

WHAT IS "HOSPITAL SUNDAY?"

Mother Tells Son Glen the Fascinating Story About Evanston Hospital and Annual "Hospital Sunday"

(Contributed)

"Some of the fellas said Hospital Sunday was a day when everybody went over and took a look at the hospital 'n brought flowers 'n things to the sick kids."

"And what did you say, Glen?" asked Mother of her sturdy ten-year-old son with the inquiring mind that leaped hurdles hundreds of times in a single hour, or so it seemed to his mother.

"I just said, 'Baloney, 'twasn't any such thing,' and he looked confidently up at his mother for the answer.

"Well, dear," said mother, "you like history so much you'll have an interesting story to tell the fellas about 'Hospital Sunday.'"

"It is always held in Evanston the second Sunday in February (February 14). The collections taken up on that day in all the Evanston churches are given to Evanston hospital. That's why they call the day 'Hospital Sunday.'"

"Why do they do that, Mother?" asked the boy curiously.

Community Responsibility

Then mother explained that every city or community assumes the responsibility to take care of the poor people in their given vicinity. When these poor are sick, and through no fault of their own cannot afford to pay for treatment from a private physician, there must be some place they can go. For the north shore it is the Out-Patient department of Evanston hospital or if patients are sick enough to be put to bed, they are admitted to the hospital. And that "Hospital Sunday" collections help to pay for the thousands of sick poor who are cared for each year in the Out-Patient department and in the hospital.

Her young son then surprised his mother with another question: "Say, Mother! What's an Out-Patient?"

What Is an Out-Patient?

And mother told him an Out-Patient was one who came to the hospital and was not sick enough to be put to bed, and left the hospital after seeing the doctor and receiving treatment.

She also told young Glen of the days when Evanston was a mere village and had no street cars, way back in the late 80's and the early 90's.

"There weren't any telephones, then," she said. "And people used kerosene lamps and candles for lighting. Some of the doctors rode to see their patients on a bicycle and others had a horse and buggy. Evanston didn't have any hospital at all then. Ask your grandmother. She'll tell you how worried all the fathers and mothers were then, for fear their children might get some serious illness and have to be taken all the way into Chicago by buggy to a hospital. It took almost a day to get to Chicago then."

"Gosh," exclaimed young Glen. "It must've been pretty bad for a fella to get sick then."

Started in 1891

"It was, said his mother. "So people got together and decided to do their best to try to get a hospital for Evanston. One winter's night way back in December, 1891—that's 46 years ago—they held a meeting in the one hotel in Evanston then. It was called the Old Avenue House, and was on Davis street where the North Shore hotel is today. That night plans were made for Evanston's first hospital. It was a small 8-room cottage at 806 Emerson street.

"Then parties and rummage sales and shows were given to raise money to help pay for the hospital. But none

of these affairs proved a practical means to raise sufficient funds to move the hospital out of its tiny cottage. That took another seven years.

"February 8, 1898, the first building of Evanston hospital on Ridge avenue was dedicated. From then on

WABASH LEADER



Here is a campus snap-shot of John N. Van der Vries, Jr., of 968 Pine street, Winnetka, senior basketball manager this year at Wabash college, Crawfordsville, Ind. He is also social chairman of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity chapter on the campus. He graduated from New Trier High school, and is the son of Mrs. Bernice T. Van der Vries, representative from the Seventh district in the Illinois State Legislature.

we read of 'Hospital Sunday' being held each year."

"Say, I think that's a swell story! Just as good as any of my history ones," said Glen.

Sequel Added Each Year

We think it's a good story, too. Year by year a sequel has been added to this story. In 1895 the total of patients cared for in the Emerson Street Cottage hospital numbered 36. In 1936, the number cared for in the present hospital on Ridge avenue had increased to 7,129. In the 46 years of its service, 122,402 patients have been served at Evanston hospital.

The only general public clinic on the north shore, from Evanston clear to Milwaukee, is conducted by Evanston hospital for the needy sick who cannot afford to pay for the service of a private physician. Last year, in 1936, 21,400 visits were made to this clinic, called the Out-Patient department. Thirty-nine well-known physicians gave 2,575 hours of free service to the Out-Patient clinics, of which there are 21 representing different branches of medicine. All facilities of the hospital, namely, maintenance, intern and nursing service, X-Rays, laboratory tests, physical therapy treatments, in fact any treatment individual patients require, were all donated by the hospital as part of the clinic service.

Hamline Singers to Appear in Wilmette This Sunday Evening

By Wally Mitchell

The Hamline university A Cappella choir, scheduled to appear Sunday at the Wilmette Parish Methodist Episcopal church, is being received with greater acclaim on its present tour than the group has ever before experienced. This information was forwarded by means of press clippings to the officers of Theta Upsilon Rho, young people's organization of the church, who are directing plans for the concert.

An interesting character is the mild-mannered director of the group, John Marinus Kuypers. A comparatively young man, he was made director of the choir in 1933. Previous to that he had been a member of several chamber music groups, and was for three years with one of America's outstanding symphony orchestras, as cellist. His education, received both in Europe and America, as well as an early life of travel as an apprentice seaman, has given him a cosmopolitan background.

This factor, plus an intimate acquaintance with philosophy and literature, enables him to understand the interpretations necessary correctly to stage his musical numbers. His catholicity of taste and experience give to those interpretations a depth and balance that are constantly noteworthy.

The choir features two soloists in its membership, Robert Beckendorf and Miss Leona Schuenemann. Mr. Beckendorf handles the tenor solo assignments, this being his third, and last year, in the capacity. He is a prominent young church singer in the Northwest, and does a consider-

able amount of radio entertaining at Twin City stations. Miss Schuenemann, also in her last year at the university, is the soprano soloist with the group.

The program to be presented at the Wilmette appearance includes:

Alleluia, Ascendit Deus	Byrd
Ave Maria	Gombert
The Spirit Also Helpeth Us	Bach
Prayer	Kountz
Come Soothing Death	Bach
Rock and Refuge Eternal	Swedish Folksong
Wake, Wake	Nicolai
From Heaven Above	Schumann
Glory Be to God	Rachmaninoff
Carol of the Russian Children	Gaul
Marlenlied	Fisher
Hosanna in the Highest	Schreck

The concert will begin at 8 o'clock, in the sanctuary of the church. No admission will be charged; a silver offering will be taken at the intermission.

Annual Williams College Dinner to Be Held Feb. 5

The annual Williams college banquet will be held at the Chicago Athletic club Friday evening, February 5, at 6:30 o'clock. President Tyler Dennett will give the principal address. The college treasurer, Charles D. Makepeace, and trustees William P. Sidley, John P. Wilson, and Stillman Westbrook will attend the dinner. Williams graduates residing on the north shore have been urged to attend.

HOME FROM SOUTH

Mr. and Mrs. James Gathercoal and their two daughters who have been in Florida for six months are now at home at 124 Lockerbie lane. The family was in the south while Mr. Gathercoal was engaged in the architectural work on the Governors' club hotel in Ft. Lauderdale. He is now associated with R. B. Whitaker and company.

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