

Patients Do The Work:

The Women's Ward At Morganton

This series of articles was written by a young woman who was a patient in a hospital for a year and a half ending in December, 1940. She is a member of a prominent state family, was educated at Queens College, and was sent to the institution on the orders of a doctor because of a nervous condition. Cultured, refined and sensitive, her experiences there and what she saw with her own eyes make a shocking story.

their dinner, the same call is repeated. This is eight hours of hard work five days a week. On Monday afternoons, patients are taken to the nurses' rooms to scrub their rooms. Some of the dependable, strong patients clean the unidy patients' rooms (those who have no control over their organs of elimination). The strongest, most robust patients are the favorite of the nurses, for they take more work out of them than other patients can.

Often a mental patient is drained of most physical strength. A patient on my ward was about ready to go home. She was doing as much work as she was able to do on the ward but the nurse ordered her to go to the hospital ward to work. She begged not to go and the inevitable happened. She went berserk, was placed on a back ward and was still there "state clothes" when she could not hold up to hospital work. I think that she was going through the menopause. The nurse forced her to go and the inevitable happened. She went berserk, was placed on a back ward and was still there "state clothes" when she could not hold up to hospital work.

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No matter what ward a patient is on, when that patient has company, she is brought to a front ward to receive her company. And it makes no difference how sick the patient is, she is still brought to a front ward. I remember a young girl on a back ward who was critically ill. Her family was coming to see her. When they arrived, she was in a nice room at the front of the hospital. At the door of her room was a nurse; inside her room was a nurse. That night, after her family had gone, she died on a back ward on a mattress on the floor.

At the hospital for some time was a very ill patient. During her first months at the hospital, she had a kind special nurse but after while this nurse had to give up the case. Then she had several nurses at various times, all of whom neglected and abused her. Eventually, she developed cancer. It was the mother, and not her special nurse, who rolled her in her wheel chair and laundered her clothes. Her husband and family were very selfless and came often to see her. Always, they saw her in a bed and they were very sad but as soon as they left, she was removed to a back ward. Toward the end, the nurse who had treated this patient with kindness returned to the staff. Finally, just before she died, the family came so often that it was hard on the nurse. Finally, the patient back and forth, and the doctor consented to let her remain on the front ward.

I had a friend who was a very ill patient at the hospital. Each time her husband came to see her, a nurse in stiff uniform was in attendance. So her husband thought that she had every care. The nurse was very careful not to leave while he was there. At first the wife complained of the intolerable food. In anger the husband turned to the nurse. Sadly she shook her head. "It's just a decision, Mr. Smith. Just a decision." Later the nurse was still present when the husband came. Now the wife wanted to go outdoors. "Oh, just to go out in the sunshine once more," she said. Again the nurse said, "Just a decision, Mr. Smith. Of course she goes outdoors." The husband, who was a great benefactor to his community, died very suddenly a few months ago, thinking that his wife was much more ill than she was, and also thinking that she was having the tenderest of care. And now there is no one left even to ask if she gets wholesome food and fresh air.

THE NURSES' CENSOR ALL OUT-GOING MAIL. An early lesson that I learned at the hospital was not to write anything in a letter that was derogatory to the hospital, doctors, or nurses. All letters are reviewed by a nurse and those that do not meet with her approval are thrown away. The letters to be mailed are placed in a heap and if the nurse is very busy and goes behind with reading them, the ones on the bottom of the pile are simply put in the trash. Consequently, it is difficult for a patient in the hospital ever to let members of the family know if matters are not going well. The patients, of course, are not supposed to have enough sense to know whether things are going well or not. Letters are smuggled out sometimes, however, by hook or crook. If a patient were to tell a visitor of unjust treatment, the patient would be severely punished, so it is practically impossible to get a patient to complain to an outside other than a member of the family. With the nurse acting as sort

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The Everyday Counselor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH

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Are you sick, discouraged, or blue? Then read carefully what is printed below. If you have a discouraged friend, send him this. I don't know the author, but have just come across it in my basket in which I collect material for this column. A CLOCK FOR THE SICK ROOM. 1. TRUST IN THE Lord and do good: so shall thou dwell in a palace room and thy reward shall be fed. Ps. 37:3. 2. FEAR NOT, Fear not, for I am with thee. . . Is. 41:10. 3. GOD IS LOVE, I John 4:8. 4. HAVE FAITH IN GOD, Mark 11:22. 5. SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND, Matt. 7:7. 6. I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVETH, Job 9:25. 7. NOT MY WILL, BUT THINE BE DONE, Luke 22:42. 8. I WILL NEVER LEAVE THEE NOR FORSAKE THEE, Heb. 12:5. 9. AND AS THY DAYS SO SHALL THY STRENGTH BE, Deut. 33:25. 10. THERE REMAINETH THEREFORE A REST TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD, Heb. 4:9. 11. CASTING ALL YOUR CARE UPON HIM FOR HE CARETH FOR YOU, I Pet. 5:7. 12. HIM THAT COMETH TO ME I WILL IN NO WISE CAST OUT, John 6:37.

There is a tremendous sense of security and strength in the knowledge that God rules the world, and will rule and guide your destiny, if you will let Him. Our troubles are man-made, not God-made. They come into the world because of sin. Many of them come upon us because of our own sinfulness. The same is true for the heathen. We need to remember thoughtfully these words from the book of Proverbs, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Hopefully, we recall the words of the Psalmist, "The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivers them out of all their troubles." The righteous are rich unto them that see of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivered him out of them all. . . . This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles."

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Officers of YW Elected

Mrs. W. B. Sullivan Is Named President

Officers presented as a slate to the annual meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association last night were elected unanimously. They include Mrs. W. B. Sullivan, president; Mrs. Louise Rose, vice-president; Mrs. John C. Kilgo Jr., secretary; and Mrs. W. M. McLaurine, treasurer. New board members are Mrs. C. D. Lucas, Miss Bula Carpenter, Mrs. C. C. Allen, Mrs. Stuart Gramer Jr., Mrs. Alonzo Myers, and Mrs. Ell Springs, re-elected were Mrs. E. W. Bartholomew and Mrs. John C. Kilgo Jr. Miss Harriett Elliott, dean of women at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, spoke at the meeting, telling the 150 members present that women of America have a vital part to play in the world conflict. Miss Elliott said that women as buyers must hold to the principle, "Buy carefully, care for what you have, and waste nothing." Costs, she said, must go up of necessity during the war, and it is up to the private citizen to pay his share and do what he can to save. Mrs. Sullivan, presiding at the

Nelson MacRae Ends Own Life

Linville Developer Shoots Himself In Bathroom of Home at Wilmington

WILMINGTON — (AP) — Nelson MacRae, 48, member of a prominent Wilmington family and vice-president of Hugh MacRae & Co., died last night at his home in Oleander, a Wilmington suburb, of a bullet wound. Coroner Asa W. Allen said MacRae died of a wound in the chest made by a .32 caliber pistol bullet. He said the shooting was in the bathroom and took place while other occupants of the house were away. Allen said the wound was self-inflicted and that an inquest was not needed. MacRae, a life-long resident of Wilmington, was president of the Linville Co. at Linville. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Margaret Bellamy MacRae, a son, Hugh; a daughter, Marguerite, and a meeting gave her annual president's report. Mrs. Thomas H. Williams, chairman of the membership committee, reported a total of 60 members in the membership drive. A goal of 1000 was set at the beginning of the campaign.

Junior Chamber Honors Scouts

In recognition of National Scout Week, the Charlotte Junior Chamber of Commerce had a luncheon program at its weekly luncheon meeting today at Hotel Bellevue. Discussion of the part the "Juni-ceers" will play in the Victory Garden Campaign was held. The Junior Chamber is co-operating with the County Farm Agent in sponsoring the movement to cause residents of the city and county to grow enough vegetables this summer to supply their own needs.

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