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THE NEWS LETTER. This is our first News Letter from the Good Shepherd Hospital. We hope to inform you from time to time of the happenings in our hospital.

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WHAT IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD HOSPITAL?
Very Briefly --- It came into being after the great tragedy of the New Bern Fire in 1922. Never again was it hoped that any citizen regardless of creed or color would be without medical care and shelter and up to this date, the Good Shepherd Hospital stands as a monument, not as a hospital for Negroes, but for all of God's Children.



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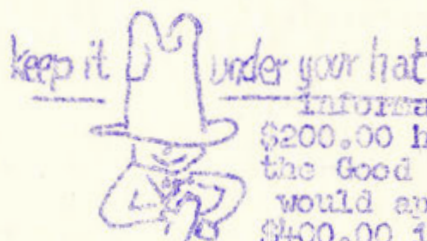
The Good Shepherd Hospital is sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina, not as a denominational hospital, but a hospital for all people.. a community hospital. It is a hospital where Clergymen of all denominations visit their members for prayer and comfort. It is a hospital that the Chaplain serves all patients at any time it is a hospital where all doctors are free to work with their patients.

The Good Shepherd Hospital is a source and place of employment for 40 Negroes in our area, just like any other business or industry. The annual payroll of the hospital is approximately \$100,000.00. It is our hope and aim that we will never be forced into a position where we must lay off any of these 40 local workers or cut down our payroll item of over \$100,000.00. In fact, we are looking forward to the day when more helpers will be

needed, and more space must be made available.

Up to 1963, this institution operated in the BLACK with a Bank Balance each year..... a record very few institutions can boast about.

The Board of Directors, the Staff and the workers of the Good Shepherd Hospital are like all citizens; proud of the Craven County Hospital, with all its modern conveniences and equipment. The administration of the Craven County Hospital and the Good Shepherd Hospital, feel that all citizens have the freedom of choice as to the hospital they wish to be admitted for medical care. This is competition and good practice; and it would be very unwise for our doctors or any other citizen to demand a patient to enter either hospital without the patient's free choice.



Today we are serving our patients in the best possible manner, and we need your continued support to improve our hospital.



As a point of information, a \$200.00 hospital bill on the Good Shepherd Hospital would approximately be \$400.00 in another hospital.

HOW YOUR CHURCH OR SOCIETY CAN BE A REAL PART OF THE HOSPITAL

1. A small group of interested women could be organized in your church; or club to pay visits to the patients and give them small articles like.....tooth-

paste, brushes, combs, oils, or perhaps offer the patients their services in writing letters, or phoning, or delivering messages or reading to the patients.

2. An organization from your church could remember the patients on National and religious Holidays; through treats, birthday parties, etc.

3. Form a "Linen Group" or Hospital Equipment Group. This group would offer the hospital sheeting, pillowcases, and other articles as dictated by the hospital staff.

4. You may be interested in having one of our rooms in the hospital dedicated to your Church or Club for one year at a time. You could furnish the room in co-operation with the hospital. Perhaps install a television, or radio, or telephone, or inter-communication system. Your efforts here could be unlimited.

These are but a few things a group could do, and we are sure your ideas could be added to this short list.

Please feel free to send us your comments and suggestions and items for the next copy of the "News Letter".



HAPPENINGS

From January 1st., to Dec. 1st., the hospital reports:-

1,943 patients admitted -- 363 babies born -- 416 operations served -- 2,610 out patients -- 57,000 meals served -- 17,298 Laboratory procedures performed -- 1,628 X-Ray Examinations.



QUOTES FROM HERE AND THERE

"If you want the thing well done, ask a busy man to do it."

"A hospital may be a distinguished institution, no matter what its size. If it is great in spirit, original in its outlook, creative in its service and inspiring in its community relationships, it will assume a definite personality."

"Bricks, Stone, Mortar do not make a hospital, but rather a hospital is a humanitarian institution where the spirit of teamwork, sympathetic understanding and community service is reflected in its personality."

OUR HOSPITAL COMMANDMENTS

1. The Patient is the most important person in the hospital.
2. The Patient is dependent on us; Our reputation is dependent on him.
3. The Patient is not an interruption of our work - he is our work.
4. The Patient does us a favor when he calls; we are not doing him a favor by serving him.
5. The Patient is not something to argue with - but someone to comfort.
6. The Patient is a part of our business - not an outsider.
7. The Patient is not a cold statistic; he is flesh and blood.
8. The Patient is a person who brings us his illness - it is our duty to justify his faith in us.
9. A Patient is deserving of the most courteous and attentive treatment we can give him.
10. Remember always, if people did not become ill there would be no need for this or any other hospital.

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