

Evanston Hospitals Treat 12,290 Patients in 1928; Sets Record

Evanston's hospitals, St. Francis and Evanston, experienced the greatest demands in their history during the past year when a total of 12,290 patients from this city, towns to the north and west and even part of Chicago, visited them for treatment.

This volume of business, which is expected to increase each year, because of the growth of the community served, has taxed the capacity of St. Francis hospital so that building operations for new quarters have already been started, and has used the facilities of the Evanston hospital to such full extent that plans for adding more rooms are being started.

Excavation for the St. Francis wing was started in September and work is going ahead on the project which will increase the capacity of the institution by 50 percent.

To Add 100 Beds

It will be installed with 100 more beds, increasing the hospital total to 300, and will be erected at an estimated cost of \$500,000. Included will be a children's ward, three smaller wards and moderately priced single rooms.

Rearrangement and increase in size of the kitchen, baking and refrigerating equipment at the Evanston hospital, a \$30,000 project, was started a month ago as the first step in meeting the demand for more rooms. Details of a \$600,000 home for the nurses are now being discussed and the construction will start during the next year.

The total of 12,290 patients for the year will be increased by about 50 by Jan. 1, since the report from St. Francis hospital carried only up to Dec. 21. This is an increase of about 370 over 1927.

Up to Dec. 21 St. Francis had served 5,660 patients, which already is a growth over the number for the full year of 1927 in which 5,567 visited the hospital for treatment. The maternity ward, which has experienced a rapid increase in number of cases since its establishment in 1918, has served 821 cases. March was the peak month when 93 babies were born and in June there were 84. The lowest month was January with 46.

Training Course Grows

The nurses training course has shown a steady growth and now has 75 students compared with 55 of a year ago. One of the outstanding features has been extension courses given by Loyola university. Another class will be admitted Monday, Jan. 14.

Patients for the year at the Evanston hospital numbered 6,630 according to the annual report of W. W. Buchanan, president of the board. These required a total of 69,595 days care, and the average number of day's stay per patient was eleven. This contrasts with the average stay of thirteen days per patient the year before, and is regarded as an accomplishment of increase in speed and efficiency of the personnel of each department.

There were 646 free patients, 3,479 part pay and 2,505 pay patients.

In the obstetrical department there were 896 births, a new high record for the institution. These, with those of St. Francis hospital, make a total of 1,717 children born in Evanston.

Robert S. Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph K. Arnold, 430 Essex road, Kenilworth, returned last week for the Christmas holidays from University of Pennsylvania, where he is studying architecture.

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Dr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Brown, 722 Prospect avenue, are spending the holidays at the Lake Placid club in New York.

Sociologists Meeting in Chicago This Week

More than seven hundred American sociologists and educators are meeting in Chicago this week from December 26 to 29 for the twenty-third annual session of the American Sociological society. The majority of meetings are being held at the Hotel Congress, and are directed by Dr. John M. Gillette, president of the society and professor of sociology at the university of North Dakota. Dr. John Landesco, of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, discussed "Prohibition and Gangsters, a Chicago Community Study," at a dinner Wednesday, December 26. Karl Borders, of the Chicago Commons, was to speak on Russian village life, and E. R. Mowrer, sociologist at Northwestern university, was scheduled for a talk on family discord.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Withey, II of Grand Rapids, Mich. spent Christmas and a few days with Mrs. Withey's mother, Mrs. William B. Clore, 654 Cherry street.

Miss Alice McKeown has been home from college in the east to spend her vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKeown of 935 South Private road.

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