

UPDATE

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RECRUITMENT PROGRAM CONTINUES . . .

APPLICATIONS for all positions, including nursing, are being received at the Hospital Center. All personnel are reminded that in order to carry fringe benefits from one hospital to another, applications must be filed by April 1. The Hospital Center will confirm commitments by May 1 and the hospitals from which Hospital Center employees are transferring will be notified as these commitments are made.

Anyone wishing to be considered for a position at the Center should file an application as an indication of interest. A complete "Benefits Package" will be clearly delineated before any prospective employee will be asked to make a commitment.

THE HOSPITAL CENTER SCHEDULE calls for a phased opening, beginning with 73 beds on September 15 to 350 beds by mid-November. The build-up of staff will also be in accord with that schedule. The entire recruiting program has been designed to facilitate an orderly transition at all three hospitals.

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MEDICAL STAFF NOTES...

SOME CONFUSION apparently has surfaced regarding the subject of staff membership. The Board of Directors is fully cognizant of the rights and obligations established under the Settlement Agreement of July 31, 1972, as embodied in the final decree entered by the Court of Common Pleas of Lehigh County on August 3, 1972.

However, to clarify some of the issues that have been raised, it should be pointed out that in order to become a member of the Hospital Center staff, a physician must also be a member of the staff at either the Allentown Hospital or Sacred Heart Hospital. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the only exceptions to this rule are interns, residents and chiefs of service who may confine their membership to only one hospital staff.

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ORIENTATION TO CENTREX . . .

DON'T FORGET the week-long series of seminars that will be held at both the Allentown Hospital and Sacred Heart Hospital during the week of March 18.

WE'RE GRATEFUL to the volunteers from the Allentown Hospital and Sacred Heart Hospital who will join with our own Auxiliary members to assist callers for one week after the changeover to Centrex on April 1.

NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY . . .

This energetic and enthusiastic group of gals keeps the pot boiling with an exciting array of activities. Here are a few of the big items of news:

2nd ANNUAL TREE SALE Saturday, May 18, at the Center. Two varieties of shade tree, two varieties of flowering tree, geraniums and other annuals are being offered. Orders for trees should be placed and paid for by March 29; only a very few will be available on the day of the sale. There will be geraniums and other annuals available on May 18, although the Committee requests that as many of these orders as possible be placed in advance. Get your orders in now!

THE BIG TOP BALL Committee is planning a real gala for the evening of Saturday, June 8, under canvas at the Hospital Center site. Mrs. Henry J. Nave and Mrs. Leon C. Holt are co-chairing the event and all the essential committees have been formed and are hard at the business of planning. Keep the date open!

GIFT SHOP preparations are being made in anticipation of the September opening. Mr. Ralph Uff is chairman, Mrs. Pat Perin co-chairman, and their committee is already purchasing start-up inventory.

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THE BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORTS . . .

May 5 is the scheduled date for completion of all major construction. The project now stands at 86% completion.

U. S. DEPT. OF HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE has certified the Hospital Center 76% complete for purposes of releasing Hill-Burton funds. This means that \$1.4 million has been certified to date out of the total \$1.9 million grant awarded.

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UNDER DISCUSSION . . .

THE INADEQUACY OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION to the Hospital Center has been discussed by Hospital Center officials with both the Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority and the Allentown Suburban Bus Line. With the opening of the Hospital Center, the availability of public bus transportation will become even more important to our community, and every possible effort is being expended now to resolve the problem at the earliest date.