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**Youngsters Will Honor Mothers**

A feature of the observance of Mother's Day at the First Baptist Church will take place the day before at 10:30 a.m. It is sponsored by the Junior department of the Church school, of which Mrs. C. H. Johnson is the general superintendent. Next Saturday, May 7, students of this department along with some of their fathers will plant petunias in front of the Church school building.

Among the fathers participating in the ceremonial planting will be Mr. C. H. Johnson, Mr. W. R. Mackay and Mr. Verne Mouteer. Also present will be the teachers of the department, among them: Mrs. Ruth Davidson, Mrs. Clint Brieseman, Mrs. John Burket, Sr., Mrs. Verne Mouteer and Mrs. Merritt Olsen. Each plant will be placed and identified by the scholar in honor of his mother.

The Baptist Youth Fellowship will hold its Spring Retreat at the Baptist Camp in Lapeer. Members of the group, led by their sponsors Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson, will leave the church Friday, May 6 at 5 p.m. and will return late Saturday evening.

The Junior Department of the Church School will have an outing at the Baptist Camp at Lapeer. Under the leadership of the superintendent of the department, Mrs. Emil Kontz, they will meet at the Church Saturday, May 7 at 10 a.m. and will return home by 5 p.m. same day.

**Male Chorus Annual Spring Concert Given at Community House**

The Birmingham Male Chorus presented its annual spring concert last Thursday evening in the Community House to an appreciative audience. This is the first public appearance of the chorus under its new director, Robert Bates.

The program featured the piano team of Maud Skinner and Janet Martin, who also accompanied the chorus in several of the numbers.

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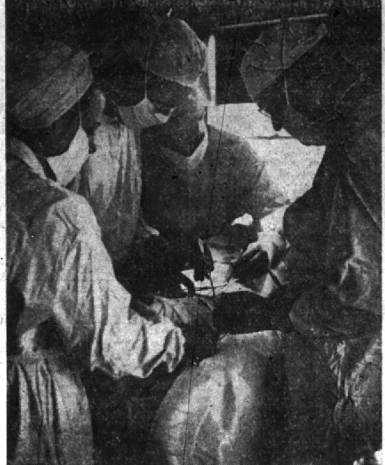
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Gowned in sterile linen, four members of a surgical unit at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, are shown here during a vein ligation operation. There is little need for words, as the skilled nurse at the surgeon's side anticipates almost all his demands.

Life-saving units similar to the one in this photograph, will make up part of the staff at the new Southern Oakland Hospital, one of four to be constructed in the metropolitan area as part of the Greater Detroit Hospital Fund's \$19,720,000 program. The Fund also will finance the enlargement of ten hospitals in Greater Detroit, including St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

(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 sixth. Touted this project \$2,500,000 has been allocated by the Greater Detroit Hospital Fund now beginning a campaign for \$19,720,000. The Fund's over-all program embraces ten leading hospitals in Greater Detroit to be enlarged and improved and four new ones to be built and equipped.)

The richest man in the world a generation ago could not have had the type of hospital service which patients at the new Southern Oakland Hospital will have.

Many operations are commonly performed today which were unknown fifty years ago, and certain operations, then very dangerous, now are safe. This great advance is due not only to the increased skill and knowledge of the surgeon, but also to improved hospital facilities and techniques which involve many highly trained technicians.

A surgical operation now is a complicated procedure, demanding hours of preparation and much expensive equipment. Long before the patient is brought into the operating room, all linen which is needed must be brought from the laundry, folded into packs and placed in a big drum, called an autoclave, for sterilization.

**Kills All Germs**

For 45 minutes it is steamed at a temperature of 250 degrees Fahrenheit. This kills all germs which might have survived the hot water and soap of the laundry. A nurse selects the instruments and needles required, wraps them and also sterilizes them for three quarters of an hour.

Each rubber glove which the surgeon and his assistants will use must be blown up like a balloon and examined for breaks in the rubber. These gloves are only one-hundredth of an inch thick and do not interfere with the surgeon's sense of touch. If a hole is found in a glove, it may be repaired with rubber cement, but the chief surgeon wears gloves which have never been damaged and repaired. These gloves must be steamed for twenty minutes before they are ready for use.

Surgeons who perform or assist in the operation, and nurses who help them, scrub their hands and arms with linture of green soap for at least ten minutes. Then they put on sterile gowns, masks and gloves and are ready to begin the operation.

All of this work, plus scrubbing and sterilizing the operating room after the operation, is necessary to guard against infection. In past times, before this procedure was adopted, every surgical wound in every hospital became an infected wound and operative mortality was appallingly high.

However, the hospital cooperates with the surgeon in many other ways, besides supplying him with a clean operating room and instruments. Before the operation begins, the hospital laboratory tests the blood of the patient to enable the surgeon to know in advance whether undue hemorrhage or its reverse, blood clotting, is likely to occur.

To Indicate Safety

Basal metabolism, or electrocardiograph, tests may have been given to indicate whether certain anesthetics can be safely used. Blood grouping indicates the type of blood required by the patient, if a transfusion is necessary.

Thus when you need an operation, your welfare depends not only on your surgeon, but on your community hospital. Unless he has access to a good hospital, the surgeon is greatly handicapped in helping you.

However, Detroit has outgrown its hospital facilities. That is why the Greater Detroit Hospital Fund is raising \$19,720,000 to expand ten hospitals, and help construct four new ones.

**Carillon Recital at Christ Church May 8**

The second in the spring series of Carillon recitals will be presented by August Maskebergh on Sunday, May 8, at four o'clock. Maskebergh, organist and choir-master of St. John's Church, Detroit, is well known for his interesting recitals on the Cranbrook Carillon which are a feature of the spring musical program. He will play music of Stephen Foster, Gluck, Arne and Bach, concluding with the familiar hymn, "Ye watchers and ye holy ones."

Immediately following the Carillon recital there will be a Vesper Service in the Church at 4:30 p.m. The Rev. Robert L. DeWitt will conduct the service of evening prayer with a brief meditation. An instrumental trio consisting of Axel Magnuson, Jr., violinist; William Casey, flutist, and Philip Mackay, organist, will present selections by Bach, Corelli and Mozart. Magnuson is instructor of music at Cranbrook school and Casey holds the same position at Brookside school. Both are known in this community, having presented recitals at both Christ Church, Cranbrook and Birmingham Community House.

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**Unitarian Speaker**

The Rev. Arthur W. Olsen, minister of the First Unitarian Church of Toledo, Ohio, will speak on "How Does Unitarianism Differ from Traditional Christianity" at a meeting of the Birmingham Unitarian Fellowship Unit on Sunday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community House.

There is no admission fee and the public is invited.

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