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# Expanded facilities increase bookkeeping at county hospital

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is another in the continuing series on the Johnson County Memorial Hospital facilities written by Leah Muck for this publication.

**By BRILLIANT MUCK**  
It is not only in the area of patient care that Johnson County Memorial Hospital is installing new equipment to improve service and increase efficiency. The Business Department now has an IBM Tele-processing Printer which, in association with the Indiana Computer Service of Indianapolis, handles payroll and accounts receivable information. Eventually, all

bookkeeping will be coded into a teleprinter. Since unpaid patient bills remain active for ten years, untold time will be saved when the date on delinquent payments can be obtained mechanically. In June an Addressograph operation will be set up in the out-patient department.

George Gohorn, hospital administrator, says that statistics from all businesses that extend credit classify two per cent of the population as "deadbeats" with eight per cent more who pay bills only if they are pushed. His funds

of patient care. It involves allocating the cost of non-income producing departments to the expense of income-producing departments, on the basis of rent for space occupied, housekeeping and laundry services required, Social Security tax for employees, utilities, the expense factors which patients are not aware of.

For instance, electrical bills run from \$2400 to \$2600 a month, and there is a 20 trunk-line telephone exchange which is larger than the exchange in Niueweh.

"Step-down cost accounting gives an accurate picture of our operation," Gohorn explains. "For instance, the charge to a patient for the use of an operating

room is only a third of its cost to us, the expense of running the Blood Bank is six times what the patients pay."

As a participant in the Central Data Processing Service in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the hospital receives each month comparative figures on operating costs in hospitals of the same size in Indiana as well as in the rest of the United States. The hospitals are rated 12.5, from low to high, on each item of cost so that each hospital administrator can see where his institution stands. "I would rather be high than low in the dietary department," Gohorn said, "because I think patients should have as good food

as it is possible to serve them."

Looking to the future Gohorn noted that 180 beds is the maximum capacity of the present hospital space. "According to the county population," he said, "we should have 211. Eighty-five per cent occupancy is the ideal load, since, with an average hospital stay of seven days, each room should be empty one day between patients—unless you put another patient in before the bed is cold."

To make it easier to locate personnel in the expanded space, the present paging system will be augmented with a broadcasting system which will be picked up by pocket-beepers. There will also be six car units for mass disaster situations. The system has 340 combinations of codings so that it could broadcast to 340 separate pocket-beepers. Since the hospital is not tax-supported for operational purposes, checks for these expenses no longer go through the court-house. Since Jan. 1, 1970, Hazel Smith has been the hospital's treasurer and signs the thousand or more monthly checks for payroll, bills, and refunds. "The hospital is an institution of mercy," said Helix Latta, business office manager, "but it is also a big business." Faced with an operating budget of two and a half million dollars a year, no one could argue that point.

### Book eight into jail in Franklin

Four juveniles serving weekend jail sentences for juvenile court were among eight persons arrested and booked into the Johnson County Jail at the start of the weekend.

Others booked, besides the juveniles, were:

- Vernel Earl Boucher, 76, 602 Duane Street, Franklin, assault and battery in connection with an alleged assault on a small girl near the Gateway School; arrested on a warrant from City Court at 8:30 a.m. Friday morning by city police.
- John O. Dillman, 46, Trafalgar, public intoxication; and Jessie Colburn, 46, Franklin, public intoxication; arrested at 7:45 p.m. Friday in Franklin by city police.
- Thomas Cochran, (no address listed) disorderly conduct; booked at 2:15 a.m. Saturday morning by city and state police, and sheriff's authorities.

### Cancer Crusade Bank Night

Mrs. Pat Sego, co-chairman of the American Cancer Society Drive in White River Township waits at the Union Bank and Trust While River Township Branch Thursday night as volunteers made deposits for the cancer campaign during Bank Night. Banks participating were Greenwood National, Union Bank and Trust and Franklin Bank and Trust. Dr. Joseph Claudi, chairman of the county Cancer Society crusade, said volunteers hope to raise about \$13,000 for cancer research in the county.

### Johnson county hospital notes

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**  
ADMISSIONS:  
Clara Louise Davis, 700 N. Madison, Greenwood.  
Bertha E. Tucker, 833 Southside, New Whiteland.  
Willa May Melner, Methodist Home, Franklin.  
Ruth Hochstetler, Methodist Home, Franklin.  
Flossie Lucille Coy, Box 118, Madison, Greenwood.  
Frank Edward Tinney, Edinburg route 2.  
Patsy Marie Hamm, Box 86, Franklin route 4.  
Eric Vann Ferrall, 215 Schoonhouse Rd., Franklin.  
Connie Lynn Wyatt, Box 89, Brooklyn, Ind.

Five names requested withheld from publication.

Total Admissions: 15

**DISMISSALS:**  
Marion Elizabeth Kistner, Indianapolis.  
Theo Klingartner, Indianapolis.  
Zena Ardell Park, 726 Woodale Tr., Greenwood.  
Lena May Henderson, Box 23, Franklin route 4.  
Ray Johnson, 30 S. Home Ave., Franklin.

1. Floy Ethel Cain, Paragon route 1.  
2. Beulah May Voyles, Morganstown route 2.  
3. Thelma Claire Jones, Indianapolis.  
4. Sherry Jane Dougherty, Franklin route 1.  
5. Barbara Ann Batton, 697 S. Home Ave., Franklin.  
6. Betty Anne Craig, Box 149-B, Bargersville route 1.  
7. Morris H. White, Morganstown route 1.  
8. Hylton Eugene Padgett, Trafalgar route 2.  
9. Mildred Irene Dinn, Box 362, Greenwood route 7.  
10. Wanda Catherine Hoque, 135 Schoonhouse Rd., Franklin.

**BIRTHS:**  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe David Harris, Box 79, Greenwood route 7, girl, 423 Euclid Ave., Greenwood, girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Roach, 423 Euclid Ave., Greenwood, girl.

**ADMISSIONS:**  
Pauline Mildred Navarro, 1533 Roberts Rd., Franklin.  
Janice Harris, Box 79, Greenwood route 7.  
Betty Louise Adams, 650 N. Center St., Franklin.  
Thomas Thomas Ekrod, Indianapolis.  
Patricia Ann Hatfield, 215 E. Locust, Shelbyville.  
William Edward Barker Jr., Box 174-A, Franklin route 4.  
Verness Bell, 121 Bradford, New Whiteland.  
Charles Lee Beach, 423 Euclid Ave., Greenwood.  
David Wesley McDowell, Indianapolis.  
Margaret W. Graves, 477 Center St., Franklin.  
Lori Ann Gallagher, 508 S. Center St., Franklin.  
Stephen Curtis Baicher, Rockton, Ill.  
Darrell Wayne Hall, 120 Jordan Dr., Franklin.  
Bernice George Wilhelm Jr., 1063 Orchard Lane, Franklin.  
Janice Carol Martin, 227 Moorland Dr., New Whiteland.

**PARIS STUDENTS RIOT**  
PARIS (UPI)—Police used tear gas in Paris and Grenoble to break up demonstrations by students who showed them with rocks and bottles Friday. The student demonstrations followed an announcement to Parliament from Premier Jacques Chaban-Bolmas about a government bill to curb street and university violence.

One name requested withheld from publication.

Total Admissions: 20

**DISMISSALS:**  
Edna Irene Ford, Trafalgar route 1.  
Edna Riggles, Box 536, Greenwood route 7.  
Cynthia Sue Burchett, 559 Pearl St., Whiteland.  
Josephine E. Meann, 625 Sellman and Park, Edinburg.  
Evelyn "Justine" Johnson, Bogartown.  
Joan Jane Parkes, Indianapolis.  
Walter David Smiley, Box 61, Flat Rock.

Total Dismissals: 19

Total Census: 129

### STUDENT FUND

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Students at the University of Southern California, a private institution now surrounded by minority group residents, voted Thursday to help finance a \$4.8 million scholarship fund for minority and economically disadvantaged students. The student fund, to be raised by a \$4 assessment per student each semester, will be matched two-to-one by the university. Tuition at USC will be \$1,900 next year.

### To appear at FC

FRANKLIN — WCFM, the "radio voice" of Franklin County, in association with the Mandrake Memorial and Towne Van Zandt Student Council and Poppy Records, will sponsor a radio concert featuring The Mandrake Memorial and Towne Van Zandt on Wednesday, April 15, at 8 p.m. in the Franklin College gymnasium.

This concert is part of a nationwide college tour being made by the Poppy Foundation and major radio stations throughout the United States. The Mandrake Memorial has up until this time performed mostly in the East where they have received many rave reviews. Record World described the group as Poppy's "incredible psychedelic rock trio, which remains one of the most underrated American groups."

Towne Van Zandt, a slim port-foliar from Texas, composes stunningly brilliant ballads about simple things. His gentle love songs, sometimes tender, sometimes humorous, are sensitive and bitter-sweet in nature. The general public is invited to attend the concert. Admission price is one dollar.

### PEACE CORPS FINDED

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate passed by voice vote Friday a bill to authorize \$90 million for the Peace Corps. \$8.4 million less than this year.

Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, R-Ariz., pleaded with the house to restore the cut, saying the Corps is "the best way we have to get America across."

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