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Great Lakes
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Peculiar Health Reform

COVER

The newly organized Great Lakes Adventist Health Services, Inc., is a corporation to oversee the health-care institutions and medical personnel of the Lake Union Conference. Painting by Beverly Velting.

By definition the word peculiar in the minds of most people has reference to someone or something that is considered strange, odd or queer. Yet the original meaning as taken from the Latin *peculium* has reference to that which is very personal and special such as private property or that which belongs exclusively. This is how it is that God refers to His followers as His "peculiar people." Could the enemy have something to do with such a drastic and unfortunate change of meaning?

How about the two words "health reform"? For many people the connotation is not healthy. Why? Has the enemy done this thing? Have God's people perhaps unwittingly or ignorantly contributed to the confusion?

"The health reform is one branch of the great work which is to fit a people for the coming of the Lord. It is as closely connected with the third angel's message as the hand is with the body."—*Counsels on Health*, pp. 20, 21. Can such a vital connection be taken lightly? "Every day testifies to the increase of insanity, murder, and suicide. Who can doubt that satanic agencies are at work among men with increasing activity to distract and corrupt the mind, and defile and destroy the body? . . . The world needs today what it needed nineteen hundred years ago—a revelation of Christ. A great work of reform is demanded, and it is only through the grace of Christ that the work of restoration, physical, mental, and spiritual, can be accomplished."—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 143. In the fullest sense the health work is a vital part of witnessing and finishing the work of God in the earth.

This being true, is it not imperative that we renew our emphasis on health reform, and seek by precept and example to restore its lofty meaning and purpose? It is for this reason that this issue of the Lake Union Herald has been dedicated to the health work. Naturally many important things will be left unsaid, but let it be a beginning, as we seek to take the necessary steps God would have us take. We believe a very large step has been the recent organization of the Great Lakes Adventist Health Services, Inc. This new organization will provide direct and constant coordination of our total health program which will include acute- and extended-care facilities (at the present time Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital, Battle Creek Sanitarium Hospital and Mid-American Health Services, Inc.). These institutions will continue with their separate boards and management but under the supervision of the Great Lakes Adventist Health Services. L. Earl Laurence, formerly administrator at Hinsdale and The National Institutes of Health, is the elected president of the corporation and will assume chairmanship of the institutional boards. The Lake Union president will serve as chairman of the corporation board. All recognized Adventist health-care institutions within the Lake Union territory, present and future, will be members of the corporation and represented on the corporation board of trustees.

The corporation as it serves the church will also be concerned about health education, health-care management and recruitment of physicians, dentists and health-care personnel. It is a large assignment, and we solicit your suggestions and prayers as we move forward in restoring a lofty meaning to the terms "peculiar" and "health reform"!

Laurence Bock



What will it take for our health-care institutions to meet Christ's example of medical ministry? Are our institutions coordinated in this effort? These are valid questions. In answer to them the Lake Union Conference formed the Great Lakes Adventist Health Services.

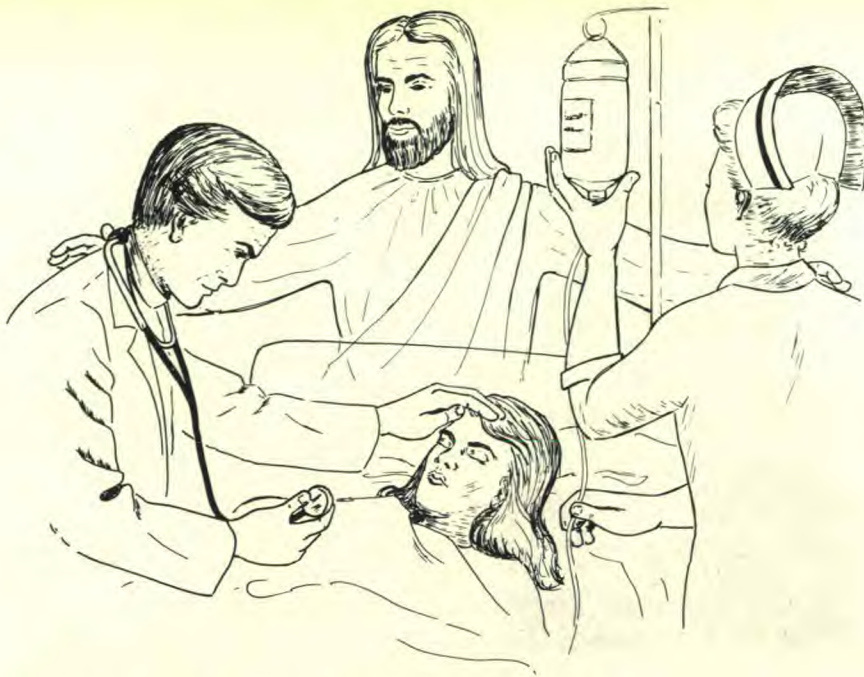
We are planning a wide range of health-care services to benefit every church member of the Lake Union Conference. This presents challenges to instigate gradual changes to insure continued growth in not only the large hospitals but the physician and dental practices; to strengthen and develop practice opportunities where dedicated health-care persons can meet these challenges. Preventive programs through "conditioning centers," acute care provided through general hospitals and extended care in nursing homes are just some of the ways the Great Lakes Adventist Health Services is striving with God's help to provide a balanced health ministry.

It is thrilling to see the cooperation and unselfish support given by the leaders of the existing health institutions. We feel confident that the laymen of the union will show this same spirit of teamwork as they become acquainted with the Great Lakes Adventist Health Services.

*Earl Laurence, President
Great Lakes Adventist Health Services*



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THE HEART OF THE LAKE UNION PRESENTS . . .

People Who Care

Across the Lake Union from Indiana to Michigan, from Wisconsin to Illinois, scattered in rural communities and located in large metropolitan areas, dedicated Christian men and women are performing their duties as physicians, dentists and professionals in a wide range of allied health-care fields. The Lake Union takes pride in these individuals who are working hand in hand with the Great Physician.

In the Lake Union where our health work began, we are initiating a new concept in health-care delivery and in the total aspect of health care. The Great Lakes Adventist Health Services works in coordination with physicians and dentists in identifying and providing additional practice opportunities within the Lake Union to facilitate the recruitment of new physicians and dentists. The challenge of today is tomorrow's hope as health-care specialists work together in planning a wide range of health-care delivery systems.

From the secondary, tertiary-care, teaching hospital at Hinsdale, the acute-care general hospital at Battle Creek, and the 950-bed nursing home chain that offers a wide range of opportunities in Wisconsin, our

thoughts move to the future. Practice opportunities in many disciplines will be realized in the proposed Romebrook Hospital southwest of Hinsdale, and in the conditioning center under development at Stevens Point, Wisconsin. With new clinics planned for Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois come many additional challenges for health-care delivery within the Lake Union.

Buildings and plans are important, but the people who put the "care" in

health care are ultimately responsible for our success. Today there are Seventh-day Adventist physicians and dentists throughout the Lake Union who possess the goal to present the love of Jesus as He presented it—by meeting the needs of the people where they are.

Let's ask our physicians how they feel about their work in the Lake Union.

*Joel W. Hass, Vice President
Great Lakes Adventist Health Services*



I find practicing in Hinsdale very rewarding. It is really nice to work with a first-class, well-equipped Adventist hospital. There are many opportunities for witnessing, and I enjoy our weekly Bible studies with our patients. I only wish that there were other doctors who would like to share the rewards with us here in Hinsdale.

*DeWayne F. Butcher, M.D.
Family Practice Associates, S.C.*



Dental medicine and prevention are coming of age! That is the exciting message I have seen and heard in school, research laboratories, dental clinics and private offices. Preventive dentistry is comprehensive oral health care, and it is this preventive dental approach that I intend to put into action in my dental practice when I graduate.

With graduation in sight many decisions have to be made. The schedule of a dental student is one that leaves little time for anything but studies and your patients. This is where the Great Lakes Adventist Health Services, Inc., comes in to help me with my decisions. With location possibilities in several different areas in

the U.S., the corporation has brought to my attention locations within the Lake Union where there is a need.

The corporation has given me the added feature of a consultant who will work with me in beginning a professional practice.

Financial loans for dental school and for the opening of a dental office after graduation have been made available through the Great Lakes Adventist Health Services, Inc.

The plans that the GLAHS have for the future, the opportunities and great locations in the Lake Union make me realize that this is the place to be.

*Dale Schmid
Fourth-year Dental Student
Loyola University Medical Center*



My work began in Marion, Illinois, seven years ago this August. When we came to Marion, the church had 51 members; today's membership is 92. Our church school is in its fourth year of operation.

Pastor John [Martin] and I have teamed up on numerous occasions to hold Five-Day Plans to Stop Smoking; and we have seen people come through the Five-Day Plan and be baptized. Today with opportunities and challenges all around, we desperately need another physician to practice with us here enabling us to spend more time with the patient and in witnessing. Our prayer is that the Lord will lead not only in sending a physician, but that we may be effective in our work and in finishing the Lord's work.

*Joseph G. Billock, M.D.
Marion, Illinois*



The Andrews University Medical Center has been a most enjoyable place to practice during the last seven years. As we move into our new professional building this fall, we can anticipate even greater satisfaction because of a broader community witness and more ideal physical working conditions.

The university environment provides the cultural, social and intellectual stimulation of a big city while offering the enjoyment of beautiful country living at its finest. To have students constantly dropping by to discuss term paper topics, to obtain debate and

special project materials and to review professional and career goals is most rewarding.

Our children have enjoyed their classwork in Andrews Academy and University. Mrs. Habenicht has completed both her master's and doctor's degrees at Andrews University. We are happy to make Berrien Springs home after three terms in the mission field, and we look forward to many years of service in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

*Herald A. Habenicht, M.D., F.A.A.P.
Medical Director
Andrews University Medical Center*

Spiritual Health A Serious Concern



Recently I attended the 50th anniversary banquet of a community hospital. During his speech on "Changes in Medical Care," the president of the medical staff made a statement that caught my attention:

"Physicians and nurses change the bandages, but God does the healing; some things do not change." How very true, especially in a Seventh-day Adventist-operated medical facility.

During the past years the san has

been staffed by people who demonstrate in thought and action genuine Christian concern for the mental, physical and spiritual welfare of their patients. The Christian concern that prompts the technician to invoke the blessing of our heavenly Father is the very essence of success in the Christian hospital.

Our commitment to Christian health care must continue to emphasize the principles of healthful living and awaken within every patient and employee a serious concern for his spiritual health. This awareness supplements the technical competence of the technician and enhances the healing process. Yes, we do change bandages; we do invoke God's blessing; we do our best, and God continues to do the healing!

*Vernon L. Small, Administrator
Battle Creek Sanitarium Hospital*



The Battle Creek Sanitarium Hospital Board

The Beginnings of Battle Creek

by Larry Yeagley

History is not all places, times and things. History is people; and where the church is concerned, history is how individuals respond to God's leadership.

Battle Creek Sanitarium Hospital's history started in Otsego, Michigan, in 1863 when Ellen White had her first vision on health. In May of 1866 after several more health visions, she presented practical applications of the health message to the General Conference Session at Battle Creek. She said that God had given her a plan for a health institution that would teach and practice the principles of

preventive and curative health. She declared further that the Lord desired an institution such as this to be established right away.

The brethren moved with surprising speed. They voted to support the plan, formed a stock company, and by September of the same year, little more than three months later, the institution opened. Called the Western Health Reform Institute, it accommodated one patient that first day. A few financial and management problems did not prevent the success of this institution as its founders followed the Lord's plan.

In 1876, following a leave of absence, James White returned as leader of the enterprise, and John H. Kellogg, a 24-year-old doctor, assumed responsibilities as medical director. The next movements were those of growth and expansion.

A new building was constructed in 1877, with subsequent additions doubling and tripling the original size in 13 years. By 1900 the institution comprised a building complex, three farms including orchards, truck farm and dairy. Employees numbered more than 900 and rooms were filled to capacity. However, problems were developing.

Dr. Kellogg, quite a genius with numerous original ideas, supported many concepts in opposition to the Lord's counsel given through Mrs. White. Strained relations grew between the church and the sanitarium, as it was now called. A series of meetings and sessions held to air grievances and differences failed to alleviate existing tensions which reached a high point in 1902.

On the 18th of February, the san burned to the ground. All major buildings were destroyed, and one man lost his life while trying to rescue some possessions from a burning structure.

The General Conference decided to rebuild the san in accordance with the Lord's repeated instruction to keep the institution small. Size restrictions for the proposed building limited it to 450 feet in length and five stories.

Dr. Kellogg who heard the news while returning from California reached Battle Creek with his own ideas about reconstruction. The rough sketches of his building plan did not correspond with the General Conference recommendation.

When completed, the new five-story building was 550 feet long, with three rear three-story wings totaling 500 feet in length. One million dollars was spent to construct an institution in exact opposition to the Lord's counsel. The church and the san parted company a few years later.

For a few years previous to the depression, the san continued to grow. Following the stock market crash, two bankruptcies and Kellogg's death, the hospital operated from a smaller building and on a much smaller scale.

Several Seventh-day Adventist physicians operated the san as a self-supporting institution from 1957 to 1974 when they offered it to the church. Its history since that time has been one of positive development.

In many ways it was a grand past; successful as the Lord's counsel was heeded. Ahead lies a grand future, likewise dependent upon our acceptance of God's guidance.



The administration of Battle Creek Sanitarium is from left: Vernon Small, administrator; Esther Oldham, nursing administrator; Larry Yeagley, chaplain; Clarence Simmons, patient services director, and Michael Bildner, assistant administrator and personnel director.

Circle of Hope

A circle of hope has been drawn around Battle Creek Sanitarium and Hospital. The staff is determined that every person entering the hospital will

break into that circle to be influenced by divine grace.

The chaplaincy department has invited every employee to join in ministering to the spiritual needs of patients. Inservice training in various disciplines has stressed acceptable ways of sharing hope with the sick.

A strong corps of volunteers visits patients in the hospital and contacts them seven days after discharge. Residents of Battle Creek are becoming aware of the spiritual emphasis, which influences many to return for further health care.

I sat with a woman at the bedside of her dying husband. "You know, Chaplain, I'll never go to any other hospital. I never saw people take such pains to help the sick. All of these people here love my husband. They love me too. . . . Every one of them."

Some day soon we'll experience a bountiful harvest because we drew a circle of hope around God's institution.

Lawrence R. Yeagley
Chaplain

Hospital With a Future

by Reger Smith

Battle Creek Sanitarium Hospital is a hospital with a rich heritage. Its distinction as the forerunner of the church's medical work is not to be overlooked. However, this hospital also has a promising future and is taking its place in the united effort to finish the work. Throughout the local community, the state of Michigan, and regions beyond, this hospital is becoming known for high quality health care and a "caring" staff.

Contributing to the quality health care are the hospital's modern physical facilities. The first phase of a \$3 million construction program made possible the 1971 opening of the new Jeffrey Building, featuring a 39-bed mental health unit on the first floor and a 37-bed medical and surgical unit with a four-bed special-care unit on the second. In August 1973 the third floor was completed adding another 34 beds. During the years of 1974 to 1976 these additional facilities were finished: Employee lounges, clinical

laboratory, cardio-pulmonary department, pharmacy, out-patient admitting offices, and the hospital's fourth floor, adding 41 beds to the mental health unit and bringing the total bed count to 155.

If present plans (Phase II) for continued growth and expansion progress as scheduled, construction will begin on a new physical medicine department in 1977, the old library building will be demolished, and construction of a new administrative wing on the same site will begin early in 1978, with administrative offices moving from the old stone building to the new wing.

The final phase of the overall development plan calls for a new medical arts building designed to provide facilities for 15 to 20 physicians and a health education complex, with construction to begin in 1979.

As you can see, Battle Creek Sanitarium Hospital is on the move. It is your hospital and unites with you in that great task—finishing the work.



Nurse Delores Smith assists clients with questionnaire forms as they register for a coronary evaluation clinic.



BATTLE CREEK SANITARIUM HOSPITAL



Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital



Meeting the Challenge

Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital has experienced many changes since its beginning in 1904. As the needs of the community varied and expanded, the

hospital met these needs with the most advanced equipment and procedures available. Today, as a 440-bed, acute-care medical referral institution, Hinsdale Hospital faces challenges beyond those of a small community hospital.

To facilitate future planning and to assure the continued meeting of present health-care needs in Chicago's western suburbs, a "revised master plan" was developed for the hospital in July of 1976. This document outlines major short, intermediate, and long-term planning opportunities at Hinsdale Hospital.

The Great Lakes Adventist Health Services, Inc., a professional management corporation, was recently formed to assume the management of existing institutions within the four-state area comprised of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. As president of the new corporation, L. Earl Laurence, former administrator of Hinsdale Hospital, is providing progressive leadership.

Today Hinsdale Hospital is an exemplary institution in Chicago's suburbs. Through God's leading, the hospital has gone to the forefront as a suburban referral center for physical therapy, radiation therapy and other specialized care areas. With the dedication of its founders, the hospital is meeting this challenge. As we continue to follow God's leading I am confident that future challenges will be met with equal success.

*Irwin C. Hansen, Administrator
Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital*

The Yesterdays and Tomorrows of Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital

by Keith Lundquist

Since its beginning in 1904, Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital has held the philosophy of its founder, Dr. David Paulson, that the primary purpose of this institution is to provide the best health care available in a Christlike manner, thereby revealing His love to

every patient and visitor. With dependence upon God and dedication to this purpose, the hospital has experienced remarkable growth and is today a primary teaching and referral medical institution in Chicago's suburbs.

The early sanitarium was patterned after Battle Creek Sanitarium in Michigan where David Paulson received his training under the guidance of John Harvey Kellogg, M.D. Dr. Paulson's simple faith in God which led to the founding of Hinsdale Hospital, began as a youth in the rugged prairie country of South Dakota. There young David herded cattle, and much like biblical David received the patience and faith needed to meet greater challenges to come. After almost dying of diphtheria in his middle teens, David dedicated his life to God and vowed his life to helping sick and suffering humanity.

After David's marriage to another doctor, Mamie, both worked as medical missionaries in Chicago's slums. This experience strengthened their faith in God and prepared them for the founding of Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital.

The population of Hinsdale was 3,000 when the Hinsdale Sanitarium and Benevolent Association purchased the 13-acre Highland site in Hinsdale for \$16,000. By the fall of 1905, the sanitarium had already outgrown the 17-room addition to Judge Beckwith's home, the original facility.

Continual expansion projects took place between 1906 and 1920. To accommodate the ever-increasing number of patients, a brick addition to house 50 additional persons was completed in 1920 at a cost of \$146,000. By the end of World War II and following the polio epidemic in Chicago in 1948, further construction was inevitable. As facilities were set up for polio treatment, it became apparent that Hinsdale Sanitarium was a general hospital and no longer a convalescent institution. At this time the leadership recognized that a decision to replace the old wooden structure would influence the future direction of Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital.

Dr. Paulson's plan for a convalescent sanitarium met an existing need in the early 1900's. With a total lack of hospital facilities in the area, the responsibility of providing necessary health care to the community soon fell upon the hospital. In keeping with its philosophy, the hospital met this emerging need. With strong community support, a new brick 195-bed hospital was built. Following its dedication on September 27, 1953,



Top left, The Drs. Paulson, founders of Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital. Lower left, Rehabilitation programs have been an important part of the hospital since its beginning. Top right, Judge Beckwith's home was the original sanitarium facility, and today the hospital has expanded to a modern 440-bed hospital (lower right).



the wood frame sanitarium building was razed. With the old wood timbers went the sanitarium concept of a hospital serving a small community.

The rapid population expansion of the villages surrounding Hinsdale necessitated subsequent major additions of the north and south wings. As more and more persons sought specialized care in the suburbs, Hinsdale Hospital developed facilities to provide the most advanced equipment and procedures in health care. Today the hospital is a 440-bed acute-care general hospital serving the Chicago suburbs. It serves as a referral center in specialized areas such as physical and radiation therapy. A recently established family practice residency center and three state-approved schools in practical nursing, medical technology and radiologic technology qualify the institution as a major teaching center in health-related fields.

Programs offered by the health education department reaffirm daily the hospital's commitment to provide educational opportunities for patients and community residents. All classes are structured to help those participating lead a better way of life.

On April 7, 1977, Hinsdale Hospital submitted a certificate of need to the state seeking approval for construction of an affiliate hospital in the Romeoville and Bolingbrook area, the fastest growing suburb in the Chicago Metropolitan area. This affiliate hospital will meet the need for acute-care beds in this area and will provide additional clinical exposure for students in the training programs at the san. The proposed facility will also attract several new primary-care physicians to locate in this area which at the present time has a low physician-to-population ratio.

Another project currently in the planning stages to be implemented in

the fall of 1977 is an alcoholism rehabilitation program based at Hinsdale Hospital. Because of the increase in the high number of alcoholics and the need for a rehabilitation unit in the western suburbs, Hinsdale Hospital is organizing such a unit with the help of physicians and administration.

The mission of Hinsdale Hospital is the same today as it was when the hospital was founded—Christian service. Today this service extends beyond the immediate community to other communities and other states. Those trained in medical-related educational programs at Hinsdale may choose to serve here or elsewhere.

Hinsdale Hospital is today preparing to meet tomorrow's challenges through Christ-centered educational programs coupled with some of the finest medical facilities in the western suburbs.



The former Hinsdale S.D.A. Church in the background has been remodeled and is now the new headquarters for the Hinsdale Family Medicine Center.

Throw a Pebble . . . Start a Practice

Throw a pebble into the lake and watch the ripples spread. The ripples vary in size, and the ripples of various pebbles join to form waves which have their affect upon both the shore and the objects afloat on the lake.

Start a family practice residency and watch the ripples spread in the Lake Union Conference. These ripples also vary in size, and start at the parent institution, Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital. Three of these ripples are clearly seen as follows: (1) **Quality Patient Care**—The presence of educational programs such as the family practice residency is a stimulus for excellence; (2) **Physician Recruitment**—Postgraduate educational programs bring more physicians to the area to become acclimated, thereby increasing the potential pool for the Lake Union; and (3) **Paramedical Recruitment**—Since the majority of the family practice residents are married, many of their mates bring with them expertise in several lines of duty. The residents can often influence friends and relatives to make a move as well.

Sixteen of the 18 family practice residents that will be in training as of July 1, 1977, are graduates of Loma Linda University. The family physician has been referred to by someone as the "people's doctor" since he looks at the *whole person* in the *whole family* as influenced by the *whole community*. Health education is an important element in family medicine at Hinsdale San.

Dr. David Paulson, the main force behind the founding of Hinsdale San in 1904, said it well, "You may not be able to bring to those who need your help, genius, or skill or wealth; but if the Lord has touched your heart, you can bring what is far better—compassion."

Everet W. Witzel, M.D., Ph.D.
Director of Medical Education and
Family Practice Residency



Through love and concern for each patient, nurses at Hinsdale Hospital are representing Christ to those they serve.

A Unique Service to Those in Need

by Donna Williard

Health care at Hinsdale Hospital is unique. As a large medical institution, Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital is an important educational institution which serves as a referral center for individuals requiring treatment in radiation and physical therapy as well as other areas. Other hospitals can duplicate equipment, procedures or physical facilities, but the Christian love and concern shown by the san's employees is uniquely its own.

The hospital's spiritual influence upon patients, visitors and community is determined by the attitude and conduct of each employee. This influence determines the ultimate success of the hospital's long-term goals. The goal to provide quality care has been realized. Continual upgrading of equipment and procedures assures patients of the most advanced health care available. Equal success can be

obtained for the long-term goal of spiritual healing as personnel strive together to represent Christ in every activity.

Nurses occupy a key position in a patient's personal care. Perhaps opportunities to witness are greater here than in other areas; if so, responsibilities are also greater. Nurses at Hinsdale realize that patient care involves much more than physical care. In crisis situations patients often express innermost feelings. Spiritual encouragement may be sought. As the Christian nurse keeps the ultimate goal of Christian service before her/him, many opportunities to present God's love to patients or visitors will be found. It requires a readiness to respond to any indication of a need or a desire with appropriate words.

If one does not work where direct communication is possible with patients, or where such communication is limited, then a smile or a friendly greeting must convey love and interest in that person. Everyone entering the hospital is impressed in some way. Mrs. White says, "The strongest argument in favor of the gospel is a loving and lovable Christian."—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 470. This is the influence everyone can have.

Even though the medical care may be outstanding, one word of impatience can destroy the good done. Every patient comes in contact with the business office either directly or indirectly. People are sensitive in this area. Brief contacts, often one time only, demand careful attention to



Chaplain Willis Graves visits a patient.

words. First impressions are important. "To share our faith with others we must first live it ourselves. We must always keep our ultimate goal foremost in our minds," says an employee in the business office.

As patients and visitors recognize the unique Christ-centered care given at Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital, hospital staff are given an opportunity to tell of the soon-coming Saviour.



A Message From Mid-American's President

Mid-American Health Services, Inc., is the newest member of the Lake Union Conference's family of health-care facilities. Mid-American operates six nursing and convalescent centers with a total of 937 beds in Wisconsin.

These facilities, ranging in size from 95 to 238 beds, offer the full range of nursing home services, from custodial to skilled care. More than 750 concerned employees including competent registered and licensed professional nurses, guided by skilled physicians, minister to Mid-American's nearly 900 residents around the clock.

Complementing the high quality of nursing services, other dedicated staff members including physical therapists, dietitians and occupational therapists complete the Mid-American team.

But Mid-American is more than nursing homes. Construction will begin this summer on three 60-unit apartment complexes for the elderly and handicapped, and plans are being made for the opening of a live-in health conditioning center.

Mid-American's recognized leadership in long-term health care is summed up in the organization's motto: "Caring about you while caring for you."

*Gary C. Whitworth, President
Mid-American Health Services, Inc.*



Top left, Gary Whitworth. Top right, Each resident of a Mid-American facility is given loving, individual care. Lower left, Jim Dalton, physical therapist at Marshfield Convalescent Center, assists a resident. Lower right, A resident of one of the facilities enjoys a craft project.



River Pines Community Health Center in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

The Story of Mid-American Health Services, Inc.

by Gary C. Whitworth

In 1947 the Wisconsin Conference Executive Committee voted to relocate Bethel Academy. Norris Howard, a local farmer and businessman, then a member of the Executive Committee, cast the only dissenting vote. He was concerned that the Bethel Church would wither and die after the academy was relocated.

When it became clear that the academy would move, Norris and his



Creative projects are an important part of a resident's life at Mid-American.

son, Harold, made an offer to purchase the property including the old buildings. For some time the two had been considering establishing a home for the aged and infirm. So in 1949 the father and son team ventured into what was then virtually unknown territory—the nursing home business. Bethel Convalescent Center was the beginning of what is now known as Mid-American Health Services, Inc.

In 1954 Norris and Harold began operating the Elmwood Nursing Home in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. The Beaumont Nursing Home, also in Prairie du Chien, was opened in 1957. The fourth facility to become a part of what was then known as Mid-American Nursing Homes, Inc., was the Marshfield Convalescent Center in 1964. This was followed by the Prairie du Chien Convalescent Center (1965), Lancaster Nursing Home (1966), River Pines Community Health Center in Stevens Point (1972) and the Colonial House of Colby (1973).

Norris and Harold, as dedicated Seventh-day Adventist laymen, operated Mid-American in accordance with the principles and standards of the church. Whenever possible, they strove to fill key positions with committed Seventh-day Adventists. Mid-American became a member of the Association of Privately Owned Seventh-day Adventist Services and Industries (A.S.I.) in 1950. Harold has been active as a national and chapter officer in the association.

In the early 1970's, Harold, then general manager of Mid-American, and his wife, Berniece, began considering the possibility of turning over the entire operation to the church. They contacted Glenn Aufderhar, director of trust services for the Wisconsin Conference. Harold's original idea was to simply make a gift of the organization to the church and completely remove himself from its ownership and management.

The conference quickly recognized its lack of management expertise in the complex nursing home business and prevailed upon Harold to remain active in the management of the organization for a few years. A nonprofit corporation was created January 22, 1972, to receive the gift. Glenn Aufderhar became the first president of the new corporation, and Harold Howard was named executive vice president. Elder Aufderhar has recently accepted a call to become secretary of the Washington Conference. Gary Whitworth has been named by the Mid-American Board of Directors to replace him.

Mid-American has recently joined with Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital and Battle Creek Sanitarium Hospital in the newly created Great Lakes Adventist Health Services, Inc.



*Love
may be blind*

... but *you* had better look at life with your eyes wide open. You and your loved ones are too important to settle for less than the very best. It's time for you to begin making choices that will shape the future.

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From top left, Harry Hartsock, Edward Robinson, Joel Hass, the Steering Committee, and Earl Laurence.

Great Lakes Adventist Health Services Organized

by Joel W. Hass

The Great Lakes Adventist Health Services is now a reality. What did it take to bring it about and why was there a necessity to organize a health services corporation?

Today the management of hospitals, nursing homes, and physician and dental clinics is a complex and specialized management function. This prompted the Lake Union officers to present to the Lake Union Committee the need for a health services organization that could manage the hospitals and nursing home chain of the Lake Union as well as conduct an on-going progressive physician/dental recruitment and placement program.

With this need identified, the Union Committee selected a Steering Committee to organize and name such a health service for the Lake Union. This committee was chaired by Earl Laurence, president designate of the new corporation. Representatives from Battle Creek Sanitarium Hospital,

Hinsdale Hospital, the conferences, and legal and professional medical advisors were assigned to the committee. Their assignment was to develop articles of incorporation and bylaws for the new corporation.

The committee met and drew up a list of priorities. A name for the corporation must first be decided upon. The geographical location and the mission of the corporation in its relationship to the church were a part of the decision to adopt the name of Great Lakes Adventist Health Services, Inc. Next a plan of action detailing the plans and objectives of the physician and dentist recruitment program for 1977 was adopted.

Considerable deliberation went into the development of articles of incorporation and bylaws. It was felt that the articles of incorporation of this new health services corporation should identify the church as the owner and operator and identify what

it definitely hopes to accomplish by the operation of a health facility. Today we have articles of incorporation that do identify the Great Lakes Adventist Health Services as an integral part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the role it will play in finishing the work.

The role of subsidiary institutions had to be identified. New articles of incorporation and bylaws needed to be studied for Hinsdale Hospital, Battle Creek Sanitarium Hospital and Mid-American Health Services of Wisconsin. Today the three subsidiary institutions have articles of incorporation and bylaws that are complete and consistent with those of the new corporation.

The work of the Steering Committee is completed. We now look forward to the operation of the Great Lakes Adventist Health Services as it directs the total health care services of the Lake Union.

Announcements

ILLINOIS

THE OLD CHICAGO CONFERENCE ACADEMY announces its sixth annual picnic to be held June 26 at the Schiller Woods, Grove No. 4, which is located north of Irving Park Road, west of Cumberland Avenue and east of the Des Plaines River, from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Signs will be posted. Alumni and their friends are urged to attend. Please bring your own food and utensils. Help is also requested in locating missing alumni and former students. Persons requesting further information or having names of alumni or former students may write to: Michael A. Rago, 5500 W. George St., Chicago, IL 60641 or by calling (312) 777-4981 evenings.

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All advertisements must be approved by your local conference office. No phoned ads will be accepted. Final ad deadline is Thursday, 9 a.m., 12 days before the date of issue. 50 words maximum. Limit of four insertions.

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Mileposts

WEDDING:

Kimberly Gene Jackson and George Norman Saxton were married May 15, 1977, in the Vincennes, Indiana, Church. Pastor Al Williams, minister of the Vincennes Church, officiated at the ceremony.

Kimberly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jackson of Petersburg, Ind., and George is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tipton of Vincennes.

The Saxtons will make their home in Vincennes, while Kimberly attends Vincennes University as a nursing student. George works as stock clerk for the I.G.A. supermarket in Vincennes.

OBITUARIES:

FOOTE, Arthur D., born Nov. 1, 1882, in Hillsdale, Mich., died May 4, 1977, in Dayton, Tenn. He was a member of the Wallaceville, Ga., Church.

Survivors include his wife, Nellie, now of Holly, Mich.; a son, Elwood of Ringgold, Ga.; a daughter, Esther Schroader of Beaver Dam, Ky.; 7 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

Services were conducted by Pastors Harold Kuebler and Deward Edgeman, and interment was in the Collegedale Cemetery, Collegedale, Tenn.

HILL, Lillie Mae, 84, born Dec. 11, 1892, in Knox County, Ind., died April 1, 1977, in Michigan City, Ind. She was a member of the Michigan City Church.

Surviving are her daughter, Josephine Cameron of Michigan City; a brother, Paul D. Hall of Ontario, Calif., and a granddaughter.

Services were held in the Utt Funeral Home by Pastor Al Williams, and interment was in the Oaktown Cemetery, Oaktown, Ind.

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