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Auxiliary begins photographic service for new born infants. Showing the new camera are (l to r) Miss Joy Pittenger, Mrs. John Isaacs, and Mrs. Lawton Levy. (See Page 4 for story)

## Mr. Richard K. Weil Elected Board President

The Board of Directors has elected Mr. Richard K. Weil as President of Jewish Hospital.

Mr. Weil, who has served as a vice-president of the hospital, succeeds Mr. Major B.



Einstein, who retired after seven years in the presidency.

At the same meeting, Mr. John Shoenberg was elected a vice-president to replace Mr. Weil, and Mr. Robert H. Mayer, Mrs. Maurice E. Mendle and Mr. Millard A. Waldheim were re-elected as vice-presidents.

Mr. Norman Bierman was named as secretary succeeding Mr. Henry H. Stern.

Mr. Louis Tiger was re-elected to serve as treasurer of the hospital.

Subsequent to election as Vice-President of the Board, Mr. Mayer was honored by being elected President of the Community Chest which necessitated his resigning the former

position. He was formerly President of Jewish Sanatorium and continued to head the Long Term Illness Division after the Health Plan Merger.

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## Dr. Pareira Appointed Director of Surgical Services

Dr. Morton D. Pareira has been appointed Director of the Division of Surgical Services and will assume his duties on May 1, 1954. Dr. Pareira, the first surgeon to hold this office on a full time basis, has been associated with the Jewish Hospital for a number of years.



He is a graduate of the Washington University School of Medicine. He interned at Jewish Hospital and received residency training in surgery at St. Louis City Hospital and Ellis Fischel Cancer Hospital. He is presently a member of the faculty in surgery at Washington University, Attending Surgeon at Homer G. Phillips Hospital, and Associate Surgeon at Jewish Hospital.

Dr. Pareira is author and co-author of a number of publications, particularly in the field of metabolism as related to surgery.

## DR. SOMOGYI HONORED

On January 13, 1954 the Medical Staff expressed its appreciation of Dr. Michael Somogyi's contribution to the professional development of the hospital and the many honors he has brought our institution in the form of a testimonial banquet held at the Congress Hotel. Almost 265 guests attended, including



*Dr. J.G. Probststein (l.) presenting gift from medical staff to Dr. Somogyi.*

members of the Board of Directors and a number of Dr. Somogyi's scientific confreres. Among the latter were Dr. Philip Shaffer, formerly Professor and Chairman of the Department of Biochemistry and Dean of the School of Medicine, Washington University; Drs. Carl and Gerti Cori, Nobel Prize Winners and presently Professors of Biochemistry, School of Medicine, Washington University; Drs. George Bishop and Ethel Ronzoni Bishop of the faculty of the School of Medicine, Washington University.

Dr. E.A. Doisy, Nobel Prize Winner and Professor and Chairman of the Department of Biochemistry, School of Medicine, St. Louis University and longtime friend of Dr. Somogyi was unable to attend, but sent a message of congratulations.

Dr. J.G. Probststein acted as Toastmaster and presented Dr. Somogyi with a check as a

gift from the medical staff.

Dr. Somogyi has served as biochemist for the Jewish Hospital for over 25 years. He came to this hospital when the field of biochemistry was in its infancy and succeeded in literally bringing the facilities of the laboratory to the patient's bedside. He developed tests for the diagnosis of certain diseases, particularly pancreatitis and devoted his research to the field of the action of insulin and the treatment of the diabetic patient. In these areas of medical research he is recognized as an international authority and recently received the Ernst Bischoff award from the American Society for Clinical Chemists for his research accomplishments.

## Administrative Resident Begins Duties

Mr. Robert Stone became a member of the Jewish Hospital family last month, in the capacity of Resident in Hospital Administration. Mr. Stone, who is a student of hospital administration at Columbia University in New York, will spend one year here in field training for his degree.



His duties will bring him into contact with every department of the hospital. In addition, he will be associated with suitable committees and special projects.

Mr. Stone is a native New Yorker who graduated from the City College of N.Y. and subsequently spent two years with the Army of Occupation in Europe.

His outside interests are reading, chess and listening to classical music.

# Auxiliary News

## SPRING MEETING ANNOUNCED

A glamorous spring meeting of the Women's Auxiliary has been planned for Wednesday, May 12, at which time a lavish buffet luncheon and fashion show will be held at Stix, Baer and Fuller.

Invitations will be sent to all members of the Auxiliary and because of limited seating capacity in the Founder's Hall, members are urged to make reservations immediately.

The luncheon, which will be given at 12 noon, will be immediately followed by a brief business meeting. At this time new officers will be installed, service emblems will be awarded and a substantial gift will be presented by the Auxiliary to the Jewish Hospital.

Following the meeting, a fashion show of summer styles, accompanied by the music of Russ David's orchestra will be held.

The program committee which has been hard at work to complete plans for the annual meeting consists of: Mrs. Harry Milton, chairman, Mrs. Martin Meltzer, co-chairman, Mrs. Sam Cohen, Mrs. Albert Felberbaum, Mrs. Hyman Senturia, Mrs. Alfred Gelfand and Mrs. Frank Wolff.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Mrs. Robert Aronson, president of the Women's Auxiliary, has appointed a nominating committee which is empowered to fill several executive vacancies in the Auxiliary. These new offices include two new vice-presidents, one treasurer, and one recording secretary, all two year terms, and ten new board members to serve three year terms.

The nominating committee is composed of Mrs. Harry Franc, Jr., chairman. Mrs. Alfred Gelfand, Mrs. Paul Felberbaum, Mrs. Lawton Levy, Mrs. Melvin B. Kirstein, Mrs. Joseph Ruwitch, Mrs. Donald Ross, Mrs. Max Salniker and Mrs. Charles Serkes.

Names chosen by the nominating committee will be mailed to the membership by April 12. Any new names to be submitted may be sent to the chairman, Mrs. Harry Franc, Jr.

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## Photo Service For New Born Babies Sponsored By Auxiliary

Through the efforts of the Women's Auxiliary, a photo-identification service has been set up in the nursery of Jewish Hospital. Mrs. John Isaacs, Jr., chairman of this committee, said the service was begun primarily to supply the parents with an early picture of baby.

Every new mother is shown a kit which contains one 5 x 7 photograph and six birth announcements with a wallet size picture of her baby. These can be ordered in multiple amounts.

When baby is 24 hours old, a nurse wheels his bassinet under an automatic camera, presses a pedal and that's all there is to it. The pictures are also given to the hospital and the physicians for their records and as a secondary means of identification. An identification form is photographed with the baby to provide the necessary information.

Twenty-five per cent of the proceeds  
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*Photo Service (Cont. from Page 4)*

of the pictures parents buy are kept by the Jewish Hospital to buy necessary equipment. Thus the Women's Auxiliary has offered another new and valuable service to the Jewish Hospital.

## GIFT GALLERY HAS A BIRTHDAY

Gift Gallery's birthday celebration on February 12, provided more than 500 patients, employees, physicians, and visitors with the opportunity of enjoying cake and coffee while congratulating this highly successful Auxiliary project on its first year of operation.



*Employees help Gift Gallery celebrate; five cakes like those above were a feature attraction.*

A three tier birthday cake located in the lobby set the theme for both the birthday party in the Board Room as well as the house-warming being given in Gift Gallery's newly acquired quarters in room 101.

## Remember Tribute Fund

Do a good deed while remembering your friends and loved ones! Send a contribution, no matter how small, to the Jewish Hospital Tribute Fund, in honor of speedy recoveries from illnesses, birthdays, anniversaries as well as in memory of individuals. The Tribute Fund goes toward aiding research, buying appliances for clinic patients and other worthy projects. Send your check, payable to Jewish Hospital Tribute Fund, to Mrs. Henry H. Stern, chairman, 6310 Waterman Ave., or Mrs. Clarence T. Eckert, co-chairman, 410 North Newstead Ave., St. Louis.

## Dr. Blumenthal To Make Presentation In London About Aging

Dr. H. T. Blumenthal, Pathologist and Director of the Division of Laboratories of the Jewish Hospital has been invited to present reports of his work on Aging at the Second International Gerontological Congress to be held in London, England during the week of July 19. Dr. Blumenthal will present two reports, one dealing with glandular aspects of aging entitled, "An Evaluation of the Role of the Pituitary in Aging Processes in the Thyroid, Parathyroid and Adrenal Glands," and the second dealing with the subject of hardening of the arteries titled, "Mechanical Factors in the Genesis of Arteriosclerosis."

This trip will receive financial support from two donors who are also supporting Dr. Blumenthal's research on Aging, Mr. Morton May, Sr., who maintains the David May-Florence G. May Research Fund and Mrs. Jack London, who maintains the Louis Monheimer Memorial Research Fund.

## Housekeeping Department Begins Training Program For Executive Housekeepers

Mrs. Anne J. Vestal started her newly developed Supervisory Training Program for Executive Housekeepers, March 1. The year long course is designed to give both academic and practical experience in all phases of hospital housekeeping.

Mrs. Vestal was assisted by Miss Imogene Laswell, Personnel Director, in the selection and screening of applicants. Students selected for the course are Loretta Mundhenke and Violet Franklin. Participating in certain phases of the course are Barbara Doherty and Thelma Reeves.

# WARDS AND CORRIDORS

## ENGINE ROOM EPIC

The Engineering Department welcomes two new members to its staff, Manual Armsby and Buell Evans, both Maintenance Men.

Chief engineers from St. Louis hospitals met at the Jewish Hospital on March 2, to organize an association in which they can exchange ideas about their field. Mr. William Conrad, Chief Engineer of the Jewish Hospital, was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the group.

## MAIL ROOM MEMO

The month of March was a bright one for Mary Wright! She received one big present for her birthday and anniversary. . . Her husband was discharged from the army and arrived home in time to celebrate both occasions.

## THE VIEWING BOX

A farewell party washeld for Dr. Elliott Wyloge, Assistant Radiologist, who left for private practice in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

A bridal shower was given for Mary Ann Luetkemeyer, our stenographer, who became Mrs. Joseph Beaver, February 6.

Joe Wright from City Hospital and Warren Dixon from Scott Field have joined our staff as Technicians.

## STAFF ROUNDS

Dr. S.J. Freund has been elected to the St. Louis Surgical Society. It has been announced that Dr. Jules Kopp has been elected a delegate from Missouri to the American Association of Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. J.G. Probststein presented a paper entitled "Pseudocysts of the Pancreas" at the Central Surgical Association in Detroit on February 20.

Nassau, B.I., is reported recovering from the recent visit made there by Drs. Sidney Jick and Marcy Goldstein. With Dr. Sidney Goldenberg safely away at Koch Hospital for the next four months, Dr. Murray Chinsky has lost his ping pong partner, making way for the formidable Handler-Blumenthal team. Attention is called to the dark-horse Administration team of Stone-Wozniak.

Janice and Sidney Goldenberg have announced the birth of 8 pound, 6 ounce Jack Clifford on March 15.

## OFF THE RECORD

The Medical Records Department has a granddaughter! Alice Doyle and husband Pat are the charmed parents of Kim Bernice, a seven pound-eight ounce baby daughter, born January 11. The Record Department feels lost without Alice after almost ten years of service, but we are mighty proud of our baby.

## NURSING NOTES

On February 8 the School of Nursing welcomed 19 students of the University of Missouri Collegiate Program. They were the guests of honor at a Valentine party sponsored by the students on the following evening.

Although plans for next Fall are placed in the "future" category by most of us at the present time, this was not the case with 32 high school seniors who came into the School for pre-entrance examinations on February 13. They have decided on a future in Nursing and hope to make it a reality by qualifying now for enrollment in the Fall.

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# Divisional Patter

## Medical Social Service Division

Mary McKeever, Director of Social Service, was selected by the St. Louis Civil Service Commission to serve on the Oral Interview Board for Medical Social Workers. This Board examines applicants for positions in the social service departments of the city medical institutions.

The Home Care Program has created a great deal of interest in the community since its institution, and we are receiving many requests for speakers on this subject. Dr. Littaer has addressed the St. Louis Chapter of the American Association of Medical Social Workers, and Mrs. Evelyn Mann, Home Care Social Worker, has spoken to the Social Work staff of the Veterans' Administration Regional Office.

Mr. Joe Savan, Physical Therapist, spoke at our departmental staff meeting in January. He pointed out areas where the Social Service department can be of assistance in physical therapy. Dr. Blanche Sweet, Chief Psychologist in the Neuropsychiatric Clinic, spoke to our staff in March on how the work of the psychologist and the social worker are related.

Diana Yip, Social Worker, is a first class cook of Chinese food. Diana grew up in Shanghai but has been living in the U.S. for the past seven years. She is famous in the Social Service Department for her sweet-sour pork and fried rice.

Margaret Fette has joined the Social Service Department as secretary.

## Miriam Rehabilitation Division

Mrs. Vivien Chevillon, of the People's Art Center, has generously volunteered her time to give instruction to patients in painting and sketching. This new project was started in January and is proving very valuable since it combines therapy and recreation. Mrs. Chevillon holds weekly classes and the patients are thoroughly enjoying the new activity.

## Chronic Disease Division

The Sanatorium has some new faces: Virginia Hanna, R.N., has been placed in charge of the nursing program and Sydney Mathes, M.D., has become Visiting Physician.

A Recreational Committee, composed of three patients from each building, has been established to plan recreational programs for the patients. The membership is rotated so that as many of the patients as possible can participate in the planning. Many new ideas for games and parties are being presented through this new committee.

During the coming year, special music programs have been arranged through the good offices of St. Louis Local No. 2 of the American Federation of Musicians through a grant from the Recording and Transcription Fund of that organization by James C. Petrillo, President.

## AUXILIARY GIVES P. T. SUPPLIES

The Jewish Hospital Medical Center Auxiliary is assisting in supplying certain physical medicine supplies for indigent patients. Recently, they provided twelve Sayre slings for use by Mr. Joseph Savan, Physical Therapist.

*(Nursing Notes Cont. from Page 6)*

One of these students will be awarded the Bernard Nursing Home Scholarship, offered for the first time this year. It includes full tuition for the Three Year Program.

An Institute, planned as a part of the general staff nurses' program, was held on March 10 in the Nurses' Residence. The theme of the program was "Planning for the Medical Center." The topics under discussion related to the present status and future plans of departments affecting Nursing Service, and was presented by Dr. David Littauer, Anne J. Vestal, Executive Housekeeper, Helen K. Latta, Executive Dietitian, and Paul R. Wozniak, with David A. Gee acting as moderator. The Institute was open to all graduates of Jewish Hospital School of Nursing.

When Natividad Alcalde returned to her native country, the Phillipine Islands, she took with her the memory of her many friends at J.H. Formerly an operating room nurse here, she is presently operating room supervisor of a hospital in Manila and is married to an attorney of that city. One of their ten month old twins, Norma is named after Mrs. P.D. Stahl (nee Coggan).

The Alumnae Association of the School of Nursing elected new officers at its February meeting. The present officers and Board of Directors are as follows: Mrs. Blanche Levy, Mrs. Dorothy Levinson, Vice-president; Miss Jean M. Turck Secretary; Mrs. Virginia Stults, Treasurer. Mrs. Virginia Reisinger, Mrs. Fern Hogan, Mrs. Marian Nelgner, Mrs. Irene Fad-em, Miss Golda Cohen, and Miss Betty Dodd are board members.

**ALUMNI ACTIVITIES**

The tasty cakes on sale during coffee break on March 12 were baked and donated by members of the nursing alumnae. An excellent means of filling the alumnae till and satisfying the hospital employees' sweet tooth at the same time.

**BIG NEWS!!!** All alumnae circle their calendars for May 1, the date of the annual Homecoming Tea, time 2 to 4. The night of the same day is the dinner and dance honoring the graduating class.

It was voted at the February Meeting to limit invitations this year to dinner guests and escorts, faculty, internes, visiting staff and their wives. We find this necessary due to the heavy expense of inviting the entire staff of the hospital and also to encourage more of the alumnae to attend. For further information please contact Blanche Levy, President, Virginia Fischer Stults, Treasurer, or Golda Cohen, Dance Chairman.

**TO ALL J. H. SCHOOL OF NURSING GRADUATES \* \* \*** We need your help in strengthening your Alumnae Association. Membership is the life blood of any organization and we need a transfusion! Please join, attend meetings, and give us your new ideas and support.

**Wanted!!**

**Volunteers to work in the Gift Gallery evenings from 5:00-8:30 P.M. or Sundays.**

**Telephone Mrs. Wm. Lee, De. 0669 for further information.**



## Play Therapy Room Sponsored by Ben A'kiba Aid Society

The Ben A'kiba Aid Society has agreed to sponsor the cost of construction of the Children's Play Therapy Room in the Department of Psychology in the new hospital construction, as well as assisting to maintain this department in future years.

Mrs. George Amitin, President, Mrs. Rebecca Rosenblum, Chairman of the Committee, and other representatives of the Ben A'kiba Aid Society met several times with Mr. Richard K. Weil, President, Dr. David Littauer, Executive Director, Dr. Irwin Levy, Director of the Department of Neuropsychiatry, and Dr. Blanche Sweet, Psychologist, while investigating this project.

The Children's Play Therapy Department will consist of a Psychologist's Office, an Examining Room and a special therapy room where the behavior of children can be observed by trained psychologists. The Society has voted the sum of \$10,000 for this project.

In addition, at least \$1500.00 annually will be furnished to maintain some of the activities of this Child Therapy Department.

### INTEREST IN J. H.

The Ben A'kiba Aid Society was founded in 1892 by a group of community minded women inspired by the good deeds performed by Rabbi A'kiba among the poor.

One of the group's most important projects was the Ben A'kiba Home for Working Girls which they maintained for 25 years.

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## N.R. Society to Equip New Nursery

The Noshim Rachmonieth Mothers' and Babies' Welfare Society is sponsoring the equipping of the full-term and premature nurseries in the new construction soon to get under way at the Hospital, it was announced recently by Mrs. Sylvia Olian, President of the organization.

It is estimated that the sum of approximately \$15,000 will be required to purchase new incubators, bassinets, weighing scales and examining equipment for the nurseries. After detailed study of the hospital's proposal, the Board of the N. R. Society voted to sponsor the project.

### FOUNDED 1907

The N. R. Society was founded in 1907 by a group of women under the leadership of Mrs. Ethel Pian. Their initial efforts were extended towards assisting indigent mothers whose babies were born at home; it was not until 1916 that they helped their first hospital maternity patient. Since then they have provided both pre- and post-natal care and have given needy families cribs, layettes, and everything else that is needed to insure that both mother and baby are well cared for.

They have supplied the Division of Obstetrics with a number of pieces of equipment in the past as well as to supply funds for an important research program.

Noshim Rachmonieth means Women of Mercy, a name to which the group has devoted itself.

## Henry A. Friedman Elected Life Member of Board.

Henry A. Friedman has been elected a life member of the Board of Directors of the Hospital. Mr. Friedman was president of the former Board of the Jewish Hospital from 1938 to 1947, before consolidation of the hospital with the Miriam Rosa Bry Convalescent-Rehabilitation Hospital, the Jewish Sanatorium, and the Jewish Medical Social Service Bureau, three years ago into one medical center.

### GIFT GALLERY

Shop at Gift Gallery for the finest names in toiletries. We feature

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Ben A'kiba (Cont. from Page 9)

Their interest in the Jewish Hospital has reached beyond their current project and they have been responsible for supplying orthopedic appliances for clinic patients, as well as giving many important pieces of equipment to the Clinic. They established a fellowship in Radiology here in 1947 which continued three years. Their sewing group continually supplies the hospital with needed linen goods.

## IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Dr. Leo Gottlieb on March 19. An internist and heart specialist on the Jewish Hospital Medical Staff for a number of years, he also served as Assistant Professor of Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine.

## Donation Made For Cancer Research

The family and friends of Mrs. Sara E. Cohn have presented the Jewish Hospital with \$1,000.00 to be used in her memory for equipment in a Cancer Research Program to be started by Dr. Morton D. Pareira.



Mrs. Jack Gershein presents check for \$1000.00 to Dr. David Littauer. Others in picture (from L. to R.) are Mrs. Louis Cohen, Mrs. David Laiderman, Miss Marilyn Cohn, Dr. Harold Scheff, and Dr. Morton Pareira.

## DID YOU KNOW...

... that Jewish Hospital used 2690 sheets, 10,000 syringes, 1,000,000 cotton balls, and 4800 thermometers, and that the laundry washed 1,290,000 pounds of linen last year?

# Recent Donations to Jewish Hospital

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