

National Hospital Week

What Is A Hospital?

The average person entering a hospital only thinks in terms of doctors and nurses.

But is that all a hospital really is?

"Definitely not," Sister Theresa, administrator of St. Mary's, Rochester's oldest hospital pointed out in outlining the hospital's program for National Hospital Week, set for May 11-17. "This year we are trying to point out the careers offered to those interested in working in the medical field, but not necessarily to become doctors or nurses.

"Let's take a hypothetical case and we can show the public the many varied positions offered in a hospital," Sister said.

"John Q. Jones is told by his doctor that he has an ulcer and wants him to go to a hospital for more complete examination.

"Mr. Jones calls St. Mary's and there he comes in contact with his first hospital employe — the switchboard operator and a whole set of operations goes into effect.

"THE SWITCHBOARD operator turns him over to the admis-

sion office where the clerk checks to see whether there is room. The clerk takes all the necessary information, assigns him to a floor and room, contacts the head nurse on the floor as to when the patient is to be admitted so that the orderly assigned to the floor can make sure that the room is ready for him on his arrival.

"The patient rides up to his floor on the elevator — which another employe for the hospital operates.

"Unless his own physician is there, one of the resident doctors or internes on the floor takes a look at the patient.

"In the meantime, the patient's doctor probably has gotten in touch with the head resident doctor on the floor to tell him what series of examinations he wants performed on his patient.

"Invariably, this treatment involves the use of the laboratory, where biochemists, bacteriologists, laboratory technicians and others work the patient's medical history through tests of his urine, blood, etc.

"IN ADDITION, to these oper-

ations, Mr. Jones, being an ulcer patient, will be put on a special diet — which is handled by one of our dieticians. Even if he weren't an ulcer patient, the preparation of his meals involves many people like the cook, dish washers, attendants to take the tray around to his room and perhaps even a practical nurse to feed him.

"Also, patient's condition is reported to our public relations department, where his condition is reported to persons inquiring about it.

"Other departments of the hospital that are at the patient's disposal are the X-ray, pharmacy, physical and occupational therapy, social service and, of course, the maintenance department, which includes engineers, firemen, electricians, carpenters, elevator repairmen, masons, plasterers, painters, plumbers and a complete laundry department.

"If the patient needs surgery, another team goes into action on his behalf. This team includes an anesthesiologist, nurse anesthetist and an inhalation therapy technician.



HOSPITALS offer varied occupations for young men and women as the photos above show. Mario Savella, left, is a registered pharmacist employed at St. Mary's Hospital and in the center, Susan Bruno, seated, instructs Janice Smigle, standing, a student nurse. Miss Bruno

is a medical-surgical instructor. All hospitals have bacteriological laboratories, including medical technologists like Lorraine Shortino, right, a medical technologist at St. Mary's. (Paul Contestable — Courier-Journal Photos.)

"In addition to these mentioned, the hospital employes secretaries, various types of clerks, a volunteer service director, messengers, typists, stenographers, cashiers and to hire all this help

— a personnel director and others to assist him.

"As hospital administrator, I try to coordinate all these various departments, with the help

of the Sisters, doctors, nurses and all the rest," Sister Theresa concluded.

Sister Theresa, the 15th administrator of the hospital since its

founding in 1847, took over the post held by Sister Martina this past January.

In all, St. Mary's Hospital has on its staff over 200 doctors, 310 professional workers (nurses, building,

technicians, dieticians, etc.) and actually, a hospital offers a more varied career for men and women than the ordinary office.

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