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Hospital Joins Disaster Drill



DISASTER DRILL — A "victim" of the recent Civil Defense Disaster Drill receives treatment in the hospital's Emergency Room from Deborah Zweifel, left, normally assigned to W1, Margaret Parry, center, and Deborah Thomas, right, both ER nurses. The drill went smoothly and participants received praise from administration. "The community and our employees should feel confident, that as a team, The Allentown Hospital can function most satisfactorily under almost any emergency," said Kalman Fortoloczki and Lee Hawk, vice presidents.

For the first time in three years, it wasn't the real thing when The Allentown Hospital activated its Disaster Plan Saturday, July 29, from 9 a.m. to Noon.

The hospital, participated in a regional disaster drill sponsored by Civil Defense. The plan called for a simulated air crash at A.B.E. Airport with approximately 200 "injured" victims who were rushed to various hospitals from Allentown to Easton. The casualties—volunteers - included about 30 "dead." The rest had injuries ranging from near fatal to superficial.

The Allentown Hospital received 11 "victims" from the crash.

Ironically since the last civil defense disaster drill in 1975, the hospital has activated its disaster plan three times, once in 1975 and twice in 1976.

In 1975 hospital personnel and physicians were on hand to treat victims of a bus accident on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Fortunately no patients were admitted from the accident.

In 1976 the plan was immediately activated

following an explosion at a local industry. However, there were no injuries from the powerful blast which rocked the Lehigh Valley.

When a gas explosion ripped through several houses in Allentown Aug. 8, 1976, the plan was activated once again, this time to receive severely injured firemen. Two Allentown firemen were killed in the blast.

Prior to the last drill in 1975, The Allentown Hospital was the focal point for the treatment of patients following two disasters that occurred in the area.

In July 1970 scores of children involved in a bus accident on Rte. 22 near New Smithville were rushed to the Allentown Hospital and other Allentown hospitals for treatment. Seven children died in that crash and 52 were injured.

In February 1973 a gas explosion in Coopersburg killed five and injured 16. The majority of the injured were treated at The Allentown Hospital.

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Voluntary Effort

The Allentown Hospital has been certified as a participant in the Pennsylvania Voluntary Effort of health care cost containment by the Pennsylvania Voluntary Health Care Cost Containment Committee.

Our Board of Trustees and the medical staff have endorsed the national Voluntary Effort program, and the hospital has submitted to the statewide committee financial data regarding the institution's total expenses for the most recent three-year period.

The hospital also has agreed to submit regular reports indicating that operating and capital budgets are being reassessed for possible reductions consistent with sound medical practice, and to document specific examples of cost containment projects which might prove helpful to other institutions. The program calls for containment by the hospital to explore all reasonable cost containment projects which might be taken by the hospital or jointly with other institutions.

The Voluntary Effort is a national cost containment program spearheaded by the American Hospital Association, American Medical Association, and Federation of American Hospitals.

In Pennsylvania, The Hospital Association of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Medical Society launched the program which now is directed by a blue-ribbon committee representing hospitals, the medical profession, health insurers, health maintenance organizations, health planning agencies, health care equipment suppliers, business and labor.

Through the efforts of the Committee and the cooperation of all elements of the health care delivery system it is hoped the increases in health care costs can be brought more in line with the annual growth in Gross National Product.

Disaster Drill

The first "victims" of Saturday's drill began arriving at the hospital between 10 and 10:30 a.m. The "living" and the "dead" were segregated by emergency room physicians and residents in the driveway. At the same time a radiation technician from Nuclear Medicine checked patients for radioactive contamination.

Patients were "tagged" and sent in to the emergency room where they were "triaged" by physicians to assess their conditions. Physicians treated shock and stabilized patients in extreme trauma. Those considered critical and in need of surgery were sent immediately to the OR. Those requiring further evaluation were admitted to W2N which was evacuated for a holding area for disaster victims. W2N was staffed by several hospital and medical residents. The "walking wounded" were sent to the clinic area.

The control center for the drill was in the hospital's administrative offices.

During the drill all entrances to the hospital were locked except for the doors at the main entrance and the emergency room. Only authorized personnel were given access to the hospital during the three-hour long drill. The Allentown Police Department diverted traffic in a one way, clockwise, pattern, north on 17th Street and south on West Street.

The nursing school lounge was designated as a waiting station for families of victims.

In post-drill critiques it was agreed by participants that hospital personnel performed well. Some problem areas were pointed out, particularly poor communication between ambulance crews and the ER. Too many people were using the same frequency, said Dr. Robert Fenstermacher, ER chief. Triaging at the disaster site was considered inadequate. The distribution of patients to various hospitals was unrealistic, reported Dr. Donald Gaylor, Chief of Surgery. Some physicians believed the "victims" were stabilized too quickly. But all agreed the drill was a valuable experience.

The Faucets Went Dry

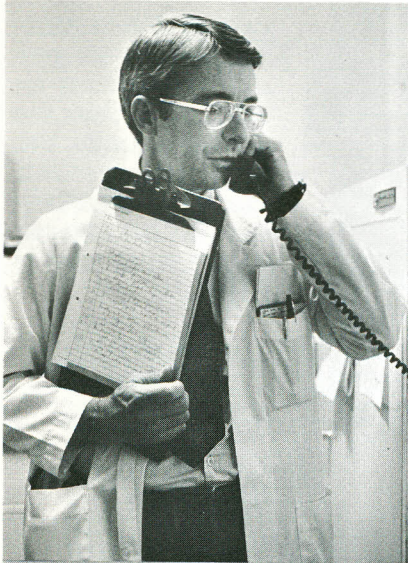
While some hospital personnel were training for a disaster, others were faced with a real crisis - a water shortage.

At 7 a.m. Saturday most of Allentown's water supply was cut off and the hospital's faucets went dry. However, the engineering department and administration were able to deal with the problem. The hospital purchased 32 gallons of bottled water to be handed out to patients. Another 32 gallons of Civil Defense water, stored in the Schaeffer basement, were released for an emergency dialysis procedure.

In event of fire a fire department pumper would have hooked up to one of three stand pipes outside the hospital to activate the sprinkler system and the fire hoses. There was enough water on hand to keep the boilers going for about two days.

Hospital employees ate with plastic utensils and plates and drank what liquid they could find.

Photo Update . . . Disaster Drill



Dr. Gerald Morrow, Director, Disaster Committee

**Dr. Shelagh Talbot OB-GYN
Dr. Judith Edwards, OB-GYN
Victoria LaPorte, UR**

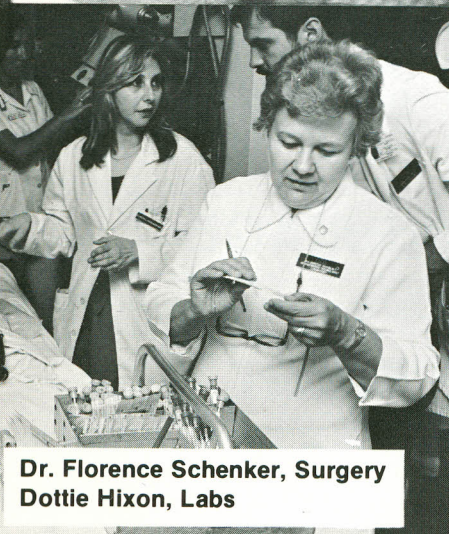
**John Mitch, Pulmonary
Deborah Zweifel, W1**



Margaret McGuire, Sec. J.



**Deborah Thomas, ER
Dr. John Ducey, F.P.
Margaret Parry, ER**



**Dr. Florence Schenker, Surgery
Dottie Hixon, Labs**



**Kathy Varley, X-Ray
Susan Hirner, X-Ray**



**Andy Geshan, Infection Control
Brad Waldman, Risk Manager**



CLASS OF 78 — These eight medical technology students graduated from the hospital's school of Medical Technology July 29. They are, from left to right, standing, Anuradha Malhotra, Susan Gaugler, Jackie Johnson and Joan Raudenbush. From left to right, seated are: Diane Miller, Brenda Gross, Georgeanne Pivovarnik and Linda Haberern.

Hospital Graduates 8 Technologists

Eight Medical Technologists graduated from the Allentown Hospital School of Medical Technology, Friday, July 29, marking the 39th graduation exercises held by the school which began in 1939.

The school offers a one year program of laboratory training to students who have already completed three years of college education or who have already received a Bachelor's degree. During the year the students are rotated through the various laboratory departments which include Chemistry, Hematology, Blood Bank, Urinalysis, Serology and Microbiology. Upon completion of the course the students receive a certificate of Medical Technology from the Allentown Hospital and a Bachelor's degree from their respective colleges if they have not already received one.

Those graduating in the class of 1978 were: from Allentown, Susan E. Gaugler, 212 S. 13th St., Brenda J. Gross, 992 N. 32nd St. and Diane J. Miller, 1537 N. 24th St. From Whitehall, Linda J. Haberern, 4205 Lehigh St., and Anuradha Malhotra, 750-C Mickley Run Apts.; Jackie A. Johnson, Hackettstown, N.J., Georgeanne Pivovarnik, Scranton, and Joan Raudenbush, Philadelphia.

A new class of eight students began Tuesday, Aug. 1. They are: Vicki L. Buss, Alburtis; Frederika s. Rhodes, Wescoesville; Deborah L. Bassett, Newton, N.J.; Joseph V. Bazzarri, Old Forge, Pa.; Jeanne M. Bostrom, Wellsboro, Pa.;

School of Nursing Receives Grant

The Allentown Hospital School of Nursing has received a \$16,156 grant from the Helene Fuld Health Trust, of New York City, to be used for the purchase of an automatic ice maker, washing machines, electric dryers and a mini bus to transport student nurses to cooperating Hospitals, health care facilities and geriatric centers for clinical experience.

The grant brings to approximately \$156,000.00 the amount the trust has allocated to the Nursing School since 1973.

Previous grants provided funds for audio-visual and library equipment and materials, video-tape equipment, library books, photocopy machine, office equipment and renovation to the nursing school.

The Helene Fuld Health Trust was established by the late Dr. Leonhard Felix Fuld in 1935 in memory of his mother, a health crusader and educator in New York City in the 1880's. It supports a broad range of programs at 126 schools of nursing throughout the United States and internationally.

The Allentown Hospital School of Nursing is the only health care institution in the Lehigh Valley receiving funds from the trust which was established exclusively for the health, education and welfare of student nurses.

Sandra Ann Schmidt, Charlotte Harbor, Fla.; Charlotte E. Torongo, Yardley, Pa. and Jane E. Turner of Wappingers Falls, N.Y.

Radiologic School To Graduate Four

Four students from The Allentown Hospital School of Radiologic Technology will graduate Thursday, August 31, marking the ninth class to graduate since the school was founded in 1968.

The four students are: Jan Freeman, Trudy Jiorle, Kathryn Krebs and Brenda Kacmar.

The four have completed the two year course which includes Radiological Physics, Anatomy and Physiology, Principle of Radiographic Exposure, Psychology, Radiation Therapy, Nuclear Medicine as well as clinical education.

According to Charles Natterman, Educational Coordinator for the school, 45 students have graduated since the first class entered in 1968. Natterman added that the school is held in high regard for its excellence. Since it opened, none of the graduates has failed the certification exam given by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

Yearly, the school receives an average of 60 applicants and has space for 7. Tuition is \$100 for the two years and the students work year round.

The course instruction and clinical work is offered in the hospital's X-Ray department and at the school of nursing.

Natterman has been in charge of the school since 1968. He spent eight years in the air force before coming to work for the hospital in 1967 as an X-Ray Technologist.



Top left — Jan Freeman
Top right — Trudy Jiorle
Bottom left — Kathryn Krebs
Bottom right — Brenda Kacmar

Hospital to Join UW Day, Sept. 30

The Allentown Hospital, along with 25 agencies receiving funds from United Way, will participate in the fifth annual United Way Day on Hamilton Mall, to be held from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30.

Participating agencies will have displays and offer various services on a segment of the mall. The block between 8th and 9th Sts., has been tentatively selected as the site for the event.

The Allentown Hospital, one of 12 health related participants, will offer EKG's and maintain a blood pressure clinic, operated by student nurses. The Lehigh Valley Poison Center, headquartered in the ER, plans a display as does the Home Care Department. The EKG's will be offered in the lobby of the P P & L Building. The other displays are scheduled to be located on the street. The Allentown Hospital Community Relations will coordinate publicity for the participating United Way health care agencies.

The hospital receives an annual grant from United Way. Last year's allocation was \$10,000.

80 Freshman Arrive Aug. 21

Eighty freshman nursing students from Pennsylvania and New Jersey will begin their first day at The Allentown Hospital School of Nursing Monday, August 21, and then begin a week of orientation prior to the start of classes, August 28.

Of the 80 students, all are girls with the exception of two men, Joseph Collette, Jr. of 214 S. St. Cloud St., Allentown and Richard Walker of 845 Maple St., also Allentown.

The week of orientation includes parent-student-faculty conferences, uniform fittings, group conseling, equipment demonstrations, orientation to the hospital and various parties and receptions.

All the new students except one are from Pennsylvania. Many are from the Lehigh Valley area. The lone out-of-stater is Karen Lynn Frey from Alpha, N.J.

Three students are the offspring of physicians. Ruth Louise Rappaport is the daughter of Dr. Melvin Rappaport; Beth Ann Martin is the daughter of Dr. Philip Martin and Anne Mary Snyder is the daughter of the late Dr. Peter Miraldo. Anne Mary's mother, Mrs. Peter Miraldo is a graduate of the school of nursing.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY-
The Junior Aides gave a Christmas Party for the kids on peds and Mary Ann Amole, RN, Peds, played Santa Claus. Jacob McCloskey of Jim Thorpe, doesn't know what to make of it.

To The Editor

For the past three years, the Rape Crisis Council of Lehigh Valley has felt fortunate to work in close cooperation with the Emergency Room, OB-GYN clinic and Pathology staffs. We would like to take the time to say a special word of praise and a big thanks to all of you. Since the middle of July we have seen a new victim of rape almost daily. We are the first to realize how complicated and difficult an examination of a rape victim can be. In our continued contact with these people, we have noted they frequently mention the kindness shown them with respect to their treatment by the AGH doctors and nurses. Of course, they don't see the work of the Pathologists and the laboratory. We know you are all there working for the victim. We thank you for them.

Nancy Yarrish
Director

Hospital Chatter

FOR SALE — Green Sofa, three cushions, over 80" long. Like new. \$150. Call 439-8090 ext. 2231.

FOR SALE — 1972 Buick LeSabre, full power, air conditioning, excellent condition. Only 35,000 miles, one owner. Asking \$2,000. Price includes mounted snow tires. Contact Clayton Lentz, Housekeeping, 434-1814 after 4:30.

WANTED — Hedges - Tired of those hedges. I'm looking for a hedge row "fence." Will dig it out. Call Nancy Gibiser, 262- 0157.

AVAILABLE — Free admission tickets to the Philadelphia Zoo for hospital employees. See Arlene, Administration.

FOR RENT — Apartment, 218 N. 16th St., three rooms and bath, 3rd floor, heat included, air conditioned. \$140 per month. Available Aug. 1. Call Haffner, 264-9305.

FOR RENT — Two bedroom half double near center city, new furnace, new kitchen, washer, dryer, newly painted. See Arnold Fritz, 068-0968 after 6 p.m.

Comings -- Goings

COMINGS

Leshko, Marilyn	Nursing	Gen Staff Floater	Eve	PT
Hoersch, Virginia	Nursing	Gen Staff T5	Eve	
Ercolani, Sharon	Nursing	Gen Staff W6	Eve	
Godtfriing, Deborah	O.R.	Gen Staff	Day	
Hirak, Georgette	O.R.	Gen Staff	Day	
Coughlin, Sharon	Laboratory	Technician	Day	
Kookan III, Stephen	Dietary	Dishmachine Oper.	Day	PT
Christman, Norman	Housekeeping	Hskg. Aide	Day	PT
Pinero, Fior	Housekeeping	Hskg. Aide	Day	
Traupman, Mark	Housekeeping	Hskg. Aide	Day	
Hahn, Dolores	Nursing	Gen Staff on Call	Day	PT
Adams, Jr., Robert	Nursing	Aide W6	Eve	PT
Herman, Diane	Nursing	Gen Staff Nursery	Ngt	
Rankin, Margaret	Nursing	Gen Staff Nursery	Eve	
Moyer, Brian	O.R.	Gen Staff	Day	
Sook, Irene	Nursing	Aide CSR	Day	
Kondravy, Elizabeth	Blood Bank	Med. Technologist	Day	
Borger, Eric	Pharmacy	Pharmacist	Day	
Calesnick MD, Jay	Med. Serv.	PGY-I Flexible	Day	
Diehl, Scott	Dietary	Dishmachine Oper.	Day	PT

GOINGS

Choley, Betty	O.R.	Gen Staff	Day	
Snyder, Nancy	O.R.	Gen Staff	Eve	PT
Strohl, Cheryl	O.R.	Gen Staff	Day	
Pandolfi, Lisa	Nursing	Gen Staff L&D	Eve	
Shanck, Denise	Laboratory	Med Tech	Eve	
Schlegel, Jr., Herbert	Radiology	Orderly	Day	PT
Misero, Rocco	Fiscal Affairs	Accountant	Day	
Best, Carol	Nursing	LPN SJ	Ngt	PT
Bright, Sandra	Nursing	Gen Staff ICU	Day	
Long, Bonita	Nursing	Gen Staff ICU	Ngt	
Stern, Linda	Nursing	Gen Staff T4	Ngt	
Keppel, Dennis	O.R.	Orderly	Day	
Derr, Audrey	Housekeeping	Hskg. Aide	Day	
Kane, Pauline	Housekeeping	Hskg. Aide	Day	
Petri, Jane	Fiscal Affairs	Messenger	Day	PT
VanHorn, Nancy	Nursing	Head Nurse S4	Day	
Brobst, Robert	O.R.	Orderly	Day	
Haberern, Linda	Laboratory	Aide	Day	PT
Johnson, Jacqueline	Laboratory	Aide	Day	PT
Pivovarnik, Georgeanne	Laboratory	Aide	Day	PT
Jones, Debra	Resp. Therapy	Technician	Day	PT
Sycher, Darryl	Dietary	Dishmachine Oper.	Day	PT
Dimmich, Gregory	Housekeeping	Hskg. Aide	Day	TE

MARRIAGE

Diane Demko, R.N., to David Fritts, June 17.

BIRTH

Gerry Hawkey, RT and Paulette, WI are the parent of a baby girl, Meghan Ruth, born June 26.