



Expansion Fund Grows

There is every indication that the much-needed new buildings for the hospital will be an actuality, not just an ambitious dream. With only the first period of public campaigning behind us, a half-million dollars already pledged to our \$2,000,000 expansion fund and additional subscriptions are coming in.

Opening on November 15, initial fund-raising activities were planned to meet requirements of the Community Chest permit that public solicitation end temporarily on December 31; and, in deference to the current annual appeal of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, formal campaigning is still held in abeyance. But plans go on behind the scenes—big plans—to prepare for the second active phase of the program not many months from now.

New Construction

With blueprints nearing completion, ground will soon be broken for the power plant and laundry heading the construction schedule of proposed additions, for which the expansion fund is being raised. At the same time, work will be speeded on the new Blanche May Memorial Research Building.

A bigger laundry and power plant are essential service units which must precede the heavy increase in patient-load inevitable when the structures with 200 more beds have been erected. The larger research building is scheduled early in the construction program so that the present one may be torn down, leaving space for the proposed school of nursing.

The Old Order Changeth

It has been many months since the sound of pneumatic drill or hammer or saw has not come from some corner of the hospital—and it looks as

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DR. HARRY GOLDBLATT TO HEAD RESEARCH Gifts of Harry Warner and Tom May Will Help Finance Enlarged Department

The future of research activities at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital looks bright indeed, with announcement this month of several significant events: the official appointment of Dr. Harry Goldblatt as director of the Institute of Research; the gift of \$100,000 from Mr. Tom May for construction of a new, larger research building as a memorial to Blanche May; and a \$100,000 contribution by Mr. Harry Warner towards maintenance of research projects.

Dr. Goldblatt will assume his directorship on September 1, 1946, in order to fulfill his present obligations as associate director of the Institute of Pathology and professor of experimental pathology at Western Reserve University, Cleveland.

The possibility of a staff appointment was first discussed when Dr. Goldblatt came to Los Angeles last November, at the hospital's invitation, to address the medical staff on his original experiments in cirrhosis of the liver. During that visit, he also reported on his investigations in experimental hypertension (high blood pressure) to the biological seminar of California Institute of Technology and medical students at County General Hospital, and delivered the Willard Stone Foundation Lecture on the same subject before the Pasadena-Alhambra branch of the Los Angeles County Medical Association. It was the first opportunity of local medical men to hear an account of the continuous studies which have evoked much comment in scientific circles since Dr. Goldblatt's initial report on hypertension was published in 1934. The most recent papers reveal his discovery of a direct relation between blood-flow through the kidney and hypertension.

To his new position here Dr. Goldblatt brings a wealth of experience in medical research, teaching and executive work. The prize he won in 1916 as a student at McGill University Medical School, for a thesis

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Dr. Harry Goldblatt

Admitting Problems

When Superintendent E. Weisberger was asked what his message might be for the first issue of the hospital NEWS, he admitted that "admitting" is the hospital's worst problem.

"Every day for the last six months," he revealed, "we have had an average waiting list of at least 75. Now the number of applications for admission increases constantly, because doctors are coming back from military service, and we must consider the needs of patients of these new or reinstated members of the medical staff also."

In January this year the admitting clerks had to say a reluctant "No" twice as often as in January, 1945—165 times, to be exact. Seventy-five patients just could not be accommodated; 90 had to be asked to wait, and the waiting period is often as long as four to six weeks.

Yet the most conscientious efforts are made to allocate the beds that are available to the patients most in need of immediate hospital care.

Around the Hospital

President's Dinner

Hospital folk are still talking about the sumptuous dinner at which President Ben R. Meyer entertained department heads and nursing supervisors, during the holidays. After roast beef an inch thick and all the "fixings," topped with plum pudding in flaming brandy a la Perino's, every one was in a mellow mood for the after-dinner speeches.

Nurses' Dance

The Staff Nurses' Association gave a dance on January 17 in the Terrace Room of the Beverly Hills Hotel to which they hospitably invited trustees, medical staff and personnel. According to all reports, Dr. E. G. Edwards, dance chairman, and Dr. David Rosenblum, Miss Machteld Huisman, R.N. and Miss Arline Stratton, R.N. know how to plan a gala evening. This was the last event on the calendar of the 1945 officers of the Association, headed by Miss Barbara Gold, R.N., second floor supervisor.

Volunteers

On January 30, the Volunteer Workers were hostesses to the Volunteer Conference of the Welfare Council

of Metropolitan Los Angeles, at the second meeting of the 1945-1946 season. More than 100 board members, social workers and volunteers from social agencies throughout the city heard a lively panel discussion led by Mrs. Maynard Toll, member of the board of Children's Hospital and past president of the Family Welfare Association. Others on the panel who discussed "the place of the private agency in the community welfare program," were Miss Frances Lomas, district director of the Bureau of Public Assistance, County Department of Charities; Mrs. Walter Van Dyke, member of the citizens' advisory committee, Los Angeles County General Hospital; and Kenneth Foresman, secretary of the Los Angeles Children's Bureau.

Miss Ruth Davis, chairman of the V.W.'s, Miss Rosalie Marks, Mrs. Alex Sagan and Mrs. Ned Levin presided at tea in Lebanon Hall.

Almost 2,300 magazines and 1,400 books were circulated in 1945 to patients hospitalized in the clinic, according to Mrs. David A. Globe and Mrs. Nat Castleman, co-chairmen of the Mobile Library Volun-

teers organized by members of the United Order of True Sisters. Their copy of *Forever Amber* has been gone with the wind almost since it first appeared on the library's shelves, they report, so it wasn't in the running for most-popular-novel. *Strange Fruit* led the list and *Dragonwyck* and *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* weren't far behind.

Picture magazines are favorites and patients have been asking for Spanish books. Contributions of reading matter are always welcome—they should be taken to the director's office in the clinic.

Only four Red Cross Nurses' Aides in the city of Los Angeles have received five-year pins from the Red Cross. One of them went to Mrs. Arthur Granas, member of the Social Service Committee of Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, who has given more than 1,500 hours of faithful service. Mrs. Granas has been a Clinic Volunteer for 14 years and, now that the Red Cross Aides have been withdrawn from the hospital, she has also joined our own Volunteer Nurses' Aide group.



HELPING HAND GIFT

The Hubbard tank room in the new physical therapy department will stand in the name of the Helping Hand of Los Angeles. Mrs. Louis J. Halper, president, has announced that the society is donating \$15,000 to cover the cost of building the room and installing equipment. Many of those who are given "sub-aqua therapy" in the big tank are victims of polio, war wounds, or some other disease or injury which has affected the muscles or joints.

This is the largest single gift of many made by the Helping Hand in 15 years of assistance to the hospital.

The Hospital Situation In Los Angeles County

Highlights of a radio talk by Mayor Fletcher Bowron on December 9, 1945, in which he endorsed Cedars' program to add 200 beds and establish a school of nursing.

... Our hospital system no longer gives adequate protection to our families ... nearly 2,000 patients are being refused admission to our local hospitals in an average month, and of these people turned away, 75 percent are acutely ill. ... To reach the minimum safety ratio of 4 beds per 1,000 people, we should have a total of 13,500 hospital beds. We are approximately 5,000 beds short. ... In provision of hospital facilities, our situation is far worse than that of most other metropolitan centers.

... Our hospitals have done everything in their power to make room for patients. The length of stay has been shortened ... extra beds have been set up in ... parts of the hospital never intended for such use. It has been necessary in certain types of surgery to send patients home by ambulance right after leaving the operating room, although hospital care would ordinarily be indicated.

... Army and Navy hospitals ... are filled to capacity throughout Southern California. ... It has become extremely difficult to provide hospitalization for veterans whose illness is not due directly to their service in the armed forces. These veterans ... must fall back upon the facilities of the civilian hospitals, causing them to be even further overcrowded.

New Equipment

Thanks to Mr. Mike Lyman and Mr. William H. Simon for the new fracture table they recently gave to the orthopedic department.

And to Warner Bros. Studios for the suspension apparatus they made in their shop and installed in the cast room.

Cleaning the hospital's intravenous tubing is simpler now, because of the ingenious new equipment in the central tray room. At the suggestion of Miss Machteld Huisman, director of nursing, Mr. William King, our chief engineer, designed the 14-faucet arrangement which saves nurses' time and energy. Once they had to tire their arms holding up four-foot lengths of tubing for a half-hour while cold and then distilled water ran through. Now the tedious job is done automatically, by fastening tubes to the faucets—seven for cold water and seven for distilled water.

Welcome to—

Dr. Eugene Freedman, who joins our staff this month as chief of the X-ray Department. Until a few days ago he was Lt. Col. Freedman of the U. S. Army Medical Corps.



Dr. Eugene Freedman

A graduate of the Royal Hungarian University, Dr. Freedman received his postgraduate training in roentgenology at the University of Vienna. After a term of residence at the University Hospitals, Cleveland, followed by service in hospitals in Pennsylvania and Ohio, Dr. Freedman returned there in 1934 as chief of the x-ray department and assistant professor of radiology at Western Reserve University.

Entering the army in January, 1942 as a major with the Western Reserve University Affiliated Hospital Unit, Dr. Freedman served for two years as chief of x-ray in the Fourth General Hospital, Melbourne, Australia and then for two years held

the same position at Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, California and Torney General Hospital, Palm Springs.

Dr. Leon John Tragerman, who comes home to the hospital as pathologist. He served in our pathology department from 1938 to 1942, when he joined the army as a member of the Los Angeles County Hospital Unit (Univ. of Southern California Service) which became the 73rd Evacuation Hospital. Major Tragerman served at Sawtelle, spent 27 months in India and Burma, six months at the Army Institute of Pathology in Washington. He received his medical schooling at the University of Southern California—where he is now assistant professor of pathology—and Rush Medical School, University of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Broad, new managers of the fountain lunch. They've been in the restaurant business for 18 years ... promise that the sandwiches will be as big and beautiful as ever. If you had dinner at Murphy's in Chicago's Grand Central Station up to a year or so ago ... that was the Broads' food you were eating.

Bond Sales

A bumper crop of Victory Bonds, \$449,075 worth, was harvested at the hospital during the last bond drive. We are told that the credit goes to Mrs. George Hohenstein and business office bond-saleswomen Margaret Sheetz, Belle Goodman and Edith Joseph.

In Memoriam

DR. OTTO FENICHEL

who died suddenly on January 22, 1946 at the age of 47. Dr. Fenichel, for years one of the foremost psychiatrists in Europe, was serving an internship at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital as a prerequisite to private practice in this country. He was graduated in 1921 from the medical school of the University of Vienna and taught at the psychoanalytic institutes of Berlin, Oslo and Prague. At the time of his death he was a training analyst of the American Psychoanalytic Association and a member of the Los Angeles Psychiatric Service. Dr. Fenichel was the author of two famous medical books: *Outlines of Clinical Psycho-Analysis* and *Psycho-Analytic Theory of Neurosis*.

We offer our deepest sympathy to his wife.

Doctors' Doings

Officers of the Medical Executive Committee elected for 1946 are:

Chairman:

Dr. M. N. Beigelman

Vice-Chairman:

Dr. Arthur M. Hoffman

Secretary:

Dr. Sam Herzikoff

Representing:

Division of Medicine—

Dr. Julius Kahn

Dr. M. H. Rosenfeld

Division of Surgery—

Dr. Max W. Bay

Dr. M. H. Rabwin

Dept. of Special Surgery—

Dr. S. S. Goldberg

Dr. Max A. Levine

Dept. of Special Medicine—

Dr. S. Z. Goodman

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Dr. Arthur Bowen was recently appointed assistant professor at the College of Medical Evangelists.

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Dr. F. L. Engelmann has been appointed medical director of the Harlan Shoemaker Foundation for Paralytics.

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Dr. Mark A. Glaser and H. Sjaardema, Ph. D. collaborated on a report on "Experimental Production of Epilepsy" which appeared in the January issue of *Neuro-Physiology*.

Dr. Moris Horwitz addressed the medical staff of County Hospital recently on the research on ACS serum conducted in our laboratory. Dr. Reuben Straus was also asked to discuss ACS, at a January meeting of the Orange County Medical Association. He had already described the experiments before the Biological Seminar of the California Institute of Technology, the Southern California Chapter of the Society for Experimental Biology in Medicine, the Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Conference on American-Russian Cultural Exchange, and Cedars' medical staff.

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Dr. Daniel H. Levinthal, by means of talks and motion pictures at the Spastic Children's Foundation, has been demonstrating techniques in correction of spastic deformities to parents and occupational therapists.

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Dr. Robert A. Ostroff addressed the Kern County and Riverside County Medical Societies on "Surgical Treatment of Varicosis."

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Dr. F. A. Polesky has designed a new kind of cast-spreader and has given one to the hospital.

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Dr. Myron Prinzmetal's article on "Disturbances in the Cardiovascular System in Shock" was printed in the

January issue of the English journal, *Clinical Science*.

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Drs. Gordon Rosenblum, Eugene Melinkoff and Harry S. Fist have an article on "Early Rising in the Puerperium" in a recent issue of the *A.M.A. Journal*.

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Drs. Solomon Strouse, Arthur M. Hoffman and Edward Shapiro are instructing in the Postgraduate Course for Medical Veterans at the University of Southern California.

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Recently returned from military service, the following doctors have been reinstated to active membership on the medical staff: Oscar Auerbach, Bernard Axelrod, C. J. Berne, R. D. Chier, L. Cozen, H. Faier, H. Flyer, J. Goldenberg, M. M. Gurdin, Julius Hersh, J. Hittleman, Frederic W. Ilfeld, Harry E. Kaplan, A. B. Koran, J. Laco, M. Lomas, Max A. Levine, Edward G. Mack, Harry J. Mayer, H. R. Nesburn, I. G. Newman, Roy J. Popkin, Maurice S. Priver, Erich Reinard, L. Rosoff, Bernard Rosser, Harry L. Schenk, Allen Schmidt, Karl L. Sicherman, S. Soghor, John H. Stark, L. Steckel, Robert L. Stern, Leo W. Syman, Samuel J. Weinberg, S. A. Wolfson, Harry A. Zide.

Dr. Goldblatt

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describing original investigation in "Polyposis of the Gastro-intestinal Tract," was the forerunner of many others, among which are the John Phillip Award of the American College of Physicians, the Alvarenga Award of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, and the Certificate of Merit, First Class of the American Medical Association.

After overseas duty in the U. S. Army Medical Corps in World War I and service with the army of occupation as chief of the fracture center in the evacuation hospital at Trier, Germany, Dr. Goldblatt accepted an appointment as pathologist at Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland. Award of a Beit Memorial Fellowship took him abroad to London and Vienna and on his return in 1924 he became as-

sistant professor of pathology at Western Reserve University. Since 1929 he has been associate director of the Institute of Pathology there, and his special accomplishments earned him the creation of a new chair in experimental pathology in 1935.

New Construction

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though they will ring out for many months to come. Even when big jobs are only in the offing, there is constant need for improvement and repair.

As Thanksgiving time it was the remodeled section of the ground floor which reached completion—with the new physical therapy, electro-encephalography and radiation therapy departments, pharmacy, automobile

entrance, glucose room and linen room.

Shortly afterward the entire roof of the hospital was waterproofed, and the stairs to the front entrance were torn out and rebuilt to stop leakage into storerooms underneath.

Those who have recently visited the hospital will have noticed that the Helping Hand gift shop has just been remodeled and that the partitions of the old pharmacy have been removed to make room for a large drug store, with modern display fixtures for toilet goods, "smokes," candy and magazines.

As we go to press, workmen are putting the final touches on additional rooms for the growing laboratory, in the section of the second floor once occupied by the original electro-encephalography department.