

Evanston's Hospitals Take Care of 12,000 Patients in the Year

In the past year, marked by physical improvements at both St. Francis and Evanston hospitals, the number of people visiting the institutions for treatment was 11,920. To meet the increasing needs, more beds have been put into use, new facilities have been installed in keeping with the best trend of modern hospital science, buildings have been completed and rearrangements made.

St. Francis hospital, which ends its fiscal year with the calendar year, had on record 5,348 patients who had received treatment up to Dec. 22. Maternity cases were in marked increase over the number of the preceding year, totaling 912. The maternity ward of the hospital was not started until July 1918, and in the remaining months of that year the number of cases was 90. Since then the cases have increased until this year is establishing a record, which it is expected, will be 925 by Dec. 31.

Beds Now Number 225

Fifteen new beds were installed at St. Francis during the year, raising the number of accommodations to 225. Two of the notable improvements for service were the opening of a children's ward with 20 new beds and of the emergency ward which is just now receiving its first cases.

Clinical meetings of the doctors of the city to consult on interesting cases were held each week during the year and attracted such wide attention that it has now become necessary for the meetings to be held in the Nurses' home. The Nurses' home itself was one of the notable additions to the hospital this year. It was first opened Dec. 22, 1926.

The nurses' training course has shown a steady growth, and now has 55 students. It was started in 1919, and the present enrollment is double that of two years ago. Extension courses are given for the nurses by Loyola university, and the regular medical instruction is by the staff doctors, who now number 38.

Evanston Hospital Total Is 6,572

Patients for the year at the Evanston hospital numbered 6,572, according to the annual report of Miss Ada Belle McCleery, made at the end of the fiscal year, Oct. 31. Of the number of patients actually admitted during the year—6,408—pay patients were 2,266; part-pay were 3,695; and free patients were 447.

Numerous changes were made in the hospital plant during the year, which was termed by W. W. Buchanan, president, in his annual report, as its year of greatest usefulness. Radical additions and replacements were made in the laundry; the educational building was remodeled for the school of nursing; and Hendry house, which now houses 115 of the hospital employees, was completed.

One of the noticeable facts seen in the hospital cases was the decrease in contagious diseases, according to Mr. Buchanan's report. The decrease was so material that it was possible to convert two floors of the isolation building to general medical use.

Yule Frolic Precedes Speech School Vacation

A highly successful Christmas frolic, arranged by members of the faculty of the School of Speech, Northwestern university, for speech students, made a jolly windup before the school closed for the holidays Friday, Dec. 16.

The party was held Thursday afternoon in Annie May Swift hall. There were games and dancing, a tree and a visit from Santa Claus.

Illinois' first steam locomotive was put into service on November 8, 1838, at Meredosia.

Fred Winship Secretary of New Building & Loan

Fred C. Winship, secretary of the newly organized Building and Loan Association of Evanston, has come from a position as instructor in economics and English at the Michigan College of Mines, at Houghton, Mich. He was formerly connected with the Union Loan and Savings association of Lincoln, Neb.



RECOVERS FROM INJURIES

Mrs. Felix Rothschild of 233 Sylvan road, Glencoe, is recuperating at her home from injuries suffered in a motor accident last week at Sheridan road and Lunt avenue, Chicago, while driving with her sister, Mrs. Sam Alschuler of Highland Park, to the Edgewater Beach hotel, Chicago, to meet another sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Kohlsaet of 777 Bryant avenue, Winnetka, with their daughter, Cynthia and Suzanne, and their son, Edward, Jr., are spending their holidays at Lake Placid, enjoying the winter sports. Mrs. Kohlsaet joined her son and daughters in New York two weeks ago, and Mrs. Kohlsaet followed the next week. Edward is a student at Princeton and the girls attend Vassar.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Elting of 830 Mount Pleasant court, Winnetka, with their two sons, Winston and Victor, Jr., and Miss Beatrice Ripley, daughter of the Robert Ripleys of 29 Indian Hill road, left Sunday to spend the week at Huron Mountain club, Mich., to enjoy the winter sports. Miss Ripley, who returns Tuesday to Vassar, will lead the Junior Prom there this year.

In 1926 Illinois had 4½ per cent of the country's public utility electric generating capacity, but produced more than 8½ per cent of the country's entire output.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Cassell of 825 Foxdale avenue, Winnetka, have had as their holiday guest, the latter's mother, who resides in Chicago.

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