

ALTOONA, PA., FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 1950.

Many Interesting Ev

PASSING OF AN ERA AT CRESSON

Mrs. Myrtle Wiseman of Alexandria, Huntingdon county, waves goodbye to some of the many friends she acquired during her five-year convalescence at the Cresson Tuberculosis sanatorium. In the group she stay behind (left to right) are: Mrs. Edna Latta, Harry Benson, Josephine Wastel, Nurse Helen Marshall and Lois Miller.

Patient's Discharge Is Report On Progress at TB Sanatorium

In the brief language of the medical report, the patient left the sanatorium after remaining as a convalescent until such time as she would be discharged with medical consent as an apparent arrested case of tuberculosis.

The report would go further, of course. It would list: Patient's name, Mrs. Myrtle Wiseman; address, Alexandria, Huntingdon county; occupation, housewife; date of admission to State Tuberculosis hospital, Cresson, March 29, 1945; date of discharge, June 2, 1950.

But the report, all-inclusive as it may be, does not tell the story. If one were to read between the lines, he would learn of the suffering the valiant work of doctors and nurses and even the friendships formed in the five years that have passed since Mrs. Wiseman first saw Cresson sanatorium from the window of an automobile. Her illness brought these by her husband to be cured.

But perhaps more important than the medical report, Mrs. Wiseman is a progress report for Cresson. With her discharge there passed an era for the hospital.

Today, because of the fine surgical facilities recently incorporated into Cresson sanatorium and the always-available supply of whole blood made possible through the program of the American Red Cross, a patient's medical record today reads quite differently from that of Mrs. Wiseman's.

Instead of undergoing chest surgery at Cresson, as is the procedure for many active tubercular patients today, Mrs. Wiseman had to be taken to Pittsburgh on two occasions. Her first stay at a Pittsburgh hospital commenced in the latter part of 1948, lasted two months and encompassed two operations. The second visit lasted seven weeks and included at least one more operation.

During her Pittsburgh visits, Mrs. Wiseman received not less than seven pints of blood at a cost to her of \$3 a pint. Cost for the first operations and hospital bills also were borne by the patient.

Today, Cresson's surgical patients receive their much-needed whole blood without cost from the Red Cross, donated by the people of Cambria and Blair counties. Their operations are performed on the sanatorium grounds with the finest equipment known to medical science and by surgeons who perform their tasks with unexampled like regularity.

But so much for expense, and back to Mrs. Wiseman. She's gone

now from Cresson and picking up her life where she left off five years ago. For the time being, she'll reside with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Leamer of Alexandria, until such time as she and her husband, Jeff Wiseman, can re-establish their home.

When asked by an Altoona Mirror reporter if she plans to come back to Cresson for a visit, Mrs. Wiseman just smiled sweetly. She couldn't speak as soon of the mind-scenes with Cresson doctors and nurses performing miracles of medicine that never are known to the public, scenes of many happy hours of convalescence and the friends she is leaving behind.

A sanatorium attendant supplemented the nod with a matter of fact "Oh, they always come back. We have homecoming day each August and always have a big crowd."

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Briefing on Plans for Big Day



Friday will be a big day in the life of Mrs. Clara Segman of the Cresson Tuberculosis Sanatorium Hall, left, Cresson, when she undergoes her and Nurse Marie Stewart, operating room supervisor, give Mrs. Hall a few tips about procedure.

Cresson Woman Set for Fourth Operation to Cure Tuberculosis

Assurance of Supplies of Blood Helps Ease Pressure on Mrs. Hall

A date with the surgeon's knife Friday may point the way to recovery for a 40-year-old Cresson housewife and mother who has suffered from tuberculosis for the past four years.

At that time, Mrs. Clara Hall, 429 Powell Avenue, Cresson, will undergo her fourth and, she hopes, final operation for removal of a portion of her lung. Result of the surgery may mean a cure for the number of two.

Mrs. Hall, who also has a 20-year-old daughter, Freda, under care at the Cresson Sanatorium, is optimistic about the results of her ordeal. Though she has been a patient since 1946, it was only a year ago that doctors thought her strong enough to risk an operation.

Since that time she has had three bouts with the surgeon, all in Altoona. The date Friday will be her first operation in the sanatorium.

Major chest surgery was contemplated there only last month.

A chipper, smiling woman, Mrs. Hall is in a good frame of mind for recovery. Much of her confidence is reflected from her physician, Dr. Albert DeMott, sanatorium consultant chest surgeon. Then too, Mrs. Hall knows that necessary blood for the operation will be on hand through the facilities of the Johnstown Regional Blood Center.

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MODERN SCIENCE COMBATING TUBERCULOSIS AT CRESSON



New Surgery Aids Treatment At Sanatorium

Special to Altoona Mirror.
CRESSON, April 3.—A few days ago the 20th major chest surgical operation was performed at Cresson sanatorium in the history of that institution. And while there is nothing significant in the number 20, there is considerable significance in the fact that little more than three months ago the operation could not have been performed at Cresson.

Opening of the new surgery building at Cresson sanatorium represents another step in a beneficent and increased efficiency program being administered by Dr. Harry W. West, medical supervisor. While the building itself was erected in 1922, its equipment only recently was installed.

Providing a building and necessary equipment was not the major problem in establishing a surgery at the institution, however. Rather it was the ability to procure qualified personnel to conduct the surgery.

While the founding fathers of Cresson sanatorium were correct in their belief that fresh air, nourishing food and rest were the proper prescription for combating tuberculosis, they did not foresee advancements in medical science that would enable a surgeon to enter the patient's chest. Their choice of location, therefore, was governed by the healthful atmosphere of Cresson summit rather than proximity to a medical center where qualified physicians and technicians would be available.

Since its present site precludes the necessity of following doctor and technician for its surgery, Cresson sanatorium's answer to the problem was to establish a schedule of surgery so that qualified personnel would be available several days a week.

This accomplished, another major problem was confronted which finally was solved only through the cooperation of the people of Cambria and their counties. In chest surgery it is often necessary for a patient to receive as many as five to eight pints of whole blood. In the sanatorium hardly would have been the answer, but with the establishment of the Red Cross blood center at Johnstown the solution was found.

Dr. West maintains that establishment of the Red Cross blood program in this area unquestionably was one of the major factors in enabling Cresson sanatorium to open its surgery. "If people who donate blood could see the results of making these patients well and of making them return to normal life they would be more than equal to their efforts," is the way Dr. West expresses what the blood program means to the institution.



Modern surgery now is being employed at Cresson sanatorium in the treatment of lung and bone tuberculosis. In the top panel are shown a surgeon and his assistants as they performed the 20th major chest operation at the sanatorium in the three-month history of the institution's new surgery. In the bottom panel is the modern stone building that houses the surgery.

offers the possibility of a return to normal life. More and more doctors are employing its restorative possibilities, using it with newly-developed antibiotic drug, pneumothorax and pneumoperitoneum, fresh air, rest and nutrition in the fight against TB.

Both inside and out the new surgery building is a thing of beauty. The exterior construction of natural stone blends harmoniously with the English design of the institution's main and adjacent buildings. The building's interior is divided into rooms with space for 20 beds, two operating rooms, an orthopedic room and space for minor surgery. Its ultra-modern waiting room has paneled walls and indirect lighting. Air conditioning is provided in the operating, instrument and sterilizing rooms.

Special equipment in the operating rooms enables a surgeon to perform all types of lung resection, thoracoplasty and lung surgery, while the pale green tile walls of the surgery reduce glare during the operations.

Chest surgery is relatively new, its technique having been developed and perfected only in the past 10 years. For those patients whose tubercular condition is considered favorable for surgery, it

DEFORMITIES PREVENTED

V. A. Has New Technique for Use After Chest Surgery

WASHINGTON, April 22 (AP).—The Veterans Administration said today its doctors have developed a way to help prevent deformities in tuberculosis patients who have undergone chest surgery.

The remedy is "resistive" exercise—which includes a previously unheard-of amount of massage and muscular training for tubercular patients who usually are kept extremely quiet.

The announcement said this technique helps prevent curvature of the spine and other postural deformities after a chest operation.

Against Tuberculosis

New Biotic Is Tested Which Is Active Against Germs

A new drug which appears to be active against tuberculosis was discussed at last week's meeting in Washington, D. C., of the National Tuberculosis Association. The drug was described by Dr. Walsh McDermott and Ralph Tompsett of New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, New York City. It is derived from a soil mold and christened viomycin. It was discovered in the Research Laboratories of Charles Pfizer & Co.

Viomycin is capable of appreciably suppressing the course of tuberculous infection, according to Dr. McDermott. Furthermore, it appears to be active against tuberculous germs which have become resistant to streptomycin as well as against those still sensitive to streptomycin.

Viomycin has been tried on a limited scale in man. Though it is somewhat toxic it can be used for long periods. Until studies are completed, no prediction can be made concerning its ultimate importance.

Streptomycin is still the leading antagonist of tuberculosis, but it is not an ideal drug in all respects nor can it be considered a specific cure. Strains of tubercle bacilli resistant to streptomycin develop more rapidly than sensitive strains and eventually crowd them out. Para-aminosalicylic acid (PAS) combined with streptomycin delays the emergence of resistant strains.

Cresson Sanatorium Now Used For Major Surgery

CRESSON—A new era in the history of the state tuberculosis sanatorium here began this morning. The first major chest operation was performed in the institution's surgery center.

Dr. Norris Vane, Pennsylvania secretary of health, and the operation was opened in 1922, but because of the war and shortage of personnel, it was used for other purposes.

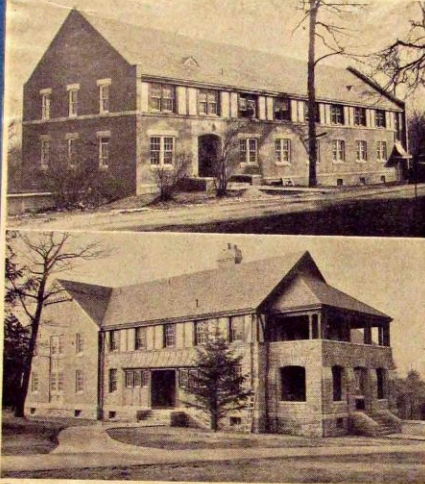
Dr. Harry W. West, medical director of the sanatorium here, said the state health department now at the sanatorium today.

Dr. M. C. Hayes, director of the American College of Surgeons, surgical consultant to staff here at the sanatorium, said Dr. John Rappolek, chest surgeon at Mount Alto Sanatorium, and Dr. Thomas M. A. Sitas, former medical director of the local institution, who conceived the idea of transforming the building, formerly used as a skating rink and swimming pool, into a modern surgery.

The surgery will be staffed with trained nurses and a skilled chest surgeon. The blood required for the blood center will be supplied by the Johnstown Regional Blood Center of the American Red Cross. Per-

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New Buildings At Cresson Sanatorium



The new buildings in the \$4.5 million improvement program at Cresson State Sanatorium are nearly ready for occupancy. The top photo shows the new 44-bed unit for women patients at the institution. It will take the place of small cottages used at present. A similar building is under construction for male patients. The building pictured below is the new nurses' home.

Both buildings will be ready for use late in February. The next big project planned at the sanatorium is the erection of an addition to the main building and the remodeling of some of the wards. The new wing will house the medical service unit, the laboratory, clinic and employees dispensary.

(Thorne Staff Photos)

Sanatorium In Cresson Gets New 44-Bed Unit

CRESSON — Dr. Harry W. West, executive medical director at the state sanatorium here, has announced the opening of a new 44-bed unit for women patients. A group of 44 patients who have been living in cottages at the women's camp have been transferred to the new unit, Dr. West said.

A similar unit similar to that already in use is to be opened for men patients. However, most of the cottages in the men's camp will continue to be used. Many of these cottages are of later construction than those in the women's camp. A few of the cottages were donations from the Johnson and Blair County Tuberculosis Societies and the Westinghouse Manufacturing Company.

With the closing of the old cottages, a chapter in the history of the Cresson Sanatorium is closed. Thirty years ago when the cottages received patients from the wards, it was thought that the more odd, fresh air the patients could receive, the better the chance for recovery. The cottages were designed with that accepted principle in mind. Living there became quite an ordeal for the patients.

The new dormitory of brick and tile fireproof construction, will provide warm, cheerful quarters for the patients. A large, comfortable lounge will give patients a place to write, play cards or visit each other.

The new units for patients which have been completed at the various state sanatoriums will add greatly to the care and comfort of patients admitted for treatment, according to Dr. Norma W. Vane, secretary of health.

Preparation of the new quarters here was supervised by Miss Dorothy M. Rivers, director of nursing.

1950 Nurses' Home at Sanatorium, Cresson, Is Now Occupied

(Special to Alabama Mirror) CRESSON, Aug. 2—Yesterday marked the opening of the new \$450,000 nurses' home at the State Tuberculosis sanatorium here.

Dr. Harry W. West, medical superintendent, in announcing the relocation of living quarters from the second floor of the administration building for 42 of the institution's nurses, said that the new home will greatly increase available space for medical facilities and beds. Dedication of the building is expected in the fall, he said.

One of the most modern and up-to-date structures of its kind in this area, the building is designed to house approximately 70 nurses, providing individual rooms, each with running water, game rooms and snack kitchen, a main lobby and eight-car garage. A tunnel connects the home with the main buildings of the institution.

The new home is of English colonial design in harmony with other buildings on the grounds and is completely fireproof, being constructed principally of native stone and brick.

Finishing costs for the building are in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

Each room is equipped with modern metal furniture and the windows covered with venetian blinds. The main lobby contains built-in lounge seats, twin fireplaces and a colonial paneled ceiling. Bath is of tile with porcelain and chromium fixtures.

The William F. Gable company of Alabama contracted to furnish the rooms, while the contract for furnishing the 40-by-60-foot main lobby have been awarded and are being carried out.

The color scheme throughout the entire structure is designed to add to the coziness, but honey atmosphere. Rose beige is the principal color in the lounge, while the corridors are finished in pastel green. The color scheme of the rooms combines French gray walls with terra cotta and gray furnishings. Extensive landscaping has been carried out about the building, with more being planned.

Sanatorium Job Bids Announced

HARRISBURG — UPI — Low bids totaling \$568,801 have been submitted to the General State Authority on contracts for the construction of a new medical service unit at the Cresson Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Cresson.

The new unit will contain outpatient examination rooms, a dispensary X-ray department and facilities for pneumothorax and fluoroscopic treatment.

Etter Bros. Harrisburg, submitted an unmodified low bid of \$207,009 for the general construction work on the building. Other low bids on phases of the same

project included: Harry Dougherty & Son Inc., Proctor, \$18,981, plumbing; Benson Construction Company, Erie, \$21,570, heating; Electrical Contractors Associates Inc., Atlanta, \$40,800, electrical work; Laboratory Furniture Company Inc., Long Island City, N. Y., \$11,206, hospital equipment; Kelley Steel Manufacturing Company, Covington, Ky., \$23,166, X-ray equipment.

County Must Accept Prisoners From Sanatorium, Wolfe Rules

Commitments All in Proper Order, Assistant District Attorney Says

Camden County Prison Board was advised yesterday that Warden Edward W. Beattie is obligated to accept prisoners who are taken to the county jail from the state sanatorium at Crosson.

The opinion was expressed by David C. Wolfe, first assistant district attorney, in a letter to the prison board.

Warden Beattie himself raised the question after four sanatorium patients were taken to the county jail for drunkenness and disorderly conduct on Christmas Eve.

The board authorized District Attorney Samuel R. DiPasquale, a board member, to investigate the circumstances.

In his report to the board, Attorney Wolfe said: "Since the information and commitment of the four men were in proper order, it is my opinion that the warden of the jail was required to accept such prisoners until properly discharged."

Investigation of incidents leading up to the arrests was made yesterday by Chief County Detective Joseph Roberts.

Attorney Wolfe said that "From an investigation, it appears that the four inmates were committed to the county jail for drunkenness and disorderly conduct by a county constable, placed the offenders under arrest and committed them in the Camden County Jail."

Dr. Harry A. West, medical director at the institution, previously had told the District Attorney that the four patients had become drunk and disorderly. Their conduct, he said, was detrimental to the recovery of other patients and their arrest became necessary.

The four men since have been discharged from the sanatorium because of their conduct.

Attorney Wolfe also added in his report to the board that "There is a specific law by which 'The patient, officers of the Pennsylvania State Police, assisted by a township constable, placed the offenders under arrest and committed them in the Camden County Jail.'"

"Since the information, arrest and commitment were in proper order, it is my opinion that the warden of the jail was required to accept such prisoners until properly discharged. I might add that by specific statutory enactment, the warden of every county jail is required to receive and detain every person arrested by an employee of a state sanatorium if the employee has been commissioned by the Governor with the power to make arrests."

The district attorney's office has been requested to make a report after Warden Edward W. Beattie asked the prison board to clarify his position in regard to prisoners from the Crosson sanatorium. He said he was reluctant to accept them because of their physical condition and to avoid the expense of their arrest.

Wolfe's report was prepared with the assistance of Chief County Detective Joseph Roberts, who investigated the circumstances leading to the arrests. The report says: "From investigation, it appears that the four inmates were committed to the county jail for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Pursuant to that com-

Reelected Warden



Plan Checkup On Arrests of Four Patients

Warden Asks Status Of Prisoners From State Sanatorium

An investigation into the arrests and prosecution of four patients of Crosson Sanatorium was authorized yesterday by the Camden County Prison Board which met in Ebersburg Courtroom to reorganize for the new year.

The probe was directed when Warden Edward W. Beattie asked the board to clarify his position with regard to sanatorium patients who are brought to the county jail for imprisonment.

Mr. Beattie, unanimously reelected for another year, asserted that he is reluctant to accept these prisoners because of their physical condition. One of four patients brought to his jail recently still was bleeding slightly from an operation for removal of a lung, he said.

On two recent occasions, Beattie said, sanatorium patients were taken under charges of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. These incidents occurred during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons, he said.

The board took no immediate action but authorized District Attorney Samuel R. DiPasquale, a member of the prison board, to make an investigation. DiPasquale said he would assign Chief County Detective Joseph Roberts to check into the situation.

Later it was learned that sanatorium authorities had requested the arrest of four patients who allegedly became drunk and disorderly at the Crosson institution on Christmas Eve. Charges against the patients were filed by members of the hospital staff and state police were summoned to remove them to the county jail after warrants were issued.

Dr. Harry A. West, medical director at the sanatorium, said that evening that he would welcome any investigation. The arrests were necessary, he said, for the welfare of other patients who were being disturbed by the conduct of the four arrested.

With regard to the physical conditions of the patients involved, Dr. West said none of them was bed patients and all were able "to be up and around."

Warden Beattie told the prison board that the patients were in jail several days before they were taken before Justice of the Peace Honor O'Neill in Crosson Township for a hearing.

Dr. West said all four were fined by Justice O'Neill and since have been discharged from the sanatorium.

Such incidents do not happen often, Dr. West explained, but they have happened before and may happen again. It had been necessary in the past, he said, to have patients removed to the jail after they became intoxicated and got out of hand.

The doctor explained that the sanatorium is crowded and at present has 112 persons on its waiting list who are seeking admission. With bed space at such a premium, he said, the sanatorium authorities cannot tolerate patients who are not willing to abide by regulations. "Their actions," he said, "are detrimental to the recovery of patients who are trying to get well."

When it is necessary to place a drunken or unruly patient under arrest, Dr. West explained, he usually is discharged from the institution. In most cases, however, the patient is warned before such drastic action is taken.

In reorganizing the prison board reelected Judge John H. McCann and Commissioner Pat Farrell as president and vice president, respectively. Sheriff John A. Conway, sworn into office yesterday, was welcomed as a new member.

Prison Board Asks Arrest Of Cresson Patients

Warden Asks For Clarification Of His Responsibility

EBERSBURG — The arrest and prosecution of four patients at Crosson Sanatorium became a subject for consideration by the Camden County Prison Board yesterday.

Warden Edward W. Beattie asked the board to clarify his position in regard to commitment of sanatorium patients in the county jail here. The warden said he was reluctant to accept such prisoners because of their physical condition.

Beattie presented his question as the board held its reorganization meeting in the Courtroom and reelected him as warden for another year. Judge John H. McCann and Commissioner Pat Farrell were retained as board president and vice president, respectively.

The most recent occasion when sanatorium patients were brought to his jail was during the Christmas holidays, Beattie said. They had been charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct and were being given a hearing and fined. Beattie said one of the prisoners still was bleeding slightly from an operation for removal of a lung.

The board turned the matter over to District Attorney Samuel R. DiPasquale, a board member, who said he would assign a county detective to look into the matter.

Investigation Welcomed
Last night Dr. Harry A. West, medical director at the Crosson institution, said he would welcome an investigation. The sanatorium has no detention room or other facilities in which to confine unruly patients, he said.

He stated that the four patients who were arrested Christmas Eve for drunkenness and disorderly conduct have been discharged. Such incidents "have happened before and may happen again," the medical director said.

He explained that bed space at the sanatorium is at a premium and that there are 112 persons on the waiting list for admission. In view of this condition, he said, the sanatorium authorities cannot tolerate patients who do not abide by regulations. "Their actions are detrimental to the recovery of other patients," he stated.

Patients Out Of Hand
Dr. West said that the charges against the four patients were made by a member of the sanatorium staff after the patients got out of hand. Such drastic action is not resorted to until after the individuals involved are warned, he said. One of the four men arrested, he stated, had been warned about his conduct on two previous occasions.

The prison board approved two recommendations made by Warden Beattie. He was authorized to renovate an unused ward in the jail and to purchase it for use as a chapel. He also was authorized to obtain a new washing machine for the jail laundry.

The prison board welcomed Sheriff John A. Conway as a new member. He succeeds former Sheriff Patrick McDermott. Other board members, in addition to those mentioned above, are Commissioners Thomas A. O'neill and Cyrus W. Davis, Judge John J. McKernan, Judge George W. Griffith and Controller E. C. Christensen Jr.

Sanatorium Patient Gets Jail Sentence

EBERSBURG — Marshall Blair, Middlesex, Pa., was ordered to serve 15 days in the county jail for breaking quarantine at the Crosson Sanatorium. He was given a hearing Saturday afternoon before Justice of the Peace Elizabeth Rowland. Blair is a patient at the institution.

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Wolfe Says County Jail Must Accept Sanatorium Inmates

EBERSBURG — A question was raised yesterday as to whether special facilities can be provided for the care of persons with contagious or infectious diseases at the Camden County Jail.

It was brought up by Assistant District Attorney David C. Wolfe, who said the jail warden is obligated to accept such prisoners from the state sanatorium in Crosson.

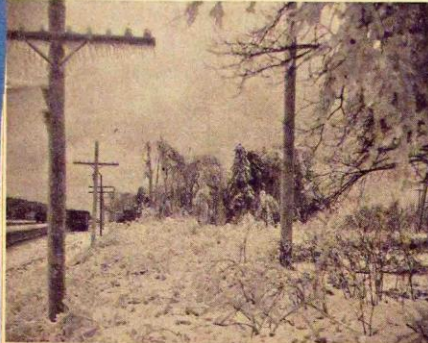
In a report to the county prison board, Wolfe said: "In my opinion, the question is whether or not the Camden County Commissioners can provide the warden of the Camden County jail with special facilities for the detention of prisoners who may have contagious or infectious diseases."

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It's a Cold, Cold World

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Icy winds blasted a plastic finish onto Cambria County's mountains early yesterday to create foggy scenes of crystal beauty that brought thrills for art lovers and chills for worried truckers as their big vans crept gingerly over hills. The scene on the left easily might have been taken on the Alcan Highway, but instead of Canada's bleak northland the setting is Summit Mountain above Cresson. Highway workers described the icing as the worst in years. The picturesque postcard view in the right is no Alpine cloister but the spire of the Cresson Sanatorium, closed as it appeared in winter's icy frame. Brief breaks of sunshine during the afternoon added a diamond flash to the ice-shrouded mountains.

Cresson Man Chairman of 1951 RC Fund

(Special to Allegheny Mirror)
CRESSON, Dec. 25—Eugene F. J. Kuhn, business manager at the state tuberculosis sanatorium, was named as general chairman of the 1951 fund drive of Allegheny branch, American Red Cross, in Cambria county. The appointment was made by Mrs. Harry W. West, wife of the executive medical director at the sanatorium and chapter chairman.

Mr. Kuhn has been active in civic and community affairs and is a member of Cresson council and the Rotary club.

He became interested in hospital work when he entered the sanatorium in 1928 as a patient. After recovering, he served as a part-time bookkeeper and subsequently was made director of the institution. He specialized in hospital purchasing and administration courses at Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, Md., and Cornell university, Ithaca, N. Y.

Mr. Kuhn will announce his staff of workers and work will begin at a date to be announced later.

State Sanatorium Appoints Director Of Social Service

(Special to Allegheny Mirror)
CRESSON — The appointment of Mrs. Betty L. Cassidy of Cresson as director of social service has been announced by Dr. Harry W. West, executive medical director of Cresson State Sanatorium. Mrs. Cassidy is a graduate of Wooster College and received a master's degree in medical social work from the University of Pittsburgh. She has been associated in case work supervision with the Presbyterian and Allegheny General Hospitals in Pittsburgh.

The new director has been field instructor on the faculty of the School of Social Work of the University of Pittsburgh. Mrs. Cassidy began her new duties Tuesday.

The work that Mrs. Cassidy has assumed is a new feature of the sanatorium's program of social work. Mrs. Cassidy is the wife of Attorney Robert Cassidy of Cresson. He recently was admitted to the Cambria County Bar.

Cresson Pastor To Be Chaplain At Sanatorium

(Special to Allegheny Mirror)
CRESSON — Rev. Franklin G. Senger, pastor of the Presbyterian Church here, has been named Protestant chaplain of Grace Chapel at Cresson Sanatorium. He will succeed Rev. W. E. Lewis, former pastor of Gallatin Presbyterian Church. Rev. Lewis recently resigned his pastorate and the chaplaincy because of ill health.

The appointment of Rev. Senger was made by Rev. Claude B. Conroy, D. D., executive director of the Synod of Pennsylvania for the Presbyterian Church. The new appointment has been accepted by the Protestant chapel council. He will render spiritual aid to Trent restant patients and employees at the institution.

Rev. Senger will conduct services in the chapel the first, second and fourth Sundays of each month. Rev. E. M. Fry, pastor of Gallatin Lutheran Church, will share the worship-conducting services the third and fifth Sundays. Roman Catholic services at the chapel will be under the direction of Rev. Father Walter Byrne.

The Bell Telephone Chorus of Altoona, under the direction of Howard Lindeman, will entertain the patients at the hospital at a concert at 8 o'clock this evening. Nurses are planning a valentine party and dance Feb. 14.

Stresses X-ray Values, Tuberculosis in Pennsylvania

Tuberculosis is being conquered and the death rate from that disease, while greatly reduced, could be much lower provided X-rays were made compulsory and cases discovered in the early stages.

At the annual meeting of the Blair County Tuberculosis and Health society, one of the oldest groups engaged in health work in Blair county, reports on the progress of the campaign against tuberculosis were given. Dr. Harry W. West, a former Altoonan, now head of the Cresson sanatorium, presented the progress review.

Dr. West stated that in Pennsylvania last year there was an increase in the number of tuberculosis patients, actually 1,500 more than the previous year, yet there were 240 fewer deaths as compared with the former year. He credited the health societies' activity in taking X-rays, and discovering new cases promptly, as following up to get the record.

New Officer Is Appointed At Sanatorium

(Special to Allegheny Mirror)
CRESSON, Dec. 26—John Walter Foreman, an employee of the Cresson sanatorium, has been commissioned a police officer of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania by the governor. It was announced by Dr. Harry W. West, medical director.

Mr. Foreman, a lifelong resident of Cresson, served in the air force during World War II. Mr. Foreman formerly was baggage master at the Cresson railroad station.

The sanatorium now has three commissioned police officers. The others are Howard D. Bondolf of South Fork and Chief Ellis W. Matrawing of Cresson.

The nursing staff of the Cresson sanatorium will hold a Christmas dance on the evening of Dec. 28 in the auditorium of unit 1. Formerly the children's hospital. Music will be furnished by the Charles Lockard and his orchestra from Altoona.

Cresson Man Heads District X-Ray Workers

(Special to Allegheny Mirror)
CRESSON, Sept. 26—Joseph Hahn of 423 Ashcroft avenue, technician at the state sanatorium near here, was elected chairman of the Society of X-ray Technicians in district 4 at the annual organization meeting. Preceding the session at the sanatorium Sunday afternoon, the group was welcomed by Dr. Harry W. West, medical director at the institution.

Constitution and by-laws for the term were adopted as many other business matters were completed. The group accepted the invitation of Sister Margaret, to hold the next session at Mercy Hospital, Altoona.

Other officers elected were: Sydney Greif of Windber, vice chairman, and Ruth White of Johnstown, secretary-treasurer.

Assisting in the activation of district 4 in the western coastal Pennsylvania district were Helen Vostrecky of Tarentum, William Horder of Huntingburg and Dr. J. M. Reiskine of Huntingdon.



(AP Wirephoto)

The 122-bed children's house at the Cresson Sanatorium has been closed. The institution no longer will care for children. In the future, they will be admitted to the Mont Alto Sanatorium, which has newer facilities for children. The children's house (pictured above) at the Cresson institution will be covered for adult patients. An estimated \$40,000 worth of equipment had been ordered for the building as part of the program.

Cresson Sanatorium Ends Children's Care Program

Mont Alto To Handle All Cases; New Staff Worker

CRESSON—Children exposed to tuberculosis no longer will be admitted to the Cresson Sanatorium. Under a revised setup of the State Health Department, children in this category as well as those with active TB will be cared for at Mont Alto Sanatorium, Mont Alto, Franklin County. It has larger facilities to care for youngsters.

The Cresson institution this month discharged the last 10 children housed there. Most of them were returned to their families or relatives or placed in foster homes with the help of social agencies.

A big percentage of youngsters admitted to the sanatorium were ones whose parents had tuberculosis. The incidence rate of TB among these children has been very low. As a result, specialists and others have changed their way of thinking.

Mary now feel that a youngster of this type is better off with relatives or in a foster home, where he gains the additional value of a natural home environment.

The state institution here has cared for youngsters as part of its setup since it was opened in 1922. Early in the 1930s, a 122-bed children's house was erected on the grounds.

This building now will be converted for adult patients. When this is done, the sanatorium will have a bed count of 408.

School buildings at the sanatorium probably will be used in an enlarged rehabilitation program. Robert G. Bird, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bird of 404 Goucher Street, Southmont, has been named to head the proposed rehabilitation setup. He is a 1949 graduate of Lafayette College and received his master's degree in industrial psychology this summer at Pennsylvania State College.

The institution has a rehabilitation program now on a modified scale. However, most of the task of rehabilitating a patient was done by the State Bureau of Rehabilitation.

While the state bureau will continue to work with the sanatorium, it is proposed that the program will start right in the institution while the patient is in the late stages of recovery.

It was explained that rehabilitation is an important phase for TB patients. A laborer, for example, probably must seek lighter work once he has recovered from tuberculosis.

Cresson Sanatorium Staff Hears Dentist

CRESSON, Jan. 20.—A lecture by an authority on nutrition was given recently at the Cresson sanatorium by Dr. Fred D. Miller of Altoona. Dr. Miller's lecture was illustrated with moving pictures and slides showing the relation of mouth care to healthy teeth and gums. The morning staff of the sanatorium, including the student nurse training class and resident employees, were in the audience.

Surgery Is Help To TB Patients, Physicians Told

CRESSON—The use of surgery in treating tuberculosis was explained by Dr. Harold A. Ripp of Pittsburgh at a meeting of the Cambria and Blair County Medical Societies on Thursday. The session was held in the Cresson Sanatorium. Dr. Ripp has performed chest surgery on 45 patients at the local sanatorium during the past 18 months. The results have been gratifying, he said. He exhibited X-rays showing the condition of the lungs before and after the operation.

Dr. Archibald Judd, medical director of the Hanbury Sanatorium, also reported success in a number of chest operations on local sanatorium patients.

Dr. Morris W. Vasek, state secretary of health, welcomed the members of the two societies. He was introduced by Dr. M. C. Stayer, director of the bureau of tuberculosis control, Harrisburg.

Also taking part in the program were Dr. H. Franklin Roper, connected with the bureau of tuberculosis control; Dr. Martin J. Sokoloff, chief of the division of tuberculosis at Philadelphia; Dr. J. Moore Campbell, deputy secretary of health; and Dr. George R. Good, medical director of District No. 10.

Dr. Harry W. West, medical director of the local agency, was in charge of the program. Approximately 75 physicians from the Cambria and Blair County medical groups attended.

Sanatorium at Cresson Gains Laundry Merit

(Special to Altoona Mirror) **CRESSON**, Jan. 20.—For the third consecutive time the Cresson sanatorium has gained place on the

honor roll listing the ratings of some 65 cooperating Pennsylvania state institutions and private hospitals for results obtained in the work of their respective laundry departments.

The reports are published by the institutional laundry research laboratories at the Pennsylvania State college, department of home economics, under the direction of Dr. Pauline Heery Mack, editor, and

Joseph F. Krawiec, associate editor and laundry research fellow. Each report of tests covers a period of three months' operation in which test bundles are processed through the laundry department of the cooperating institutions.

During each quarter of the year the laundry test bundles are sent out by the research laboratories to the work of institutional laundry research at Pennsylvania State college. The tests are based on the percentage of strength loss, whitening, retention and soil removal efficiency after the washing process has been completed.

The third quarterly test report, volume 12, No. 12, for the year 1949 disclosed results that the fabric strength loss of the linens washed in the laundry department of the Cresson sanatorium is only 6.3 percent, the whiteness retention is 92.2 percent and the soil removal efficiency is 88.4 percent.

By reducing the fabric strength loss to a minimum and obtaining a high percentage of soil removal efficiency, the institution will, over a period of time, save on linen replacements.

The sanatorium laundry department, which is under the supervision of Mrs. Regina E. Hill of Altoona, employs 25 people who are residents from the surrounding area of the sanatorium.

It is quite satisfying, Dr. Harry W. West, medical director, reported, that these splendid results have been achieved and to know that the patients of the Cresson sanatorium receive the benefit of this excellent laundry service for their comfort.

Sanatorium Is Inspected by Senior Nurses

(Special to Altoona Mirror) **CRESSON**, Sept. 19.—Fifteen senior students, class of 1950, from the Mining Hospital School of Nursing, Spangler, visited the Cresson sanatorium last Wednesday and were conducted through the various departments of the hospital on a tour of inspection. The nurses were accompanied by Dr. M. J. Earley, acting chief of the clinic and staff physician of the Spangler hospital, and the nurse instructor, Mrs. Voyles.

Following the address of welcome by Dr. Harry W. West, executive medical director of the sanatorium, the group was joined by the new class students in practical nursing at the Cresson sanatorium.

Included in the program for the day arranged for the two classes were exhibits in the laboratory; a demonstration of pneumothorax and pneumoconiosis, by Dr. Thomas F. O'Leary, staff physician of the sanatorium; and a lecture and demonstration of chest X-rays by Dr. Harry J. Truhler, chief of sanatorium medical service.

After lunch, special pictures, describing tuberculosis work among the Navajo Indians, were shown the students and nurses in the community hall.

Blood Center To Observe First Birthday Tomorrow

Total Of 13,000 Pints of Blood Donated In Year

Tomorrow will mark the first anniversary of the Johnstown Regional Blood Center of the American Red Cross. During this first year of operation almost 13,000 pints of blood were collected for patients in area hospitals.

One of the most recent letters received, offering congratulations on the center's first birthday, came from Dr. Henry W. West, medical director at the Cresson Sanatorium.

"No major chest surgery can be performed without blood transfusions," stated the doctor in citing the importance of the blood program. He pointed out that since Transpam the night before a scheduled operation a patient will ask: "Has the blood arrived from the blood center for my transfusion?"

"We can always answer in the affirmative and the patient's mind is at rest with the thought that someone was interested enough to donate blood to save a life," Dr. West stated.

Cooperative Effort
The Johnstown center started as a cooperative effort of 31 Red Cross chapters. Cambria County Chapter serves as headquarters.

The other chapters in the program are Erie County, Indiana County, Clearfield, Somerset, Mt. Pleasant, New Kensington, Weather, Cresson, Pottsville, and Mahoning.

Last February a 12th chapter—Westmoreland County—came into the program.

The project is part of the National Blood Program of the American Red Cross. Centers are established at hospitals to serve the area covered by the participating Red Cross chapters. The Johnstown center was the 28th

in the nation to be established. The first regional center was established in 1948 in Rochester, N. Y.

Dr. Arthur M. Stull, chairman of the Cambria County chapter, was active in bringing the blood program to this area.

The project is sponsored by the Cambria County Medical Society which, in turn, appoints a medical advisory committee for the blood center. Chairman of this committee is Dr. L. W. Hornick.

The project is sponsored by Mrs. H. G. Dillenburger and the recruitment chairman is E. F. Rough. Dr. D. P. Ray is medical director for the Johnstown center and Dr. H. M. Anderson is blood consultant. The local medical staff includes seven registered nurses with special training in the collection of blood and three technicians.

Mobile Operations
On an average of four days a week, blood is collected in outlying towns through mobile vans. Dr. W. J. Killian has charge of the mobile unit which travels to the various towns where blood is collected.

Every Friday blood is collected at the Cambria County Red Cross Headquarters, 214 Walnut Street. The quota needed to fill the need is 100 pints every collection day.

In the first year of operation, the Johnstown center has collected 13,004. Of this total, 11,666 pints have been distributed to hospitals served by the center.

No change is made for the blood.

Sanatorium Does Major Chest Surgery



Every type of chest surgery now is performed in a new and modern surgical unit of the Cresson Sanatorium. The above photo is of an actual Cresson Sanatorium is one of the best known operations at the tuberculosis institution. Prior to this year, the patients were taken to Philadelphia, Pittsburgh or Altoona for major chest operations.

Sanatorium In Cresson Has Kept Ahead Of The Times

Major Surgery Is Now Performed In New Surgical Unit

Johnstown and Cambria County are proud of one of the finest tuberculosis institutions in the country, the Cresson Sanatorium.

Since its inception in 1912, the sanatorium has continued to keep ahead of the times in the treatment of the disease.

Tubercular bacillus can be traced back to the dawn of history. Up until 1884, when institutional care of tuberculosis patients was started in America, it was thought to be incurable. Even today, it is listed as the No. 7 killer in that country.

The Cresson Sanatorium usually is one of the first to introduce the use of a new form of treatment when it is discovered and proven safe.

The basis of treatment, however, is still rest—physical and mental. The introduction of collapse therapy brought new hope to physician and patient. In the past 25 years, this has been developed and reinforced by thoracic surgery and new antibiotics.

The various forms of collapse therapy are used by the Cresson institution in conjunction with bed rest. During the past three years, patients have had the benefit of major chest surgery as well.

Since early this year, all major chest surgery has been performed right in the sanatorium's new and modern surgical unit.

Streptomycin, considered the best antibiotic in the fight against tuberculosis, has been in use at the Cresson institution since 1947. Para-aminosalicylic acid, another antibiotic, has been recently used with streptomycin.

The sanatorium, which now has a bed census of almost 700, is continuing to modernize and expand. Four more improvement projects are now scheduled at a cost of nearly \$500,000. The major improvement will be a new medical service unit, where all facilities for clinical and laboratory work will be brought together.

1950 NEW CHAIRMAN



MRS. HARRY W. WEST

Allegany ARC Chapter Names New Officers

(Special to Altoona Mirror)
CRESSON, Aug. 24.—Chairman of the borough municipal building, officers of Allegany branch of the American Red Cross elected Mrs. Harry W. West, chairman. Her husband is medical director of the state tuberculosis sanatorium here.

Dr. and Mrs. West are former Altoona residents.

Other officers are: Miss Ann Marie Lang of Cresson, secretary, and Robert R. Quinn of Gallitzin, treasurer.

Committee vice chairman for the committee in which they reside are Mrs. John Beard of Portage, Mrs. James T. O'Malley of Cresson, Miss Mary Carolan of Lilly, Mrs. Albert L. O'Connor, Jr. of Leavitt and John Criss of Gallitzin.

Mr. Criss and chairman reported three classes recently completed instructions. The sponsoring organizations and number of members receiving certificate are: Boy Scout Troop of St. Patrick's church, Gallitzin, 26; Cresson Community Sportsman's association, 16; and St. Francis Xavier's Catholic church, Cresson, 42.

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Map Schedule For Bloodmobile Visits In Area

Community chapters of the Greater Johnstown Area met last night at Red Cross Headquarters to discuss the bloodmobile visit in the vicinity.

Tentative dates were scheduled for the following dates:
Dates include Aug. 15, 22, 29, Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct. 27, The Hill, Nov. 16, Oakland, Nov. 24, Gettysburg and Richland Township, and Dec. 1, Cresson and Franklin Borough.

Dr. Joseph Hatch of Johnstown and Dr. Thomas O'Leary of the Cresson Sanatorium and discussions on what blood means to the patient, the physician and the patient's family. Roland Dunn, executive secretary of the Johnstown Chamber of Commerce, also spoke and pointed out the responsibility of the community for the success of the program.

Dr. L. W. Hornick, chairman of the medical advisory committee of the blood program, presided. He outlined the advances of medical science during World War II in the use of blood and the derivatives and stressed the fact that Red Cross blood is ready to aid the armed forces by having blood on hand at all times. Blood statements on the blood program also were given by Dr. D. P. Ray, medical director.

Oecil Lamberghit, date community chairman, discussed the blood program under the new community unit system. Mrs. H. G. Dillenburger, blood recruitment chairman, and all male workers and volunteers of the Cambria County Red Cross Chapter, will be ready to assist the community workers in the area chapters.

Contributions from Johnstown donors at the blood center totaled 72 pints this week. Yesterday's recruitment was sponsored by the Johnstown Automobile Dealers' Association. A. F. Nisamer, president of the organization, was in charge.

Companies responsible for sending donors to the center include Parkard Motors, Cambria Motors, Luther Mack, McEldowney, Motor Sales, Bell Motor Company, Super Motors, Dick Truckery Inc. and Russ Wagner and Son. Other members of the association are continuing in the recruitment and will send donors to the center next week.

Among those who gave blood yesterday were 11 students at Cambria-Rose Business College. A number of other students and teachers also have signed up to make donations soon.

Feb 22, 1950

Bloodmobile To Visit Cresson School Feb. 22

CRESSON — A Red Cross bloodmobile visit to Cresson has been scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 22. Blood donations will be received from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. at St. Francis Xavier Parochial School on Powell Avenue.

Robert Kenney, Cresson chief of police, is chairman of the project. Co-chairman is Miss Elizabeth Wolfe of the Cresson Sanatorium staff.

At all bloodmobile visits the quota is 100 pints. The sanatorium in Cresson is one of the 24 hospitals that receive blood from the Johnstown center.

Dr. Henry W. West, medical director of the sanatorium, stressed the importance of blood in connection with chest surgery. He said: "For each surgical procedure at the sanatorium the patient must have a blood transfusion. The amount of blood required by each patient depends on the type of operation. The removal of one or two lobes of a lung or the removal of a whole lung requires six to eight pints of blood, sometimes more, and a thoracotomy requires at least three pints of blood for each patient."

The Red Cross Regional Blood Center supplies the sanatorium with as much blood as is needed. It is delivered every Wednesday. Dr. West pointed out that the blood will be available only as long as people continue to donate. Those who give blood are helping others to live, he said.

Cresson is in the Allegheny Ridge Branch of the Cambria County Red Cross Chapter. Branch chairman is Mrs. Albert O'Connor of Leavitt. The blood program chairman for the branch is Mrs. Lorraine Kulesky of Portage.

State Health Nurses Discuss Tuberculosis Patient Records

June 22-23/50
CRENSHAW, June 21.—Establishment of a uniform method of maintaining tuberculosis records is the theme of a two-day conference of state public health nurses and clerks of clinics in western Pennsylvania being conducted today at the Cresson sanatorium. Their county nurses are well represented.

Dr. Harry W. West, superior of the sanatorium, who addressed the group yesterday, is host to the approximately 40 nurses and clerks.

Today's session is limited to a question and answer period arranged to assure full individual understanding of all matters under discussion at the conference opening yesterday.

Similar conferences are being held elsewhere in the state under welfare department sponsorship to speed establishment of a uniform record maintenance in order to make accurate information available on the various phases of tuberculosis.

Uniformity is desired in view of many changes in treatment of tuberculosis sufferers in recent years and the department deems it necessary to have more thorough information available at every stage of treatment.

Dr. West in his discussion yesterday explained the importance of maintaining correct records of patients admitted to the sanatorium.

The new records and their use were explained in detail yesterday by Sara Morris of the bureau of tuberculosis control in the department of health at Harrisburg. Details of a new and separate phase of the work at the sanatorium and devoted to social service for discharged patients were explained by Miss Betty Cassidy of Blair county. She said that a careful study is made of each case in the interest of rehabilitation of the patient through reemployment and proper home care.

The visiting nurses and clerks departed from the business routine last evening to honor Miss Alice M. O'Halloran of Harrisburg on the occasion of her birthday. The guest of honor was entertained by the nurses and clerks at a combined dinner and strawberry festival at the sanatorium.

Miss Dorothy M. Rivers, R. N., is Director of Nursing, and Miss Mary Brouss, R. N., Education Instructor of Nurses. The requirements for entering the School in Practical Nursing as approved by the State Board are: students must be between the ages of 18 and 20, at least two years of high school, although exceptions are allowed individuals who present evidence of adequate intelligence and scholastic achievement equivalent to completion; personality and moral character reference, chest x-rays and laboratory tests on admission. The years curriculum includes 36 weeks of special services and 240 hours of class work extending to all the fields of nursing.

The next course in Practical Nursing for interested students will begin September 18, 1950. Students will live in the Sanatorium's new Nurses' Home.

Area Women to Gain Diplomas at Sanatorium

CRENSHAW, Sept. 7.—Nine area women will receive diplomas this evening at the 3500th commencement exercises of the Cresson Sanatorium School for Attendants.

The program is scheduled to commence at 8 p. m. in the sanatorium auditorium.

Dr. Harry W. West, superior medical director, will preside and introduce Judge George W. Griffith, Cambria county, who will address the graduates.

Dr. West and Miss Alice M. O'Halloran, R. N., LL. D., assisted by Miss Dorothy Rivers, R. N., R. S., director of nurses, will present the diplomas to graduates.

Members of the graduating class include: Ruth Catherine Acker, Mildred Alice Burke and Ellen Marie McGinley, all of Allegheny; Lorraine Dorothy Johnston and Patricia Pearl Parks, both of Roberts Summit; Dorcas Ann Hostetler of Wellsville and Patricia Lois Swisher of Chatham.

1950 BOARD APPROVES PRACTICAL NURSE TRAINING COURSE

(RELEASE THURSDAY PM)
HARRISBURG, Jan. 26.—The Pennsylvania State Board of Examiners for Registration of Nurses, Bureau of Professional Licensing, has fully approved the program of the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Cresson for the education of licensed attendants, (practical nurses), and the Sanatorium's facilities for the care of adult medical and surgical patients, the aged and children.

This approved program provides for the required affiliation in obstetrics and milk laboratory study. The affiliation has been arranged by contract with the Institute of Obstetrics and Maternity Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa., and covers an educational program extending over a period of six weeks and including theory and practice as recommended by the State Board; four weeks of obstetrics and two weeks in the Formula Room.

Students will be sent for exchange every six weeks beginning January 25, 1950. There are 15 students now taking the course in Practical Nursing at the Cresson Sanatorium which began September 12, 1949.

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1950 GRADUATES OF SCHOOL FOR ATTENDANTS



Members of the 1950 graduating class of the Cresson Sanatorium School for Attendants are pictured above. Shown (left to right) are: First row—Miss Dorothy Rivers, R. N., director of nurses; Ellen Marie McGinley, Ruth Catherine Acker, Patricia Lois Swisher, Alvina Leah Hostetler and Mrs. Mary Andrus, R. N., R. S., instructor; second row—Patricia Pearl Parks and Ellen Marie McGinley.

Sanatorium at Cresson Has Commencement

(Special to Alliance Mirror)
CRENSHAW, Sept. 8.—Nine area women were graduated from the Cresson Sanatorium School for Attendants last night, as approximately 400 relatives and friends gathered in the institution's Community hall.

The graduates, who received diplomas signifying completion of the school's one-year course for licensed attendants or practical nurses, are: Ruth Catherine Acker, Mildred Alice Burke and Ellen Marie McGinley, all of Allegheny; Lorraine Dorothy Johnston and Patricia Pearl Parks, both of Johnstown; Alvina Leah Hostetler of Hollidaysburg; Jean Viola Eberhart of Roberts Summit; Dorcas Ann Hostetler of Wellsville and Patricia Lois Swisher of Chatham.

Judge George W. Griffith of the Cambria county court of common pleas presided over the ceremony that "in the relationship of education to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, civilization never stands still. Its purpose is to advance to obtain a high IQ rating and wealth, but to make use of education and recognize that integrity in its position is of more importance."

Along these lines, Judge Griffith urged the graduates to be guided by the high principles to which they have been trained and to dedicate their lives to the service of humanity.

Judge Griffith was introduced by Dr. Harry W. West, medical director of the sanatorium, who also presented to the audience Dr. H. Clay Stayer of Harrisburg, director of the state bureau of tuberculosis control.

Dr. Stayer, a former Allegheny and retired army general, paid high tribute to the administrators of Cresson sanatorium and the standards set by this institution. Tuberculosis nurses, he said, are in critical demand in the state's control program, which is disclosed in the near future, expects to include three new sanatoriums, two in the Philadelphia area and one in the Pittsburgh area, where the conditions are best.

The presentation of diplomas was made by Dr. Stayer, assisted by Miss Alice O'Halloran, R. N., LL. D., director of public health nursing. The graduates were led to the stage by Class President Eberhart and presented to state and sanatorium officials by Miss Dorothy M. Rivers, R. N., R. S., director of nurses at the institution.

The impressive ceremony was carried out on a stage decorated with flowers against a plush curtain background. Recitation of the Florence Nightingale pledge was made in unison by the class.

The musical portion of the program included hymns and soprano solos by Clayton Berkeley and Marjorie Chisholm, respectively, accompanied by Miss Helen K. Carroll, Rev. Franklin C. Seigler and Rev. Father Walter Byrne, sanatorium chaplain, aided the invocation and benediction.

Among the guests present in the audience were State Senator and Mrs. Charles H. Mallory of Hollidaysburg and Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Patterson of Allegheny.

Yvonne Jeanette Miller of Wilmore, who entered training with the class in 1948 but was forced by illness to resign, also was in attendance. She expressed a hope of reentering the forthcoming class.

Sanatorium at Cresson Holds Commencement

(Special to Alliance Mirror)
CRENSHAW, Sept. 8.—The annual commencement of the Cresson Sanatorium School of Nursing was held last evening in the sanatorium auditorium with 22 graduates receiving their diplomas.

Joseph C. Grail of the state department of health, Harrisburg, was the speaker and used for this theme "Pursuing the Broken in a World of Speed." Mr. Grail told the graduates that the chief of the country need to be more alert on government affairs so that communities 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 Aloysius 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 Hensch, 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. O'Halloran, R. N., LL. D., assisted by Miss Dorothy Rivers, R. N., director of nurses. A special guest, Dr. Morris Vaux, state secretary of health, also attended the services and aided in the presentation of pins to the nurses.

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. Ritter of Nazareth, former medical director of the sanatorium was an honor guest of the commencement exercises which were attended by many residents of the surrounding counties. The first class was organized in 1919 but was not publicly graduated until 1923. Thereafter classes were graduated in 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 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.

Miners Local Hears Physician

LILLY.—A talk about tuberculosis control and chest X-rays was given by Dr. H. J. Treacher of the Cresson, State Sanatorium, at a meeting last evening of Lilly Local 1284, United Mine Workers of America. The session was held at the local fire hall.

The discussion was given on the same will become familiar with the Bureau of Tuberculosis Control, State Department of Health. The unit will visit Lilly Wednesday and examinations will be conducted.

Following the games meeting, Dr. Treacher showed several movies at the Lilly American Legion Home.

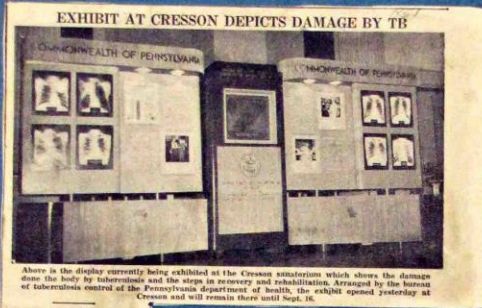


EXHIBIT AT CRESSON DEPICTS DAMAGE BY TB
 Above is the display currently being exhibited at the Cresson sanatorium which shows the damage done to the body by tuberculosis and the steps in recovery and rehabilitation. Arranged by the bureau of tuberculosis, control of the Pennsylvania department of health, the exhibit opened yesterday at Cresson and will remain there until Sept. 18.

Sanatorium Display Shows Effects of TB

(Special to Allentown Mirror)
CRESSON, Sept. 7.—Education to the damage which tuberculosis can cause to the human body and of the recovery and rehabilitation which can be achieved when it is detected early enough are vividly portrayed in an exhibit currently being shown in the east corridor of the Cresson sanatorium.
 The exhibit, which was arranged by Dr. M. G. Shaver, director of the bureau of tuberculosis control of the Pennsylvania department of health, vigorously underscores the need for early detection of tuberculosis. Dr. Harry W. Wozniak, medical director of the sanatorium, said.
 The display will remain at the sanatorium for a period of 11 days from Sept. 4 to 18 inclusive, and is open to the public. Because of the intensive campaign being carried on by the bureau of tuberculosis control, the exhibit now on display at the sanatorium reveals that the mortality rate for tuberculosis in all forms has fallen from 15.5 per 100,000 population in 1906 to 2.17 in 1949.
 Of special interest is the fact that since the Cresson sanatorium opened, 32,213 patients were admitted for treatment and 31,983 patients were discharged.
 In 1949 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis in Pennsylvania totaled 675 while in 1903 the number of deaths in Pennsylvania dropped to 2,082.
 It is through such educational programs plus the notable advances made in the treatment of tuberculosis that the mortality figures have been greatly reduced, says Dr. Wozniak. In the early part of 1900 major chest surgery was inaugurated at the sanatorium, then a supervised program of rehabilitation was started, followed by occupational therapy. All these projects have resulted in better patient care, and has made more interesting the treatment which the patient follows in his routine to get well. The exhibit was brought to the sanatorium and created by Marshall Chalmers, exhibit technician in the bureau of public health education.



HEADS SOCIETY
MRS. GEORGE G. PATTERSON

TB and Health Group Renames All Officers

Mrs. George G. Patterson was unanimously re-elected president of the Blue County Tuberculosis and Health society at the annual luncheon meeting of the board of directors at the Penn-Ohio hotel yesterday. The following officers also were re-elected upon recommendation by the nominating committee: secretary, Mrs. E. W. Montgomery; and treasurer, John H. Montgomery.
 Mrs. Patterson introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Grace M. Cassidy, R. N., chief occupational therapist at the Cresson sanatorium. Mrs. Cassidy has a B. S. degree in occupational therapy, and a master's degree in education from the University of Pennsylvania.
 The luncheon and occupational therapy benefits given to patients of the Cresson sanatorium. She also recalled that, when a patient's education was interrupted, a school teacher employed there will assist that patient if he desires to continue with his studies and at such time that his physicians feel he can do so.
 Mrs. Harry W. Wozniak, wife of the medical director of the sanatorium, was a luncheon guest.
 The board of directors of the society will not meet again until September.
 The directors of the society are Mrs. J. E. Bonkowski, Robert W. Boyer, Mrs. D. Emmert Brimingham, Dr. A. Ernie Davidson, Dr. C. H. Herdlicka, Dr. Frank Kenay, Attorney J. Frank Kirtz, Attorney Edmund S. Longold, Mrs. W. Albert Naam, Herman E. Rottmeyer, St. A. Stevens, William P. Taylor, Jr., C. E. Torman, Mrs. Lloyd Will, Judge Thomas J. Baidige and George W. Shaffer.

X-Ray Technicians Meet at Sanatorium

The December meeting of District A, Pennsylvania Society of X-ray Technicians, was held at the Cresson Sanatorium yesterday afternoon with the district president, Joseph Hajos, R. T., presiding.
 The group discussed their meeting time and place, deciding on the second Sunday of every month with the exception of December, January, February, March and June. Mr. Hajos's offer to hold meetings at the sanatorium was accepted as it offers a central point for the group.
 The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday April 13.
 Bert Gorham of the Eastman Kodak company presented a scientific paper with demonstration, on the developing and fixing of X-ray film, showing how essential each component of the developer is to well-developed film. The meeting was opened in discussion and Mr. Gorham answered all questions readily.
 After a get-acquainted session over coffee and doughnuts the meeting adjourned.

New Officers Are Named by X-Ray Group

The May meeting of District A of the Pennsylvania Society of X-ray Technicians was held last Sunday afternoon at the Allentown Veterans hospital. Preceding the meeting and representatives from Allentown, Cresson, Harrington, Johnstown, Pottsville and Wrentham, were taken on a tour of the VA hospital given Hajos.
 The group gathered in an assembly room in the basement of the hospital where Dr. Gutman announced a welcome to the technicians and stressed the importance of X-ray in medicine today. Dr. G. G. Hajos added his welcome and hosted for the day, took charge of the meeting.
 There was a panel discussion where questions brought up by the technicians were discussed and answered. The panel was made up of Dr. Hajos and Dr. John W. Hurst of Allentown and Dr. John Koblinski of Harrington, radiologists. E. G. Schneider of Pottsville and George commercial representative.
 Joseph Hajos of Cresson, Mrs. Sufferer and Miss Johnson presented scientific discussions regarding problems and techniques in X-ray work.
 The business meeting was held following the discussions. Plans for the following year were discussed and the officers for the following year were elected. Mrs. Margaret Sufferer of Harrington, vice president, and Miss Ruth White of Johnstown, secretary.
 Luncheon was served by the

ROARING SPRING SERVICE COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Members of the community service committee of Roaring Spring Council of Church Women are shown cutting and sewing Christmas stockings to be filled for patients at the Cresson sanatorium. Pictured (left to right) are: Mrs. E. W. Haines, president; Mrs. Arthur White, Mrs. Kenneth Heston; Mrs. Charles Butler, Mrs. J. Paul Baker, chairman of purchasing, and sewing, and Mrs. Ann Ayres.

Appeal Made For Stockings At Sanatorium

At the December meeting of the Roaring Spring Council of Church Women an appeal was made for stockings for patients at Cresson sanatorium. The Protestant chaplain from the hospital presented the project to the women, asking their assistance in bringing a cheerful Christmas to the patients in the sanatorium.

He told the group how much the small bit of cheer meant to them and how it helped brighten their outlook for months to come. He concluded by saying that the personal touch of outsiders by gifts meant more to them than gifts bought and brought in by the staff at the hospital.
 "In other words, it gives them the assurance that others are thinking of them and their happiness," the chaplain said.
 The women of the council were unanimous in their response to the suggested project and the community service committee headed by Mrs. J. Paul Baker bought the materials and distributed them to the various churches in town. Stockings will be filled with cakes of toilet soap, wrapped candies, gum, nuts, toothbrush, bath paste, personal touch of outsiders by gifts meant more to them than gifts bought and brought in by the staff at the hospital.
 The filled stockings will be delivered to the patients at the hospital by the community service committee a few days before Christmas.