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PROBE: Personal Profile

Reporter John Martin, presents a transcript of his personal insights to Dr. Raymond Smith, Anesthesiologist.

Probe: What made you decide on your particular profession?

Dr. Smith: "I always wanted to be a doctor."

Probe: From childhood?

Dr. Smith: "Well, I remember from age 11, or about 5th grade that I always wanted to be a doctor."

Probe: What made you choose your specialty? (Anesthesia)

Dr. Smith: "Well frankly Dr. R. L. Schaeffer got me while I was an intern here at the hospital, in surgery. They needed some Anesthesiologists so I was 'drafted', finished my internship as an anesthesiologist and just kept on going from there."

Probe: What are your duties as Anesthesiologist?

Dr. Smith: "Well I'm one of the staff anesthesiologists. I give anesthesia, supervise nurses, get the patient on the table, off the table, sign them in, make pre-op rounds and generally see that the OR schedule is facilitated. I do spinal, nerve blocks and the like."

Probe: Did you ever want to be anything else?

Dr. Smith: "When I was in the service, the army thought I would make a better engineer than I would a doctor. They wanted me to go to West Point, where I was accepted, but I refused it. I went to Texas A&M, Texas Tech, University of Illinois and Washington University, while in the army. I came out just short of a degree in engineering. I went overseas as an engineer."

Probe: So you took your medical training outside the service?

Dr. Smith: "Yes, I was two years into pre-med when I went in the Army Specialized Training Program (A.S.T.P.), and had already been accepted at Temple on a preliminary basis, but when I got into the service they tried to push me into engineering because I hadn't enough credits for medicine yet. I went into engineering because my acceptance at medical school was provisional anyway. They just fooled around too long. After A.S.T.P. finished I went to X-Ray technicians school in Indianapolis, In-



Dr. Raymond Smith, staff Anesthesiologist

diana, of all things. Then I went overseas as a water supply engineer. I was over in Calcutta, India. After I got out of the service I finished pre-med at Muhlenberg and then went to the University of Buffalo for medicine.

Probe: Do you have any particular goals or projects you would like to accomplish?

Dr. Smith: "I don't know if you know this, but I have several patents I have been working on such as a breakway needle I developed and patented several years ago. Frankly that about covers the area of my accomplishments."

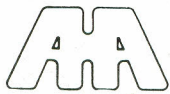
Probe: Then you hold some patents on medically related devices?

Dr. Smith: "Yes."

Probe: Where do you think your profession is headed in the next ten years?

Dr. Smith: "Well when I started (medical school) in Buffalo we were in the chloroform era. We gave chloroform by 'open drop.' Then we went to ether, cyclopropane, then fluothane and

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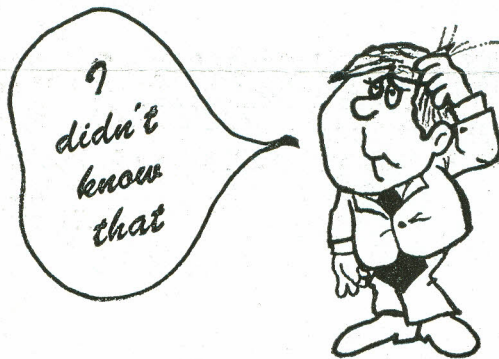
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Group Blood Assurance Plan

Bulletin to Members

Each year, Miller Blood Center requires a 20% quota of our enrollees, to donate a unit of blood. When it is your turn, Miller Blood Center will contact you to schedule an appointment. All members of the group are expected to donate or supply a substitute donor.

To insure proper credit to your group, donors must tell the Miller Blood Center they are donating for The Allentown Hospital Association. Substitute donors should also tell who they are subbing for.

Changed Your Family Status Lately?

Have you been married, had a child or any other change in your family since you joined the Blood Assurance Plan? Please report all changes to the Personnel Office, so we can keep your Blood Plan coverage up to date.

Enroll Now

Are you a member of the Blood Assurance Program? If you never filled out an enrollment card, then you are not. Why not do it now, in the Personnel Office?

If you have any questions about the Blood Assurance Plan, feel free to contact the Personnel Office.

To Allentown Hospital

by L. Lerch

(a patient here around October 31, 1975)

Within these walls of helpfulness
down thru the ages past;
Allentown Hospital still ranks
high in service unsurpassed.

Nurses in neat uniforms greet
patients with a smile;
Their tender loving care of
them goes far beyond the mile.

Doctors, too, their orders plain,
are carried out in full.
And when they come to the patient's room,
there are no ropes to pull.

When coming home, we'll ne'r
forget the service rendered there.
Keep Allentown Hospital where it is,
if you really really care!

The Administrator's Corner

by Orlando M. Bowen

A PROGRESS REPORT ON MEDICAL
BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

DENTISTRY:

We purchased a dental unit for Operating Room to permit restorative dentistry under anesthesia.

PEDIATRICS:

The Junior Aides have accepted the challenge to assist in redecorating W-2 & W-2-N.

Physicians, pediatrics staff and the architect are developing preliminary plans to renovate pediatrics and establish an adolescent unit.

PSYCHIATRY:

The NP Clinic staff is in preliminary discussion about the Annex being converted to additional space for the Mental Health / Mental Retardation unit. Plans for W-6 and MH/MR are being discussed with psychiatric physicians, also.

OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY:

Preliminary plans are being developed with OB/GYN physicians and nurses for an enlarged and modern OB Suite. The meetings were held Oct. 1, Nov. 5, and Nov. 18.

We are developing a temporary clinic area in old Section B. We plan to move the clinics to this area by Dec. 1, 1975.

We have received bids for renovating WGN into new clinics. The bids were presented to the Board of Trustees on Nov. 19, 1975.

SURGERY:

In consultation with the Chief of Surgery, Dr. Donald Gaylor, Drs. Glenn Schantz and William Frailey have been employed to assist surgeons in our Operating Rooms. These men will work under the supervision of the patient's attending surgeon.

Personal Profile

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penthrane and now we're getting into the intravenous methods. I think we're going to see more and more I.V. medications used because of pollution problems and various other things. I see a definite decline in inhalation anesthetics, those which are vaporized or volatile."

Probe: I've read where there have been problems with minute particles of anesthetic gases escaping and affecting O.R. personnel who are constantly exposed to them.

Dr. Smith: "They did a study and found that Anesthetists and OR personnel have more abortions and deformed children, or at least a statistically valid increase."

Probe: What legal implications are there as an Anesthesiologist?

Dr. Smith: "Well frankly Anesthesiologists are one of the highest risks as far as malpractice is concerned ranked with orthopedic and plastic surgeons. We are the highest risk category, in fact."

Probe: Are there any people in your profession that you have particular admiration for? You mentioned Dr. R. L. Schaeffer.

Dr. Smith: "I always admired him because he was the man who held The Allentown Hospital together in his day. I always called him a sort of Benevolent Dictator. I don't know if that would work in the present situation, but he was admired by everyone and got his work accomplished. Next would be Dr. Clifford Trexler. As far as I'm concerned he was a tremendous man and along with him, Dr. Yamashita. These are three great people, I think, of my era."

Probe: What do you hope your legacy will be to the hospital community?

Dr. Smith: "Serving the patient well, being involved in community service such as the Scouts movement and the Big Brother's Association. I'm also active in the Exchange Club. We have an Explorer Scout Troop associated with the hospital which meets every two weeks. So my legacy will be one of community service."

Happy Birthday To Sam

On June 3, 1975, Mr. Sam Paules was admitted to W1. He fast became a favorite patient.

On June 24th we all said goodbye to Sam, when he went home. The following week, Sam started to visit us daily at 1:00 P.M., come rain or shine.

Now its, "Pull up a chair, here comes Sam" and "Hi, Sam how are you?" . . . the usual greeting for the day.

November 12th was Sam's 75th birthday, so W1 had a party, complete with balloons, a crown for the "King" and a birthday cake.

In his working days, Sam was a Park Police, horse and motorcycle patrol, for 18 years. He also was street cleaning Superintendent for 18 years.

Student Nurses Give Blood Pressure Tests

Our student nurses were busy on October 21 and November 18, performing a community service.

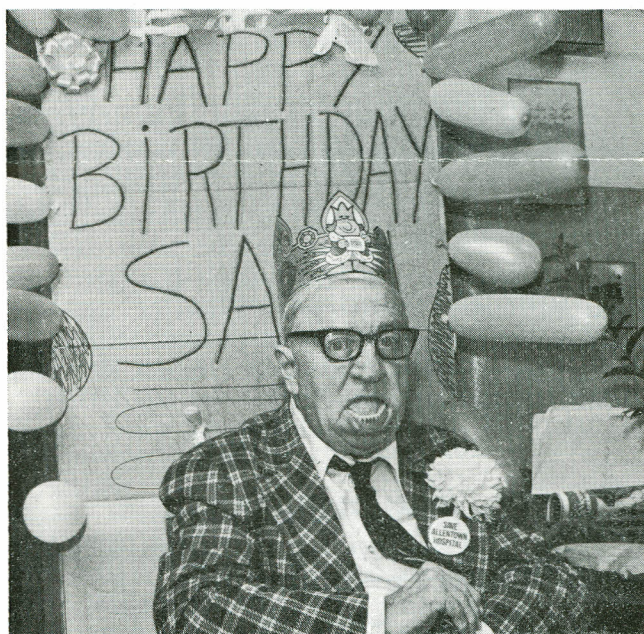
They gave free blood pressure tests as part of the Lehigh Valley Heart Association's hypertension screening program. Allentown Hospital is one of several monitoring stations throughout the Lehigh Valley, which serve the public.

Available to anyone, the tests were given in the School of Nursing. If high blood pressure is detected, the person is referred to a doctor; people who know they have high blood pressure can get a free checkup at any monitoring station.

Our student nurses have already referred several persons with hypertension to their physicians. This shows the need for the program and proves that it is working.



Lorain Hornberger, student nurse, checks Luz Martinenko's blood pressure as Beverly Lewis (rear) looks on. Beverly and Luz are Housekeeping Aides in the Nurses Residence.



"Birthday Boy" Sam Paules comically protrudes his dentures during the celebration.

Hospital Chatter

WANT ADS

FOR SALE — G. E. Portable Dishwasher, Avocado, Like New. \$125. Call 433-0417, after 4:30.

WANTED TO BUY — Piano, Spinnet or Console. Reasonably priced, in good condition. Dorothy Crago, Ext. 2385.

FOR SALE — '69 Ford, 2 Door, Sport. Color Silver Green. New '70 Engine, mag wheels, radio and heater. \$500. Call 767-6754, or see J. Distler, Maintenance.

BUY—SELL—Used household furniture, antiques, glassware. Call 767-6754 or see J. Distler, Maintenance.

CONGRATULATIONS

Rudolph Brown, Pharmacy Courier, and his wife Lillian celebrated their 50th anniversary on October 17.

They were honored with an open house at their home on October 19th, given by their three children, Rudolph Jr., Dorothea Seibert, and William. Rudy and Lillian have six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

EDUCATION

Irene Danko, R.N., Instructor of Medical-Surgical Nursing, recently graduated Cum Laude from East Stroudsburg State College with a B.S. in Education.

P.S. — It took 6½ years of night classes, including summers.

Barbara Iobst, Medical Librarian, attended the Institute of Effective Library Management conducted jointly by the American Hospital Association and the Medical Library Association November 5-7, in Boston.

Margaret Weider, Personnel Director, and Brad Waldman, Interviewer/Counselor, attended a seminar on Equal Employment and Affirmative Action, held by the Allentown Human Relations Commission, November 14.

ENGAGEMENTS

Charleen Aronowitz, Laboratory Clerk, is engaged to Charles Pearsall.

Debra Cronrath, Fiscal Affairs, was engaged to Michael Billowitch, Maintenance, on November 1, 1975.

BIRTHS

Dr. Richard Allman and wife Suzanne are the parents of Steven, born October 29, 1975.

Laura Jo Younes, Fiscal Affairs and husband Salem are the parents of a daughter, Senaah, born October 30, 1975.

George Whary, Housekeeping, and wife Theresa are the parents of Heather Erna, born November 13.

Bruce Whary, Housekeeping, is the grandfather of Heather Whary (above).

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Scott Fatzinger from Dishmachine Operator, Dietary to Housekeeping Aide.

Andrew Kanusky, from Dishmachine Operator, Dietary to Housekeeping Aide.

MARRIAGES

Michele Horvath, Nursing Education, married Larry Rothermel on October 25, 1975.

Cartoon Feature



"Rest assured Ms. Smythe . . . No computer will ever replace you."