



Top and Bottom: It hurts to be healthy, laments Marty Edwards. Shirley Sherwood recuperates.



Department of Mental Hygiene in 1971, provides the only complete emergency, out-patient and day care psychiatric services in the community. The new unit allows patients to be treated outside the State hospitals. For ambulatory patients field trips and picnics are provided.

The wonders of a hospital never cease. One computer-looking machine can run 18 tests on a single sample of blood in one minute. A survey of other hospital facilities was highlighted by four-year-old Tammy Wirth who enthusiastically took "a bath" in the whirlpool as part of her treatment. She continues to laugh and smile despite the discomfort which resulted from catching her arm in clothes wringer. "Baking" calmly in another corner of the physical therapy department was Sanford Thomas, whose body was partially lying in an "electronic oven." The Moistaire Heat Therapy Unit heated to 120 degrees provides relief from muscle spasm, arthritis and slipped discs.

Care of spiritual needs as well as physical problems is central to any hospital. "When people go in they are very apprehensive. We try to relieve this," smiled Sister Mary Adolphine. She and Sister Mary Collette serve as sister-visitors in the department of Pastoral Care. Getting up at one in the morning to tend to a critically ill patient and his family is part of their routine.

"We try to serve each patient as a person. It hurts me to see people suffering. But nine joys cover up for one great sorrow," Sister Mary said.

That's what getting to know the hospital is all about.

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