

It has been my personal observation, including the experiences of others, that we spend little or much of our lives without a continuing plan, insofar as the use of our leisure time is concerned. While one's job does place one in a daily pattern... recreation is a hit-or-miss program.

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## Auxiliary Tag Day Here April 29, 30

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Auxiliary will hold its 1949 tag day sale during shopping hours of Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, in Pontiac city and the rest of Oakland County, including Birmingham.

Proceeds of this 18th annual charity effort of the organization go to finance the hospital's clinic for indigent patients and the children's clinic; to purchase eyeglasses for needy children, and to set up a student nurses' scholarship fund.

Patients are referred to the hospital clinic by county, city, school, and visiting nurse association, by the Michigan Children's Aid, Aid to Dependent Children, and other agencies. In 1948, 10,587 calls were made to the clinic, and 573 pairs of glasses were given children with faulty vision.

Tag day work is all volunteer and funds derived from the annual sale of tags are used in Oakland County only.

Mrs. E. L. Bradley is general tag day chairman for Oakland County. Mrs. Charles O'Connor will be in charge of Birmingham's participation in tag day activities. She will be assisted by Mrs. George C. Lehr and Mrs. Thomas Farrell.

**Have You Met . . .**

Mr. and Mrs. James North and daughter, Cassandra and Mr. and Mrs. Verne Pennell who, formerly of Detroit, now make their home at 519 East Brown. Mrs. Pennell is Mrs. North's mother and Mr. Pennell is owner of the Pennell Donut Shop.

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## Laboratory Is Vital Part of Any Hospital



The laboratory technician at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, reaches for one of the weapons he will use to help the doctor in his fight against disease. Members of the laboratory staff at the new Southern Oakland Hospital, to be built as part of the expansion program of the Greater Detroit Hospital Fund, will play important roles in practicing health in Oakland County.

Three other new hospital units will be constructed in Greater Detroit at the conclusion of the Fund's \$19,720,000 movement, now in its initial stages: Ten Detroit hospitals, including St. Joseph Mercy, at Pontiac, also will be enlarged.

*Editor's note: What the construction of a new 200-bed hospital will mean in increased hospital care and better health for the residents of Southern Oakland County is told in a series of articles of which this is the fourth. Toward this project \$3,500,000 has been allocated by the Greater Detroit Hospital Fund and now begins a campaign for \$19,720,000. The Fund's overall program embraces ten leading hospitals in Greater Detroit to be enlarged and improved and four new ones to be built and equipped.*

If you have ever been a patient in any one of Detroit's modern hospitals you know that when you were admitted, six or seven fundamental tests were made. These tests were made for your protection, and they are part of the responsibility of the laboratory department of the hospital. The most modern facilities, and a highly trained staff of doctors and technicians, will make the laboratory of the new 200-bed Southern Oakland Hospital, to be constructed in this area, one of the finest in this metropolis.

In wartime, Army intelligence learns as much as possible about the enemy. The laboratory could be called the "intelligence" section of the modern hospital in its constant war against disease.

**Make Extensive Use**

Doctors now make extensive use of laboratory reports in diagnosing many diseases. Blood tests indicate, among other things, the type of blood that must be used if a transfusion is necessary. They make it possible, through checking the Rh factor in the blood of parents, to save the life of many an infant, who, only a few years ago, would have died soon after birth. Blood examinations enable the surgeon to tell in advance when unusual hemorrhage or its reverse, clotting, is likely to occur so that he can prepare effective counter measures.

Racial metabolism and electrocardiograph tests tell whether certain drugs and anesthetics may be used with safety. Examinations of the spinal fluid are valuable in charting the course of treatment, and degree of recovery in a number of diseases.

Sometimes the laboratory is called on to make a report within a matter of minutes. If during an operation the surgeon thinks he might possibly be dealing with a cancer, he removes a bit of tissue and sends it to the laboratory. Here it is frozen and then cut by a rotating knife into a very thin slice. One of these is placed on a slide and examined through a high-powered lens.

**Quick Work**

Within a couple of minutes after the specimen arrives in the laboratory a specialist tells the surgeon whether or not he is dealing with a cancer. Thus the surgeon knows while the operation is still in progress how much tissue must be removed. Without this quick work by the laboratory, a second operation would be necessary in some cases.

The laboratory often assists the doctor in determining what type of infection a patient has. If the

## 15 Baldwin Students Inducted into N.H.S. At Special Ceremony

By Craig Ackerman

Initiated into the Baldwin chapter of the National Honor Society last week were 15 new members from the junior and senior classes.

Inductees were Ward Abbott, Margaret Bernier, Marie Bernier, Mac Booth, Roberta Connor, Virginia Dore, Jack Fontaine, Cynthia Hadley, Barbara Hughes, Mary Kemp, Ed Matas, Stewart Peck, Dick Shalberg, K. L. H. Swartz, and Cecile Woodhouse.

The program consisted of the Lord's Prayer and Evening Pastoral sung by the a cappella choir; a violin solo by Kate Kelley, accompanied by Mrs. Arnold W. Berris; and a short talk by Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools. Ross A. Wagner, principal, welcomed the new members into the society. A luncheon for new members was given at the Community House. Larry Young was chairman of the committee and for the assembly. Other members were Jim Patterson, stage; Evelyn Horne, luncheon;

## Parents of Barnum Pupils Delve into Youths' Problems

By Craig Ackerman

"Bob's folks let him do it" will carry no weight or pressure on Jack's folks, for Bob's and Jack's parents got together last week at Barnum School and talked over standards for seventh graders.

Mrs. Colin Campbell and Mrs. A. K. Toepfer were co-chairmen of this grade meeting, the first of its kind to be held at Barnum. Mrs. Philip Armstrong, assistant director of the Children's Center in Detroit, spoke on "Setting a Standard for Our Teen-Agers."

Mrs. Armstrong, who also teaches courses in mental hygiene at the University of Michigan Graduate School, in Detroit, asked: "Can we as a group of mothers set certain standards that will help our children meet difficult situations satisfactorily?" The 80 parents present took part in the discussion which followed.

Citing the changes which have followed since democracy has entered the home, Mrs. Armstrong

## Parents of Barnum Pupils Delve into Youths' Problems

led the group into animated comment and presentation of individual problems. In addition to mothers of seventh graders and home room teachers, Samuel Bennett, principal, and counselors Miss Muriel Bruns and Malcolm Tiplall were present, and commented that they hoped this helpful meeting would be followed by others for each of the junior high grades.

In charge of the tea following the meeting was Mrs. Paul R. Baker, assisted by Mrs. Robert Essig, Mrs. D. W. Millman and Mrs. R. A. Alken. Jr. The tea table was arranged and tea served by seventh grade girls of the home-making department.

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The new Southern Oakland Hospital will be constructed through the Greater Detroit Hospital Fund which is now beginning a campaign to assemble \$19,720,000 for the construction of four new hospitals and the expansion of ten existing hospitals in this metropolis. The largest single Fund allocation, \$3,500,000, is being made for the construction of Southern Oakland Hospital, and \$500,000 has been allocated for the expansion of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

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