broadcast to patients throughout the hospital.

Since 1912, the sanatorium here has treated more than 20,000 patients, Dr. West said. The land on which it stands was bought by Andrew Carnegie as a site for a summer home for his mother, situated before the home could be built. Carnegie then turned the site over to the state to be used for a tubercular sanatorium.

### STUDENT NURSES BEGIN COURSE AT CRESSON SANATORIUM



Students selected by Dr. Harry W. West, executive medical director of the Cresson sanatorium, to begin training in practical nursing at the institution are shown above. The students began their work on Sept. 11. The course is of one year's duration and is under the direction of Miss Dorothy M. Rivers, R. S., R. N., director of nursing, and Mrs. Mary Blinn, R. S., R. N., supervisor of instruction. Shown (left to right) are: First row—Dorothy M. Rivers, Alice Gable of Freeport, Yeala Miller of Williams, Beren Horton of Westover, Patricia Swanson of Chambers, Ruth Arthur of Altoona, Alberta Heister of Hallifax, Helen McElroy of Altoona and Mrs. Mary G. Blinn; rear row—Marie Smith of Johnstown, Harriet Eggart of Altoona, Jean Elberole of Bakers Summit, Loraine Johnson of Johnstown, Evelyn Parks of Johnstown and Mildred Burke of Altoona.

### Fly Blood to 'Philly' to Aid Local Girl

A Johnstown girl's life hinges today on a delicate lung operation in a Philadelphia hospital.

In an effort to provide the girl—Miss Virginia Rowser, 20, 150 Sheridan St.—a better chance to live, 10 pints of life-saving blood were flown to the Philadelphia hospital yesterday from Johnstown Airport.

When Miss Rowser, a tubercular patient, was admitted to Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia, a week ago, she was advised blood transfusions would be needed.

The Philadelphia hospital's blood bank is very low and additional blood was needed today. Each time a transfusion was given Miss Rowser the bank supply dwindled.

Johnstown relatives and friends of Miss Rowser were informed of the grave need of immediate blood transfusions. More than a score of Memorial Hospital where technicians typed them and took blood

for the bank. Yesterday Miss Valeria Phillips, who is in charge of Memorial Hospital's blood bank, gathered together 10 pints of the type of blood needed by Miss Rowser and prepared it for shipment to Philadelphia.

Johnstown Airport was contacted and Manager Martin Grady made arrangements for the vital blood to be flown to the Quaker City. Robert Wright, 245 Fourth St., Cosmopolis, an instructor at the airport, took off at 1 a. m. and 2 hours later was in Philadelphia.

As the result of the prompt response of Johnstown friends Miss Rowser today will undergo an operation for removal of the upper lobe of her left lung.

Miss Rowser, said about 10 months ago was a hale and hearty Johnstown girl. She contracted bronchial pneumonia and tuberculosis. She went to Cresson State Sanatorium about a year ago with the hope of being cured. Her condi-



Miss Virginia Rowser

tion, however, failed to improve and doctors advised the lung operation.

Leading Philadelphia physicians today plan to perform the operation which may restore Miss Rowser to normal health.

The girl, a daughter of Mrs. Margaret Rowser, 150 Sheridan St., was graduated from Johnstown High School with the class of 1944. She worked in the candy counter of a local store prior to being stricken with pneumonia and subsequently tuberculosis.

Despite her grave illness, relatives said, the girl is in excellent spirits and is looking forward to the operation today.

VIEW POST MEETS TONIGHT  
Johnstown-Laird Hill Post 7471, V. P. W. will meet at 8 p. m. today in Howell I. O. O. F. Hall.

### THE ALTOONA MIRROR, ALTOONA, PA., THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 1949.

### Doctors Think Drugs May Kill Tuberculosis

HAMBURG, Pa., (UP)—Drugs used for allergy sufferers have produced "encouraging results" in treating tuberculosis, the medical publication "Annals of Allergy" reports.

Two physicians at the Hamburg State sanatorium raised the hope that the drugs might "alter the course of the disease" by preventing the spread of lesions which they believe may be caused by an allergic reaction to the tubercular bacilli.

They reported preliminary findings on 30 cases treated with the allergy drugs, technically known as antihistamines. These are the drugs used to treat hay fever, asthma and other allergies.

Writing in the annual official publication of the American College of Allergists, Drs. A. E. Judd and Alfred R. Henderson said in all 30 cases the patients showed "increased weight, appetite and feeling of well-being" after treatment.

While they said 30 cases "are too few to evaluate fully the effectiveness of the antihistamines," the doctors said some of the patients showed "marked improvement." The greatest improvement, they reported, was noted in patients with tuberculous pneumonia and acute asthmatic bronchitis.

ings lesions "which in our opinion are the result of hypersensitivity." The doctors said the TB bacilli apparently produce in the body an "allergic" reaction during the secondary, or re-infection, stage of the disease. It is this inflammatory reaction which causes the lesions, they believe.

The allergy drugs were used to try to prevent this reaction. The report said three patients who showed the greatest improvement, under treatment with the condition within two to eight weeks after they were taken the medication. When they got the drug treatment again, "marked improvement followed."

The writers said that "strong points to the therapeutic effectiveness of these drugs even though improvement lasted only through the administration," they said. The doctors suggested combining treatment of antihistamines and streptomycin, which suppresses growth of the TB bacilli.

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### Full Recovery Seen For Girl After Surgery

Miss Virginia Rowser, 21, of 150 Sheridan Street, Morrellville, who underwent three delicate lung operations last summer, has returned to her home.

Doctors who treated her say her condition now is excellent. After several more years of rest, they say, she will be able to resume the life she led before her illness.

Early in 1947, after a severe attack of bronchial pneumonia, Virginia was found to be suffering of tuberculosis. In July, 1947, she was admitted to Cresson Sanatorium. Her condition here grew worse, and her doctors finally advised the removal of part of her lung.

The life-saving surgery was done at Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia. Virginia figured in the news last July at the time of the operation, when 10 pints of blood were flown from Johnstown to replenish the dwindling supply at the Philadelphia hospital. The local girl received many blood transfusions following surgery.

The blood was raised through the permissive blood program of the Cameron County Red Cross Chapter. The blood was collected and prepared at the blood bank of Memorial Hospital. Arrangements were made at Johnstown Municipal Airport to fly the blood to the eastern city.

Virginia remained at Episcopal Hospital until November of last year. At that time, she was sent back to the Cresson Sanatorium for more much-needed rest.

She returned to her Sheridan Street home Thursday evening. She is happy to be back home with her family and friends, but says she was given the very best care and consideration during her absence.

# Health Dept. Plot Laid To Politics

## Ex-Congressman Says 2,000 State Jobs Threatened

A political plot "to a certain extent" to divide the state health department is under way, in Harrisburg, it was charged here yesterday.

Edward L. Carter, Jr., president of the Pennsylvania Health Council and former Republican congressman from Philadelphia, announced this warning.

Mr. Carter said 2,000 jobs are threatened.

He came here from Harrisburg to address a combined meeting of three health groups, taking the occasion in place of Harvey F. Williams, then secretary of health.

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Mr. Carter named no names. "I don't know who they are and I don't want to know," he said. "I can speak more freely this way."

Regarding Dr. Matthew's speech, a professional association of health problems and projects, with no list of the beneficiaries, the state capital on Health Department job patronage, was Dr. Charles L. Wilbur, Jr., his deputy.

The Civil Service law which system has been opposed by people who say: "Jobs are more important than the health of the community," said Mr. Carter.

# Not One-Party Ruling

There always has been a "two party" system in the health department, Mr. Carter said.

He warned that the attack probably will come in form of a "phony" merger, setting up a "phony" merger, setting up a "phony" merger, setting up a "phony" merger.

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# Practical Nurses Hear Speakers

## Five speakers addressed some 50 members of the Practical Nurses Association of metropolitan Johnstown at a meeting last night at the YMCA.

Dr. James Taylor reviewed various points in the nursing code of ethics. Miss F. Eleanor Strause, director of Community Nursing Service, spoke on pending legislation for the licensing of practical nurses. Miss Margaret Jones, instructor at Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, noted the important role of the practical nurse. She said that registered nurses welcome the practical nurse as having an essential place in the profession.

Miss Catherine Bedford, director of nursing for Cambria County Chapter, American Red Cross, spoke on the various duties and problems of the practical nurse.

Attorney Ernest F. Walter, legal adviser of the association, headed the group with a brief in organizing what he claimed to be the first association of practical nurses in the state. He said that the local group is expected to be a guide for other similar units in the state. The name of the Pennsylvania State Employment Service.

# Low State Pay Blamed For TB Staff Shortages

## Second of Three Articles

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# Sanatorium Kiddies Liked Santa Parade

George C. Kuhn, Jr., president of the Altoona Chamber of Commerce, yesterday received a letter from Dr. Harry W. West, medical director of the state sanatorium at Cresson, who writes:

"The staff of Cresson sanatorium wishes to thank the Altoona Chamber of Commerce and the Altoona public schools for their kind efforts to provide an opportunity for our children to see Santa Claus parade. They are all very happy and grateful for the attention being given to them."

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# The Johnstown New Authority Okays Top State Public Works Plans

## 3 Area Hospitals To Share In Fund For Improvements

HARRISBURG—(AP)—Nearly \$80 million in public works improvements today approved by the commonwealth's new General State Authority.

The latest lump of projects—some \$35 million worth—approved here yesterday by the building agency reestablished by the 1949 Legislature to finance up to \$175 million in new hospitals, schools and parks in the next two years.

The projects approved yesterday included:

Continued expansion of the state mental hospital and similar institutions \$20 million.

Elimination of fire hazards at state teachers colleges and at the Highland Orphan School in Franklin County \$10 million.

Increased facilities for the public use of state parks \$18 million, recreational flood control dams \$25 million.

Expansion of Cresson Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Cambria County; Crippled Children and other State Health Department facilities, \$22 million.

New state police barracks and superior-examining fields at Reading and Gettysburg, \$25,000.

An architectural survey of the proposed extension of Capital Park here, \$100,000.

The authority, composed of top executive and legislative officials of the commonwealth, already has made a \$30 million bond issue to launch its program. Additional funds will be raised from taxes as the construction program moves ahead.

The action on the teachers colleges came after the agency received a report that many of the present buildings at the 14 state institutions "are dangerous fire hazards and are nearly 100 years old."

Seeking Further Report

A spokesman said that all of the projects approved are designed to eliminate fire hazards, but he said that the authority planned to study the condition of individual schools will be made in the future. Final approval on 10 of the projects was held up until a further report is received from the authority staff on the need for

# Kuhn Selected to Head Cresson Youth Council

## Permanent Officers Chosen for New Organization in Community

Eugene F. J. Kuhn last night was elected first president of the new Cresson Community Youth Council. Permanent officers were elected during a meeting in the high school auditorium.

Other officers are Mrs. J. Azzara, first vice president; F. K. Shook, second vice president; Ralph E. Moore, third vice president; Mrs. Mary Lane, executive secretary; and Clarence Tobin, treasurer.

The position of corresponding secretary will be filled at a later meeting.

Members of the board of directors are: George Killarney, Fred Ahran, Miss Jean Pearl, John Franklin G. Senger, William Conacher and William Ross.

The bylaws, preamble and constitution were read for the first time. It was announced the annual reorganization meeting will be held probably on the first Thursday in March.

Members of the nominating committee who drew up the slate of candidates for the election are: James G. Killarney, Mrs. Paul Davis, Mr. Shook, Miss Doris Killarney, Mr. Killarney, Mrs. Rachel Moore and Miss Mary Agnew.

Next regular meeting will be Monday.



Eugene F. J. Kuhn

# Director of T. B. Sanatorium Explains Treatments of Disease

The Milton County Medical Society held its December meeting at the Lewiston Hospital Thursday evening with Dr. E. E. Reim presiding.

Twenty-two members were present. The society, in accordance with its usual custom, voted to purchase a Tuberculosis Society Health Bond to further the work of this group.

The guest speaker was Dr. H. W. West, medical director of the Cresson Tuberculosis Sanatorium, and former Secretary of Health of the State of Pennsylvania. Dr. West reviewed recent statistics pertaining to tuberculosis which were of interest to the physicians. According to the Federal Public Health Service surveys there are about 200,000 cases of tuberculosis in the U. S., one-half of which are known, as active recognized cases. There are about 40,000 deaths annually from this disease. Tuberculosis was ranked as a killer in 1940, but now ranks as seventh in the list. Up to the age of 35 years, the disease is most prevalent in women, but from 35 to 50 years of age the males outrank the females 2 to 1. It is now found as a disease more in older people because the younger cases are picked up and treated.

In Negro versus white the disease is three to one. Tuberculosis is a preventable disease, Dr. West said. Milton County has a comparatively low rate in this disease, he pointed out. The rate of cure is as high in the modern sanatorium in the ordinary as in a mountain or desert resort advanced, as well as in a sanatorium, he explained.

Regarding treatment, Dr. West emphasized four points:

1—Rest in bed, which alone has cleared up even cases with chest cavities.

2—Good nourishment well prepared food.

3—Fresh air, not necessarily that of a high dry climate.

4—Time, which is essential for two years of rest.

Mentioned also were streptomycin, collapse therapy or pneumothorax, which is a method of crushing the pleural space which accomplishes the same thing temporarily. New advances in surgery can allow the complete removal of a bad lung if the other is reasonably good, the physician explained.

# 33 Harrisburg Hospital Nurses Hit By Illness

HARRISBURG—(UPI)—Polio-clinic Hospital authorities here confirmed today that the sudden illness of 33 nurses Monday night forced closing of the hospital's operating rooms—says an emergency case.

Approximately one five of the hospital's 75 student nurses and 75 trained nurses became ill after seeing dinner Monday night in the hospital canteen.

A few of the nurses collapsed in the hallway before the wide-spread epidemic of the illness was discovered. Authorities said most of those stricken were students trained. Virtually all have recovered.

Authorities said no patients were made ill, but doctors do not know if the illness, which authorities said was acute.

Officials said a potato salad served to the canteen, a kitchen apart from that where patients' food is prepared, was first opened. But authorities said later that no food had been contaminated as a cause.

Concluded Tomorrow

