

Molly Stark Hospital

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Hospitals

Molly Stark Hospital Throughout the years had its beginning in 1924, when the Stark County Commissioners purchased a 73½ acre tract of land on which to build a hospital. In December of 1925, a Tuberculosis Commission was organized and at its first meeting, the commission ordered plans for the building to be prepared and submitted. A contract was entered and accepted in 1926 and preliminary sketches were drawn. By August, 1929, the initial building was completed and dedicated. The Molly Stark Sanatorium opened its doors for the first time on August 23, 1929.

How did the hospital receive the name of Molly Stark and why? The wife of General John Stark, for whom Stark County was named, Molly, was born Elizabeth Page over 200 years ago in Massachusetts and nicknamed "Molly" by her American Revolutionary hero husband. During the Revolutionary War, she and a number of other New England ladies converted the barn on the Stark farm into a hospital to help care for wounded soldiers. Because of her dedication to the care of the troops, including her aid during several epidemics of smallpox, Ned L. Perkins, county commissioner during the 1920's, suggested that this institution for the care of tuberculosis patients be named for this courageous and dedicated woman, thus it became Molly Stark Sanatorium.

The main purpose of the sanatorium was the treatment, care and cure of T. B. patients. The success of the cure is evidenced by the reduction of the death rate of tuberculin patients and the elimination and control of tuberculosis.

Molly Stark has served a variety of purposes. During the late forties, an increase in the rate of tuberculosis was anticipated because of past history at the end of wars. A 4/10 mill levy was put on the ballot, and voters approved the bond issue which, along with federal and state funds, made possible the addition of two new patient wings. These new wings remained empty since history was defied and the expected T.B. outbreak was kept to a minimum. In January, 1955, county home patients were transferred to Molly Stark and stayed until the Nist Geriatric Home was completed. It was during this time that Molly Stark's status was changed to "hospital", when patients of other illnesses were accepted for care under provisions of a section of state law which authorized treatment of non-tubercular patients in a T. B. hospital.

In 1967 the hospital began looking toward new directions in patient care. Chronic and extended care divisions were added, expanding Molly Stark into even greater areas of health care.

Today, Molly Stark's contribution to the health needs of Stark County residents are many and varied. While the hospital remains the only hospital in the county built by the county on the county-owned property, it is supported by county tax monies, Medicare and Medicaid and third party payers.

"Molly" has broadened her interests since the first

days of exclusive T. B. care to include:

IN-AND-OUT PATIENT T. B. SERVICE - a service for T. B. cases requiring inpatient care until such time as they may be dismissed on out-patient treatment and are no longer carriers of T. B.

ALCOHOLISM UNIT - an in-patient unit where patients are admitted for detoxification. Medical evaluation and services are performed by staff physicians and assisted by alcoholic therapists and A. A. Volunteers. Out-patient aftercare services are available.

PEDIATRIC DIVISION - for the treatment and care of severely retarded and brain damaged children who are provided with rehabilitation and are learning to use the facilities they have left to their greatest advantage as a result of therapy sessions.

SKILLED NURSING DIVISION - for terminally ill patients who need additional close medical supervision and hospitalization. Physician coverage as well as registered nurses are on duty on a 24-hour basis.

CHRONIC HOSPITAL/REHABILITATION DIVISION - for patients suffering from strokes, arthritis, fractures, and other chronic illnesses. They receive daily physical therapy treatments, speech therapy, and recreational activities to rehabilitate them to their maximum potential so that they may be returned to the best possible medical and social situation.

In addition to these medical services, Molly Stark Hospital, also, has an Adult Day Care Center, which is one of the more significant methods of preventing premature institutionalization by prolonging an active life span of the participants. The program accommodates 24 to 27 participants per day, providing recreational and social activities, bal-

anced nutrition, counseling and transportation to and from the center daily.

Molly Stark Hospital fills the wide gap in health care not available to Stark County residents in other area hospital. After care services provide a means of cutting down health care costs and at the same time provide care for recently discharged patients that still require medical attention during their recovery period. A patient at times can get an early discharge from Aultman,

Timken Mercy, Doctors or Massillon and then go on to Molly for that "extra special attention."

Until January, 1978, the hospital was governed by a board of trustees, appointed by the Stark County Commissioners. Due to lack of interest it was difficult to find individuals to serve on this board. Ohio law then changed to allow a board of commissioners either to operate the hospital itself or appoint a board of trustees as the governing body. The Board of Stark County Commissioners chose to govern the hospital and coordinate the medical and administrative operations.

The hospital is accredited by State and National Associations.

Audit critical of Molly Stark

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number of restaurant bills from the San Francisco area, about 550 miles from the retreat site.

The auditors noted that Rossiter, who flew to San Francisco instead of a commercial airport 13 miles from Indian Wells, said he commuted to the retreat from San Francisco.

A finding for \$190 was charged against former medical director Edward Wurzel for "excess compensation."

Auditors charged that Wurzel claimed the money as wages for 10 hours worked May 19, 1974, when, they said, he actually was in Washington, D.C.

One case of "excess compensation," for more than \$33,800, apparently was not found to be recoverable.

It involved wages paid to Dr. Teresita Marcello who, according to board meeting minutes, was hired Sept. 24, 1973, at an annual salary of \$17,500 to serve as administrative assistant to the medical director.

Auditors said that by December, she was being paid an amount equivalent to an annual salary of \$34,000.

She also was paid \$650 for the payroll period ending Sept. 22, "two days before the board approved her hiring," auditors noted.

From Sept. 10, 1973, through Nov. 11, 1975, Dr. Marcello received \$74,070 when she was authorized to receive \$40,265.

Local officials speculate that a finding of recovery may not have been issued because auditors may believe the board intended to pay the higher wages but failed to post the intention in meeting minutes.

Illegal expenditures, auditors said, included purchase of more than \$3,000 worth of drugs and equipment from an employee, Dr. Luis Montalvo, who was hired March 1, 1973.

They said the first check for \$1,020 was canceled April 11, "yet the board did not approve the purchase until April 30."

Another was payment of \$1,067 to hos-

pital Chief Engineer Philip Pellegrini who apparently was hired "to do some custom work with his bulldozer."

Auditors noted that at Christmas 1973, trustees received musical miniature churches which were made in the hospital's Occupational Therapy Department. A finding for recovery of about \$30 was leveled because trustees spent hospital funds for wrapping paper and delivery costs.

Eight pieces of missing office equipment, such as calculators and a typewriter resulted in a finding for recovery of \$1,480.

Auditors said that \$10,210 worth of equipment was purchased without advertising for bids.

Those included a device for heart patients which trustees authorized for purchase from Paulding County Hospital Dec. 26, 1973. However, the seller's invoice shows it actually was bought Dec. 12 — two weeks earlier.

Twenty-two fire doors, bought from Mohler Lumber Co. by trustees in July, 1972 for \$2,055, were found by auditors in a storeroom.

They apparently were unsuitable for installation, so trustees in 1973 ordered new doors from Bryan Builders, without bidding, and then overpaid the suppliers by \$3,240, auditors said.

They added that trustees authorized expenditures which occurred on a regular basis, without entering contracts with the 29 firms providing various services.

Stark County Prosecutor James R. Unger said, "I saw it enough just to see that it's a very thick report."

He said the auditor's findings will be discussed with Molly Stark trustees before a decision about pursuing legal action is made.

Allan Krash, assistant county prosecutor, said audit reports with one or two findings are not uncommon.

He added, however, "I've never seen anything like this (one) since I've been in the prosecutor's office."

State audit alleges improprieties at Molly Stark

By ROSS A. GRABER

Besides showing that over \$20,115 is owed to Molly Stark Hospital, the state's audit of the hospital, released Monday, also alleges numerous instances of mismanagement and some illegal dealings.

The 147-page document contained 46 summarizations listing various forms of misconduct. Among those are:

GIVING paid vacation to part-time employees.

PAYING moving expenses, interview expenses and employment service fees for employees.

PAYING costs of general medical staff meetings which, in some cases, in-

The August meeting of Molly Stark Board of Trustees, scheduled for Monday, was postponed until 7:30 p.m. the following Monday. A hospital spokesman said that the postponement decision, reached last week, was due to the expected absence Monday night of William H. Belden, board chairman.

cluded cost of liquor consumed by those attending.

UNDERWRITING by the board of some of the costs of Christmas gifts given to board members.

PAYING food and gift costs for retirement parties, special parties such as at Christmas and for picnics for employees.

PURCHASING equipment without prior approval of the board, and sometimes without legal advertising.

PURCHASE of government surplus vehicles which never were used.

MAKING repairs to buildings without advertising for bids.

PUTTING receipts from vending machines into an employee fund and not the hospital's treasury.

SUPPLYING memberships in associations for promotion of public health, welfare, or advancement of efficiency of hospital administration with costs exceeding the legal limit of \$2,500 annually.

ALLOWING some staff members to

take groceries from the hospital's supplies, or allowing some to buy food from retail outlets through the hospital.

Auditors also noted a number of procedural violations, including paying bills before payment was authorized by trustees, department heads bypassing the purchasing agent to order supplies and buying equipment and supplies from a staff doctor.

One of the largest recoverable findings against an individual was levied toward staff physician Lawrence Rossiter for \$625.

Auditors said it involved an "Arrhythmia Retreat" in Indian Wells, Calif., which trustees authorized Dr. Rossiter

to attend and illegally advanced over \$1,000 in expense money.

However, auditors said they could not find any record proving Dr. Rossiter attended the retreat at Indian Wells, which was sponsored by University of Southern California.

They said USC records do not show he registered for the retreat, and that he was not able to produce a receipt for payment.

Auditors noted that it was not possible to determine at what hotel Rossiter stayed because the hotel's name had been "clipped" from the bill.

However, they said, there were a

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Commissioners plan to extend services at Molly Stark

Stark County Commissioners Norman Sponseller and Jerry Patrick today announced that they hope to expand skilled nursing and physical therapy services at Molly Stark Hospital.

The commissioners decided Tuesday to seek the Health Planning and Development Council's approval of a proposal to renovate existing space for the addition of 32 beds in the hospital's skilled nursing component and for the addition of 18 beds in the physical therapy rehabilitation unit.

The estimated cost of renovating and staffing the 32-bed unit is \$850,000 and that for the 18-bed unit is \$475,000.

The application will be submitted to the Wooster-based council for its review and, if approved, will be forwarded to the Ohio Department of Health for evaluation.

If both organizations approve the proposal, the hospital would be eligible to hire additional staff

members and take other action necessary for the proposed expansion.

The hospital once had about 200 beds in service, but the number was cut to about 100 because of economic problems.

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New Services Proposed—

Molly Stark Plans Growth

2-22-79
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Additional funds were available after a one mill levy was approved by Stark County voters in the summer of 1976.

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August of this year marks the 50th anniversary of the official opening of the hospital.

Commissioners indicated they are working toward the continued upgrading of the hospital as a medical care facility for Stark County residents, and visualize Molly Stark as a unique facility to provide much needed care for county residents, not available at other local facilities.



Fuel tank readied at Molly Stark

Molly Stark's heating plant nears windup

By BILL FELCZAN
Staff Writer

NIMISHILLEN TWP. —

Final phases of installing the new heating plant at Molly Stark Hospital neared the windup stage last week with the installation of the fuel oil tank to give the new boiler plant tri-fuel capability.

The \$200,000 plant, designed to burn either fuel oil or natural gas was designed by Paul Studer & Associates, Consulting Engineers for heating, plumbing and air conditioning.

Hospital trustees decided on the new boiler plant rather than attempting to repair and renovate the 50-year old coal-fueled system to meet Environmental Protection Agency standards for polluting emissions.

The 30,000-gallon fuel oil tank, measuring about 10x46-feet, will give about one month of heating capacity per filling, depending on average temperatures, wind chill factors, thermostat settings and planned additional renovations, including new double-pane windows for superior insulation.

Also included with the new boiler plant, is a standby electric generating system, adequate to meet emergency needs for the whole institution in case of electric power failure.

At first designed to meet only the electric needs of the heating plant, its size was increased to

meet hospital emergency standards for standby capacity for electric service for all key hospital areas.

Diesel motor powered, the generator plant has its own 1,000-gallon fuel tank, planned to give at least three days emergency service in event of extended power failure.

The tri-fuel capability of the boiler plant was achieved by the trustees' decision to leave the present coal-fired plant in place, hooked to the improved steam lines by a simple valve system.

With routine maintenance, Studer said this original heating system will be adequate to heat the hospital in case of a complete fuel curtailment, maintenance or breakdown of the gas-oil fueled boiler plant.

Standard Plumbing & Heating Co. is the general mechanical contractor for installation of the new boiler plant and Warwick & Thomas Construction Co. is the contractor for erection of the new boiler plant building.

For malpractice

Molly Stark isn't insured

7-14-77

By PAUL LAIRD

There's a saying that no news is good news, and after learning Molly Stark Hospital has been operating without malpractice insurance, trustees aren't likely to argue the point.

As if that news weren't enough Monday night, Clayton DiStefano of Ramsburg Insurance Agency in Uniontown told the board that only one underwriting association would insure the hospital for more than \$85,000 the first year.

DiStefano said cost of primary insurance for the first year — which would not include coverage of physicians or nurses — would be \$42,840.

An identical amount would have to be paid into a "stabilization fund," he added.

"Hopefully the stabilization fund will end this year," said DiStefano, who informed trustees only the Joint Underwriters Association, created in 1975 by the state legislature, would insure the institution.

"THE BIGGEST problems for insurance companies are malpractice suits and product liability cases," DiStefano said.

"Sympathetic juries and plaintiffs' attorneys have chopped up the facade of governmental institutions being immune to prosecution," he said. "Your immunity can be broken down."

Ramsburg Agency now insures Molly Stark's vehicles.

Dr. Anne W. Robinson, hospital admin-

istrator, said she couldn't remember the institution's being sued for malpractice in the 20 years she's been working at Molly Stark, "but that doesn't mean it can't be," she added.

"Until a couple years ago, you couldn't sue a government hospital," she said. "Maybe some people still think they can't."

Molly Stark is operating on a \$3.1 million budget for 1977, and trustees learned the institution's expenditures were \$69,000 below budget allocations at the end of May.

Again, bad news got the last word when trustees also learned income for the year also was behind the budget and the two factors offset each other.

FOLLOWING a presentation by a representative and the local attorney for Finessa Corp., a food service equipment manufacturer in New Jersey, trustees voted to seek the prosecutor's opinion on their power to rescind the awarding of one bid to award the contract to Finessa.

The Finessa representative charged, and trustees concurred, that the bid for a tray-assembly system was awarded to a company whose equipment offer did not meet specifications.

In other action, trustees authorized purchases of a key clock with a maximum of 20 stations to check the rounds of security guards and a dehumidifier for the residence of the hospital's medical director.

Two appointed to Molly Stark board

10-21-77

Herbert "Junie" Hose of Massillon and Michael Angelo of Louisville have been appointed to the board of trustees at Molly Stark Hospital.

Their appointments were announced today by Virgil L. Musser, president of the Stark County Board of Commissioners.

BOTH HOSE and Angelo are staff representatives for the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO.

There had been vacancies on the Board of Trustees at Molly Stark since March when four of its seven members resigned. The trustees had been angered by assessments against them stemming from a \$20,116 state auditor's finding. Two other trustees refused reappointment to the board.

Hose will serve for an unexpired term ending March 18, 1978. Angelo's term will end March 31, 1979. Both appointments are effective immediately, according to Musser.

Hose, a 1938 graduate of professional, \$25,817 (78.7 percent).

James Morgan, president of the Board of Trustees of the United Way of Western



HERBERT HOSE

Canton McKinley High School, is a charter member of Canton United Way Information and Referral Services. The former Timken Co. employee also serves on the Canton Traffic Advisory Committee and Canton-Stark-Wayne Manpower Consortium Board.

The father of two sons, Hose and his wife Stella reside at 417 Sandy ave NE.

Hospital trustees down to 2

4-1-77
With the ending William Belden's term as a Molly Stark Hospital trustee and his refusal to accept another appointment, the hospital's trustee count dropped to two, half the number needed for a quorum.

The trustees' ranks have been decimated by resignations of members angered at being held responsible for findings contained in a recent state audit.

Unless volunteers are found to fill at least two of the five vacancies, the hospital's normal business of paying bills and buying supplies cannot be conducted at the next board meeting April 18.

However, Frederick J. Ball, assistant Stark County administrator and a trustee, said Thursday that county commissioners expect to make two or three appointments next week.

The other member is Thomas Kling who was appointed in March. Ball also is a relative newcomer to the board, having been appointed early last year.

Reese Back for Interim— 5/31/72

New Executives Will Come to Molly Stark



Former Molly Stark Hospital administrator Robert Reese, left, will supervise the hospital until a new administrator and medical director assume their duties. Reese's appointment was announced Tuesday by William Belden, right, chairman of the hospital's board of trustees.

Molly Stark Hospital's board of trustees has hired a new administrator and a new medical director, and appointed the hospital's retired administrator as an interim supervisor.

Robert Reese, who was Molly Stark's administrator for more than 35 years until he retired in September of 1969, took charge of operations Tuesday. Reese lives at 610 South St., Louisville.

Former Area Physician

Board chairman William Belden declined to identify the two new appointees until they can work out "substantial" notice with present employers. Belden said only that the new medical director, expected to begin work by July 15, is a former Canton area physician.

Assistant administrator John Riffle has been in charge of day to day operations since James W. Farmer, hired under the name Dr. Edward Bradley, left suddenly April 18 when suspicions about his identity were raised.

Belden said the board decided an interim administrator was needed to handle day to day operations until the new directors can terminate their present employment, and finish personal business.

The medical director, Belden said, will live on the hospital grounds, but the administrator will also need time "to find himself a place to stay," Belden said.

Reese was selected for the interim appointment because he is "well acquainted" with Molly Stark operations, Belden said. Reese said he plans no drastic changes during his caretaker administration.

Belden said the board "didn't even try" to find one man qualified to hold both positions, as had been done with Farmer and Dr. J. L. Yahraus. The hospital administrator need not be a doctor, Belden pointed out.

Farmer, using Bradley's name, convinced the board he was not only a trained and experienced hospital administrator, but also a

physician and able to hold both jobs.

Belden Confident

Belden said despite the hospital's troubles, he is convinced "Molly Stark Hospital is giving good care ... outstanding care, to every patient that's here."

Belden said he expects the hospital's future "will get brighter."

Farmer's pose as Dr. Bradley was only one of the problems which have befallen the hospital. There have been indications of employee discontent, and there have been financial difficulties. Former administrator Dr. Yahraus said he resigned primarily because of tension brought about by the hospital's finances.

Belden said the board "is investigating" complaints registered by some employees. Reese said he spent time Tuesday "renewing acquaintances," and felt some of the discontent could be the result of "a lack of communication."

Molly Stark Hospital 10/21/53

Stark County voters will be asked on Nov. 8 to renew the operating levy for Molly Stark Hospital that was first approved in 1950.

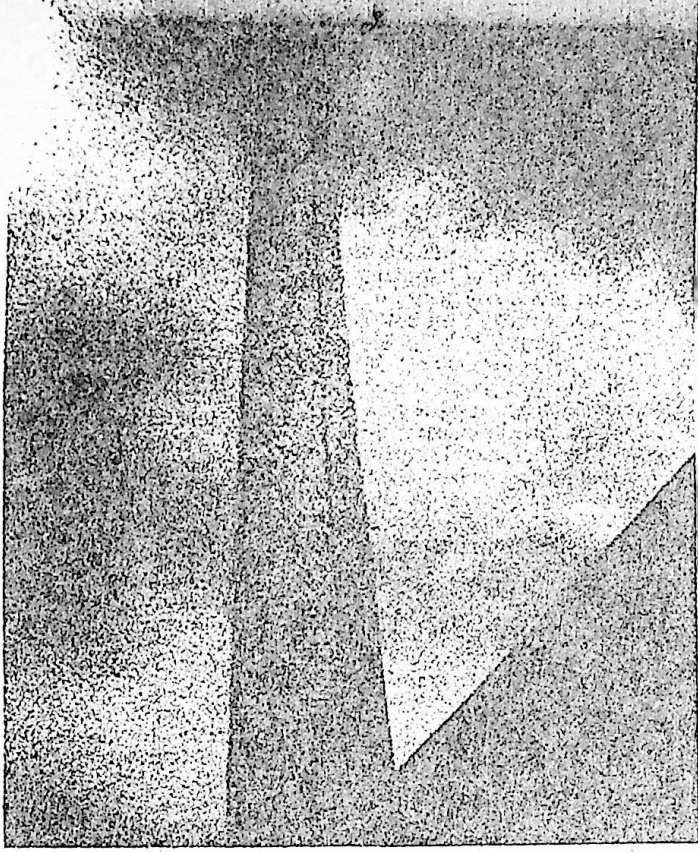
The new levy would be collected at a rate of three-tenths of a mill on each dollar of tax value for 1956 and 1957. This is one tenth of a mill less than the four-tenths levy it replaces.

The net reduction of one mill has been made possible by gains in the control of tuberculosis in the county since the previous levy was authorized by voters.

Five years ago, Molly Stark Hospital still was under pressure to expand its facilities for patients. But the problem of tuberculosis no longer keeps looming larger.

The proposed three-tenths-of-a-mill levy would run for two years, instead of five years, as the four-tenths levy ran. At the end of that time, another readjustment in operating income may be possible, if tuberculosis continues to be a diminishing problem.

The levy to meet current operating expenses of Molly Stark Hospital is justified and should be supported by voters. It is No. 1 among four proposed additional taxes on the 1955 ballot in Stark County.



A heavenly (?) job

by Jane Mathie

While many Louisville people were getting ready for church Sunday with thoughts turning 'heavenward', there were half a dozen men who already had been 'uplifted' in a little different sense.

Thursday, Marvin Haren got a call asking him if he'd like to bid on a job at Molly Stark Hospital. It seemed that bits and pieces were falling from an old chimney out there and they wanted someone to run up some scaffold and knock down about 3 or 4 feet off the top where the trouble was.

When Marv went out to look at the job he quickly decided scaffolding would not be the answer. The chimney was 115 feet high, about 6 ft. across and 20 foot around. That would be about 23 scaffold heights. They wanted to know right away and though Marv is a Mason Contractor he liked the challenge and decided a boom and derrick could handle it. So he bid, was chosen over a Chicago firm and went up to have a further look.

The pieces falling turned out to weigh nearly 100 pounds and one had put a hole in the roof. The heat at the top was so intense and the fumes so strong it was impossible to work. Since this was also used to heat the water for laundry, dishes, etc., it was decided the only time it could be shut down would be over Sunday.

Saturday night it was shut down and at 7 a.m. Sunday morning

Henry Bishop, Jim Paumier, Chuck Rastetter, Ron and Gary Voltz and Marv had their heads in the clouds as they took nearly 3 1/2 ft. of ceramic material off the top of the stack. After resetting the lightning arresters, etc., they were only too happy to get back to earth!



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MOLLY STARK HOSPITAL

Rehabilitation Now Is Key Word At the 'New' Molly Stark Hospital

By WILLIAM R. FELCZAN
Repository Staff Writer
NIMISHILLEN TWP. — Ask six Stark County residents what Molly Stark Hospital is and you're likely to get six different responses, including a blank expression.

To an older person, who calls Tuberculosis "consumption" or "white plague," it might be considered "the county TB sanatorium."

A more up-to-date follower of local news may recall it only as the place that hired that fake doctor from Missouri.

Others, depending on contacts, interests or acquaintances, might identify it as a rehabilitation clinic for stroke victims, retarded children, alcoholics or sufferers of heart and respiratory ailments.



THE JOY OF ACHIEVEMENT. "Andy," a mentally retarded boy, now 8, at Molly Stark Hospital, shows how he responded to treatment by going from a bottle-fed, cribfast patient to one now able to walk, be spoon-fed, and now learning to feed himself. Praise for walking unaided across the room is given in a warm embrace by Vicki Hancock, a trainer with the Stark County Board of Retardation, one of the hospital "resources," and Mrs. Joseph Evans, of 11765 William Penn Ave. NE, Hartville, a veteran volunteer worker. (Repository Staff Photos)



SENIORS HELP, TOO. Mrs. Nick Chagnet of 303 Church St. NW, North Canton, a member of the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP), watches Janne Freeman, 81, an extended care patient, apply the first color to a ceramic horse. Mrs. Chagnet, a veteran volunteer, now has a double purpose for spending time at the hospital. Her husband recently was admitted after suffering a stroke.

CLOSE SCRUTINY discloses it is all these — and more.

William H. Belden, chairman of the hospital's board of trustees, described Molly Stark as "an institution to care for Stark County people needing good nursing and medical care, to render services not duplicated but which complement the whole health scene of the county."

"To do this, the institution is in a status of continuing change, to meet changes in medical care as efficiently and economically as possible, all with the ultimate goal of rehabilitation of people."

Dr. Edward M. Wurzel, the hospital medical director and a retired Navy Medical Corps captain, summarized his appraisal with, "we try to catch the people who fall through the cracks in the floor provided by other available health care programs."

THIS IS ACHIEVED by providing a transition from the care provided by intensive care hospitals to that which nursing homes can give.

"Rehabilitation," is the key word repeated often by Dr.

Wurzel to describe the direction and reason for Molly Stark.

Rehabilitation is detoxification of the alcoholic steelworker or housewife, counseling and educating them to understand their problem which they can control but never cure.

Rehabilitation is having a neurological appraisal made at Akron Children's Hospital of a brain-injured boy, a traffic victim, to assess his potential for mental and motion recovery.

IT IS TRAINING a stroke victim to regain use of seem-

ingly lifeless limbs sufficiently enough to enter a nursing home or even to return home.

It's even rehabilitation — some call it a miracle — to see what can be accomplished with a severely retarded boy, 7, still bottle-fed and barely able to crawl when he entered Molly Stark.

After a year of patient training, repetition and reward through affectionate attention, the boy now can toddle a few steps at a time without aid, can be spoon fed and has started to learn to feed himself.

All these things don't "just happen."

MOST OF the rehabilitation of patients at Molly Stark result from Tuesday and Thursday rehabilitation conferences of all concerned staff members.

Immediately after admission, the new patient's case is presented at the conference, with evaluations, appraisals, prognoses and recommendations from each of the specialty areas.

His medical and social history provide the frame, including the recent malady which put him in the hospital.

Areas represented which present special opinions include the medical doctor; psychologist; occupational, recreational and physical therapists; dietitian and social worker.

EACH PRESENTS an opinion of what course of treatment should be given, all with the total purpose of restoring the patient, so far as possible, to normal, self-sufficient living.

To one patient, this may mean fitness for transfer to a custodial nursing home where he can live comfortably without further medical supervision.

To others, it may mean return to work, resumption of schooling or just a return to retired living at home.

Rehabilitation even touches on the so-called "nursing home" patients, even though Molly Stark is not and does not have a nursing home.

These often are stroke, heart attack or accident victims who are bedfast and require extended medical care.

WITH THEIR improved or changed physical condition, the rehabilitation conference often recommends physical or recreational therapy to take advantage of these changes.

Thus a bedfast patient, with regained strength, can begin to feed himself, read or even undertake simple, but enjoyable, handicraft projects.

Even for tuberculosis patients, though few in number, rehabilitation plays a role.

While Molly Stark was opened in 1929 as the center for tuberculosis treatment, the number of TB patients admitted now is so small that sometimes there are none in the institution.

Usually there are two or three. They stay only until rendered noninfectious by modern drugs. That takes only two or three months.

DURING THIS TIME their future is appraised in terms of where they will go while continuing treatment as outpatients, and what they will do if employed.

If needed, they may be aided

in finding less hazardous work which wouldn't impinge their health or when indicated, they may be referred to the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation for retraining in a new job.

No claim is made by Dr. Wurzel or any staff member that Molly Stark "has everything."

They strive to provide medical service which may not be available elsewhere, but they do not hesitate to seek aid elsewhere.

To this end, they work closely with Goodwill Rehabilitation Center, Alcoholics Anonymous, Alcoholic Rehabilitation Association, all the medical and family welfare programs, the Board of Mental Retardation and many other agencies providing services needed by Molly Stark patients.

WITH A CURRENT running census of about 180 patients, Molly Stark now is near capacity, although certainly not static.

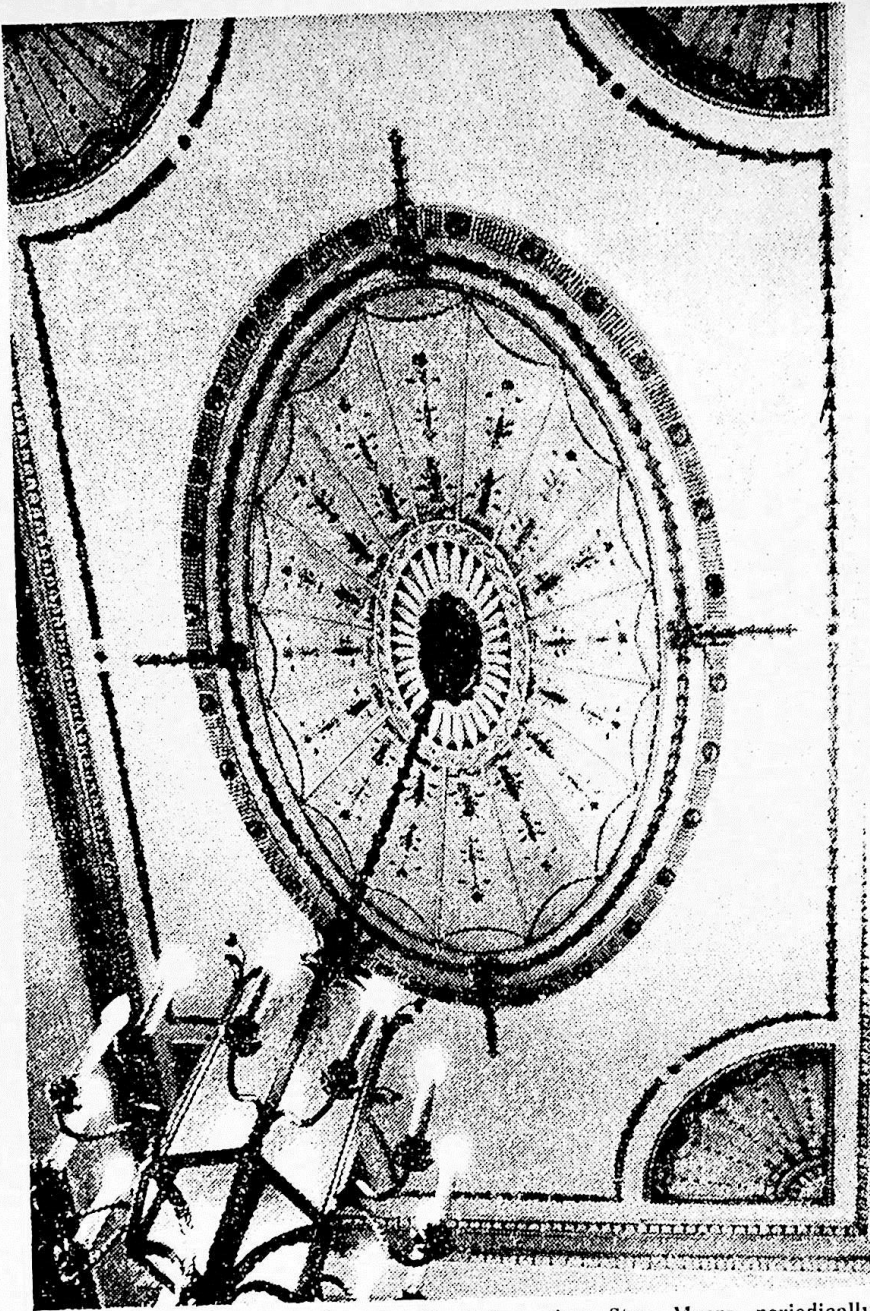
The only constant thing is change, not for the sake of change, but to meet changing needs as recognized.

An innovation, now being created in former nursing quarters, is the program of daily living activities.

A "mock-up" of an ordinary room, it will be used by rehabilitation patients to rehearse how to live at home, doing once routine tasks which now must be accomplished despite handicap.

Another change is the combining of persons in the Geriatric Outpatient Program with inpatients and activities to prepare the latter for the social atmosphere outside the hospital again.

While seen by some as a "running in all directions," the sum of all these programs serves, to fill the intent of the trustees and staff to give a medical service which is needed, without duplicating any seen elsewhere.



WHERE IS IT? Repository staff photographer Stan Myers periodically provides a test of the powers of observation of Canton area residents. Clues for the location of this ornately decorated ceiling and chandelier are that it is not in Stark County Courthouse, a bank or a church. Give up? It's in the lobby of Molly Stark Hospital.

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Molly Stark to mark golden date

By LINDA STOWELL

LOUISVILLE — Molly Stark Hospital will celebrate its 50th anniversary this month and Kathryn Shearer, business administrator, is proposing changes which will affect the future of the facility.

"We're trying to change the image of the hospital. People tend to think of it as a dying institution. We want them to think of it as a rehabilitation facility," Shearer explained.

In an attempt to initiate the plan, she and other administrators are in the process of designing a brochure which they plan to distribute informing the public about the services offered.

An open house for the public to view the facility is planned for next year, another idea which Shearer hopes will direct attention to the hospital.

"We aren't trying to compete with other hospitals in the area — we're very supportive of those facilities. We want the public to know we're providing medical services that aren't provided anywhere else in the county," she explained.

A second proposal concerning the future of Molly Stark is the construction of an inpatient chemical dependence unit for people who have drug related problems.

In July, 1973, the hospital began its alcoholism unit, an inpatient unit where patients are admitted for detoxification and rehabilitation. Medical evaluation and services are performed by staff physicians and assisted by alcoholic therapists and Alcoholics Anonymous volunteers. Outpatient services are also available, but Shear-

er claims the community lacks an inpatient drug program. She says this program is scheduled to begin next year.

"The unit would be for those with dual dependency — drugs and alcohol. We're finding more and more people who have alcohol problems, also have a drug problem," Shearer said.

A final proposal is the expansion of skilled nursing care on the third floor. Currently, the floor has physical therapy, skilled nursing patients and a cafeteria.

She described a skilled nursing patient as someone who doesn't need hospitalization or a nursing home, but attention by nurses and physicians. She stated 18 beds are expected to be added to the third floor and the project should be completed by Jan. 1, 1980.

Currently the hospital operates on a \$3 million annual budget, supported by a \$1 million levy, Medicare and Medicaid and third party payers. According to Shearer, the facility has 110 patients and 225 staff members.

Molly Stark Hospital began in 1924 when the county commissioners purchased 73½ acres of land. In December, 1925, a Tuberculosis Commission was organized and plans began for the facility. On Aug. 23, 1929 the administration building was completed and dedicated and the doors opened for the first time. Its name was chosen in recognition of Elizabeth Page Stark, the wife of General John Stark, for whom Stark County is named.

During this time the main purpose of the

facility was the treatment, care and cure of tuberculosis patients. In 1949 the hospital was approved by the American College of Surgeons and in December 1966, received the stamp of approval from the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals, a victory several health institutions still lack today.

Until Aug. 18, 1966, the hospital was one of 12 facilities designated as a tuberculosis facility in the state. With the discovery of tuberculosis medication in the early 1950s, the hospital saw a decrease in the number of patients and expanded into a variety of areas in 1967. Today, it has five specific categories:

In and outpatient tuberculosis service.

Alcoholism unit.

Pediatric division for the treatment and care of 18 severely retarded and brain damaged children.

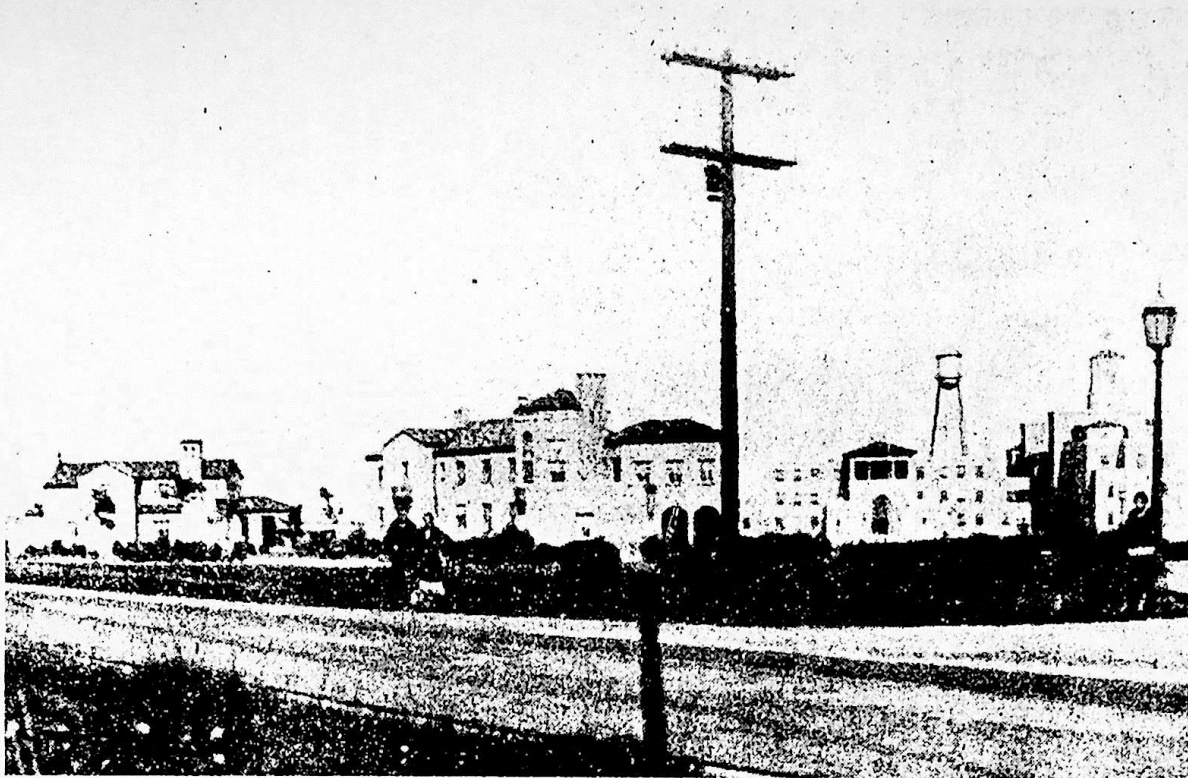
Skilled nursing division.

Chronic hospital and rehabilitation division.

In addition to those services the hospital has, an adult day care center provides recreational and social activities, hot lunches at noon and take home meals, and counseling and transportation to the facility.

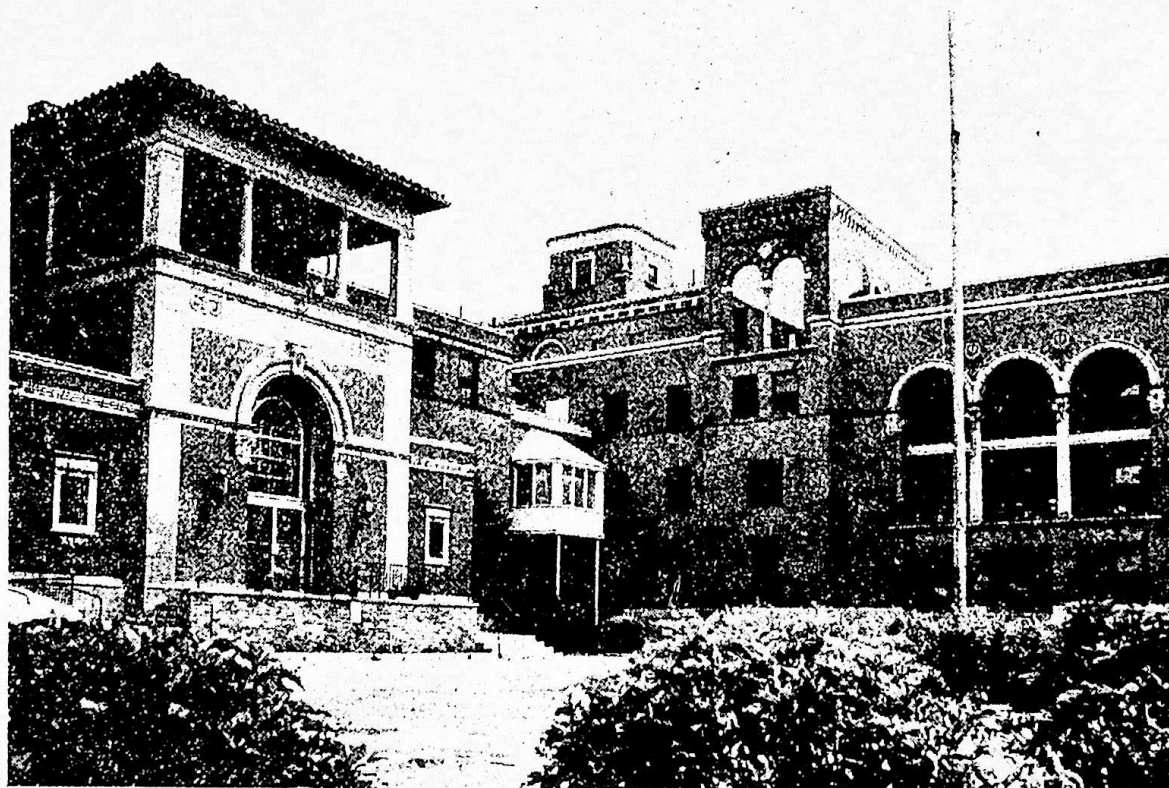
Shearer says she is optimistic about the future of the hospital.

"I think we have services to offer to Stark County people and I hope in the future we can make these services more available for the use of the people through our renovation and plans."



PAST AND PRESENT. Molly Stark Hospital is celebrating its 50th anniversary this month. It first opened its doors on Aug. 23, 1929 (top photo)

as strictly a facility for tuberculosis patients. Today, the hospital (lower) has expanded and added several programs.



She 'Helped Out' -- For 33 Long Years

By RALPH K. SPENCER JR.

Some 33 years ago a cute little country girl was persuaded to "help out" for a few days at Molly Stark Hospital.

She started by helping the dietitian, switched over to the dual job of switchboard operator - receptionist - and then the bookkeeper got sick.

Between then and now - except for time off to have two girl babies and get them started in life - she has done "just about everything" at Molly Stark.

And when she retires April 30, she's giving up the title of business manager and secretary to the board of trustees of the hospital, too.

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HER NAME is Mrs. David L. Miller and she lives at 2425 Midvale Road NW.

She's still cute, she still smiles a lot, she can still run the switchboard and do the bookkeeping and dozens of other things at the hospital but she's now going to take some time to do other things -

Like visiting and spoiling her five - soon it will be six - grandchildren.

Like doing some more work at Bethany United Methodist Church where she has been a Sunday School teacher for more than 40 years and where she is chairman of the administrative board.

And like working for passage of the four-tenths of a mill levy for Molly Stark at the May 5 primary.

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SHE OUGHT to know the need because she's been associated with the budget since 1937 when \$130,000 was the appropriation till now when the operating need is \$1.5 million a year.

"Without the levy, we would have to cut our operations about in half," Mrs. Miller said. "That would be tragic."

"Many people have the impression that tuberculosis is licked. They don't realize that medical progress largely has only shortened the stay of people with the disease in hospitals like Molly Stark," Mrs. Miller said.

"Now, most patients go home relatively soon and continue drug treatment under hospital supervision. We still use as many beds, but we use them 10 times as often as we treat serious cases and then make room for new cases while the first ones go home under supervision," she added.

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REFLECTING on her years at Molly Stark, Mrs. Miller recalls that nurses aides and orderlies were paid \$50 a month (only \$40 if they 'lived in'); nurses got \$79 or \$69 under the same arrangement. The director of nursing and the dietitian each 'lived in' and received \$100 a month.

The medical superintendent (highest paid job) received \$375 a month and full maintenance. Janitors worked six and a half days a week and received \$90 a month.

Alice and her husband belong to the Merry Nomads who, collectively, save their pennies until they have enough to take a tour together and they plan to take these tours just as often as possible. They have attended the Seattle Fair and visited Hawaii with this group. No trip is planned for this year.

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ONE DAUGHTER, Jacquie (Mrs. Robert K. James of 3351 Parks Ave. NE, Louisville) is planning to move to Florida this summer.

"They promise to build a 'grandma-grandpa room' there," Mrs. Miller said.

Her other daughter, Joy, (Mrs. Rev. Donald L. Hamilton) is at State College, Pa., where Rev. Hamilton has a pastorate.

"I know I'm going to miss Molly Stark and the many fine employees," Mrs. Miller says.

"We've always had a lot of really dedicated people at Molly Stark. Many of them could have gone elsewhere for more money but there's something unexplainable here. Molly Stark gets to you," Mrs. Miller said.

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ALTHOUGH she is quitting, although she has plans, although she doesn't plan to work anymore. . . Mrs. Miller adds quickly as the interview draws to an end:

"I've worked long enough with Anne Frank (her successor) to know she can handle the job . . .

"But if she needs some help, I'll be available to help her out."

That's the kind of gal Alice Miller is.



MRS. DAVID L. MILLER
Cute Little Country Girl To Call It Quits

Holiday pay is sliced at Molly Stark

By MYRNA MULLEN

Molly Stark Hospital trustees were almost two and a half hours into their Monday night meeting before "the subject" — the recent state audit — came up, but already the board had taken action to prevent further findings of misconduct.

One rule change states that no longer will part-time employees receive double pay for working a holiday.

Hospital Medical Director Anne W. Robinson predicted the rule, necessitated by the state audit finding that some part-time employees had been

overpaid, will make it more difficult to staff the hospital on holidays, when part timers like to earn the additional pay.

On questioning by board member Leonard R. Kennedy, Dr. Robinson said those working part time generally do it of their own choice.

"We would be happy to have more on full time," she added.

"I don't like it (the new rule), but I don't see what else we can do," commented trustee Frederick Ball in joining the unanimous vote.

Also unanimous was the

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board's decision no longer to advance travel expenses.

A recoverable finding in the audit released a week ago was for \$625, funds advanced to Dr. Lawrence Rossiter for travel to a California medical meeting.

According to auditors, the physician was unable to produce evidence he had attended the sessions.

It was noted Monday night the board will retain its power to approve or disapprove attendance at any hospital-related program, workshop or seminar before such travel is authorized.

Many of the findings in the 147-page audit, which several trustees saw Monday night for the first time, involved bills paid as much as two weeks before board authorization.

That was a matter of economics, according to Vernon Mishler, hired as hospital controller after the audit period.

Molly Stark bills are paid on the 10th of each month to take advantage of vendors' discounts, while the board does not meet until the third Monday of each month, he explained.

Mishler suggested either changing the date of the meetings to the first Monday of each month, or sending a list of the checks which are to be mailed to four trustees for approval before the checks are mailed.

Kennedy strongly objected to the latter suggestion, saying it "makes about as much sense as nothing."

"You run me down in my office and expect me to sign them? I might want to ask a question."

Board Chairman William H. Belden suggested questions could be handled by telephone or by making a trip to the hospital.

It was Belden's idea, however, that trustees finally accepted: That vendors be notified that checks will not be mailed until after the monthly board meeting and the hospital plans to continue taking discounts.

"They'll be glad to get the business," Belden predicted.

Controller Mishler informed the board he has instituted new purchasing and income systems, as a result of the auditor's findings.

Board Executive Secretary Kathryn E. Shearer told members that the audit came as a surprise to most employees.

"It was a really depressing thing to them," she said. "Many have worked very hard to preserve what we have here."

Mishler said that the state examiner will send findings to the board, and after that, the decision will be made about how to handle recovery of funds.

Trustees in office during the audited period, it was noted, can be held liable for any unrecovered amounts.

On a happier note, trustees, using new levy money, asked the executive secretary to draw up specifications for such major hospital major repairs as enclosing the lobby open stairway, repairing leaking roofs and installing storm windows in older building areas.

The board also passed a resolution, recommended by Michael Zirpolo of the Stark County prosecutor's office, authorizing installation of equipment to bring smoke emission levels in line with Ohio Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

New Medical Director Named at Molly Stark

Appointment of Dr. Edward M. Wurzel of Alexandria, Va., as medical director of Molly Stark Hospital was announced today.

Dr. Wurzel will succeed Dr. Anne W. Robinson who will remain on the staff and serve as assistant to Dr. Wurzel in his absence.

The new medical director is a graduate of the New York Medical College and the University of Texas and served as a U.S. Medical Officer from 1944 to 1967. Since then he has been serving as a hospital medical consultant.

At Molly Stark Dr. Wurzel will have charge over administration functions pertaining directly to medical care. Treatment now available at the hospital includes general intermediate care, extended care, chronic care and treatment for tuberculosis.



DR. EDWARD M. WURZEL
Virginia Physician Picked

Molly Stark trustees rap audit findings

By ROSS A. GRABER
Staff Writer
NIMISHILLEN TWP. —
Stark County Asst. Prosec-
utor Allan Krash told
Molly Stark Hospital trust-
ees Monday night they
have until about Nov. 17
to pay findings for recov-
ery leveled against them
in a state audit.

Failure to pay by then
could result in legal ac-
tion, he warned, which
could be initiated by the
prosecutor or by the Ohio
attorney general.

Trustees seemed to
agree that the recent au-
dit was unjust in its find-
ings against them.

It was their first real

discussion on the Aug. 16
report which covered the
hospital's operation from
May 1, 1972, through April
30, 1975, and resulted in
findings exceeding
\$20,000.

Several of the current
trustees were on the
board during that time
and had findings leveled

against them.

Krash, accompanied by
attorneys John Wirtz and
Michael Zirpolo of the
prosecutor's staff, said
they are in a difficult po-
sition because although by
law they are the board's
legal counsel, they also
are responsible to the at-
torney general for collect-

ing the findings.

However, Krash tem-
pered his words by add-
ing that the prosecutor
must be convinced he has
enough evidence to pur-
sue civil proceedings. He
also said the attorney
general does not have a
history of taking action in
Stark to collect on audit
reports — although he has
done so in other counties.

Dr. Raymond J. McMa-
hon, who was not a board
member during the audit
period, said the findings
represent "one of the
greatest injustices you
can bring to bear against

a person who gives his
time, service and exper-
tise to the service of the
community.

"Someplace, some-
where along the line, this
injustice has to be recti-
fied or a person will have
to be an idiot to serve on
a public board," he said.

Members of the Molly
Stark board are appointed
by county commissioners
and serve without remu-
neration.

Two of the findings
against trustees which
drew the most criticism
were for liquor consumed
at medical staff meetings

and for pieces of office
equipment that are miss-
ing.

Board members
pointed out they seldom,
if ever, attend medical
staff dinner-meetings or
consume alcohol paid for
from hospital funds.

They also discounted
their responsibility for
knowing where all the of-
fice equipment, some
hand-sized or smaller, is
or should be.

McMahon emphasized it
is impossible for board
members, unlike elected
officials who are in their
domain daily, to monitor

equipment use.

Krash, expressing em-
pathy with the members'
plight, said, "The Ohio
Legislature, in its infinite
wisdom, did not differen-
tiate between elected and
appointed public offi-
cials." He added that as
trustees, the board holds
ultimate responsibility
for the hospital's overall
operation.

Board President Wil-
liam Belden asked Krash
what the statute of limita-
tions is for expenses in-
curred by board members
while they are on hospital
business.

Patients to go

Fiscal cuts planned for Molly's ills

8/5/75

By ROSS A. GRABER
Staff Writer

NIMISHILLEN TWP. — Massive layoff of personnel and cutbacks in patient load appear to be Molly Stark's sole solution for its financial woes.

So, Monday night trustees voted unanimously for the hand-in-hand cuts rather than to sever their own financial jugular vein by continuing on the current, fiscally precarious route which, by year's end, could be expected to lead to a deficit of about \$150,000.

Receiving the brunt of the patient cut will be those classified as "nursing home" types, or those whose medical and nursing needs are not maximum and who can be served with little difficulty at other facilities.

Total bed cuts are from about 180 to 105. However, the actual number of "bodies" to be affected will be about 80 — or from the current load of 166 down to 87, according to Charles Bair, hospital administrator.

By Sept. 7, some 45.5 per cent of the hospital staff members will have to collect next paychecks in unemployment lines — the result of an across-the-board reduction.

That percentage reflects a slash from 250.5 full-time (defined as 40-hours-per-week) positions, to 136.6, a cut of 113.9.

Bair said it is not known who will be laid off and added that Civil Service procedures will be used.

Bair said it is expected the cutbacks will enable the hospital to close 1975 with, if not a profitable, at least a solvent ledger and to continue operating through December 1976.

Bair said that one of the big reasons for the hospital's tight-rope fiscal standing is a recent law requiring new safety standards in nursing homes. Because of it, many had to close and Molly Stark, in what almost turned into suicidal benevolence, opened its doors to some of the displaced senior citizens.

Thus, he explained, the hospital's patient load quickly outgrew the budgeted capacity for 120 patients.

"But we had projected this 10 months ago," he said.

Except for those persons, the facility will operate normally, primarily in four categories of care. They include the alcoholic, retarded children, chronically ill and skilled nursing units.

They are considered "unique" to Molly Stark, he said, and offer services unavailable elsewhere in the county.

Only one, though, the alcoholic unit, is self-sufficient. The other three run into deficits which, it is hoped, will be offset by county and state money and by a change in the method by which the hospital pays its bills.

The later entails letting

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Molly plans cuts

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bills ride 90 days after receipt before paying them, Bair said.

He explained it is a one-time effort which will "free" up to \$150,000 and which is done mostly with the okay of the companies owed.

This tactic alone is expected to see the hospital through the remainder of the year with a debt-free ledger.

Its drawback is the game of catching-up, Bair said, since, from then on, recurring bills will have to be paid monthly. "In the business world, this is commonly done, when needed," Bair said, declining to call the measure a desperation tactic.

Hospital officials said they hope 1976 will pay its own way with funds from a proposed levy, patient payment, Medicare and other insurances and the recently passed House Bill 155. The bill provides for Ohio Welfare Department reimbursement to nursing homes on a reasonable cost basis, he said.

After a 20-minute, closed-door executive session, trustees announced their intention to adopt

the cutback proposal drafted by Bair and Dr. Edward M. Wurzel, medical director.

Toward end of the meeting, Wurzel told the trustees, "I think in reality we have been giving our patients more medical care than we can afford."

With the cutbacks, Bair said, the number of physicians will be reduced from 5 to 2.5 with the time divided among three or four physicians who will work on a part-time basis.

The personnel-to-patient ratio will be reduced to about 1.3 employees to one patient which, Bair acknowledged, is extremely low.

After the trustees passed the cutback measure, Bair assured them that, "We don't intend to let anyone (patients) stand on the street." Plans were made to contact the Seven County Health Planning Council to find permanent residences for those who will be moved out.

In other action, the trustees:

EXPRESSED sorrow at

Molly Stark cuts ease cash plight

8/19/75

By LOUISE JOHNSON
Staff Writer

NIMISHILLEN TWP. — As the staff and patient load is reduced at Molly Stark Hospital, the financial picture brightens, reported Charles Bair, administrator, when the board met Monday night.

The hospital that once housed 192 patients now serves 123.

The number soon will go down to 83, Bair said.

In fact, half the hospital — the west wing — may be closed, he reported.

Many staff reductions have been made, but more

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were planned when the board reviewed the organization chart in private session after the regular meeting.

On the positive side, members agreed to expand the alcoholism unit from 20 to 30, beginning Sept. 1.

In a report prepared by Dr. Lawrence Rossiter, director of the unit, and John M. Harnish, program coordinator, the board was told the move would increase yearly income by \$71,467.

The board approved transfer of two licensed practical nurses already on the hospital staff to the alcoholism unit, where they will serve as therapy assistants.

Members also:

HEARD Dr. Willard Howland report radiology work at the hospital could be done by doctors he represents for \$250 per week or \$5 per patient, with the board agreeing to the \$5 charge.

LEARNED Dr. Raymond Rosedale Jr. requested to resign from the board because of his health, and accepted the resignation.

the imminent departure of Dr. Wurzel, who announced his resignation at the previous meeting. They appointed Dr. Ann Robinson to his position.

APPOINTED a committee to review the hospital's personnel. It is composed of Bair, Trustee Leonard Kennedy and Dr. Robert Zimmerman.

INSTRUCTED Bair to begin work on drafting a new hospital admitting policy.

Spending trimmed in personnel, services

Molly Stark okays cuts

9/23/75

By ROSS A. GRABER
Staff Writer

NIMISHILLEN TWP. — Several personnel changes, most geared toward curbing Molly Stark Hospital's "gold flow," were made Monday night by the Board of Trustees.

One nonmonetary move was to appoint Dr. Anne W. Robinson medical director and part-time physician, retroactive to Sept. 15, at an annual salary of \$20,000.

She has been working at Molly Stark some 18 years and was acting medical director for a short period about three years ago.

AT HER URGING, trustees voted to "slash" her staff by eliminating two part-time doctors and molding their duties into one job.

With Dr. Robinson's services, that will provide a staff of three physicians and, when asked if she thought they would be able to handle the hospital's caseload, she answered, "Absolutely. I used to cover more with two (doctors)."

Five contracts, up for renewal, were reviewed and, in one case, terminated for economic reasons.

Instead of renewing the contract which paid psychiatrist Charulata Shirali \$1,000 per month for two visits a week, trustees decided to retain her on a consultant basis.

Dr. Robinson explained that a psychiatrist is one who works with patients suffering incapacitating infirmities, such as helping a person regain use of a limb following a stroke.

SHE SAID THAT as a psychiatrist, Dr. Shirali is a "rare" kind of doctor and expressed a concern that if she weren't retained on a contract, her services might be snapped up by another hospital or other organization.

But the acting board president, Dr. Robert Zimmerman, said, "There is no doubt that she is highly qualified, but the question is whether we need her on a retainer for \$1,000 a month."

He pointed out that hospitals worked for years without psychiatrists and suggested that since medical doctors know how to handle infirmities because of frequent contact with such cases, Dr. Shirali be placed on consultant status and be called only for unusual cases. The trustees agreed.

IN ANOTHER economically motivated move, trustees agreed to have administrator Charles Bair

inform the Canton Health Department that they wish not to staff the Canton Tuberculosis Clinic four mornings each month.

Dr. Robinson said there aren't enough patients to make it economically worthwhile and, in place of a doctor, a nurse would be able to handle the work, which generally consists of administering skin tests.

Free X-rays for people needing health cards now are a thing of the past.

Trustees agreed that those needing the cards, such as teachers, foodhandlers, beauticians and bus drivers, can afford to pay.

THUS THE "FREEBIES" went out the window for anyone except incoming and outgoing Molly Stark employees and those who are suspected contacts with active tuberculosis cases and are seeking X-rays on doctors' orders.

Trustees learned that the hospital has about 150 patients, none being treated for tuberculosis, which is a drop of 149 since last March.

Bernard Schario, coordinator for the Geriatric Day Care Program, told trustees the facility has begun paying for itself and, by the end of September, is expected to show at \$200 profit.

He said the program, which provides day care for older people, is 90 to 95 per cent reimbursed by Ohio Welfare Department.

"The program now is at the point of about being able to carry itself," Schario said.

People need help

I certainly agree with Mrs. Esther Cole regarding Molly Stark Hospital cutbacks. I agree with her, as some of those poor people out there have no place to go. And our city officials are going wacky trying to buy Meyers Lake.

Please tell me just what are they going to do with it after they get it?

I personally know of one case: the man is in Molly Stark getting therapy. He has had so many strokes he can't walk or talk, his wife is in Timken Mercy Hospital. She has had her leg amputated and if she even makes it out, she will be unable to take care of him. So where can he be placed?

Why doesn't some of the money the welfare department pays out to unwed mothers go for a good cause?

They don't stop at having one baby. Why should they marry? Welfare will take care of them. I say they should be fixed when they have one so they cannot have any more. AUG. 25-75

MRS. MARIE HINTZ
2321 Harmont Ave. NE

Molly's 'doors' debated

REP. SEPT. 16, 1973

By WILLIAM FELCZAN
Staff Writer
NIMISHILLEN TWP. — Molly Stark Hospital trustees could hold no formal meeting Monday night for lack of a quorum, only three being present, but the "nonmeeting" discussion resulted in a two-hour "let-down-the-hair" session.

The trustees present, Dr. Robert Zimmerman, Robert Marshall and Harold W. Savage, reviewed the entire agenda.

Administrator Charles Bair related the continued odyssey through bureaucratic seas regarding installation of fire doors which will meet unwritten standards of state building inspection.

Bair related the chain of events covering the past two years through three building inspectors, each of whom apparently had a separate set of standards although none ever spelled out specifically what type would be acceptable.

According to Bair, the hospital on three occasions has submitted plans which were approved, and purchased doors and parts.

But, at time of final inspection, the hospital would find a new appointee would be serving as inspector, who would find the new doors unacceptable and not in compliance with his interpretation of the code.

Through three succeeding changes of inspectors,

the hospital now finds itself with some \$2,000 worth of doors which do not conform with the current inspector's standards.

Two dozen of them have not been installed but cannot be returned for refund because they were custom-made. Bair related.

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As a result, Bair said he requested in January that trustees authorize hiring an architect as a consultant to prepare comprehensive fire-door plans, submit them to the state board and obtain conclusive approval before proceeding with installation.

Questioned by Dr. Zimmerman on just how important the proper doors are to hospital operation, Bair explained that hospitals which ignored or just failed to comply with inspection findings found themselves decertified for further Medicare or Medicaid and even have received retroactive penalties by denial of payment for services to patients treated prior to decertification.

Trustees learned Canton Tuberculosis Clinic, held four days a month at Canton Health Department, serves a minimal number of outpatients, mainly for TB skin tests, far out of proportion to expense of the physician-hours devoted to it.

Also brought under scrutiny was the free chest X-ray program at the hospital, as regards persons who are not tuberculosis patients, contacts or suspected cases.

Specific reference was made to the fact persons needing health cards, including a negative chest X-ray would have to pay \$15 or more to a physician or hospital.

Since they are not required to have chest X-rays as part of Molly Stark's function of detecting and registering TB victims, these outpatients actually are receiving free X-rays to qualify for employment at a cost to the hospital of \$10 or more each, trustees and staff members concluded.

Trustees tentatively set Monday night as a special meeting night in hopes a quorum can be present to act on necessary programs, such as the Geriatric Day Care Program, serving some 110 patients living within 10 miles of the hospital.

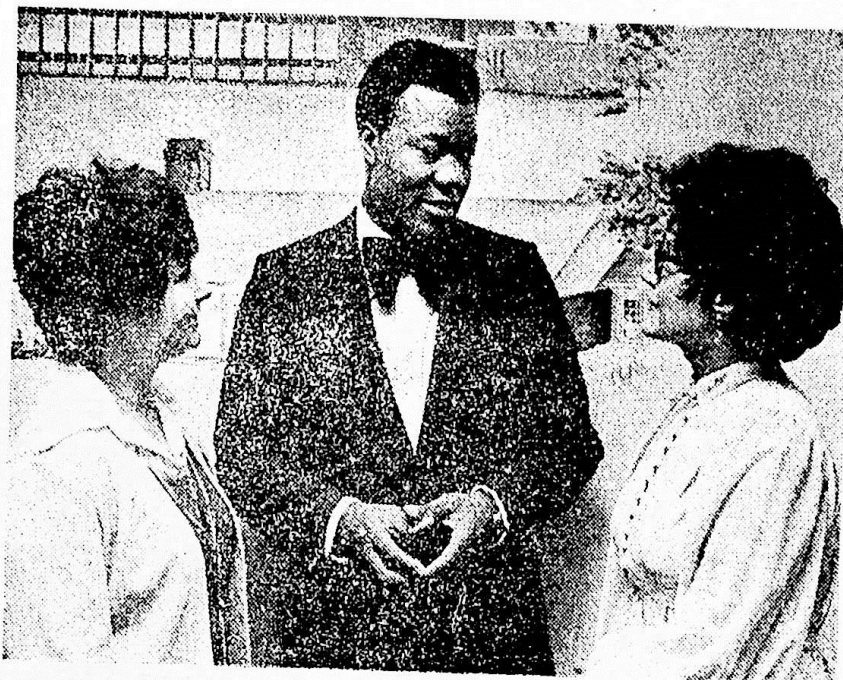
According to Bernard Schario, coordinator of the program, a total of 2,436 patient-days of care were provided in 1974, with an average daily participation of 14 patients.

Limitations of transportation appeared to be the only restricting factor, Schario said, estimating the program could handle up to 30 persons daily.

Dr. Anne W. Robinson told trustees patient census has been cut to 88 in the austerity program of transferring eligible patients to qualified institutions.

Bair said a study of the personnel-patient ratio showed personnel reductions have cut the September ratio to 1.69-1, just about exactly the 1.68-1 ratio of March, when the patient census was more than twice its present size.

All these items are expected to be acted on at Monday's meeting, plus of a new contract with Dr. Robinson as medical director and contracts with numbers of staff members and consultants serving the hospital.



CONSTITUTION CONCLAVE. Cleveland Indians telecaster Jim "Mudcat" Grant is the object of the attention of Darlene Odar (left) and Maxine Imdorf, cochairmen of the Louisville Constitution Week kickoff breakfast held annually in honor of Mrs. Olga T. Weber. Grant was speaker at the breakfast. Mrs. Weber, originator of the Constitution Week observance in Louisville, declined to attend but was lauded for her patriotic zeal and humility. State Rep. William J. Healy, D-Canton, said it was her urging that led him to introduce legislation seeking establishment of March 1 as Ohio Statehood Day. The week continues tonight with the queen candidates fashion show, banquet Wednesday, queen's pageant Thursday night, downtown rides Thursday through Saturday, golf outing Saturday morning, senior citizens party Saturday afternoon, ball Saturday night, parade Sunday afternoon and fireworks Sunday night. (Repository Staff Photo)

Molly chief sidestepped on fall levy

By ROSS A. GRABER

Charles Bair, administrator for Molly Stark Hospital, left empty-handed Thursday afternoon after seeking advice from Stark County commissioners about a tax levy on the November ballot for the facility.

He told commissioners the hospital would end 1975 in the "black" financially — a result of severe personnel and patient cutbacks.

He added the hospital probably could continue operating in 1976 on current income, but only at the "bare-bones" level. The levy principally would insure the hospital's existence, and possibly a few added services, into 1977 and beyond.

HOWEVER, AFTER asking the commissioners' advice about a levy recommendation which he could offer at Monday's special hospital board meeting, he was told: "If the trustees want direction, they can come in and ask. (We're) not going to go to them." Earlier it had been explained the trustees supposedly comprise the sole governing body for the hospital and are not subject to rulings from higher echelons.

It was emphasized, however, that any operating levy sought for Molly Stark would be a "commissioners' levy."

Because of its dire financial situation, the hospital was forced to cut its patient load from about 160 to 85, accomplished within 15 to 20 days in September, Bair said.

HE ADDED THAT the hospital's financial picture now is "in the ball park where we thought it would be. I don't want to imply it's a perfect situation, but we're starting to catch up on the bills and we're on a cash basis with maybe 20 per cent of our suppliers."

Commissioners Albert Creighton and Norman Sponseller expressed concern that many of those sent from the hospital in the recent cutback were older, retired people.

Bair assured them, however, that they were only the patients able to take partial care of themselves and who would receive better and less-costly treatment at nursing homes.

He advised commissioners to refrain from returning to nursing home services, basically because of cost factors. "We kept taking nursing home patients until it nearly choked us to death," he said.

BAIR INDICATED, though, that the "chronic cases which have no other alternative" as far as care is concerned could be handled at Molly Stark.

"They are the group for which we are unique," he explained. "If we aren't there, they'll suffer."

Bair added that the alcoholic program is about the only viable, pay-its-own-way facility at Molly Stark. However, the Geriatric Day-Care Center, a facility which provides older people with daily care and recreation, is nearly self-supporting, trustees learned at their Sept. 23 meeting.

Both Bair and the commissioners agreed Molly Stark's sole hope for survival may rest in a complete reorganization and a new, "fresh-blood" administration.

BAIR SAID THE commissioners also need to "spell out hospital policy, which seems to vary weekly."

He, too, condemned the action of some trustees, charging that when they visit the hospital, they give administrative orders.

County Administrator William Keen backed Bair on that point, saying, "Some of them don't seem to understand the difference between policymaking and giving orders."

Bair also charged that a couple of the trustees are interested in seeing Molly Stark closed and that he thus fears a levy will not be introduced this fall.

However, when Bair made the request for a suggestion by commissioners, he was told, "We'll just have to have faith that the trustees will see the best avenue to go down."

'For' Molly Stark levy

Will Molly Stark Hospital continue to fill an important role in providing vital health services in Stark County or will it be forced to close at the end of this year?

The answer to that question lies squarely with county voters. Last November an eight-tenths of one mill operating levy — half of it a renewal and half new millage — was rejected by about 8,000 votes.

The same issue will be on the June 8 primary ballot only the now has been raised to one mill.

IF THE PROPOSAL should fail again in June there will be one final chance, in the November general election, to save the hospital. The current four-tenths of one mill levy which presently is keeping the hospital in operation, but on a sharply reduced scale, expires at the end of this year.

The board of trustees will have no choice other than to close the doors if sufficient operating funds are not made available.

It is imperative that the one mill levy be passed June 8 — for several excellent reasons. In the first place, the board is bogged down almost completely in its planning because it has no assurance the hospital will be open next year.

Secondly, the facility is being forced to run at something less than 51 per cent of capacity due to lack of sufficient money and that means county residents are not getting maximum value from the hospital.

Finally, if the levy is approved this spring the board can put the wheels in motion almost immediately to return to full-scale operation even though the money from the new levy won't be immediately available.

If necessary, the trustees can borrow against the certain income of the new levy if that should prove necessary to upgrade services yet this year.

A NEGATIVE voter response in June and last-ditch passage in November will save the hospital but it will result in continued curtailment of service this year and will delay that much longer a return to capacity operation.

The levy was boosted from eight-tenths of one mill to one mill because of the inroads of inflation and also because the board ascertained that money in the amount that would be generated by a one mill levy is mandatory if full service is to be restored.

As we have pointed out previously, a heavy percentage of Molly Stark's services are not duplicated anywhere in the county and if the hospital were to close, that assistance simply would be lost.

Molly Stark Hospital was built in 1928, with a new wing added in the early 1950s, as a hospital for tuberculosis treatment.

New drugs and treatment methods have reduced the incidence of tuberculosis and the time necessary to treat it to such an extent that a county hospital solely for tuberculosis patients no longer is required.

The hospital, still is equipped and staffed to handle tuberculosis patients and that remains an important function. Sometimes the population of the TB ward is down to zero and on other occasions it runs as high as 10 or 12. In recent weeks seven or eight active TB

cases have been under treatment there.

Molly Stark also has an extremely effective outpatient clinic for tuberculosis and the case load of people treated because they have TB or have been in contact with it averages in the neighborhood of 300.

AS THE NEED for tuberculosis treatment declined the hospital expanded its services to cover other areas of health and medical care.

It now has a busy and successful alcoholism unit, a pediatric division for severely retarded and braindamaged children, an inpatient rehabilitation program, a geriatric day care center and a skilled nursing facility.

The hospital previously had a minimal care division to assist patients in a manner comparable to that available in private nursing homes but that unit has been eliminated due to shortage of funds.

The success of the alcoholism division has been the result of an outstanding cooperative effort by the hospital, Alcoholics Anonymous and Alcoholism Rehabilitation Associates, Inc.

In relation to the number of beds available — 17 — the pediatrics unit is one of the busiest in the hospital. It admits only children whose deficiencies are so severe they cannot be assisted at any other Stark County facility.

The inpatient rehabilitation program has proved quite valuable and is operated in close cooperation with the comprehensive outpatient programs maintained by Goodwill Industries and others.

The chronic illness division is the only one of its kind in an accredited Stark County Hospital and it provides care for long-term, bedridden patients and those with terminal illnesses.

The geriatric day care program transports older people to the hospital for social and educational activities ranging from arts and crafts to seminars and field trips. Great importance is put on the nutritional aspects of the program.

The skilled nursing unit provides care at a level between the short-term aid at general hospitals and the long-term assistance of nursing homes.

IN FULL operation Molly Stark can accommodate more than 180 patients. But the trustees and administration were forced to reduce the patient census to 90 last year in order to operate at a break-even point financially.

The patient population now is down to 75-80 and the trustees still are hard-pressed to dig up the money to serve that many.

The Molly Stark staff and board have performed valiantly in recent years in the face of almost overwhelming odds.

The irony of the whole affair is that their chief interest — and in the case of the trustees virtually their sole interest — is to serve the people of the county by continuing needed medical care services.

Everyone understands the strengthening resistance of property owners to increases in real estate taxation.

But the one-mill Molly Stark levy is one of the biggest bargains in cost vs. service to be offered to county voters.

The Repository strongly urges a heavy affirmative vote on the Molly Stark levy June 8.

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"The Feller site is fairly well located but contains a considerable amount of low ground. The building site on this property would necessarily have to be close to the Richville rd. This would necessitate securing an approach through one of two or three farms between the Feller site and the Richville rd.

"This site, although adaptable to building purposes is in nowise comparable to the Martig site, which is by far the best location that has been shown since this department has been inspecting tuberculosis hospital sites in Stark county.

"The Martig site is located about two and one-half miles north of Louisville on the Canton-Harrisburg-Alliance rd. The natural slope of the land is to the southeast, admirably adapted to tuberculosis hospital purposes. The elevation is sufficient for all needs and at the same time does not stand out with such prominence that the institution would receive severe effect of storms. The atmosphere here is at all times clear and free from smoke; the soil is a beautiful loam and the slope is such that drainage would be as good as could be obtained anywhere.

"The outlook is exceptionally pleasing and the size is sufficient for present needs and future development. Access is easy by several bus lines. The diagonal road from Canton will be paved this year, making the site easy of approach from two different ways from Canton."

The county's long search for a suitable tuberculosis hospital site appears to have ended at last.

Dr. John E. Monger, state commissioner of health, sent a communication to the commissioners Saturday recommending the purchase of what is known as the Martig farm, located near Death curve on the Canton-Harrisburg-Alliance r. The Feller site on the Richville rd also was recommended, but certain unsuitable features of that farm were pointed out.

In all, seven prospective sites were inspected by state officers some weeks ago, of which five were rejected. The commissioners already have an option on the Martig site, and immediate steps probably will be taken to buy it. Dr. Monger's report, in part, follows:

"The two sites which may be considered favorable for building purposes are the Feller site and the Martig site.

It is expected that work on the main building for the new county tuberculosis hospital at Death Curve will begin about August 1st. This building will cost in excess of \$200,000. One of the first things the county will have done is to have the electric light service extended to Death Curve.

New Law Enters Picture

6/14/37

County To Chart Future Course for Molly Stark

A meeting to discuss the future operation of Molly Stark Hospital under a recently - enacted state law has been called for Wednesday noon at the hospital, Commissioner Joseph T. Nist, president of the board of county commissioners, announced.

Under the new state law, Mr. Nist said, counties operating tuberculosis hospitals can do one of several things for better or more efficient operations. He said the hospital could be used as an area or district hospital, permitting small-

er facilities in other counties to be closed.

On the other hand the county could, if it chose, decide to close the hospital and convert it into a new home for the aged and infirm or it could establish a general hospital for the treatment of all disease and emergencies, Mr. Nist said.

The Wednesday meeting is to discuss the various possibilities under the law and the law itself so the future course of the institution can be charted now, even if changes are not effected for several years.

In recent years, county officials have given considerable thought to closing of the hospital and conversion into a home for the aged. This is one of the items to be discussed at the session.

Mr. Nist said Commissioners Myron W. Kesler and Glen C. Sponsor will be present at the meeting in addition to L. L. Taylor, executive director of the Stark County Tuberculosis & Health Assn.; County Home Supt. Walter J. Firestone, Molly Stark trustee, a representative of the Stark County Medical Society, a representative of the state health department and Dr. Constantine Visnevsky, medical director of the hospital.



Because of where they work — away from the main hospital building — employees in the laundry are often "forgotten people." Not many of us know who they are or exactly what they do. To find out, we went . . .

To The Laundry (Molly Stark)

Susie Hite reached over to the pile of clothes lying on the table beside the press and picked off a pair of baggy medium gray pants and flattened them out on the press's lower arm. She did the same thing with a shirt on a second press while her foot worked the control that steam pressed the pants. Susie, as she stood beside her pile of clothes, formed one side of a square with three pressing machines forming the other three sides. As the shirt and the pants were steaming, Susie put the top half of a pair of pajamas into the third press. When this was done she removed the shirt and pants, folded them gently, and placed them in a cloth wrapper with a patient identification tag attached.

Susie is a laundry worker of about ten years. She works mostly by herself. She irons the laundry, usually patient laundry, as it comes out from the dryers. She is happy in her work because there is always plenty to do, few people to bother her, and because she is well experienced in what she does.

Much the same might be said for the whole laundry. The other women that work here — Pat Husk, Ruth Keirn, Anna Ott, Agnes Ruffier, and Mildred Schaub — take turns working the presses, folding sheets, and sorting linen. As Agnes Ruffier explains, "We just work together well. I don't think you would find a better crew. We would never hurt each other purposely. It's nice work . . . it keeps you occupied."

The work is regular and while there is enough to do, in Laundry there is seldom any worry about getting the job

done on time. "We're not under pressure and strain," says Mildred Schaub. "If you don't get finished you just bed it down for the night and pick it up the next day where you left off. There's a relaxed feeling about the work, and you don't worry about it when you go home at night."

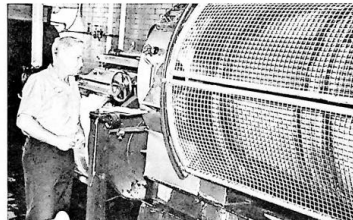
In the Molly Stark Laundry, running and repairing the washing and drying machines is men's work and the job of Bob Maily, Arlie Gandree, and Bernie Haidet. Standing underneath the big steam heated tumblers, they push the large bulky loads from machine to machine and into the carts.

Bernie Haidet has been working at Molly Stark longer than many hospitals have been in existence — 24 years. Until 1952 he was yard man in Maintenance when he moved into laundry where he now is department head. He admits that his are "pretty good workers" and he spends most of his time working himself rather than "supervising."

The work in Laundry sometimes is not easy. It gets hot in the summer — especially where Susie works on the press and when all the dryers and washers are going it can get painfully noisy. The people here aren't complaining though. They run a laundry and they know they run a good one. They also know that what they do is vital to good patient care. As Mrs. Hite summed it up, "If you take an interest in doing your job the best you can than it's interesting. I do it just like I would at home. And I think the laundry — especially the patient's laundry — should be done just as good as possible."



Folding up blankets in the picture above are Mildred Schaub (left) and Pat Husk while Susie Hite, pictured on the right, uses a steam press and Bernie Haidet gets ready to unload a washer.



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Volunteer Director Named

"You have to recruit people that want to do the job — so they can be reliable. They must know Molly Stark and feel involved in the hospital family," says Mrs. Margaret Moore, our new Director of Volunteer Services. "I'm interested in volunteers who can come on a regular basis, who can see the needs and be proud of what they are doing here. Hopefully, they will be representative of the whole community. Just as health care shouldn't be only for the rich neither should volunteering."

Recently from Toledo, Mrs. Moore holds the distinction of being the first paid Director of Volunteer Services in that city, where she worked at Riverside Hospital — and she brings to Molly Stark her fifteen years of experience in the volunteer field. While at Toledo, Mrs. Moore was appointed to the Volunteer and Auxiliary Committee for the Ohio Hospital Association and the Outreach Committee for OHA. The Outreach Committee is a group of health care professionals who examine the potential for community involvement of various hospital volunteer programs.

What makes a successful volunteer services director? Apparently a broad general education (with an emphasis on people), a concern for human problems, and a lot of personal volunteering. Mrs. Moore graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana with a degree in marketing and advertising. Following her graduation, she wrote copy for sales promotion with several chain department stores including Alden's and Madigan's in Chicago and Spiegels in Chicago.



Margaret Moore, Director of Volunteer Services, ponders over the selection of uniforms for volunteers.

After the Spiegel job, Mrs. Moore moved to Toledo where she did free-lance promotion for several stores and got involved with volunteer work at local hospitals. At the suggestion of her minister, she decided to try to make a profession out of volunteer services and so took the position at Riverside.

Mrs. Moore has been and still is very much involved with programs outside the context of the hospital where she is working. One such program, that she helped to set up with the American Cancer Society, is a volunteer visiting service, "Reach To Recover," for women who have had all or part of a breast removed. The basic idea behind the program, says Mrs. Moore is that " . . . one woman helps another go through what she herself has already gone through." Although she herself has never had breast cancer, Mrs. Moore helps organize the program and train volunteers.

Among her other accomplishments, Mrs. Moore has served on the board of the YWCA and as chairman of the Adult Program Committee, on the board of the Women's Advertising Club of Toledo, as the first woman on the Vestry of

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Employee of the Month

Just a Farm Girl



Debby Waid, Nursing Office Secretary

Debby Waid, our secretary in the nursing office, shyly admits to being "just a farm girl." If that's why she is such a friendly, soft spoken and just plain nice person — well then, let's hear it for the farm! "My mother always said that it took more energy to frown than to smile," says Debby. "Also I realize that there is always someone less fortunate than you are so you better be happy with what you have."

Evidently Debby has much to be happy about. The big part of her day, the eight hours or so she spends here at the hospital, she enjoys. Her duties include typing, answering the phone, taking notes at meetings and helping with time cards. "I like to meet people," states Debby. "I like it on pay day when the employees come in for their checks and I get to chat with them. I enjoy all my work, really."

Debby lives with her husband Neil, a draftsman at Ameritech Company, on Easton Road in Alliance. Also sharing their abode is their dog Bambi ("Short for Bambino, 'cause she's a little toy terrier"). At home she and her husband are busy fixing up the house — leveling off the lawn, antiquing the kitchen cabinets and painting the walls. "We work on it together," Debby says.

Mr. and Mrs. Waid don't spend all their time working though. On Sundays they attend the Freeburg Church of the Brethren in Alliance and, after hours, each is a youth counselor at the church. "We take the kids to go bowling or play basketball once or twice a month. Now this summer it'll be more often."

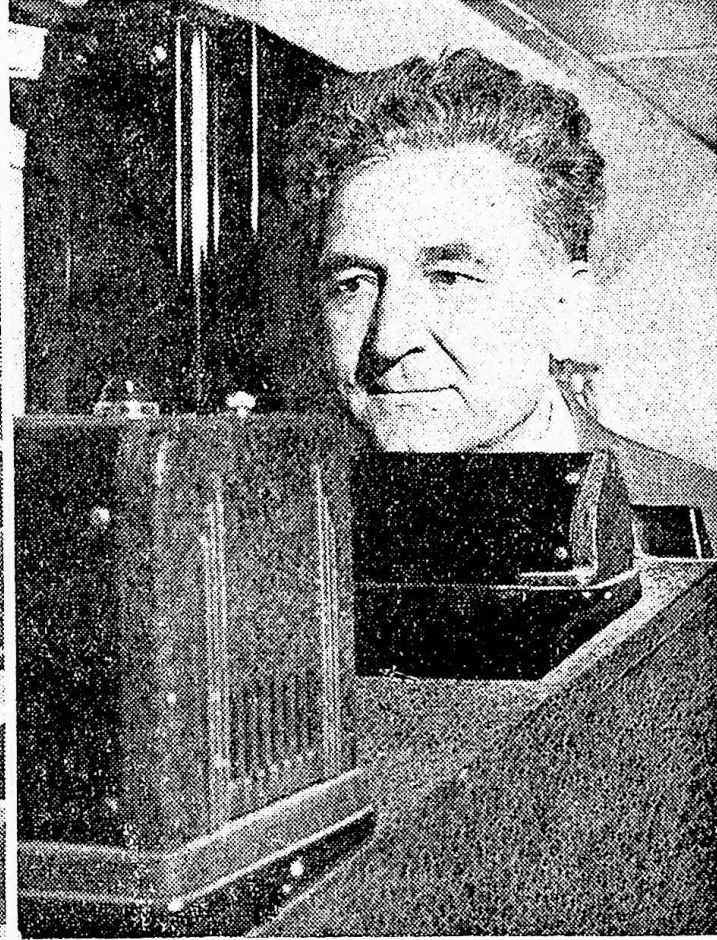
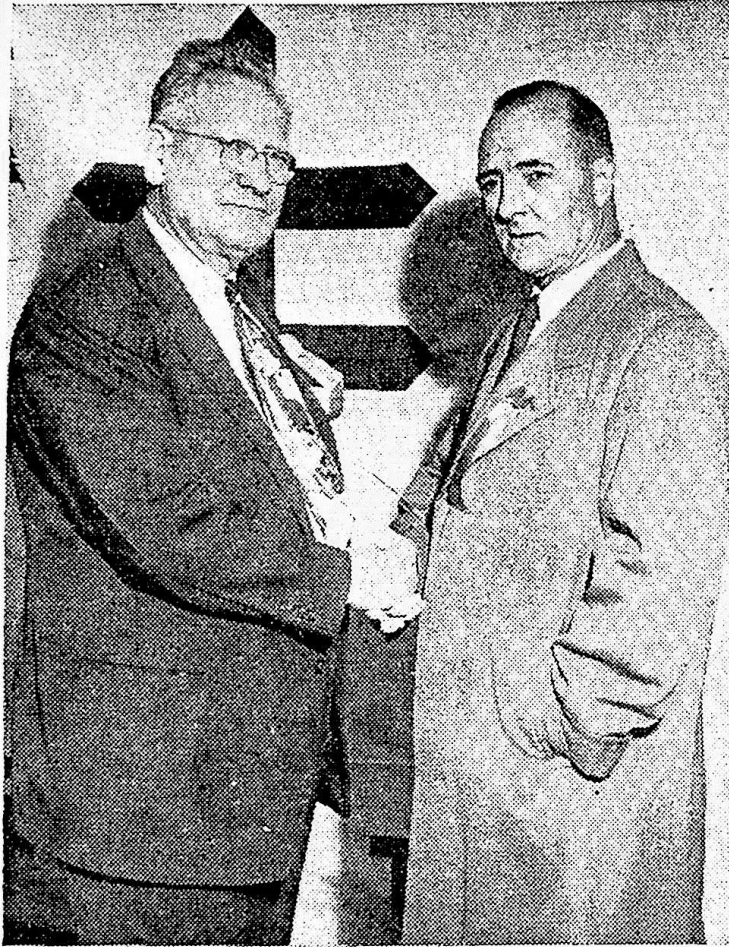
Debby Waid perhaps is much more than "just a farm girl" after all. Despite her modesty, however, Debby is very proud of the fact she grew up on her parents' farm outside Alliance. "It made you know how to work," says Debby about living on the farm. "It got our whole family to work together."

Welcome New Employees

We are happy to have recently the following aides with us — Paula Graham, Jerildine Gray, Livia Campbell, Rhoda Sommers, and Larea Rae Rex. Also new are Leslie Jay Block, P.N. and Freddie Chinn, Receptionist. Welcome all!

Two New Wings at Molly Stark Step Up Fight Against TB

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Stark County's effort to control tuberculosis and cure its victims was lauded Sunday afternoon at the dedication of a new 108-bed addition to Molly Stark Sanatorium. LEFT: Oliver Kuhn (left), building commission chairman, shakes hands with Willard James, trustee chairman. CENTER: A part of the crowd which witnessed the dedication. RIGHT: Principal speaker at the ceremony, Gov. Frank J. Lausche, stopped for a chest X-ray at the mobile unit.

Molly Stark Has Chapel By Kiwanis

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Fulfilling this year's major emphasis of Kiwanis International, "Give of Yourself by Enriching the Lives of the Aging," the 42-member Kiwanis Club of Louisville has undertaken and completed an interfaith chapel in Molly Stark Hospital (MSH) at 7900 Columbus Road NE, Louisville.

This project has been under the direction of the club's citizenship committee chaired by James Rocci of Louisville.

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SOME \$1,000 was spent to provide red velour draperies (which cover the entire front wall), red carpeting and walnut furniture (four pews, an altar table and a kneeling altar).

The gold cross on the altar was donated by the family of Horace Cook of Louisville in memory of their daughters, Marjorie DeWalt, Betty Hutto and Patty Menendez.

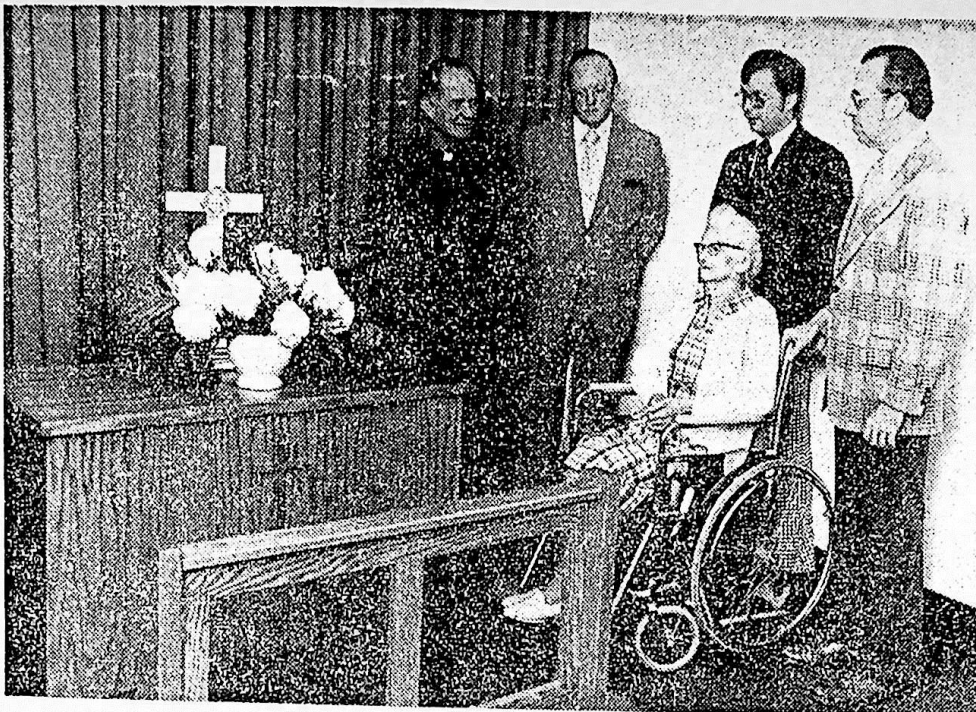
A picture of Christ which hangs in the back of the chapel was donated by Mrs. John Murphy, wife of a former MSH patient.

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ONE OF the major projects of the group was the installation of an off-white vinyl wall covering.

Cub president is the Rev. Durlan K. Dumm, pastor of Christ United Methodist Church in Louisville.

The purpose of the chapel is to provide a place for meditation and prayer for both patients and their families. It also will be used for small services of prayer and worship under the direction of the chaplains and local pastors.



A MEDITATION PLACE. On hand for the dedication ceremonies of Molly Stark Hospital's (MSH) new inter-faith chapel are (left to right) the Rev. John Babyak, Roman Catholic chaplain at MSH; the Rev. D. W. Somerville, protestant chaplain at MSH; James Rocci, chairman of Louisville Kiwanis Club citizenship committee; the Rev. Durlan Dumm, Kiwanis Club president and pastor of Christ United Methodist Church of Louisville, and patient Mrs. Emma Bell. (Repository Staff Photo)

Molly Stark Stays Open, Medical Chief Emphasizes

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Molly Stark Hospital will not be closed.

The hospital's medical director, Dr. Constantine Vishnevsky, made that clear today, in the wake of questions connected with the state's decision to cut its \$5 per diem aid for tuberculosis treatment there.

"Molly Stark Hospital will continue its operation as before to serve the residents of Stark County," Dr. Vishnevsky stressed.

He pointed out the 38-year-old hospital has three sections: the tuberculoclosis section (for hospitalized and ambulatory patients), chornic illness section and the extended care facility.

The extended care wing has 35 beds, with 34 now occupied.

A second wing houses the chronic illness division, which

has 30 beds, 22 presently occupied.

The second floor tuberculosis division has 70 beds, with 45 now in use.

The hospital's first floor, with 60 beds, is used by the Stark County Home.

PROGRAM
2:30 P.M. - October 19, 1952

Master of Ceremonies-----Wm. M. Morgan
NTA-Ohio Representative Dir.
Opening Prayer-----Msgr. G. N. Habig
Vicar General, Diocese of Youngstown
Choral Selections-----Mt. Union Choir
Cecil Stewart, Dir.

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICIAL GUESTS

A Patient Speaks----- John Kandert
Picture Presentation-----G. F. Duryee, Pres.
Stark Co. TB & Health Ass'n.

DEDICATORY ADDRESS

Hon. Frank J. Lausche, Governor
State of Ohio
Official Transfer-- -----Oliver Kuhn, Chairman
Building Commission
Acceptance-----/-----Willard James, Chairman
Board of Trustees, Molly Stark
"Molly Stark and the Community"-----
Dr. H. H. Brueckner
Controller of Tuberculosis for Stark County
"A Look to the Future"-----Dr. Wm. E. Elliott, Pres.
Stark County Medical Society

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONIES

Dr. P. L. Harris-Dr. Ward A. Scott-Dr. G. O. Rowland
Dr. C. S. Palmer - Health Commissioners
Stark County - Canton - Alliance - Massillon

Benediction
Rev. George E. Parkinson
First Presbyterian Church, Canton

TOUR OF THE HOSPITAL
REFRESHMENTS
MUSIC,
Louisville High School Band

Molly Stark Dedication Sunday

Governor To Speak

Ceremonies dedicating to public use the new bed space for tuberculosis patients at Molly Stark Sanatorium will be held Sunday afternoon, Oct. 19, with Gov. Frank J. Lausche giving the principal address, a special dedication committee has announced.

Beginning at 2:30, the brief but informative ceremonies will be held on the grounds of the sanatorium (near the intersection of routes 44 and 62) and all members of the public have been invited. R. A. Christian, Jr., dedication committee chairman, said that anywhere from 300 to 500 are expected to take advantage of the dedication and the brief hospital tour to follow. The ceremony is being planned so that most of the bed patients will be able to at least listen over the radio system.

The committee also hopes to hold open house hours at other times during the following week to permit interested individuals or groups to visit the new construction.

The east wing of the two new wings to add important bed space to the county TB hospital is already finished. The west wing is rapidly nearing completion and might be ready about the Oct. 19 date, according to Architect Harry C. Frank. Firestone, Frank, and Motter were the associated architects for the sanatorium addition. With 18 single bed rooms and 18 two bed rooms plus nursing and service rooms in each three story wing, there will be space for about 108 more beds. Present rated capacity is only 128 beds.

Some use of the new space will ~~probably be made by the patients~~ immediately after dedication, at least of the east wing, because there are right now 145 cases crowding the old facilities, with another 10 active cases ready for admittance. At least another 35 persons who have active TB and who could make use of the hospital facilities are estimated to be "at home." Still another indication of the vital need for bed space here is yesterday's report by the Central TB Case Register showing that since January 123 new TB cases have been found as against 109 at this time last year.

Mr. Christian said the dedication committee, sponsored by the Stark County Tuberculosis and Health Association, is voluntarily handling dedication ceremonies "because the public should take real pride in the new addition which gives us a tuberculosis hospital that is considered one of the best in this area." Other committee members are Clarence Steffy and Melvin Bixler.

Small brochures explaining some of the history and significance of the sanatorium story in Stark County have been prepared by the committee and are available to any person or group. ~~Quantities of them are being mailed out but Mr. Chris-~~ Han emphasized that only so much

mailing is possible and requests by interested persons are urged.

Work on the new fireproof construction which features brick walls and reinforced concrete flooring was started soon after the letting of the contracts in August, 1950. General Contractor was the Paul A. Kintz Construction Company and other contracts were held by the Standard Plumbing and Heating Company and the Hilscher-Clarke Electric Company.

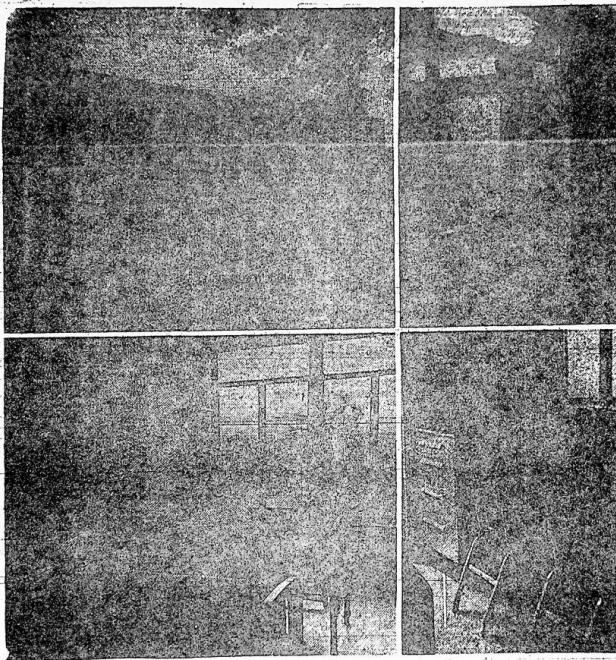
Public consent for the addition was given by nearly 3 to 1 by voters in 1948 when they approved a \$500,000 bond issue. State-federal funds for hospital construction were later allocated and added \$250,000. Then to help meet increased operating costs after construction, the public went to the polls in 1950 to pass a .4 of a mill operating levy.

A building commission was formed of Oliver Kuhn, chairman, Joseph Nist, Glen Sponseller, George Teufel, W. J. Bair, Dr. Roy H. Clunk and Harry E. Moreland. The commission worked closely with the sanatorium trustees Willard James, chairman, Cyril Paumier, and A. A. Ulrich, and the hospital administrator, Dr. H. H. Brueckner, and business manager, Edward Starkey.

Despite some four month delay because of bad weather conditions, construction has proceeded well and costs were generally kept within the budget. These costs were: total construction, \$697,054. Incidentally, Molly Stark's construction is considered by many other hospital architects and administrators as one of the best hospital examples of functional quality and real economical construction. Hardly a ~~week~~ ~~ago~~ ~~by~~ even now that many of these architects and administrator's aren't visiting the new construction.

Some revision of the old, existing facilities was required by the U. S. Surgeon-General to meet federal fund requirements. The operating room was extended so more lung surgery might be done at the sanatorium, deteriorated sewer facilities were put into sanitary condition, kitchen and laundry space was renovated to meet increased demands, repair and maintenance shops revised, and bakery, storage and sewing rooms developed.

One of the most pressing needs at the time of the 1948 bond issue was the large percentage of space being used for beds that was not satisfactory. Basement rooms, storage space and rooms in bad repair had been pressed into use because of the necessity brought on by more new cases. Since TB is a chronic, contagious disease that requires constant bed rest in curing and close medical attention, the demand on beds in the face of new cases then being found was pressing. In addition to new space for new patients, the problem of adequate space for present patients will be corrected with the new wings.



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The new section of the building dedicated at Molly Stark Sanatorium Oct. 19 has been completed.

UPPER LEFT: Here is how the completed wings will look. They are located at either end of the former structure.

UPPER RIGHT: The nurses' stations at each corridor of the new wings will be enclosed in glass.

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LOWER RIGHT: Privacy and a more home-like atmosphere in the rooms will help dispel the institution-like surroundings found in most sanatoriums. There also are one-bed rooms for isolation and terminal cases.

Little known but much guessed about, the inspiration for naming Molly Stark Sanatorium has again bobbed into public interest because of next Sunday's (Oct. 19) dedication of vital new bed space for the county tuberculosis hospital.

Gov. Frank J. Lausche will give the dedicatory address at the public gathering beginning at 2:30 Sunday on Sanatorium grounds. Special ceremonies and hospital tours for the public have been planned to commemorate the two new wings with space for 100 more isolation

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600 Attend Molly Stark Dedication

A warm and enthusiastic dedication was given Molly Stark Tuberculosis Hospital's new wings Sunday despite a chilly afternoon.

Close to 600 officials and others were estimated to have joined in honoring the public use of the new space for 108 more beds. Funds for the new wings to ease the load on the former capacity of 128 beds, were approved by county voters in 1943 and an operating levy was passed in 1950.

Gov. Frank J. Lausche gave the principal address and, as he said, spoke from the heart. "My own brother died from tuberculosis and I know the real meaning of the disease."

He congratulated citizens of Stark County for their willingness to tax themselves in a step to combat T.B. more effectively in this area. Recalling his childhood in Cleveland, Gov. Lausche declared that "it was a case of despair and helplessness if you knew of someone who had tuberculosis. Contrast that with today when, if a patient will listen to medical advice and go to an institution such as this, it is very probable he will get better and return to his former life."

"Today our homes may be free from still serious TB," Gov. Lausche said, "but tomorrow, ourselves or our loved ones may be stricken. Only then can we appreciate and thank the many citizens who have made Molly Stark a reality and, in this manner, lend a helping hand."

Serving as master of ceremonies for the occasion was William M. Morgan, Ohio representative to the National Tuberculosis Association, who introduced other leading state figures in the campaign against TB. The Louisville High School band furnished entertainment before and during the program. A color guard from American Legion Post 44 raised new colors donated to the hospital by county commissioners for dedication ceremonies.

Official transfer of the new facilities to trustees of the hospital was made by County Commissioner Oliver Kuhn, chairman of the building commission which supervised construction. Trustees Willard James, Cyril Paumier, and A. A. Ulrich accepted.

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Death Claims Dr. Brueckner

Was Head of Molly
Stark for 11 Years

Dr. Harold H. Brueckner, 50, who resigned Nov. 1 as superintendent of Molly Stark Hospital after 11 years as superintendent, died Sunday at 11 a.m. in Ann Arbor, Mich. He had been ill more than a year with a kidney ailment.

Dr. Brueckner had resigned from Molly Stark due to his health, at which time he moved his family to Ann Arbor.

Prior to coming to Molly Stark Hospital he served five years as medical superintendent at the Waverly Hill Sanatorium at the University of Louisville, Ky.

Following his graduation from high school in Fort Wayne, Ind., he attended the University of Michigan, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in 1931 and his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1932.

He served his internship at St. Joseph's Hospital at Fort Wayne, and from 1933 to 1938 he had residence in three different institutions, one year at the Irene Byron Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Fort Wayne, three years at Michigan State Sanatorium at Howell, Mich.,

and a year at the State Sanatorium at Orlando, Fla.

Dr. Brueckner held memberships in the American, Ohio State and Stark County Medical Associations.

He leaves his widow, Mildred Lucille Brueckner and four children, Virginia, Carolyn, Harold and David.



D. L. Houck Gets Post

Stark TB Group Names New X-Ray Technician

Appointment of Donald L. Houck of 1046 Rowland ave NE as X-ray technician for the Stark County Tuberculosis and Health Assn. was announced today. He succeeds Russell O. Brown of Louisville, who resigned Aug. 17 after serving six years as the association technician.

Mr. Houck will operate the Christmas Seal X-ray unit on its regular schedule of X-raying at communities, schools, industries, fairs and on special surveys. Last year, 80,084 free chest X-rays were taken on the agency's mobile unit.

A NATIVE OF Canton, Mr. Houck graduated from McKinley High School in 1946. He served in the U.S. Navy hospital corps during World War II, performing duty at hospitals in England and Pearl Harbor and aboard a Navy transport.

He is a graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Art and enjoys oil painting as a hobby.

Mr. Houck is a former tuberculosis patient. He completed successful treatment at Molly Stark Hospital in 1953 after 20 months of hospitalization. Prior to accepting his present appointment, he was employed as an attendant at Massillon State Hospital.

"AS A FORMER patient, Mr. Houck knows the reality of this disease which we strive to eradicate," Sanford S. Lazarus, president of the association, said.

"I think he will particularly appreciate the opportunity to help



DONALD L. HOUCK
Will Operate Mobile Unit

others guard themselves against tuberculosis. He is a fine example of the fact that a person afflicted with tuberculosis can be treated effectively and return to the community in a normal working capacity."

The free chest X-ray program is financed by contributions to the Christmas Seal Sale which is conducted annually by the TB association.

Daily Cost To Be \$6.78 Each

Care of Aged Patients At Molly Stark Okayed

A tentative agreement was reached Tuesday afternoon by representatives of Molly Stark Hospital, the Stark County Home and the county prosecutor's office on a contract to care for aged chronically-ill persons at Molly Stark.

Prosecutor John Rossetti said it was estimated the per-patient per-day cost would be \$6.78 although this figure will be revised every three months based on previous experience of actual costs.

Walter J. Firestone, superintendent of the county home, said that 28 beds, or approximately half of the available beds, will be used at first and until the program gets under way.

R. L. Reese, business manager of the hospital, stated the \$6.78 should pay the cost of maintenance in the building and food and that

Mr. Firestone will provide nursing and medical care.

A provision also will be included in the contract that emergency medical care will be provided by physicians on duty at Molly Stark.

Mr. Firestone estimated the cost for the first six months at approximately \$50,000 and said that part of the total may be met by removing patients now in private hospitals at county expense at a much higher rate.

Only those residents of the county home hospital who request transfer would be sent to Molly Stark for the time being.

Commissioners hope that an allocation made Tuesday by the state to pay the medical costs of old age pensioners may be used to help pay for the cost of the program.

All of the parties to the agreement accepted a 30-day termination clause.

A formal contract is to be prepared and submitted to the hospital trustees and the commissioners within the next 10 days and the first patients are to be moved to Molly Stark about July 1.

Treatment for Chronically-Ill Aged at TB Hospital Proposed

A plan to convert a portion of Molly Stark Hospital for the care and treatment of chronically ill elderly persons was advanced today by County Commissioner Joseph T. Nist as he announced he has called a meeting of county officials for Monday to discuss the proposal.

Nist said preliminary talks with Dr. H. H. Brueckner, superintendent of the tuberculosis hospital, reveals that, of the 220 beds available, the maximum use in the last few months has been 160.

At the same time, Nist said, Walter J. Firestone, superintendent of the Stark County Home, reports he is forced to reject applications almost daily for the care of elderly persons who are bedfast because the home hospital is filled.

Monday at 10:30 a.m., Dr. Brueckner, Firestone, County Prosecutor John Rossetti and Com-

missioners Nist, Oliver Kuhn and Glen Sponseller will meet to discuss the proposal fully and decide if the step is practical.

Some months ago, Nist advanced a proposal to construct, possibly on the County Home site, an old-age center for the care of elderly persons such as those contemplated in the new plan. Although this project has not been dismissed, lack of finances has kept it from going forward.

Nist said it is his understanding the step can be placed in effect by action of the commissioners and it would in no way change the operation of the tuberculosis treatment at the institution.

Kitchen facilities and lounge rooms are available at Molly Stark, Nist said, but it is probable that some additional help would be required for the individual treatment of bed patients.

W. H. Belden Heads Committee

Molly Stark Future Put In Study Group's Hands

William H. Belden, chairman of the Community Health & Service Foundation, was named today to head a 15-man committee to study and determine how Molly Stark can be utilized to best advantage in the future.

Mr. Belden and other members of the committee were selected by Molly Stark's trustees, Willard B. James of Alliance, chairman, and A. A. Ulrich of Massillon and C. B. Paumier of Canton.

The committee has until June 1 to complete its survey on the hospital's financial problems and recommend ways of putting its facilities to maximum and efficient use.

THE GROUP will report its recommendations to Molly Stark's trustees and Stark County commissioners Glen C. Sponseller, Myron W. Kesler and Joseph T. Nist.

The commissioners are considering putting a special levy on the ballot in November for welfare purposes. They say additional funds are necessary to continue the program of caring for the aged, chronically ill and to meet tuberculosis needs.

Molly Stark officials anticipate a \$25,000 deficit this year unless a solution is found to reduce hospital costs or to provide more funds, the deficit may be \$135,000 in 1961.

One of the major factors prompting the study is what should be done with Molly Stark since the demand for treatment of TB patients has been declining rapidly in the last five years.

AT PRESENT only 64 TB patients are being treated in the 222-bed institution. Forty-five other patients from the Stark County Home are being cared for on the first floor. This leaves 113 empty beds in the institution.

The other members of Mr. Belden's committee and groups they represent are D. L. Buchanan, sec-



WILLIAM H. BELDEN
Heads 15-Man Committee

retary of the Stark County Tax League; A. A. Andrews, Canton labor organizations; Robert Carey, administrator of Alliance City Hospital; Dr. P. L. Harris, Stark County Health Commissioner; Virgil Howell, Massillon labor organizations.

Ramon A. Messner, health agencies of the United Fund; Dr. W. M. Morgan, Stark County Tuberculosis & Health Assn.; Robert L. Reese, administrator of Molly Stark; Mrs. Ben Schrader of Massillon, past president of the Stark County TB Assn.

State Sen. Ed Witmer (D-Canton); Richard E. Wood, director of the Stark County Welfare Department; and three members of the Stark County Medical Society selected by the group's president, Dr. A. E. Boyles — Donald G. Popcock of Massillon, Dr. Nathan R. Rubin of Canton and Dr. G. O. Thompson of Alliance.

CONSULTANTS to the group will be Dr. Boyles; P. B. Auerbach, executive director of the Massillon Social Planning Commission; L. L. Taylor, executive director of the Stark County TB & Health Assn.; Dr. Constantine Vishnevsky, medical director of Molly Stark; Dr. F. H. Wentworth, assistant director of health for Ohio; Walter Dickinson, program director of Ohio TB & Health Assn., and Douglas H. Worth, director of the Canton Welfare federation.

Mr. Belden said his committee will begin immediately to gather information bearing on the problem.

A Decision for the Commissioners

Stark County's commissioners, not Molly Stark Hospital's trustees, should appoint a committee to determine the county's financial needs to operate Molly Stark and to care for the aged and chronically ill.

Stark County officials—the commissioners and Auditor Joe Yoder—say they have no choice but to put a special levy before the voters next November to continue these programs. The general fund can no longer support them.

Molly Stark's trustees are concerned primarily with use of the hospital for tuberculosis treatment.

BUT THE questions that must be answered for the voters by county officials before the balloting next November are more far reaching than the tuberculosis problem.

Besides the needs of TB control and care, the investigation must include:

NEEDS relevant to the aged now being cared for at the Stark County Home.

COST of operating hospital facilities at the County Home which is caring for 90 or more chronically ill patients who are not suffering from TB.

SAVINGS which might be made by treating patients at Molly Stark who are being hospitalized in the five privately operated hospitals in the county.

CARE of patients for whom the county is paying the bills in nursing homes throughout Stark.

THE TRUE FINANCIAL NEEDS for tuberculosis patients at Molly Stark in the future, since only about 60 county TB patients now are being treated at the 222-bed hospital.

This is primarily a medical and welfare problem. Any study committee named should consist of health commissioners from throughout the county, the Stark County Medical Society, County Home and county welfare officials, and persons interested in the TB control program.

THEY SHOULD conduct an intensive investigation encompassing all facets of the problems of caring for the aged, the chronically ill and the tubercular, the latter being by far the least pressing.

To achieve complete objectivity in this study and assure all parties involved that the final recommendations of the study committee will be without bias to any particular group, appointment of the committee should not be left in the hands of any one of these groups.

We believe the responsibility of naming this committee rests with the commissioners and no one else.

'We Don't Run Molly Stark,' Dale Replies

8-3-72

"Our relationship by law with Molly Stark Hospital divests us of all control over the hospital except appointive control of the board of trustees."

That was the answer Wednesday from Stark County Commissioner LaVerne Dale concerning charges of political interference leveled against him and commissioner Robert Freeman by Dr. J. L. Yahraus, former administrator and medical director of the hospital.

Report Issued Tuesday

Controversy over management of the hospital arose Tuesday with release of a state examiner's report that included findings for recovery of \$6,194 and pointed out improper business practices by trustees and hospital administration.

"Most people think that we (county commissioners) run the hospital so we get many calls concerning it," Mr. Dale said.

"In the course of my talking with Dr. Yahraus I did ask him why it took \$1.6 million to run Molly Stark Hospital last year (1970) when it only took \$1,000,000 to run the Joseph T. Nist Geriatric Center which has two and one-half times the patients.

Quiz Was Responsibility

"I thought it was my responsibility as a public official to question this but Dr. Yahraus apparently was angered."

"There is no question we did ask the state examiner for an audit," Mr. Dale said concerning Dr. Yahraus' statement that the examiner was sent out

there to "get something on one," Mr. Dale reported.

"But this is just a good business practice when you are changing administrators. And we asked Molly Stark for an audit before we asked the state examiner. They didn't give us

Dr. Yahraus also claimed Mr. Dale asked him for a list of names, addresses and pay scales of all employees right after one of his supervisors refused to receive a bribe for the lists from a union official.

"When I came on the job I received many complaints from patients and relatives of patients about treatment of employees and from employees about their pay in relation to that of the geriatric home," Mr. Dale said.

"I asked for the records so I could have a comparison but they were refused," he said.

"Since I have been in office there have been no findings against the county commissioners by the state examiner," Mr. Dale reported. "If I were guilty of something I am sure they would find something on me."

Belden Renamed Board Chairman For Molly Stark

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William H. Belden, president of Belden Brick Co., has been appointed to a new term as chairman of Molly Stark Hospital Board of Trustees.

Mr. Belden has been a member of the board 12 years and has been as chairman since March 1972.

He is a Canton native, has been active in affairs of United Fund and Cancer Society, is a World War II veteran and member of the various other civic organizations.

In 1966, he was recipient of the award of merit from the Canton Chamber of Commerce and also was named Man of the Year by the Notre Dame University Alumni Club here.

Also appointed to the hospital board for a second three-year term was Dr. Robert Zimmerman. Others on the board are Herb Secker, Dr. Raymond S. Rosedale Jr. and Gregory Roska.

Accreditation Given Again for Molly Stark

Molly Stark Hospital's Board of Trustees received the annual report and learned the facilities have been accredited for three years for care of tuberculosis, chronically ill and extended care patients.

Dr. Constantine Vishnevsky, medical superintendent of the hospital, submitted the report to the trustees and noted that Molly Stark is the only facility in the area that provides complete care in the three divisions, all of which can be paid by Medicare.

He reported:

—A 35 - bed extended care fa-

cility was opened last month following approval from the Health, Education and Welfare Department.

—Total number of admissions last year numbered 94, compared to 81 in 1965, with all admitted patients either tuberculosis patients or suspects.

—There were 44 new cases of tuberculosis in 1966, compared to 48 a year previous, and 28 suspected cases of the respiratory disease last year compared to 20 in 1965.

—Average length of stay for each patient dropped from 210 days in 1965 to 126 days last year due to earlier discharge of patients for home treatment and improved follow-up care.

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How Not To Do a Job

There is no simple one-shot solution to the problem of moving chronically ill relief patients from high-cost general hospitals to the low-cost chronic illness division of Molly Stark Hospital.

Even if all the money complications could be settled, there still would be the fact patients would have to be moved on the order of their physicians, and the physicians in this area do not like the way Molly Stark is administered. They want a medical staff and the right to set standards and procedures.

BUT IN THE COURSE of finding out what is holding up the use of Molly Stark's chronic illness division, with only 8 of 70 beds in use last week, this newspaper uncovered an incredible fact about the money complications:

An arbitrary ruling by a remote official in Columbus in 1961 created the difficulty in the first place by giving Molly Stark an \$18 rate for the first 10 days of treatment for Aid for Aged patients, then dropping the

rate to \$110 a month—about \$3.65 a day. This was economically impossible for Molly Stark. It couldn't afford to take AFA patients on those terms.

LETTERS to Dr. Charles R. Wilcox, then medical director for the Ohio Aid for Aged program, and to Dr. Ralph E. Dwork, Ohio health director, went unanswered in 1961. A letter to Gov-elect Rhodes last Nov. 14 from L. L. Taylor, executive secretary of Stark County Tuberculosis and Health Association, was acknowledged but has brought no action yet from the newly composed State Health Department.

Because of this kind of discourtesy and neglect and friction over hospital administration, taxpayers are going deeper into debt on hospital charges for relief patients.

It is a prime example of how not to do a job.

Molly Stark Hospital is there. The chronic illness division is there. The beds are there. But the patients aren't there because people who should be working together to do a job right are doing a job wrong, instead.

Let's USE Molly Stark

A sad situation has been allowed to develop in Stark County that points up one of the amazing paradoxes in the handling of public funds.

The county's Molly Stark Hospital has empty beds and facilities for caring for a number of chronically ill patients at a cost of a little more than half of what the general hospitals must charge.

Yet the State Division of Aid for the Aged (AFA) and local relief agencies are paying for general hospital care for many patients who could be treated at Molly Stark.

In the case of AFA, the state is paying from \$30 to \$33 a day for its patients in the general hospitals while Molly Stark charges only \$18. In the case of relief patients, the money-short local governments simply are running up bills and now owe the general hospitals thousands of dollars on account where in many cases Molly Stark care would suffice.

SOMEWHERE along the line, AFA officials at Columbus adopted the policy that they would pay \$18 a day for a patient at Molly Stark for a maximum of 10 days. Thereafter it would pay Molly Stark only \$110 a month.

The county hospital cannot care for a patient for \$110 a month, so AFA sent its chronically ill back to general hospitals at \$30 and more per day.

This is pure folly.

Individuals on relief who are younger than 65 cannot be cared for by AFA, so they become a responsibility of local public welfare funds. Some patients in this category have been sent to Molly Stark, but many more of them undoubtedly could be sent there at a considerable saving to the taxpayers and a relief to the crowded general hospitals.

THERE WAS A TIME when Molly Stark was kept pretty much filled with tuberculosis patients. Since the welcome decline in that ailment, as many as 70 beds can be made available at Molly Stark for the chronically ill. Last week only eight of those 70 beds were occupied.

Molly Stark now is considering an even bigger bargain in the care of the chronically ill. It proposes the possibility of a rate of \$10 a day, instead of the \$18 which comprises the hospital's actual operating cost, because some \$40,000 of the three-

tenths-of-a-mill hospital levy has been unused and could be used for that purpose. The hospital board is considering the \$10 rate for welfare patients as long as the excess funds last.

Some patients, of course, can be treated properly only at the general hospitals. Those are the ones undergoing surgery or in critical need of constant medical attention. Molly Stark does not have adequate facilities for them.

Molly Stark can, however, care adequately for patients needing long recuperation and only nursing attention and occasional visits from a doctor.

It is this type of patient—the so-called chronically ill—that can benefit from the unused facilities Molly Stark has to offer—at a much lower cost to the taxpayers.

A four-member committee of public officials has agreed to study this situation. On the committee are Oscar E. Barkey, president of the board of county commissioners; Richard E. Wood, county welfare director; Robert L. Reese, Molly Stark administrator, and Dr. Constantine Vishnevsky, Molly Stark medical superintendent.

IT SEEMS TO US that at least two approaches must be made to the problem:

1. The AFA must be persuaded to change its policy and pay Molly Stark's legitimate per-day cost for AFA patients as long as they need chronically ill care, and not just for a maximum of 10 days.

2. The Stark County Medical Society should be consulted to see if it can work out some program among the doctors of having more physician referrals to Molly Stark when hospital patients reach the stage where they can be adequately treated at Molly Stark.

It is utter folly for the taxpayers to shell out money to run Molly Stark Hospital, and more money for relief and aid for the aged, then watch Molly Stark's beds remain empty while the taxpayers pay almost twice as much for use of the crowded general hospitals.

Relief costs already have run far out of hand. Canton cannot keep up with them, and every other local subdivision in the county is having its welfare money problems.

The taxpayers could save hundreds of dollars a day just in patient care if Molly Stark's facilities were used fully.

Medical Director 9 Years

Vishnevsky Quits Molly Stark Post

Dr. Constantine Vishnevsky, medical director at Molly Stark Hospital for nine years, submitted a written resignation Wednesday to the hospital's board of trustees.

He informed the trustees he will remain as director until a replacement is found.

Dr. Vishnevsky said he preferred not to discuss reasons behind his decision to leave the post and would not comment on the possibility he might continue part-time at the county-operated hospital.

He succeeded Dr. Harold H. Brueckner as director in June 1958.

He has been associated with Molly Stark since July 1, 1951, when he came to Canton from New York City. In his previous post he was resident and chief resident physician in medicine at Sea View Hospital, a large tuberculosis hospital.

Dr. Vishnevsky also had experience in treatment of respiratory diseases in Europe and took post-graduate work in

France, Switzerland and Germany.

He and his wife have resided on the hospital grounds.

Dr. Vishnevsky declined to disclose his plans after he is replaced.



DR. VISHNEVSKY
Awaits Replacement

Dr. Yahraus of Canton Named at Molly Stark

Willard James, of Alliance, chairman of the board of trustees of Molly Stark Hospital, today announced the appointment of J. L. Yahraus, M. D. as Medical Superintendent. Dr. Yahraus will assume his responsibilities as of March 1.

He will succeed Dr. Constantine Vishnevsky, medical superintendent since October 1957, whose resignation will be effective Feb. 15.

Dr. Yahraus graduated from Lancaster, Pa., High School and received his bachelor of science degree from Franklin and Marshall College in 1934. He received his medical degree from Temple University of Medicine in 1941 and then served his internship at the Lancaster Hospital. From 1942 - 46, he served in the U.S. Navy Medical Corp., finishing his duties with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. From 1946 - 1948 he was the resident in internal medicine at Mercy Hospital, Canton, and since 1948 has had his own internal medicine practice in Canton.

Dr. Yahraus was president of the Stark County Medical Society in 1963 and is now president of the Stark County Tuberculosis and Health Association. He has served on many committees of both associations.

In 1960, he served as chairman of a special medical advisory committee to set up the structure of accepting chronic disease patients referred by their physicians for the third floor beds that were not then needed for tuberculosis patients at Molly Stark.

James, chairman of the board, then stated: "Molly Stark Hospital was built as a tuberculosis hospital and so long as people from Stark County need to be hospitalized for TB, we expect to have a place for them here. However, our board thinks it wise to make as full use of the hospital beds as possible. The acceptance of chronic disease



DR. J. L. YAHRAUS

patients will give some relief to the general hospitals for this long-term type patient."

In 1966, Molly Stark was given full accreditation for a three-year period for the treatment of tuberculosis, chronic diseases and the extended care patients. It is the only hospital in this area so accredited.

The first floor is used as an extension of the Stark County Home; the second floor, for tuberculous patients; and the third floor, chronic disease patients. There are now 137 patients in the hospital.

Dr. Yahraus belongs to the Ohio State and the Stark County Medical associations, the Stark County Medical Society, American Heart Association, Ohio Heart Association and the Ohio and American Thoracic societies.

He and his wife live at 260 25th St., NW, Canton, but will move to the superintendent's home at the hospital soon after assuming his duties. They have one daughter, Karen, who resides with her husband, Pierre Bonvalot of Paris, France.

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Admissions double discharges at Molly Stark 1962

A simple pair of figures this week gave lie to the belief that tuberculosis has been beaten.

Twelve patients were admitted to Molly Stark Hospital in June while only eight discharges were recorded.

Of the eight listed as discharged, one left the hospital against medical advice and another died.

In other words, only six patients left the hospital under medical orders, just half the number who were admitted.

Three of the 12 were actually re-admissions, previously treated, but returned to resume treatment. This type of patient, who suffers breakdown or who in-

terrupts his treatment before completion, is of prime concern to medical authorities.

After all the efforts in case detection, some patients develop disease resistant to normal drug therapy.

The spread of these drug-immune tuberculosis bacteria emphasizes the need for early case detection and completion of the full course of treatment until the victim fully recovers.

Prime weapon of tuberculosis detection is the annual chest X-ray, available free to adults in Stark County through their support of the Christmas Seal campaign.

Molly Stark Hospital study draws national attention, praise

The work of the 15-man Molly Stark Hospital study committee which met last spring to make recommendations for the future operation and financing of the hospital, has drawn praise from the head of the American Thoracic Society, medical section of the National Tuberculosis Association.

Dr. James W. Raleigh, (M.D.) medical director of the professional organization of chest physicians, said the report and recommendations of the committee were "excellent and certainly very much to the point." His comments were included in a letter received by the Stark County Tuberculosis and Health Association.

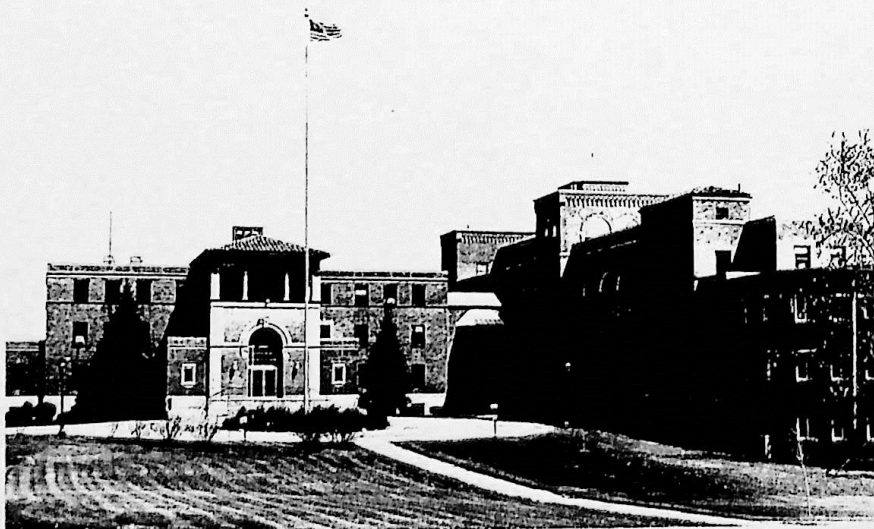
Dr. Raleigh requested that copies of the Molly Stark committee report be sent to each of the six members of a national committee studying the future need and use of TB hospital facilities throughout the U.S.

The citizens committee was formed last March and spent six weeks of intensive research and study into the hospital's operation to determine the best way to use all of the hospital's facilities, and finance its future operation.

Comprised of physicians, hospital officials, TB association and public health leaders, the group recommended that Molly Stark continue to serve as a TB hospital and center for the county's TB control program, but that the beds not needed for tuberculosis patients be used to care for chronically ill patients. It suggested this would help relieve the over-crowded conditions at the five general hospitals in the county, since some of the chronic patients being treated in general hospitals could be transferred to Molly Stark.

The study group also proposed the three-tenths mill operating levy that voters will ballot for on Nov. 8. The levy, 25 percent less than the one that expired in 1956, would provide \$300,000 annually for five years to operate the TB center and chronic disease wing.

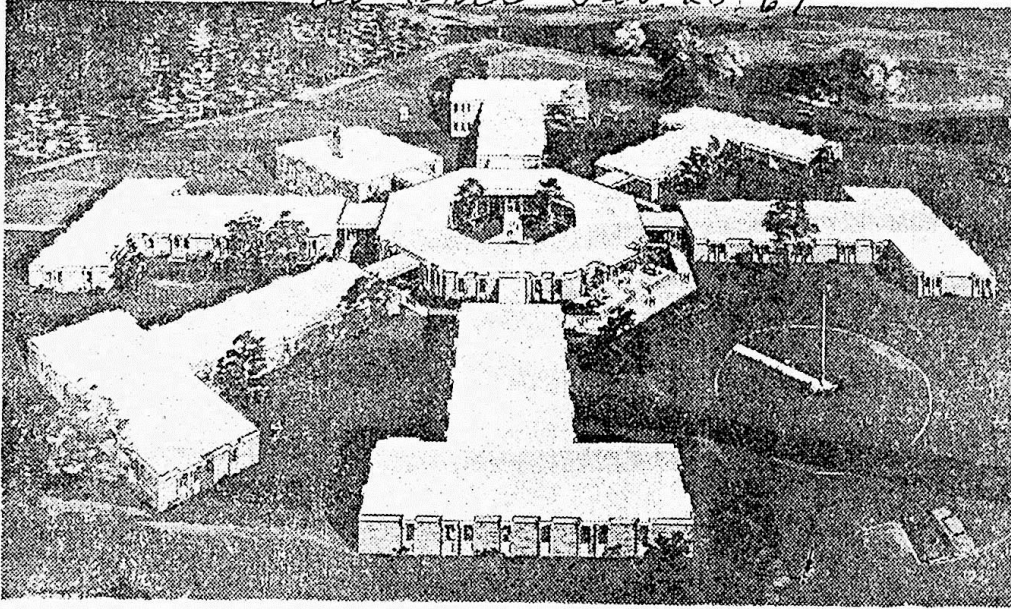
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Molly Stark Hospital 1984

This Is Architect's Vision Of New Home at Molly Stark

Alliance Feb 23 '67



Resembling a gigantic snowflake, the proposed \$2.5 million Stark County Geriatric Nursing Home will hopefully get under construction late this spring on a tract of land near the present Molly Stark Hospital, west of Harrisburg.

Final architectural and engineering plans were delivered to the state Board of Health yesterday from the Stark Commissioners.

The plans call for approximately 250 beds in the facility, which would replace the present County Home, now situated

northwest of the Malone College campus in Canton.

The layout is planned for the area south of the present hospital.

The commissioners, Joseph DuBar, Joseph T. Nist and Richard O. Kuhn, have sold the Harter Estate and portions of the County Home property for about \$1.4 million and have received \$500,000 more in funds made available by the federal Hill - Burton Act.

Kuhn said yesterday, "There are several ways in which we can get the remaining money."

Conversion plans for Molly Stark

Approved by state

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Another step in the conversion of Molly Stark Hospital into a combined TB and chronic disease center was taken Wednesday with the approval of conversion plans by the Ohio Department of Health in Columbus.

The action opens the way for the hospital's board of trustees to begin setting up medical policies, admission standards, and related matters governing the treatment of chronic as well as tuberculosis cases. The trustees will work with an advisory committee of the Stark County Medical Society for guidance.

Establishment of an advisory committee was one of the seven recommendations made last year by a 15-member citizens' study committee which examined the hospital's operation and future needs. The medical society, along with the county commissioners and the trustees approved all the proposals last June.

In a letter to Molly Stark officials, Dr. Walter L. Evans, chief of the Ohio Division of Tuberculosis, authorized the trustees to proceed with a three-phase program which provides for both immediate and long-range changes in operation of the Stark county-owned institution. The conversion plan was submitted to the state health department last November, following passage of a three-tenths mill operating levy by county voters.

The approved plan calls for immediate conversion of a 35 bed section of the hospital's second floor for chronic disease patients, with separate tray-serving kitchen and dishwashing facilities. Food will be served from a central kitchen.

The east wing of the same floor will continue to be used for TB patients. Hospital officials emphasized that there will be no danger of contamination from contagious TB cases since separate kitchen, serving, and dishwashing facilities will be used.

The second phase would take place when the TB patient load at Molly Stark drops to a point where all tuberculosis cases could be cared for on the third floor, which has 70 beds. In that case, the entire second floor would be converted to a chronic disease section.

~~The third and final part of the plan provides for use of the entire fourth floor for chronic patients if a trial period shows this room is needed.~~

The state health department's okay is the latest in a series of developments which began last February with the appointment of the Molly Stark Citizens' Study Committee. Committee members were charged with the task of proposing ways of putting vacant beds not needed for TB treatment to use, and of financing the hospital's future operation.

Willard R. James, chairman of the hospital trustees, said TB and public health officials throughout the country will be watching the progress of Molly Stark's conversion with great interest because many other TB hospitals are facing the problem of using vacant beds which Molly Stark is now solving.

"Stark County was faced with this problem earlier than many communities because its successful tuberculosis prevention and control programs, the mass x-ray screening service, and use of modern drugs has reduced the need for long periods of hospitalization. Now, these unused beds can be put to use in meeting the growing problem of chronic disease care," Mr. James stated.

Dr. Yahraus is superintendent at Molly Stark

MOLLY
STARK

Willard James, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Molly Stark Hospital, has announced the appointment of J.L. Yahraus, M.D. as Medical Superintendent. Dr. Yahraus will assume his responsibilities as of March 1, 1968.

He will succeed Dr. Constantine Vishnevsky, who has been medical superintendent since October 1957; having resigned November 1st, resignation effective February 15th.

In 1966, Molly Stark Hospital was given full accreditation for a three-year period for the treatment of tuberculosis, chronic diseases and the extended care patients. It is the only hospital in this area so accredited.

The first floor is used as an extension of the Stark Co. Home; the second floor, the tuberculous patients; and the third floor, chronic disease patients. There is now a total of 137 patients in the hospital.

Dr. Yahraus belongs to the Ohio State and the American Medical Associations, the Stark Co. Medical Society, American Heart Association, the Ohio Heart Association and the Ohio and American Thoracic societies. He and his wife live at 260 25th st-NW, Canton, but will move to the superintendent's home at the hospital soon after assuming his duties. They have one daughter, Karen, who resides with her husband, Pierre Bonvalot of Paris, France.

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Stark Geriatric Home

Start Scheduled Sept. 5

**3 Bids Total
\$2.8 Million
For Project**

**Nursing Facility
Completion Target
Is Summer of '69**

Construction on Stark County's new Geriatric Nursing Home at Molly Stark Hospital will get started Sept. 5 and is expected to be completed by the summer of 1969.

This was the word today from Architects Firestone & Motter following action by county commissioners Tuesday to award the three basic contracts for construction to low bidders. The bids were received Aug. 1.

Contracts Are Listed

Contract for the general construction went to the Kintz Construction Co. of Alliance at \$1,699,000.

Plumbing, heating and air conditioning is to be done by Carl Sponseller & Sons Inc. of North Canton for \$870,600.

Electrical work is to be done by Triangle Electric Co. of Canton for \$265,635.

Grand total of the three bids is \$2,805,235.

As of the present, the commissioners estimate they are some \$700,000 short of total actual costs for constructing and equipping the new nursing center. For this reason, they made no awards on kitchen equipment, elevators and laundry equipment at this time.

As of July 1, the county had in its special County Home Building Fund a total of \$1,311,537. It also has in the process of payment a \$600,000 contribution to the project in Hill-Burton federal funds which are administered through the state health department.

Also available is \$400,000 left over from the construction of a new Stark County Jail and which will be transferred to the home fund. All money in county hands currently is invested and is earning interest which accrues to the account.

Ceremonies Planned

A supplemental application for additional Hill-Burton funds has been filed by John Meeks, county federal aid coordinator, who hopes to raise the total contribution from this source to one-third of the total cost.

Commissioners said today they plan some brief ceremonies when the first shovelful of earth is turned the day after Labor Day but that nothing elaborate is on tap.

"We are anxious for this project to get started and to be carried to completion just as quickly as possible," Commissioners Joe DuBar, Joseph T. Nist and Richard O. Kuhn said.

More Federal Aid Okayed for Home

**Fund Total
Is Nearing
\$2 Million**

**Geriatric Project
Bids, Construction
Delayed by Strikes**

An additional federal grant of \$100,000 for construction of a new Stark County geriatric nursing home was announced

today by county commissioners. *June 15 '67* ment of the current construction trades strike which started May 1.

John N. Meeks, federal coordinator for the county, said he was advised Wednesday in Columbus by William S. Wolfe, chief of the department of medical facilities for the Ohio Department of Health, that the additional Hill-Burton grant was approved.

Cost Hinges on Labor

Previously \$500,000 in Hill-Burton funds was approved for use in building the new county facility, cost of which originally was estimated at between \$2 million and \$3 million.

Ultimate cost now apparently hinges on wage increases which will be determined at settle-

Receipt of bids on the home was scheduled in April and June but was canceled each time, in April because final plans had not been approved by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare and early this month because of the construction strike.

Commissioners Joe DuBar, Joseph T. Nist and Richard O. Kuhn said today they hope still more federal money may be obtained for the project. Up to one-third federal participation is possible.

County Has \$1.2 Million

Not including the \$600,000 in federal aid, the county has on hand for construction of the home nearly \$1.2 million. This came from sale of the old Harter Estate and portions of the Stark County Home land between Cleveland and Market avenues NW.

The geriatric nursing home will be located east of Canton, adjacent to Molly Stark Hospital.

Molly Stark's Plans Hinge on Levy Nod

2 Divisions Face Major Expansions

Chronic Disease,
TB Programs Must
Meet New Problems

By WILLIAM S. VANCE

Molly Stark Hospital is preparing to unlock a door to future improvements in its tuberculosis and chronic illness divisions. There's only one hitch. The key is in the hands of Stark County voters.

The voters are being asked to fit the key into the lock by renewing for five years the three-tenths of a mill operating levy they approved for Molly Stark in 1960.

If approved by a majority of voters Nov. 2, the levy would remain in effect through 1970, providing about \$320,000 annually or roughly half the revenue required to run the hospital each year.

It would cost taxpayers 30 cents on each \$1,000 of property valuation, which comes to about \$1.50 a year for the average homeowner.

Continuation of the levy figures prominently in two future undertakings at the 35-year-old hospital.

First, it would help build the revenue required before the hospital can open a second 35-bed wing for chronic illness patients, which it hopes to do by early 1967.



EMPTY NOW, BUT . . . This unused wing at Molly Stark Hospital has facilities for 35 chronic illness patients, space which may be in great demand after the new Medicare program goes into effect next year. Hospital officials say renewal of Molly Stark's three-tenths of a mill operating levy at the Nov. 2 general election will permit opening of the wing early in 1967. Without the levy, they say, the existing chronic illness division will have to be curtailed to divert enough funds to finance the tuberculosis division. (Repository Staff Photo)

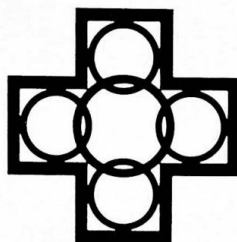
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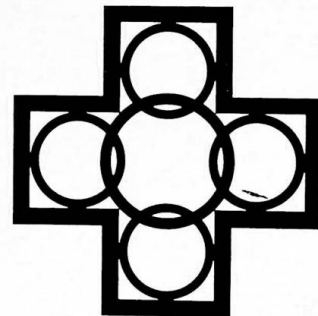
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Psalms 71:9

Americans have always been future conscious, rather than oriented to the past or even the present.

We applaud the young, the doers and producers, the physically vigorous. As a result, we have tended to ignore the needs of the elderly.

By the end of this century, 11% of our population will be over 65; even now there are more than 20 million who are over 65 years of age. In fact, over 6 million people are 75 years and older and more than 13,000 are over 100 years old!

This, then should be a matter of real concern to all of us, and positive action must be taken.*

One such positive action undertaken here in Stark County, Ohio, is the Geriatric Day Care Center known as "Molly Stark Senior Center".

Designed to serve the elderly with a program of social rehabilitation, dietary service, counseling, and recreational activities, it might best be described as preventive medicine.

The more obvious benefits of the program are balanced nutrition, social involvement, and the lessening of the need for the institutionalization of the elderly.

Of no less importance are the learning or rediscovery of talents and skills, the realization of a usefulness to society, and the elimination of loneliness.

THE PROGRAM

The program is designed to provide the following essential elements:

- Balanced Nutrition
- Counseling
- Recreation & Social Activities
- Transportation

ELIGIBILITY

There are only four requirements of eligibility for participation in the Molly Stark Senior Center program:

- Resident of Stark County
- Not younger than 60 years of age
- Be ambulatory
- Be reasonably self-sufficient in matters of personal needs.

SCHEDULE

The facilities and services of the program are available Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, except for the nine holidays of the year.

Participants may choose to use the Center every day or only several days a week as their needs or interests determine.

BALANCED NUTRITION

The full course meal served at noon, the mid-morning and the mid-afternoon nourishments and the take-home lunch are all planned by and prepared under the supervision of a Registered Dietician.

The food service department is prepared to handle any special dietary requirements.

COUNSELING

Family service and personal counseling are provided by the Social Service Department of the hospital.

RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The scope of games, hobbies, crafts, activities, entertainment and interest areas for the participants is nearly unlimited.

Under the direction of our skilled Program Supervisor, the day's activities are planned around the interests of the participants.

The complete facilities of the hospital, including the 52 acre campus with its beautiful lawns and wooded areas, are at the disposal of the participants in this program.

TRANSPORTATION

If a participant does not have personal transportation, the Program will provide it within a 10 mile radius of Molly Stark Hospital for one dollar per day. The ten mile radius includes Alliance, Hartsville, Louisville, and the East side of Canton.

COST

The program is primarily funded with a federal grant of Title III Funds provided by the Older Americans Act.

The cost of the program to the participant is \$3.00 per day.

Participants on limited income may make application for financial assistance.



THE MOLLY STARK ADULT DAY CARE CENTER began operation four years ago, May 6th. Monday through Friday, participants in the program are provided transportation to and from the center which is located at Molly Stark Hospital. Approximately 70 persons are involved in this program and 26 participants attend the center daily.

Each day, a well-balanced meal is provided for them at noon and many and various activities such as crafts, ceramics, cards, bowling, shopping trips, etc are some of the daily activities participants become involved in throughout the month.

Mrs. Beverly Brockway is the Adult Day Care Supervisor. For more information about the center, you may call Molly Stark Hospital, 875-5531, Extension 220, weekdays between 8 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.



if possible. The program would involve about 80 boys who would be playing in two divisions. He noted that May 6th is the time of registration for the youngsters. Mr. Glen Ellington agreed to take the matter before the Athletic Council

exceptions, our records passed the test. A full accounting of the audit is on file in her office. Anyone is welcome to see it anytime.

Mr. Leroy Westfall reported on the campaign to secure new bleachers for the football stadium. The

summer.

Mr. Warren highlighted the extensive May school calendar.

The next regular meeting will be May 22 at 7 pm. in the Little Theatre.

Impostor Hospital Chief Flees Arrest in Canton

By Jason Thomas 1972
Staff Writer

CANTON—A "Michigan physician," who was hired as superintendent, and, in a few weeks, streamlined the operations of a 200-bed Stark County hospital, was revealed as an impostor yesterday.

Police in several states were alerted to watch for a black sedan in which the man fled from Molly Stark Hospital minutes before officials arrived with a warrant for his arrest.

WILLIAM BELDEN, chairman of the hospital trustees, expressed amazement that the man hired to modernize management procedures was using the credentials of a real Michigan physician.

"A lot of people here at the hospital say

he drew up the best organization chart they had ever seen," Belden said. "There were those here who were really impressed with him. They thought he was great."

In less than a month, the impostor canceled the hospital's food service contract and launched his own program to upgrade food quality.

He also launched the most massive reorganization of the hospital in the last decade. One employee resigned during the reorganization.

THE STARK COUNTY sheriff's department has issued an all-points bulletin to arrest the man who used the reputation and credentials of a respected Michigan physician to get the \$29,000-a-year job.

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Mystery Man

Used Name of Michigan MD to Win Job

Impostor Hospital Chief Flees Before Arrest

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When the impostor is apprehended, the Stark County prosecutor's office will charge him with two counts of larceny by trick because of the more than \$2,000 in salary paid him while he posed as a physician.

His real identity is unknown.

The man, who used the name of Dr. Edward Bradley and said he was 39 years old, fled from his office at 3 p.m. Monday only 15 minutes before deputies, hospital trustees and Stark County Prosecutor David D. Dowd, Jr. arrived with a warrant for his arrest.

Dowd said deputies are checking hospitals in Saginaw and Detroit, Mich., and Independence and Kansas City, Mo., where he might have been employed previously.

"WE THINK he had to have experience as a hospital employe somewhere," Dowd said. "He knew too much." Although hospital officials had given him a house, the

impostor had never unpacked his few belongings which he kept in his car.

The story began several months ago: Trustees of Molly Stark Hospital placed an ad in the Journal of the American Medical Association for a superintendent to oversee the 225 employes and serve as chief of the two-man medical staff.

THE SEVERAL responses were narrowed to five top candidates including the man who was posing as Dr. Bradley. His credentials were good: undergraduate work at Purdue University, medical training at Northwestern University, a degree in administration from the University of Michigan, a position as director of the tuberculosis division of Saginaw Community Hospital, and co-owner of a successful Kansas City nursing home.

"He was impressive," Belden said.

THE IMPOSTOR so impressed Belden and the other trustees that he joined the staff early in March.

He began making changes.

"I can't believe that this man did not

have some kind of experience in hospital management. He just knew too much," Belden added. "But he did step on some toes."

It was the impostor's brusque handling of several staff members that caused his downfall. The staff members threatened to walk off the job to a local radio station and when the station's news reporters questioned the impostor, he became abusive. Belden said.

A check by the prosecutor's office revealed that the real Dr. Bradley was still administrator of the tuberculosis division of the Saginaw Community Hospital and bore no resemblance to the bespectacled man with the slight southern accent who was using his name in Ohio.

The real Dr. Bradley is 58 years old and fled from his native Romania in 1941.

His Romanian accent becomes stronger when he talks about the man who used his name and reputation to win a job in Ohio.

"I've never even been in Ohio," the real Dr. Bradley fumed. "I object that my name and reputation are being connected with something like this that could cause harm."

DR. BRADLEY criticized the trustees of Molly Stark Hospital for not checking the credentials of the impostor.

"My name should never have been mixed up with the name of a gangster," Dr. Bradley said.

Belden agreed that the trustees, who are appointed by the Stark County commissioners, should have made more checks on the man they hired.

"He looked you right in the eye when he talked to you," Belden added. "He made a very good impression."

Belden said that the impostor had refused to accept any medical duties during his few weeks at the hospital because, he said, he had enough problems handling the administrative reorganization.

"He never touched a patient," Belden said, "and we are glad of that."

New Molly Stark Head Wants To Fit Facility to Health Needs

Molly Stark Hospital's new administrator is trying to determine how the county-operated institution can best be utilized in meeting the county's health care needs.

At the same time, administrator Charles K. Bair is trying fresh approaches to improve employee morale and erase public suspicions that were created when the hospital's former administrator disappeared minutes ahead of the sheriff eight months ago.

Bair and medical director Dr. Anne W. Robinson are attempting to restore confidence that was damaged after James W. Farmer allegedly impersonated a licensed physician and ran the hospital for three weeks last April. Farmer was hired by Molly Stark trustees as both administrator and medical director under the name of Dr. Edward Bradley, a legitimate physician with whom Farmer had worked in a Wisconsin hospital.

There were also findings of financial irregularities — relatively minor — alleged in a state examiner's audit. Stark County Prosecutor David Dowd Jr. has filed suit seeking recovery of the allegedly mismanaged funds.

"The Farmer incident was blown way out of proportion," Bair said. "Farmer apparently did very little work while he was here, but relatives of patients were worried because they weren't sure what was going on in here."

"The quality of medical care remained high and he apparently avoided treating patients. We're working to restore confidence, but it's hard to get yourself back into respectability quickly."

"From the beginning, he told us he would be 'too busy with administrative problems' to take care of patients," Dr. Robinson recalled. "The only times he ever wanted to look at a sick person were the times when he insisted on seeing every employee who said he was sick and wanted to go home," she added.

Farmer was later charged in an 11 count indictment handed down by a Stark County grand jury, charging



Molly Stark Hospital Administrator Charles H. Bair, right, discusses policies with Dr. Anne Robinson, medical director of the county-operated facility.

him with fraud in posing as a physician and accepting salary as administrator and medical director.

Hopes to Bolster Morale
Farmer was last known to be living in Kansas City, Mo., but authorities have been unable to locate him, according to a spokesman for Dowd.

The case not only injured public confidence, but further eroded employee morale which had been declining for some time, according to employees who have secretly complained to newsmen. A series of one, two and three-day suspensions Farmer handed out further irritated staff members.

"It is my feeling that employee morale has a direct bearing on patient care," Bair said, "and so improving morale has to be one of my primary goals." He said he hopes to improve two-way communications between his office and the 200 employees of the hospital.

Bair thinks a time may have come for a complete revision of Molly Stark operations to fit current local needs. He has distributed questionnaires to

Stark County doctors, asking their estimates of the kinds of medical care the hospital can best provide.

"Although this institution was originally conceived as a tuberculosis hospital when it was built 43 years ago, that's no longer the case," Bair said. "There are drastically fewer TB cases now, and they have been declining steadily since about 1952," he said, explaining that "although the disease probably occurs with the same frequency, there have been breakthroughs in treatment, especially the trend toward outpatient treatment rather than confinement."

Bair said about 24 of the 135 patients are currently tuberculosis patients.

Extended Care
Bair thinks the county facility is best suited to providing the extended care treatment available in Stark County only at Molly Stark or at the Alliance Health Center.

Bair explained extended care facilities, as defined under Medicare programs, as institutions able to provide treatment that falls between

the "acute" care of a general hospital and the minimal medical attention that can be provided in a private nursing home.

He noted the hospital can expand its extended care facilities within its present budget by seeking reimbursement through the Medicare program.

Another floor of the hospital, currently in disuse, is being remodeled and prepared to serve another 65 patients in the extended care classification.

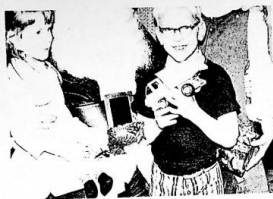
The hospital derives about \$100,000 annually from a four-mill tax levy. The funds can develop facilities to be operated with Medicare operating funds, he said.

Bair's personal background includes work with a Cincinnati bank and with Blue Cross of Ohio.

A Pittsburgh native, Bair graduated from Kiski Boys School, a private institution at Salisbury, Pa. He took a bachelor's degree in business administration at the University of Cincinnati after doing work at the College of Wooster and Ohio State University.

While a student, he held a

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's annual Christmas party last evening to present gifts to the youth of the United Methodist Church. Seated on Santa's lap is Paula Mrs. John Starkey of Hartsville; and standing next to him are Mrs. Donald Slusser, 574 W. Vine St. and Pamela Laughlin, of Louisville. Standing from the left are John and Ed Davidson, UCT members. Edward Winner is Santa.

Santa's visit was highlighted with a package full of goodies for the youngsters and Rev. Robert Tolbert led the group in singing Christmas carols while he accompanied them on his guitar.

Special guests for the evening were Rev. Tolbert and Mrs. George Walker, Stark County supervisor for the retarded children's learning centers.

Tea table decorations and refreshments were provided by the Infant of Prague Guild. Serving on the committee were Mrs. Ed Peters, Mrs. Lay Metzger, Mrs. Steven Mitchell, Mrs. Ann Karper and Mrs. John Melitch.

The Hills and Dales Garden Club, with Mrs. James Rodman as chairman, presented the decorated tree favors to the youngsters.

Joan Stanley and Mrs. Dorothy Dart served as bus drivers.

Mrs. Lee Wagner, site supervisor, and her staff, Mrs. Richard Greenwalt, Mrs. Cecilia Ehrhnspiel, Mrs. Ann

Zuccherro, Miss Susan Spear and Mrs. David McGown were also present.

UCT members in charge of the party included Dean Ashbrook, chairman; John Thorpe, George Davison, Richard Livengood, Bernard Taylor, Clint Datz, Michael Conny, Roderick Ruth and John Schmidt.

Edward Winner was Santa Claus for the evening.

Trustees Approve Contracts

The Rodman Public Library Board of Trustees, meeting in regular session yesterday, unanimously voted to recommend to the Alliance Board of Education the reappointment of Raymond Bossong to the library board.

If reappointed, Bossong, works manager at American Steel Foundries, will serve a seven year term of office. He was first appointed to the board in 1963 to fill the unexpired term of Gus Graf.

The trustees approved the renewal of purchasing and processing contracts for 1973 with the Minerva and Salem Public Libraries and agreed to enter into a new contract with the Louisville Public Library.

The library is able to do this processing for other libraries because of its modern technical processing equipment.

The board approved a resolution to request revenue

and 14 — were charged with delinquency by petit larceny by shoplifting, referred to juvenile authorities and released, police said.

Police said Jones and Simmons were arrested at about 8 p.m. yesterday in King's Department Store, 1425 E. State St.

Store officials charged the two allegedly tried to take an \$8 pair of slacks each from the store.

The juveniles were apprehended at approximately 4 p.m. at Super Center, 1840 S. Union Ave.

Police said one youth is charged with trying to steal a \$1 knife and the other with taking a 69-cent whistle and chain.

Theft of a coat from a church early last month and an unsuccessful break-in attempt at a College Plaza Center store were reported to police yesterday.

Gus C. Kostell of 841 W. Milton St., told police someone removed his \$150 cashmere coat from the First United Presbyterian Church between 8-9:45 a.m. on Nov. 5.

Thieves were unsuccessful in their effort to break into the Cunningham Drug store at 1300 E. State St. between 9:30 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. yesterday.

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variety of jobs in a Cincinnati bank and upon graduation took a job as administrative assistant at Cincinnati General Hospital. His later work with Blue Cross included experience in Medicare programs and service as manager of the reimbursement division.

Prior to accepting the Molly Stark job, he was administrator of Greenfield Municipal Hospital northwest of Chillicothe.

Veteran On Staff
Dr. Robinson has been a staff physician at Molly Stark since July of 1967. She was named to the medical director's post Oct. 10.

Dr. Robinson took her medical degree at the University of Minnesota and was in private practice a number of years "before I tried industrial medicine and discovered I liked it."

She was a staff physician at



Alliance High School Key C Saturday morning helping the S brighter Christmas for needy!

Above, three key club members collect canned food alongside a truck that will help bring food to Grubill of 804 Homestead Ave. From left are Josephine Glenskin Lane, and John Lunsford of 2471 East Lunsford heads up the drive tomorrow morning. Key club members gathered canned food door to door.

News Briefs

LOOKS TO CHRISTMAS — Jeffrey Strickler, nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Strickler, 1552 Parkway Blvd., underwent his 15th operation Thursday morning at Timken Mercy Hospital. He is now looking forward to coming home and getting ready for Christmas.

BATTERY TAKEN — James Hughes Jr., 133 S. Lincoln Ave., reported to police someone removed the battery from his pick-up truck parked at the rear of 208 E. Wayne St. between 11:30 p.m. Wednesday and 2:30 p.m. yesterday.

MEETING CANCELLED — The meeting of the St. John's Lutheran Women set for last evening was cancelled because of conflicts with school Christmas programs. The next meeting of the group will be Jan. 11.

SLEEP OUT PLANNED — Girl's Leaders Club of the YMCA is sponsoring a Sleep Out for elementary school girls tonight, beginning at 8:30 p.m. The event will feature swimming, games, movie and refreshments, and will conclude at 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

CD Group Has Party

Approximately 50 persons

Two Vandalism Incidents Probed

Two vandalism incidents, one which occurred Wednesday night and the other last month, were reported to police yesterday.

Virginia Blisset of 222 S. Lincoln Ave., told police a front window of her home was broken with an unknown object Wednesday night.

The left headlight was broken and the grill damaged the truck of Joseph Bara of 444 E. 4th St. as it was parked.

Levy called cure for Molly Stark's

ills

By WILLIAM FELCZAN
Staff Writer
NIMISHILLEN TWP. —

A two-hour diagnostic conference on the fate of Molly Stark Hospital was held Tuesday.

Presiding surgeons were William H. Belden, trustees chairman, and A. A. "Tink" Ulrich, 24-year former trustee and now Molly Stark levy campaign chairman.

Sickness to be cured is acute curtailment of functional activity due to failing funding, resulting from termination Dec. 31, 1975, of the last four-tenths of one mill operating levy.

Remedy recommended: Passage of the one-mill five-year operating levy which will be on the June 8 ballot.

Belden, himself a veteran 14 year trustee of the former tuberculosis hospital described the present role as filling of the gap between treatment at general hospitals and patients' homes or nursing homes providing continuing care.

Dr. John Scala, long-time director and coordinator of rehabilitation activities at Molly Stark, elected not to dwell on the history of the hospital, but rather to concentrate on what's happening now as a measure of the potential of the hospital.

He described the alcoholic rehabilitation program, largely self-supporting from insurance and paying patients, as unique in the Stark County community.

Not only does it provide the initial "cure," (a term never used by professional alcoholism rehabilitators) while in the hospital, but Molly Stark provides the follow-up after discharge.

Assistance is found for maintaining abstinence after release, in helping the family, friends and employers understand the malady and, where necessary, in obtaining additional psychiatric and professional counseling in keeping the alcoholic "dry."

He described the work being done with 17 profoundly, incurably mentally retarded, physically handicapped children under treatment at the hospital, mostly from Apple Creek State Institute.

"Where else could you take a 17-year-old child, still bottle-fed?" he asked.

He then described the work of the staff — professional aides from the Stark County Board of Mental Retardation — and the many hours put in by volunteers to aid the children.

Dr. Scala described the condition of many stroke, neurological or fracture patients, some of whom are discharged directly from intensive care units of general hospitals, and are kept alive by respirators and intravenous feeding.

Mrs. Kathryn E. Shear-Belden said. This actually would be only a \$6.48 increase from the \$4.32 paid while the four-tenths of one mill levy was in effect.

Its approval would assure about \$1.5 million per year for Molly Stark and put all its patient capacity into use, restore the staff to operate it and to fill the gap where no comparable care exists, it was concluded. to get unregistered voters to register, get them to vote for the levy.

Another patient shown was younger, less than 60, who has not walked for 40 years.

She was receiving new joints for her legs. Eventually, with final rehabilitation, she'll walk from the hospital, the doctor said.

Dr. Anne W. Robinson, medical director, described the changed, but continuing role of Molly Stark in tuberculosis treatment.

Although most TB patients admitted are only short-term in their stay, all discharged after arrest of the disease, and even those treated at home, remain under

long-term medication and monitoring.

As the center for TB treatment and registration, the hospital now has only six patients, with another to be admitted. It maintains its follow-up on hundreds of former victims, both inpatients and outpatients, in addition to registering all the positive reactors to skin tests and schoolteachers and school employees. All these must have either negative skin tests or X-rays as condition to their employment, she explained.

What does all this mean to the "family" of Stark County voters?

Due to depletion of funds realized from the expired levy and increased costs due to inflation, Molly Stark has been forced to cut its former staff of 250 by 40 per cent and its patient capacity to less than 90, with 114 beds remaining empty.

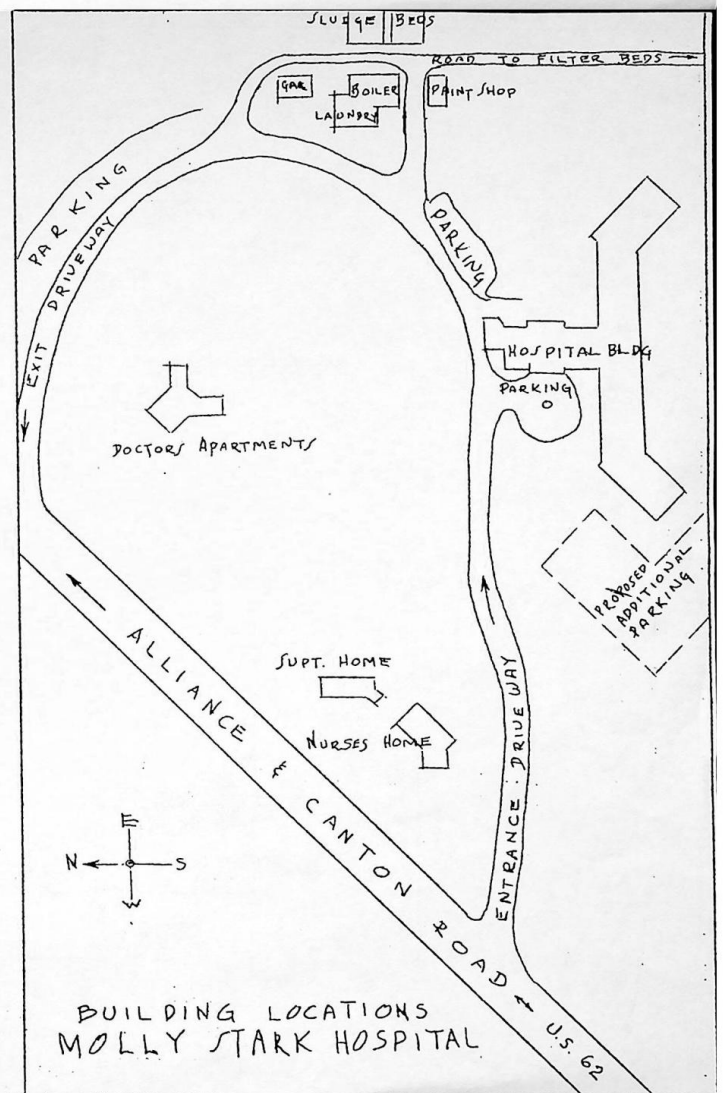
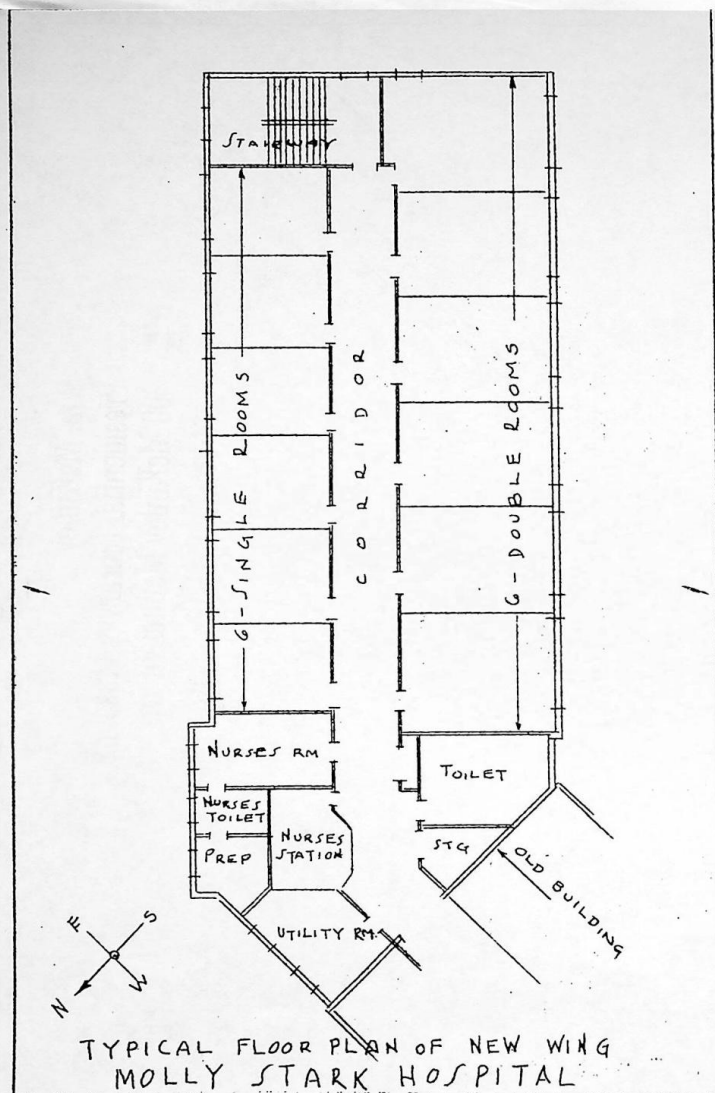
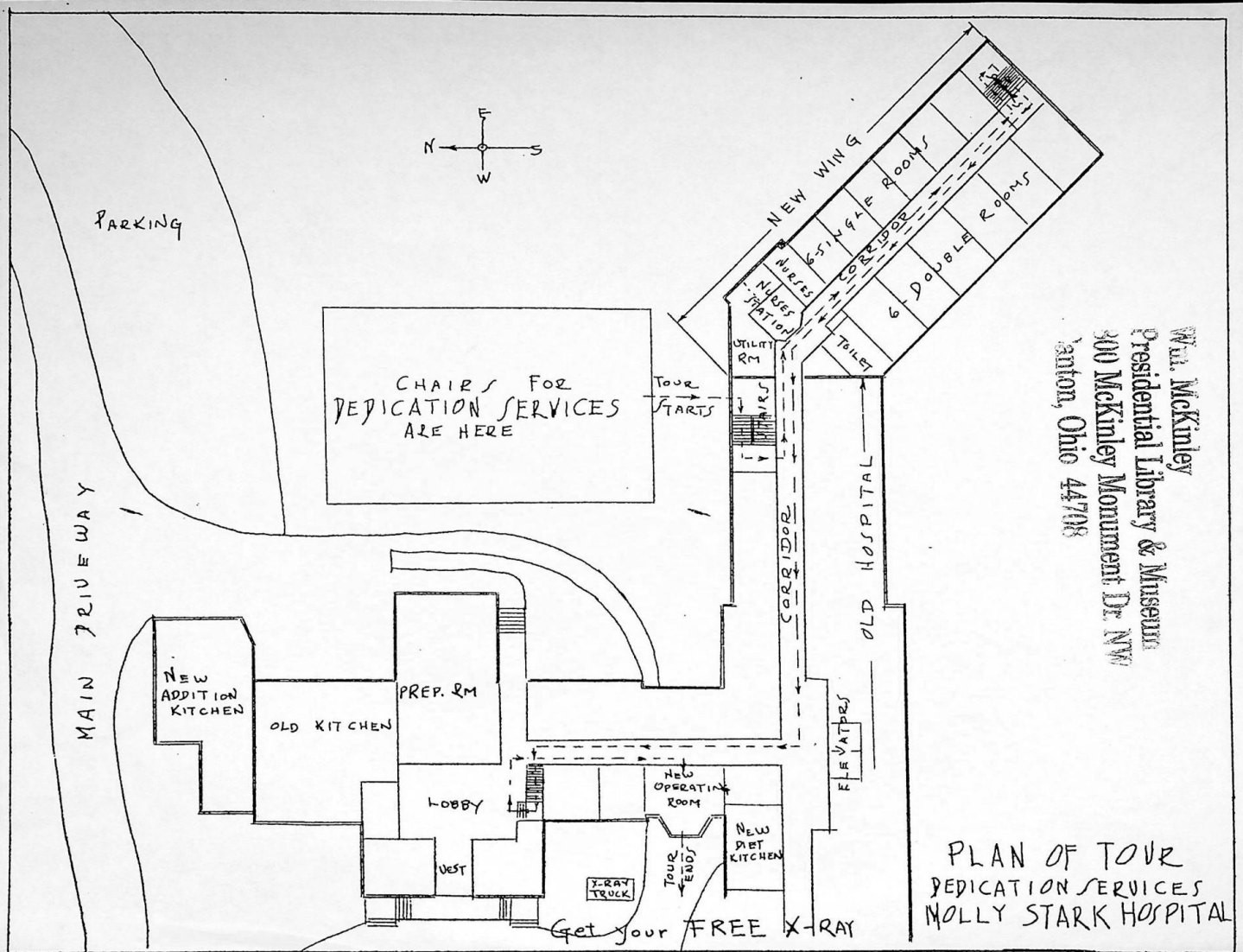
The reason Molly Stark Hospital is needed, is because that in a normal lifetime, one of every three county residents will make use of its services.

Its most recent average cost calculation is \$55 per patient-day, well below the average \$110 in area general intensive care hospitals.

The cost to an "average" \$30,000 homeowner per year will be \$10.80, Belden said.

This actually would be only a \$6.48 increase from the \$4.32 paid while the four-tenths of one mill levy was in effect.

Its approval would assure about \$1.5 million per year for Molly Stark and put all its patient capacity into use, restore the staff to operate it and to fill the gap where no comparable care exists, it was concluded. to get unregistered voters to register, get them to vote for the levy.



She played a role in history

SUNDAY, AUG. 17, 1975

By WILLIAM R. FELCZAN

Thirty years ago, August 1945.

Franklin D. Roosevelt died last spring. Germany surrendered just after, the armies of the United States and Russia met at the Elbe River and a new dimension of World War II, and world history, was unveiled.

Dr. Anne W. Robinson, medical director at Molly Stark Hospital, recalled with clearly certain accuracy her small sideline role in the event.

A physician in the 20-bed hospital of the Eastman Kodak Co. section of the three firms involved in the Manhattan Project at Oak Ridge, Tenn., she recounted that Aug. 6 when mankind entered the Atomic Age with the dropping of the first atom bomb on Hiroshima.

In Oak Ridge, a large part of the task force of 65,000 on the Manhattan Project it labored on as it had for the past three years, working, building and refining in a quiet, but still fever-pitched endeavor.

THE QUIET WAS THE RESULT of enforced, and practiced security.

People who worked together worked at and talked of only their own tasks, not of what other individuals or groups were doing or their relationship to one another.

Even among those who knew, the product was referred to only as "T," or "tea," never by its true identity. Dr. Robinson, recalled only one leak regarding the project, a newscast statement in April 1945 reporting an atom bomb was being produced at Oak Ridge. She recalled the bridge foursome in which she was playing, stopped in silence, aghast.

Although the bridge players listened for a repetition of the newscast and checked newspapers to confirm what they knew they had heard, the leak never was repeated, she said.

Dr. Robinson "happened" to be working at Oak Ridge by loyally following her husband, Lawrence, an electrical engineer, to his job there.

A native of Minnesota, she already was becoming

accustomed to the fact of life that an electrical engineer's family must adapt to frequent moves.

So, when her husband's next job was in a place called Oak Ridge, she picked up her shingle in New Jersey and headed south to join him as soon as housing was available.

Her first recollections of Oak Ridge were of rows of precut and prefabricated houses, sprouting out of the Tennessee clay, like mushrooms after a spring rain.

Although Dr. Robinson was employed on the atomic project, she said she never dealt with a radiation exposure case in her 13 years there.

Basically, she worked as an industrial physician, treating victims of industrial mishaps anticipated in any large industrial plant.

Most of the injuries she handled were for electrical burns and shock, which was to be expected in light of the tremendous amount of electricity used in the plant.

SHE RECALLED only one death in the plant, this a man who died of phosgene gas burns and inhalation suffered from ruptured pipe leak.

Safety and security were overriding prime factors in the operation of the plant; safety because of the relatively new frontiers of radioactivity hazards, and security in prevention of leaks to the enemy.

Security was such an overriding factor in working at Oak Ridge, it became as much a part of life as eating and breathing, recalled the doctor.

As a doctor who might be called to any accident site, Dr. Robinson recalled she had been issued one of the relatively few unlimited movement badges.

Another facet of the super-security atmosphere were the periodic polygraph (lie detector) tests to which employees were subjected. The tests became so much part of the routine they caused no concern, unless one was involved in a breach of security.

Although nobody even referred to uranium by name, light-hearted references were made to it as the raw material which entered in railroad cars and the finished product which left in brief cases, handcuffed to couriers.

Announcement of the dropping of the atom bomb on Hiroshima on Aug. 6 brought "inside" celebrations matching those to follow on Aug. 14 when Japan agreed to the terms of unconditional surrender.

Although the estimated tolls of dead and injured appalled all, the attitude of the thousands at Oak Ridge was satisfaction, secure in their belief the bomb would save American lives.

Dr. Robinson felt a second personal involvement in sharing this feeling, her son, Theodore, a Marine, having just arrived in the Pacific for probable participation in the landing on the Japanese mainland.

Sidelights of the doctor's work at Oak Ridge included some ironies, such as the fact her brother, Frank B. West, a chemical engineer, was working at the same time on the other atomic production site in Hanford, Wash., although neither was aware of the other's parallel work.

The only "victims" of any atom bomb ever seen by Dr. Robinson were some cattle accidentally subjected to fallout from the July 16, 1945 test bomb set off at Alamogordo, N.M.

These were brought back to Oak Ridge for observation for possible genetic deficiencies from their exposure.

According to public reports made of the studies, Dr. Robinson said, the herds reproduced through several generations with no apparent defects or other consequences of their exposure.

Although no confirmed official death toll of the bombs dropped upon Hiroshima and Nagasaki, has been agreed estimates range from 105,000 to 274,000.

None of the experts have estimated the probable casualty toll, of both allied forces and Japanese military and civilians, who would have been killed and wounded, if the war had been prolonged by direct assault and conquest.

Even now, the war's toll continues to rise.

On July 29, Terry G. Feil, 49, died in Sacramento, Calif. of leukemia, lymphoma and generalized cancer attributed to radioactive exposure suffered when he went ashore at Nagasaki to help set up medical aid as a Navy hospital corpsman.

Both he and Dr. Robinson have shared a little niche in a history written 30 years ago this month.



Dr. Anne Robinson recalls



STUDY ADDICTION. A comparison of the effects of addictive substances, including tranquilizers, amphetamines and alcohol, are discussed by Mrs. Donna Lichtenwalter, psychological therapist in the alcoholic detoxification program at Molly Stark Hospital, exploring the reasons people drink and what the results are. (Repository Staff Photo)

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Unit at Molly Stark Battles Alcoholism

By WILLIAM R. FELCZAN
Repository Staff Writer

NIMISHILLEN TWP.—Two of the treatment wards at Molly Stark Hospital are so a visitor would wonder why they are under the same roof.

However, a little study, along with explanations by hospital staff members, shows there really are similarities between the wards for retarded children and alcoholics.

Describing the care given the 20 patients in the retarded children's ward, Dr. John H. Peters told of the training and improved general health achieved by repeated patterns of treatment.

Illness/Has No Cure

Dr. Lawrence Rossiter described a similar role in the detoxification and rehabilitation of alcoholic patients in his ward.

"Education" is a word used frequently by Dr. Rossiter in telling how the alcoholic accepts the fact he has a chronic illness—an addition to alcohol—for which there is no cure.

Success in treating alcoholics at Molly Stark is measured only in terms of controlling the malady by total abstinence from drinking.

Measured by this standard, the program has treated 650 patients since it was formed 18 months ago and achieved 25 per cent success.

Although seemingly a low "batting average," Dr. Rossiter said it still is a much higher success level than many alcoholic rehabilitation programs.

Only cases counted are patients who have not "slipped off the wagon" since their discharge.

The longer each stays drink free, the more significant his case becomes in terms of duration of the "cure".

Treatment of the alcoholic starts with restoring his body to the best health possible.

Restoring health usually takes only about a week, Dr. Rossiter said, however, he admitted taking nearly two weeks to restore one patient to his best potential.

Having restored the body the clinic then has to reinforce the patient's opinion of himself, to teach him the effects of alcohol on his body and personality.

Alcoholism Is Sickness

Like ripples from a stone thrown in a still pool, education also is extended to the victim's family, teaching members that the alcoholic is sick and how they can help him control his addiction.

Employers also often must be educated to the fact alcoholism is a sickness, not just a symptom of weakness, Dr. Rossiter continued.

Some employers are sophisticated to the point they will do all possible to help the employee with the arrest and treatment of his ailment.

"Some employers," Dr. Rossiter said, "are very cooperative in helping their workers, even to the point of exerting 'friendly coercion' to insure their employees complete the

agencies referring patients for treatment.

The hospital draws on services of Alcoholics Anonymous, Alanon, Alateens and its own and community social services to help the rehabilitation in the hospital and after the patient's discharge.

"Only recently," Dr. Rossiter mused, "have we begun to penetrate the legal arena, in convincing courts drinking is an illness, not a crime."

With this awareness have come referrals of patients to the hospital by judges, parole officers and police, recognizing that certain person's behavior is rooted in alcohol addiction, not just anti-social behavior.

Public education to this fact is a major goal of Dr. Rossiter, who seeks to root out the stereotype of all alcoholics as "skid row bums."

"Only 3 per cent fit this class," he said, "the other 97 per cent are otherwise normal men, women, teachers, ministers, doctors or laborers."

The only thing they share is a common weakness for alcohol, just as all are more or less prone to the common cold.

"Some of us catch it while others don't and medical science hasn't yet defined a certain predilection or cure for either, only treatment or control," he concluded.

Treatment of alcoholics at Molly Stark normally runs 21 days, including restoring a healthy body, developing a healthy attitude toward the addiction, and achieving control by abstinence.

Educating Retarded, Too

Education is a cram course with three therapy sessions daily on a seven-day work week with much repetition to instill awareness of the malady.

And education "works both sides of the street" treating retarded children under Dr. Peters' charge.

The patients themselves are evaluated to determine the extent of their learning ability and hospital personnel are educated in means of reaching this potential.

Most of the retarded at Molly Stark, transfers from Apple Creek State Hospital, the Hattie Larlham Foundation in Summit County, nursing homes and private homes are characterized by a need for more intensive medical and nursing care than they have had until now.

Teaching takes unusual and sometimes unrecognizable forms, he continued, citing the recognizable response of a severely retarded child to an affectionate touch or a kind voice, which until now has been unknown.

Results, though slow, still are recognizable in seeing a bottle-fed child advance to spoon-feeding by attendants or volunteers, to self-feeding; or learning to crawl, smile or grasp an object when this performance was never before achieved.

Most readily recognizable, Dr. Peters said, are the addition of weight and strength after admission of retardates, not only as result of nutrition but

Molly Stark's day care center a busy place for lonely adults

By PAMELA ZANDER

Five days a week, Elizabeth Derheimer leaves her apartment on the city's northeast side and heads "home" to 700 Columbus Rd. NE.

For the 80-year-old European-born woman, home is not where she rests her head at night. Home is where she spends her waking hours — at the Molly Stark Hospital adult day care center.

The petite woman tilts her gray bobbed head, looks up through her glasses, and stands close to tell the listener of her long career as a housekeeper in Europe and then in America, and her sweeter life since discovering the center two years ago.

Offerings at the center aren't so unusual. Cards, coffee and conversation, a hot lunch, ceramics and special programs by outside groups are its staples.

But to some professionals in the field of aging, such centers more and more are seen as one type of alternative to keep seniors citizens in their own homes, active in the community and out of nursing homes.

Watching the staff at work, Elizabeth smiles and, in her broad accent, gives her own explanation:

"I never had anything but a smile from them."

And conversation, five hours a day, five days a week. Some are alone from the time they leave the center until they are picked up the next morning, says Beverly Brockway, activities director for the hospital and director of the center.

The center fills that



WITH A PURPOSE. Howard Longbottom (left) and Elmer Sherer, participants in the Molly Stark Hospital adult day care center, aren't working for nothing. Here they're picking beans (green with a few purple ones) to make a salad for a picnic planned by participants. (Repository Staff Photos)

empty time, and the staff stands ready to hear that ear-full.

"They'd rather have a cup of coffee here than at home alone," says the director. "For some, this is their breakfast," she adds, of the simple repast offered participants.

Mrs. Brockway, mother of five, was a hospital volunteer, then part-time worker, before she took the job of directing the center. A year ago, she was named activities director.

She speaks with experience of the loneliness

that often creeps into a house empty save one.

"Once all my boys were in school, the house was too empty. I needed something to fill my hours. It was too big to be in alone."

For one woman in her 90s, it's a chance to get away from her family and a chance for her family to get away from her.

Most of the 65 participants live on their own or with families. Some live in group homes. Three-fourths are senior citizens, says the director, though there is no age limit at the center, and the youngest person attending is 34.

The biggest share here are stroke victims, Mrs. Brockway says. Some have the use of only one arm or use a cane. Some have had heart attacks.

Only a half dozen of the total number use wheelchairs, and they can get in and out of center vans used to transport many of them.

Daily attendance is limited to 24. The center can pick up only 22 with its van service and a couple are brought in by family.

Depending on their condition and mental attitude, the participants may visit the center once a week, or daily. There is a waiting list of about six, she says.

Participants are invited to join in the activities, but aren't forced to do anything they don't want to do. A few just want to sit and read, she says.

Center of attention during a recent morning coffee klatch was a robust black woman, who grinned ear-to-ear when the others asked to see the back of her T-shirt. "Don't follow me, I'm lost," it read. "It took me two years to get up the courage to wear it," she admitted with a laugh, as she headed for the ceramics table.

Participants have enjoyed cook-outs and picnics during the summer months, and regularly scheduled programs are presented by community and church groups.

Keeping people out of nursing homes is the aim, according to Barbara Love, director of the

Area Agency on Aging in Akron. The adult day care center may be a solution, in her opinion.

The center staff aids those who live alone by taking them for a monthly grocery shopping trip, according to Mrs. Brockway. Another aid to keeping them independent.

Of housecleaning chores, Elizabeth comments wryly: matter-of-factly: "Housework. The lock with it. I just go there to sleep. This is my home."



BUSY HANDS. Two who regularly try their hands on center craft projects are Tommie E. Tramiel (left) and Elizabeth Derheimer (right), here getting help from center director, Beverly

Brockway. Participants, most of whom are seniors, have the option of working in the ceramics and crafts room, sitting quietly, reading, playing cards or chatting with their friends.

Molly Stark's day care center

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CENTER OF ATTENTION. Lucille Grove (center) needn't worry about getting on and off the Molly Stark adult day care center van. Ready to

help are Mark Brockway a part-time staff member, and Barbara Merinar, assistant supervisor of the five-day-a-week program.

Firestone Tribute Dedicated

At County Geriatric Center

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Tribute to the late Canton architect was paid Tuesday at dedication of the Charles E. Firestone Memorial Courtyard, "hub" of Stark County's Joseph T. Nist Geriatric Center.

Designed and planned by his widow, H. Renee Firestone, it will always be "a beautiful, quiet, restful place for those who pass by to pause and reflect that someone cares," said Joseph T. Nist, former county commissioner and sheriff for whom the center was named.

IT WAS SUCH men as Mr. Firestone and Mr. Nist who made the center a reality, said

Harry Lavery, center superintendent, in recalling the center's early history.

He told the 100 persons at the dedication the first thing Mr. Firestone put on paper for the then proposed center was a rough sketch of a courtyard, to serve as a center "hub."

Mr. Firestone gave many hours of devotion to the center's concept. Mr. Lavery said.

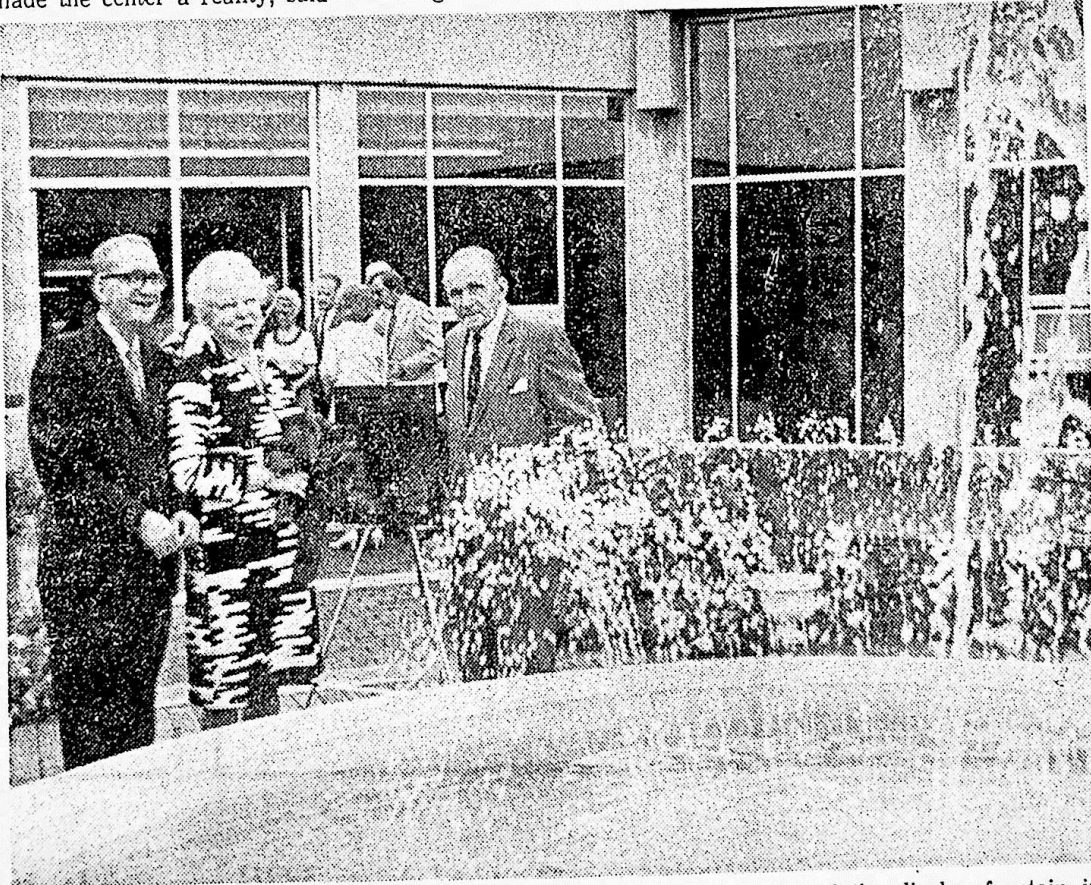
The courtyard, bedecked with flowers and benches and centered by a display fountain, not only was provided by Mrs. Firestone but she presented the center with many trees that now grace its landscape, said

the center superintendent.

MR. FIRESTONE, one of Canton's most prominent citizens and a nationally known architect, died July 13, 1970. He designed many Canton and northeastern Ohio buildings.

The center was the last building Mr. Firestone built for the county. "He made it become a reality through his dreams and ideals," said County Commissioner Norman Sponseller.

Mrs. Firestone, presented a bouquet of roses from center staff members, said she hoped center residents "will enjoy many years here."



COURTYARD DEDICATED. Mrs. H. Renee Firestone pauses in front of the display fountain in Joseph T. Nist Geriatric Center's Charles E. Firestone Memorial Courtyard, dedicated in memory of Mrs. Firestone's late husband. Joining her is (left) Harry Lavery, center superintendent, and Joseph T. Nist, former county commissioner for whom the center was named. (Repository Staff Photo)

Legislation would give commissioners Molly Stark

control

By JACK BAESSLER
A bill is making its way through the Ohio House which will allow Stark County commissioners to take control of Molly Stark Hospital.

The measure, sponsored by State Rep. William J. Healy, D-Canton, was expected to get a third reading at Tuesday night's meeting of the Governmental Affairs Committee.

From there it will go to the Rules Committee where it will be decided when the bill will reach the House floor.

Healy said Tuesday the bill would permit the commissioners to run the hospital instead of a seven-member board of trustees. Previously, the commissioners appointed trustees to oversee Molly Stark's financial operations and review hospital programs.

Healy, who introduced the bill in May, said it was drafted at the request of Stark's three commissioners because they believe it would allow them "to better administer the building."

Molly Stark Hospital, located at 7900 Columbus Rd. NE, has an annual budget of over \$3 million and employs 210 persons.

About 100 patients are cared for at the facility, which at one time nursed many persons suffering from tuberculosis.

Now, only about 10 persons there are being treated for the disease. About

15 are alcoholism patients and 18 children are there under care for severe mental retardation. The

remainder are heart, stroke and chronic hospital patients. Many are Medicare patients.

The hospital also has a large tuberculosis outpatient population.

Healy said the bill would allow the county commissioners to run the hospital in the same manner of the Nist Geriatric Center. He said there has been no opposition to the bill.

Commissioner Norma Sponseller outlined three reasons Tuesday why the commissioners want the bill adopted.

With the commissioners being responsible, the hospital would automatically have a "better checks and balance system" because all bills would be handled by the auditor and treasurer.

"This should give people a better feeling (about the hospital) knowing this," Sponseller said.

In the past, the hospital has had financial accounting problems. A state audit in August 1976 made findings against Molly Stark's board of trustees for funds slightly in excess

of \$20,000. When it later was announced that the trustees would be held personally responsible for the money, many were angered and resigned. At one time, only two trustees were on the board, one of them a county employee, Frederick J. Ball, assistant administrator. There presently are five trustees serving.

The reluctance to serve on such a board is a second reason given by Sponseller for wanting to take

full control of the hospital. "Trustees can't get bonding for errors made by the hospital," he said. "That's a pretty scary situation for some board members."

"Also, running a better than \$3 million a year operation is difficult on a once-a-month meeting," Sponseller said.

Sponseller said the job now demands a once a week meeting time and not many people would do that.



TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. Two men identified as Croatia terrorists are guided into a waiting police car Tuesday after surrendering two hours after their

takeover of the Yugoslav Mission to the United Nations in New York. (AP Wirephoto)

PR campaign set Levies are key to Molly Stark

By ROSS A. GRABER
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NIMSHILLEN TWP. — Solvency for Molly Stark Hospital, and possibly its continuance as a medical facility after 1978, will be on the line in the form of two, four-tenths-mill levies on the November ballot.

To impress the voting public of the levies importance, the hospital's trustees Monday night agreed to a special session to mount an aggressive, if somewhat belated, public relations campaign.

It basically will revolve around donations of "blankets" to the needy and probably will kick off with a press party, trustees said, which also will have to be financed with donations.

Because of its monetary problems, Molly Stark in September was forced to make drastic cuts in the patient load and medical staff.

Charles Bair, hospital administrator, said the levies — one a four-tenths-mill renewal and the other a new tax in the same amount — would generate some \$1.2 million in each of the next five years.

He said effects of the revenue would not be noticed until 1977, but would enable the hospital to continue at its current, reduced operating level. A dilution of services would be instituted only if revenue-sharing funds continue and the Stark County commissioners

Bair quits as chief of Molly Stark

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NIMSHILLEN TWP. — The imminent resignation of Administrator Charles Bair, decision to resign two operating levy proposals to voters again in June, a little good and a lot of bad news highlighted Monday night's meeting of Molly Stark Hospital trustees.

Bair, 33, took command of hospital business June 25, 1972, and embarked on a somewhat tumultuous career which often saw him at odds with the trustees. His resignation is to be effective Jan. 1.

Stark County voters next June 8 will be asked to reconsider the two four-tenths mill levies they rejected earlier this month. The levies would bring in \$1.2 million to help operate the hospital.

Stepping down by Bair was not unexpected as he had discussed that action nearly two years ago. Molly Stark County commissioners With his departure, Molly Stark will come under a new form of dual control, with Dr. Anne W. Robinson retaining her duties as medical director and assuming the administrator's tasks.

However, her business workload will be lightened by trustees' Secretary Kathryn Stene, who is to fill the newly created position of executive director. Stene, 41, for her and an executive secretary were discussed by trustees in executive session following the regular meeting.

Bair, a native of Doylestown, indicated he has lined up a job in private industry.

The good news was offered by Bair, who told trustees Stene is patient and staff in September are beginning to pay off.

He said daily cost of running the hospital has been cut from \$9.06 in January to \$3.210 now — a reduction of 40 to 45 per cent.

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are able to maintain their annual \$800,000 "debt" and it isn't consumed by operating expenses.

Trustees said they expect to forge ahead today with the promotional campaign with President William Belden promising to find a Publicity Committee chairperson.

Bair told trustees that many of the hospital's employees will give their off-duty time to work for the levies.

He added that the promotion must reach into the "grass roots" and, if enough people are informed about Molly Stark's "unique" services, they will support the issues.

Belden, noting that AFL-CIO will be asked to endorse the levies at its Oct. 15 meeting, said, "We certainly don't have much time and we have a lot to overcome, so we'll just have to do the best we can."

In other action, the trustees:

DISCUSSED money problems which are besetting the Geriatric Center. They agreed they must reduce transportation for patients and resolve to continue operating the facility, at least until the end of this year.

LEARNED Blue Cross wants to cut its reimbursement for insured federal employees entered in the Alcoholism program by \$10. It claims that is the amount paid by Alcoholism Rehabilitation Associates, Inc., which provides patient therapy sessions. Bair said that almost all the daily fee of about \$50 per patient is consumed by hospital expenses and that the ARA service is above and beyond that charge.

But the bad news, and there was plenty of it, started with revelation that an \$85,000 surplus anticipated for the end of the year will not be realized.

Three pay periods remain before Dec. 31 and Bair told trustees there simply was not enough money allocated for payrolls.

From there, the bad news got worse. Trustees learned that Lach Coal Co. terminated its contract for supplying coal at about \$33 per ton because the hospital cannot make payment 30 days after the invoice is received. Thus, Molly Stark now gets its fuel from Canton Coal Co. at about \$38 per ton, an arrangement which must be continued until the contract can be renegotiated for bids.

It was revealed the hospital lost "an appeal concerning the discharge of two employees. Four staffers were fired in September after they allegedly broke into and took food from a vending machine.

The incident occurred on a Saturday, Bair explained, and on the following Monday, when two failed to report to work, they were called at home and told they were fired. Bair said written notification of the action also was given.

The employees of the hospital's Housekeeping Department, appealed their dismissals through the Ohio Personnel Board. It ruled the firings were in contradiction with procedures outlined by the Ohio Civil Service Commission and that both had to be reinstated and given their regular pay retroactive to date of discharge.

When asked by trustee Robert S. Zimmerman why procedures were not followed, Bair said it had not been learned until this past spring that hospital employees come under Civil Service jurisdiction. The three-quarter-century rules and regulations book is known thoroughly. "It was one works with it daily, which he does not do," Bair said.

Women, give them 15 minutes at 11 p.m., and then immediately "redshirts" them. Bair said, "I've not before board something like that should be prosecuted."

"They shouldn't get almost 60 days pay for doing nothing. I don't see how anyone can continue such action," he said of the personnel board's decision.

Is System Faulty?

Molly Stark Plight--
What Went Wrong?By ALLAN R. SIMPSON JR.
and MICHAEL HANKE

The current flap over the administration of Molly Stark Hospital has a lot of people expressing opinions and taking sides.

The report of a state examiner revealed pay errors and other improper administrative actions which occurred during the "regimes" of two former administrators.

The rightness or wrongness of some of these

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actions is at the center of the flap, as well as differing opinions as to where blame should be fixed.

The total amount listed for recovery by the examiner is not large—\$6,194. But it is public (taxpayers') money.

Of this amount, \$3,149 resulted from an alleged swindle perpetrated by one of the former administrators, James Wayne Farmer of Kansas City, Mo., a man law enforcement officials charge was an impostor who fled the state to escape prosecution. The responsibility for his selection and employment, according to state law, rests squarely with the hospital's board of trustees.

William H. Belden, chairman of the board who has devoted countless hours through many years to Molly Stark, frankly admits he and the other members of the board were completely taken in by Mr. Farmer, a man he describes as an artist in deception. He is thankful the deception was discovered as early as it was.

Finding Debated

The hospital's business manager admitted making an error in salary computation which re-

sulted in an overpayment of \$909 to a former assistant to an administrator.

The remaining \$2,136 listed as a finding was paid to the other former administrator, Dr. J. L. Yahraus, for working on holidays and half-days off.

Although the examiner said hospital trustees had made no provision for such payments, Dr. Yahraus contends it was the hospital's standard policy to pay for such time worked.

With the exception of the money paid to Farmer, there would appear to be no dishonesty involved.

There do seem to be imperfections in the system by which the hospital is operated — imperfections that allow situ-

ations to develop like those revealed by the examiner.

Favor Auditor Control

Stark County Prosecutor David Dowd and Auditor Joe Yoder believe the county auditor should have fiscal control of the hospital provided the legislature would give the auditor proper backing in legislation. In their opinion, if this were the case, much of the present situation would not have developed.

In fact, auditors did have that control until 1953 when an act of the state legislature turned that responsibility over to hospital boards of trustees, thus removing the local system of checks and balances.

The legislation was motivated by hospital personnel elsewhere

in the state who thought there was too much red tape involved in their relationship with the auditor and asked for direct control of hospital funds.

Originally a Sanatorium

Originally, Molly Stark Hospital was exclusively a tuberculosis treatment center and, when opened in 1929, was known as Molly Stark Sanatorium.

Its status changed somewhat in the 1950s when it began to accept patients with other illnesses, under provisions of a section of state law which authorizes treatment of nontubercular patients in tuberculosis hospitals.

Molly Stark was able to do this because of the success of

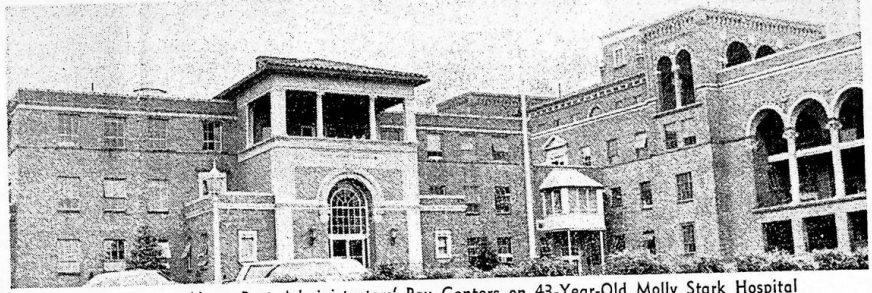
Stark County's educational and X-ray programs directed at control and elimination of tuberculosis.

A new wing at the hospital was never needed for tuberculosis patients and beds stood empty.

Still a TB Hospital

It continued to be a county tuberculosis hospital, however, and remains so today, presently treating 16 tuberculosis patients as well as 11 chronic care cases and 40 patients needing extended care. There also are 59 nursing home patients at the hospital.

The annual report of the hospital administration reveals Molly Stark is a million-dollar (Turn to QUESTIONS, Pg. 10)



Controversy About Past Administrators' Pay Centers on 43-Year-Old Molly Stark Hospital

pitals such as Molly Stark, the working reality appears to be a system wherein the hospital administrator runs the hospital on a day-to-day basis, with the board of trustees being responsible for his conduct and operation of the hospital, and the Ohio Department of Health maintaining a general, but relatively light, supervision.

Within such a framework, situations like those listed in the state examiner's report can and do develop.

Questions Remain

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operation. And the 1971 report shows a closing balance of \$33,259 in the black.

In 1971, income at the hospital was \$1,514,773 including a 1970 carryover of \$7,682.

The breakdown, according to the report, was \$792,327 from hospitalized patients, \$2,903 from patients treated at the hospital but not hospitalized, \$50,000 from the county's general fund grant appropriations, \$4,132 from the general fund for security guards, \$13,500 from the general fund for roof repairs at the hospital and \$404,705 from a three-tenths of a mill operating levy.

Totals \$14.4 Million

Also, \$102,256 from money borrowed on an additional one-tenth of a mill operating levy to be collected this year, \$12,400 from rent collected from the county board of education for use of a building, \$708 from treatment given in occupational therapy, \$1,791 from treatment in physical therapy, \$4,350 from sale of drugs, medicine and meals, \$89 from preparation of medical reports, \$405 from refunds and \$6,041 from other income.

With the language in the governing legislation so ambiguous, it is understandable that there could be divergent views on the jurisdictional authority on the part of commissioners, trustees and administrators. This, in turn, could lead to some of the problems listed in the examiner's report.

'Excellent Care'—Belden

Other violations of rules and regulations listed by the examiner appear to be due to inefficiency, in some instances, and to a lack of knowledge or disregard of the regulations in others.

Commenting on these violations, Mr. Belden explained the board of trustees believed it had capable people at the hospital.

Despite the turmoil caused by the examiner's findings and the problems associated with the short-term "administrator" Wayne Farmer, Molly Stark patients have received excellent care, according to Mr. Belden. Although charged with the management and control of the hospital, the trustees (who receive no pay for their services) must give bond for the proper performance of their duties and employ an administrator to run the hospital. He is directly responsible to them.

Trustees Are Named

The salary of the last two administrators—for managing the institution—was \$29,242, far less than many physicians and specialists earn in private practice. The county commissioners' responsibility with respect to an operating tuberculosis hospital is to appoint members to the board of trustees, provide funds for the hospital's operation and receive the annual report.

Although charged with a minimum of control responsibility for the hospital, the commissioners nevertheless were faulted by the examiner for transferring funds without authority to do so.

The charge of "politics" has been introduced into the current Molly Stark hassle and it well may be a factor as it frequently is in disputes involving governmental agencies. Regardless of the intent of the legislation pertaining to be-

Annual Inspections

The supervisory control of the Department of Health exists primarily in the areas of medical care, nursing care and environmental health. It is these areas which are inspected during annual visits by health department personnel. Assistance in these areas is given when required.

As for the enforcement powers of the department, Miss Bees Haddad, nursing consultant with the tuberculosis division of the Department of Health, said they usually are limited to persuasion. Real control of the hospital, she says, is with the county commissioners who control the money, and specifically with the board of trustees.

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Molly Stark Sanitarium Is Ready For Opening

Stark County's new tuberculosis sanitarium, the Molly Stark Hospital, located on the Harrisburg road, north of Louisville, will be opened formally to the public next Saturday and Sunday. The two days will be devoted to showing the visitors the fine new institution which the county has just completed for the care of its tuberculosis victims.

The children's building has been in use for several weeks and visitors will be permitted to see how the little patients are cared for and what is being done to restore them to health.

Adult patients will not be admitted in the institution until Monday following the formal opening.

The hospital, of attractive Italian architecture is one of the finest in this part of the country and it embodies the most modern ideas in the treatment of the disease.

The furnishings were chosen with the idea in mind of providing cheerful and artistic surroundings for the tubercular patients.

Members of the building commission in charge of the construction of the hospital will be guests Saturday of the hospital trustees to whom the institution was conveyed several weeks ago.

No doubt hundreds of Louisville people will be among the thousands who are expected to visit the institution on these opening days.

25000 People Visit the New Sanatorium

Nearly 25,000 people visited the Molly Stark sanitarium, Stark county's new million-dollar tuberculosis hospital, during the formal opening Saturday and Sunday.

The main hospital was placed in operation this week when about 200 adult patients from the Springfield Lake sanatorium at Akron were brought to the new county hospital Tuesday and fifty or more from other institutions later in the week.

The new hospital which has been in the process of erection for the past two years was thrown open to visitors on Saturday and 7800 people availed themselves of the opportunity to view the buildings and their furnishings during the first day.

Sunday, a steady stream of visitors from all parts of the county, from neighboring counties and even from other states poured into the new Stark county hospital, which is said to be one of the most complete and up-to-date sanatoriums of its kind in the country. Sunday's visitors numbered 16,400, with more than 2100 passing through the main administration building in one hour during the early afternoon.

Members of the Exchange club of Canton acted as hosts during the reception and assisted by the officials and employees of the hospital directed the visitors through the various buildings of the hospital plant.

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Stark County Medical society served tea during the afternoon of both days. The auxiliary members also embroidered the table linen for use in the dining room of the children's unit and assisted during the open house hours.

Flax for the hospital was presented by McKinley Post, G. A. R. of Canton, the auxiliary organization, Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assisting in the presentation ceremony on Saturday afternoon. The Betsy Ross quartet of Canton rendered music during the ceremony.

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The interior is the last word in beauty and completeness. The rooms are furnished in keeping with the general architectural plan and the furniture has been chosen to blend with the woodwork and color motif of the building.

The wards and bed rooms are in colors, instead of the monotonous white usually used in hospitals, and the living and dining rooms are furnished with extraordinarily beautiful and colorful furniture. Chairs, davenport, tables, desks and bookcases harmonize with the beauty of the Italian theme.

The children's unit is already in operation with 18 little patients enrolled. The nursing staff is in charge of Miss Hilda Schmidt, formerly superintendent of nurses at the Springfield Lake sanatorium. About 75 patients are expected in the adult department by the end of the week. They will be transferred to the Stark county hospital from other sanatoriums in the state—Springfield Lake at Akron; Rocky Glen at McConnellsville; the State Sanatorium at Mount Vernon, Mt. Logan at Chillicothe and Rocky Hill at Cincinnati.

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INDICTMENT OF C. A. FROMM BRINGS TWO INVESTIGATIONS

BRIBE CHARGE SHOCKS BOARD

Stark county officials concerned intimately with erection of the Molly Stark hospital were dumbfounded today when they learned the details of events leading up to the indictment and arrest of Charles A. Fromm, chairman of the board of county commissioners, and chairman of the commission that built the tuberculosis sanatorium.

Walter G. Agler, member of the board of county commissioners, was out of town today. Ned J. Perkins, the other member, went to his office in the court house when apprised of Fromm's arrest. He was stunned, he said, by the charges which have been made. Mr. Perkins issued this statement:

"All I can say is that I was stunned when I learned of Mr. Fromm's arrest. As far as I personally am concerned I will be glad to see a complete investigation of all affairs of the building commission of the Stark county tuberculosis hospital, and also all the affairs of the board of Stark county commissioners."

Henry J. Harter, Jr., Stark county prosecutor, said today he will immediately lay plans to go to the bottom of the so-called bribe affair, and will prosecute wherever prosecutions are necessary, regardless of whom they may hit. Harter, as prosecutor, is legal advisor not only to the board of county commissioners, but to the Molly Stark building commission, as well.

"I know absolutely nothing about the alleged transaction," Dr. Black said in a statement today. "I knew nothing about the charges against Fromm until I walked into the office of the county commissioners this morning."

Dr. Black said that all of the equipment furnished by the Cleveland concern and installed in the hospital had met with entire satisfaction with the exception of one item which has not been used up to this time. This is a special diet con-

veyor electrically heated.

"As far as I know, that piece of equipment also is satisfactory although we have not had an opportunity to test it," the superintendent added.

Dr. Black said that as far as he was able to recall he had had no private correspondence with the officials of the Cleveland company, and that the only time he communicated with them was on one occasion when he called their office and asked them to send a representative to the hospital to install a special piece of apparatus which demanded the services of a skilled workman.

HARTER READY TO INVESTIGATE ALL CHARGES

Says Indictments Here
Will Be Returned If
Evidence Warrants.

All resources of the county prosecutor's office including the grand jury will be brought to a focus in a sweeping investigation to be conducted into every phase of contract-letting in connection with the construction and equipment of the tuberculosis hospital. Prosecuting Attorney Henry W. Harter, Jr., announced Tuesday.

"I know nothing about the affair in which Commissioner Fromm is supposed to have become involved, and naturally I have had no opportunity to make any kind of an investigation," Harter said. "I want to say, however, that I intend to make a thorough inquiry and investigation of every shred of evidence that can be brought to light."

"I cannot state definitely what the procedure will be but I have no hesitancy in declaring that if the evidence uncovered, warrants the taking of such steps, indictments will be returned, and the person or persons named will be prosecuted."

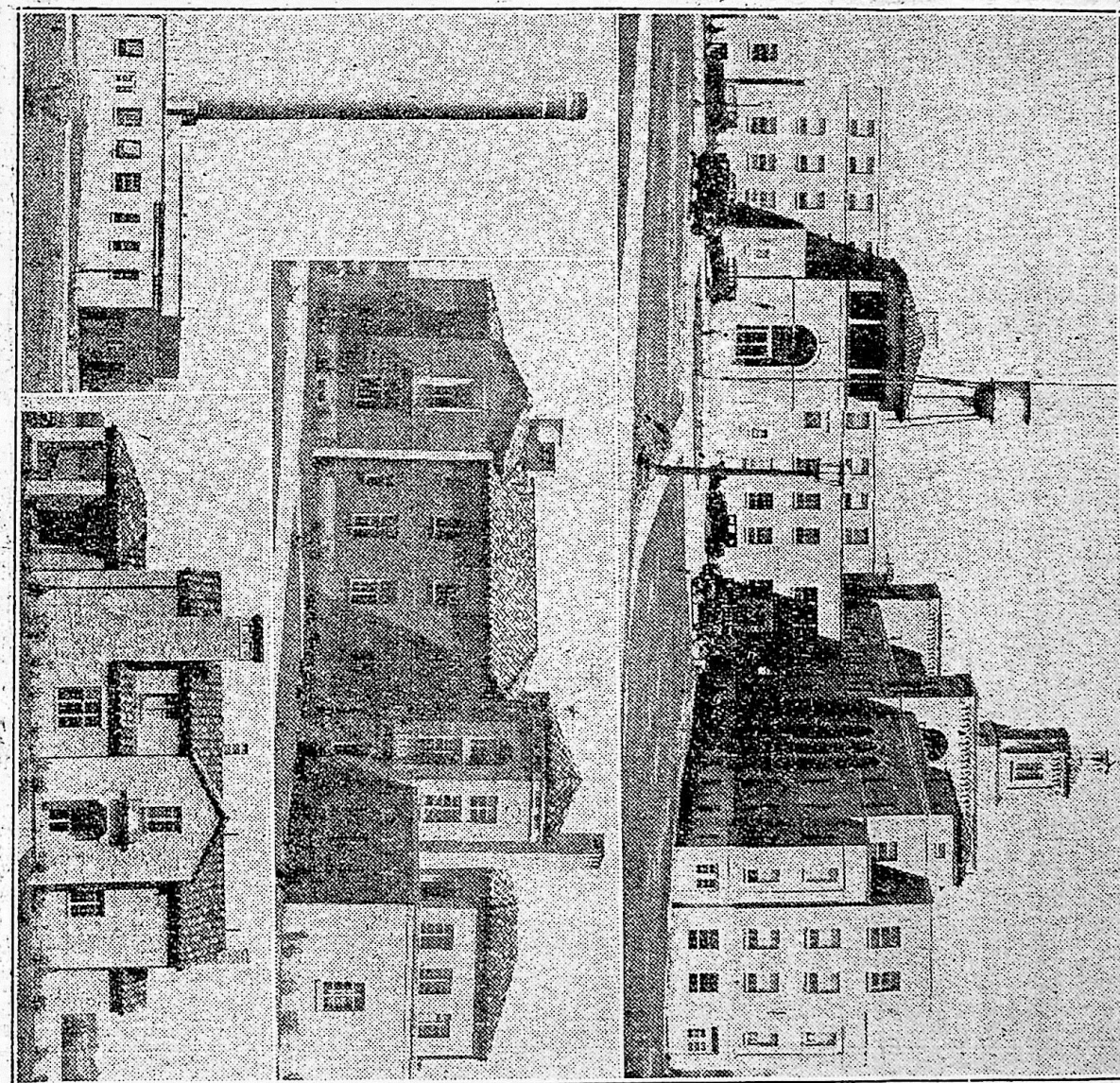
The prosecutor did not indicate how soon his investigation would get under way or what means would be employed. He stated, however, that there would be no unnecessary delay in launching the inquiry. The county grand jury is now in session, and it is probable that the facilities of that agency might be employed at this time provided there is sufficient evidence available for immediate presentation.



DR. H. O. BLACK



CHARLES A. FROMM



Molly Stark Tuberculosis Hospital

COMMISSIONER ARRESTED ON BRIBE CHARGE

Cuyahoga County Grand
Jury Acts Against
Canton Official.

HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT INVOLVED

Accused Of Seeking Fee In
Awarding Molly Stark
Furnishing Contract.

Charles A. Fromm, chairman of the board of Stark county commissioners, and chairman of the building commission that erected the Molly Stark tuberculosis hospital, was arrested at his home at an early hour today on an indictment charging him with seeking a bribe in connection with purchase of equipment for the sanatorium. Fromm was indicted Monday by the Cuyahoga county grand jury.

Commissioner Fromm was taken to Cleveland soon after 5 o'clock this morning and incarcerated in a hotel room to await arraignment before Judge Harrison W. Ewing in the criminal division of the Cuyahoga county common pleas court. Two investigations were under way today in connection with Fromm's arrest—one by the Stark county prosecutor who proposes to sift the entire matter, and the other by the Cuyahoga county prosecutor, Ray T. Miller, who is intent upon getting to the bottom of the bribe accusation.

Involves Kitchen Equipment.
Indictment of Fromm grew out of the story related by J. E. Keefe, manager of the Colson-Cleveland Co., a concern which specializes in kitchen equipment. Keefe told the Cuyahoga county grand jury of attempts he said Fromm repeatedly made to secure ten per cent of the contract price for this equipment, first having approached George H. Kirk, of Akron, a salesman, with the proposition about seeking a "cut".

Fromm today admitted that he had attempted to arrange a plan whereby he would obtain 10 per cent of the contract price, but denied that he solicited a bribe.

The commissioner said that before the Cleveland company was awarded the contract, Kirk went to him saying his salesman's commission would be 20 per cent. Kirk said he would give Fromm half of his commission, or 10 per cent of the contract price, Fromm declared. Fromm said he agreed to the arrangement, and protested to the company when Kirk failed to give him the 10 per cent.

The 10 per cent "bonus" had nothing to do with awarding the contract to the Cleveland company, Fromm said. The contract was awarded because the firm was able to furnish the equipment the hospital wanted and the price was considered reasonable, Fromm said.

Cuyahoga Prosecutor Miller said Fromm's action nevertheless constituted bribery.

The Colson-Cleveland Co. asserts it has a balance of \$2,034.66 due for equipment furnished the Molly Stark hospital. There are no records in the files of the building commission to show that a final estimate or invoice for this sum ever was presented. The Colson-Cleveland Co. declares Commissioner Fromm is withholding payment of the balance, and had threatened to withhold that balance indefinitely.

Bill Not In Evidence.

When the Molly Stark building commission was formed Dr. H. O. Black, now superintendent, was engaged as medical advisor to the board. This was to safeguard the board's interests. It became Dr. Black's duty to approve all invoices and bills for equipment before they were paid by the building commission, just as the building architect had to approve all material and construction bills before they were paid, according to members of the building commission.

Dr. Black today declared he had never received the final invoice or estimate from the Colson-Cleveland Co., and if it is in Commissioner Fromm's possession he is not aware of how he got it, or what he is doing with it. The bill cannot be paid until Dr. Black formally approves it.

At noon today Faber J. Drukenbrod announced he had been retained as Fromm's lawyer, and had communicated with Ray T. Miller, Cuyahoga county prosecutor. Bond for Fromm had been fixed at \$3,000, Drukenbrod announced, and

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Stark County Gets a Break

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There are no serious difficulties about the change that is creating an expanded future for Molly Stark Hospital. The legal requirements that have been laid down by a new Ohio law can be met without trouble, if there is united opinion about wanting to meet them—and there seems to be.

Molly Stark has been in transition since a memorable remark made in October 1954 by County Commissioner Joseph T. Nist, who wondered why bed patients in the overcrowded Stark County Home could not be taken care of in part of the unused space at the tuberculosis hospital.

There was no reason this could not be done. It was an obvious use for facilities that had been sidelined temporarily by the successful campaign to reduce tuberculosis in this county. Stark County had been in that campaign actively with a TB hospital of its own since Aug. 25, 1929, when Molly Stark was dedicated.

Not all the experiences thereafter were happy, of course. Molly Stark had many ups and downs, and there were times when the downs seemed to be doubling up. But year in and year out, squabbles to the contrary notwithstanding, the institution gave good service to its beneficiaries. It was one of the most useful public agencies receiving countywide support.

In 1948, voters attested to their concept of its value by voting a half-million-dollar bond issue for its enlargement. In 1955, a legal ruling pinned down what Commissioner Nist had been thinking about in 1954; it was legally proper for the aged and infirm to be taken care of in Molly Stark under certain prescribed conditions. Further conditions now have been prescribed, but they present no important obstacle to the continued development of a much-needed public facility.

The care of the indigent aged and infirm is an increasing responsibility in all populous counties. Stark County is lucky to have in existence the basic facility needed to do a good job in this respect. It is lucky to have made so much progress in TB control that it has hospital space available for another type of patient.

It is interesting to recall in this connection that capital spending on the Molly Stark plant in the nearly 30 years of its existence has been less than a million and a half dollars—a fraction of what it would cost if duplicated today. Stark County is getting a break in the relatively easy transition from an era in which tuberculosis was the No. 1 problem to an era in which the efficient and humane care of the old and ill is becoming a major problem.



MEMORIAL PRESENTED. Dr. Constantine Vishnevsky (right), medical director of Molly Stark Hospital, receives a plaque memorial to the late Dr. H. H. Brueckner from R. A. Christian (left), president of the Stark County Tuberculosis and Health Assn., and A. A. Ulrich, a hospital trustee. Dr. Brueckner served as medical director at Molly Stark from 1946 to 1957.

5-12-59 Plaque Hails Late Director Of Molly Stark

A plaque in memory of the late Dr. H. H. Brueckner, former medical director of Molly Stark Hospital, was presented to the hospital Wednesday at a luncheon gathering of representatives of the hospital and the Stark County Tuberculosis and Health Assn.

The plaque was a gift of the hospital employees and the memorial fund of the tuberculosis organization.

Dr. Constantine Vishnevsky, hospital medical director, received the gift on behalf of the hospital. It was presented by A. A. Ulrich of Massillon, a hospital trustee, and R. A. Christian, president of the TB association.

Also participating in the presentation were Robert Reese, hospital administrator, L. L. Taylor, executive director of the TB association, and staff members of the hospital and the TB organization.

The plaque is engraved with a picture of the former director and a memorial inscription relating how Dr. Brueckner "devoted his skills in helping reduce the threat of tuberculosis in the community."

The memorial will be displayed in the hospital lobby alongside a twin plaque (shown in the background of the accompanying picture) dedicated previously to Dr. Eugene B. Pierce, medical director of the hospital from 1930 to 1945.

Dr. Brueckner had directed the institution from 1946 to 1957.

Praise and Challenge 11/19/58

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Stark County residents can congratulate themselves on their record of leadership in Ohio in the fight against tuberculosis. For, as the TB association's report for 1957 showed, it was teamwork among all the people that placed Stark at the top of the list among the state's eight largest counties.

Without public support in the Christmas Seal campaign, the association would lack the financial resources to provide the equipment and education and services that detect and treat the disease. Without public cooperation, all the equipment and services in the world would be of no avail in the fight against the disease. Without public interest, the best drugs and knowledge available to the

medical profession would serve little useful purpose. Without public understanding, such agencies as hospitals and schools might as well ignore their broad role in helping to detect TB cases early enough to prevent tragedy.

There is plenty yet to be done. There were still 27.1 new active cases per 100,000 people last year. There were still 4 deaths per 100,000. Only 26 per cent of the county's residents took advantage of the free X-rays.

These were the best statistics among the top counties of the state. Continued teamwork can make them even better, and the magnitude of the human story behind such statistics can never be told in black and white.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 1958

Same Number as Year Ago

62 New, Reactivated TB Cases Found in County

New and reactivated cases of tuberculosis in Stark County so far this year have occurred at nearly the same rate as in 1957, the TB central case register at Molly Stark Hospital reported today.

Miss Helen Beck, register director, said 62 new and reactivated cases have been reported in the county during the first seven months of 1958. The total for all of last year was 110.

The report for July showed four new and two reactivated cases in the county. Three of these were listed as "far advanced."

FOUR OF THE July cases occurred in the Canton district, one in Massillon and one in the county area. Alliance had no new cases for the month.

Only two TB deaths have been recorded in the county so far this year. The TB toll last year was 15.

Commenting on the fact that four of the July cases were in Canton, Fred S. Donaldson, city health commissioner, said the report emphasizes the continuing high rate of new cases and the rapidly declining death rate.

He said the progress against the death rate is evident but the community still faces the problem of a high level of new active cases of the disease.

Half of the new July cases were discovered through the Christmas Seal X-ray mobile unit, according to Dr. Edward Arnold, chairman of the case-finding committee of the Stark County Tuberculosis and Health Assn.

HE POINTED OUT that the chest X-ray is capable of detecting tuberculosis in its early, curable stages and reminded all adults of the need of regular chest X-ray examinations.

He said the X-ray mobile unit has found nearly 50 per cent of the new TB cases in the county during its 13 years of operation.

The central case register was set up in 1947 as the county's official record of tuberculosis cases.

New TB cases are reported to the register by physicians, hospitals, the county jail, the TB organization, veterans' groups and the four health departments.

From Our Readers 5/18/57

Stark County Can Be Proud

To The Repository: On behalf of Mr. Taylor, Dr. Morgan and our association, I want to thank you for The Repository's excellent coverage of the national honors which came to our Stark County men at the annual meeting of the National Tuberculosis Assn. in Kansas City.

It was particularly thoughtful for your newspaper to comment editorially on the event. The Repository's reputation for responsible interest in the community makes such an editorial a fine compliment.

I wish every person in Stark County could have attended the NTA meeting. The democratic, efficient, enthusiastic way in which this large group of Americans tackles the continuing problems of

tuberculosis control is encouraging to observe. Each of us can be proud of Dr. Morgan and Mr. Taylor as Stark County's representatives. They are both outstanding leaders, wisely selected to guide the national program.

I am sure every volunteer and staff member of our association appreciates your newspaper's interest in these new honors and your reporting which enabled the public to share it. Your helpfulness, interest and cooperation with us over the years has been a key reason for the success achieved in tuberculosis control in Stark County.

SANFORD S. LAZARUS
Pres. Stark Co. Tuberculosis
and Health Assn.

Molly Stark Gets \$8,282 From State

5/26/37
Molly Stark Hospital will receive an \$8,282.50 share of Ohio's tuberculosis subsidy funds this month, State Auditor James A. Rhodes announced Saturday.

Mr. Rhodes told commissioners of 26 counties the May distribution totals \$169,160. The Tuscarawas Valley Sanatorium at New Philadelphia is slated to receive a \$1,257.50 share, he said.

The state pays county sanatoriums \$2.50 for each day a patient is hospitalized and allows county commissioners \$1.25 a day for each day a patient is in a private sanatorium, provided the county is legally obligated to pay for care and treatment.

Seal Sales Reach Total of \$74,821

12/24/35
Although the current Christmas Seal campaign ends officially on Christmas Day, late contributions are expected to insure the success of the campaign, officers of the Stark County Tuberculosis and Health Assn. said today.

The total for the county now stands at \$74,821.27, slightly more than the total for the same date a year ago. Of this amount, \$56,859.14 has been contributed in Canton and surrounding areas. The 1954 drive raised \$94,011.99 in Stark County.

Dan Belden, Canton chairman, extended thanks to all persons who supported this year's effort through the purchase and use of seals.

Funds raised by the annual sale finance the various public services of the association including the free chest x-ray program.

'Makes Me Look Like Crook!'

Dr. Yahraus Lashes Molly Stark Report

8/2/72
"They are trying to make me look like a crook!"

That was the reaction Tuesday of Dr. J. L. Yahraus, former administrator and medical director of Molly Stark Hospital, after reading State Examiner Hazel Seccombe's report which included:

FINDING for recovery of \$2,136 against Dr. Yahraus for holiday pay and pay for half-days off not taken.

STATEMENTS that Dr. Yahraus was allowed to buy furniture valued at \$2,116 for \$289.

REPORTS that Dr. Yahraus, along with three other members of the staff, was allowed to buy from grocery stores (the hospital paying) or take from hospital stocks \$12,836 worth of food.

"I think the examiner was sent out there with instructions to get something on me," Dr. Yahraus said.

"I DECIDED to leave that job because of political interference," he continued. "When I took it, I studied it closely to determine if there were any political overtones."

"There weren't until LaVerne Dale and Robert Freeman

(Stark County commissioners) got into office Jan. 1, 1971," he said.

"We had arguments about unions, cost of the election for our levy issue and cost of reroofing the hospital," he said.

The union issue came up around April 1971, he said.

"LaVerne Dale called me and wanted the names, addresses and pay scales of all the employees," Dr. Yahraus reported.

"AT THE SAME time, one of my supervisors told me a union official approached her with a bribe in order to get the list.

"I asked Dale why he wanted the list," the doctor said, "but he wouldn't tell me. So I asked Assistant Prosecutor Jim Unger if I had to give it to Dale. He said I didn't, so I wrote Dale, telling him I wouldn't give him the list, and he got very angry."

Commissioners Dale and Freeman also had an argument with Dr. Yahraus about cost of the election for the one-tenth-of-a-mill operating levy, he related.

"They charged the hospital

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fund for it and in checking the records, I found the hospital fund never had paid for an election," he said. "I argued with them but we did end up paying it."

Another argument came over reroofing Molly Stark, he continued.

"IT WAS MY understanding repairs to county buildings come from the county General Fund," he said.

"I protested use of the hospital fund to pay for that work," he said, "but they charged us anyway."

Dr. Yahraus reiterated his statement that the report tried to make him "look like a crook."

"It has always been the policy of the hospital that if you worked a holiday you got one day off with pay and if you were on call for a weekend you got a half-day off," he said.

Mrs. Seccombe's report indicates the trustees did not make provisions for this in fixing his compensation when Dr. Yahraus was hired.

"When I was hired, I asked if there were a contract and the trustees told me they never had one for the position," Dr. Yahraus said.

"IF I DID receive overpayment, I was not aware of it and I will be in contact with Jim Unger about that matter.

"I don't know why the grocery thing was put in the report," he said.

"It has always been hospital policy to provide the administrative staff with full maintenance: houses, food and utilities. That's all part of the agreement.

"The furniture report is an out-and-out lie," Dr. Yahraus declared.

Mrs. Seccombe's report indicated Dr. Yahraus was allowed to buy the furniture and that there is no provision in the law allowing the board to sell the furniture.

She also reported that no record of appraisal value on the furniture was determined, as it was supposed to be before the sale.

"There is a list of appraisal prices out at the hospital," Dr. Yahraus said. "We had to compile it for medicare records."

"Before the board acted on disposal of the furniture, we got an opinion from the prosecutor's office to the effect that the board should decide method of disposal."

The Need Is Still Here 11/16/35

The Stark County Tuberculosis and Health Assn. today opens its annual sale of Christmas Seals.

The appeal, as usual, will be for funds to support the association's fight against tuberculosis and other chest abnormalities.

There are those who feel that since the tuberculosis mortality rate has shown a steady decline there is no longer any need to raise large sums of money to combat it.

To this, the tuberculosis association people take vehement exception.

They will agree that vigorous educational and detection procedures have had a tremendous impact on the tuberculosis problem.

But they do not agree that the need has passed. It is only through education and early detection on a continuing basis, they say, that the dread disease can be kept within safe limits.

If the mobile X-ray unit were to be taken out of service tomorrow, the whole program of prevention would collapse and many lives would be sacrificed for the lack of proper warning.

Perhaps some day science will find a ready cure for the disease, but until that time comes early detection and care are the only effective antidotes.

Stark County TB Association To Be Honored

5-10-56

Stark County contributors to the 1955 Christmas Seal campaign will be honored at a luncheon Friday concluding the annual meeting of

the Ohio Tuberculosis and Health Assn. in Columbus.

Blue ribbon awards will go to the Stark County TB organization along with 17 other Ohio counties for having highest per capita contributions to the Seal sale.

The Stark County purchase of Christmas Seals averaged 33.74 cents for each man, woman and child in the county, placing it second in Ohio, the state association

said. Geauga County was first with a sale of 37.62 cents.

Stark was followed closely by Franklin County with an average of 33.45 cents and Erie County with 33.2 cents.

All counties which exceed a per capita sale of 25 cents are presented with blue ribbon awards. Stark has had a blue ribbon rating for eight years.

"This is the largest number of counties in the 50 years of Seal

sale history to gain the coveted awards," John A. Louis, executive director of the Ohio TB association, said. "These counties have led a successful statewide campaign in 1955 which provided \$1,685,975.96 to carry on the fight against tuberculosis in Ohio."

Stark To Put More Aged in Molly Stark

2/17/57

Officials To Expand
Sections Now in Use
For Such Treatment

The continued and further use of available space at Molly Stark Hospital for the care of aged and chronically ill persons, as recommended by the grand jury in a report Thursday, is contemplated, a Stark County official said today.

Under a program authorized by the county commissioners and approved by the Ohio Department of Health, a section of the hospital was isolated for use as a home and hospital for the aged and infirm to relieve overcrowded conditions at the Stark County Home.

Plan Second Wing

Walter J. Firestone, home superintendent, said the program started last Aug. 1 when the first patients volunteered for transfer and were taken from the home to Molly Stark. He said 28 are there now and a second wing, also with a capacity of 28 beds, will be opened soon.

Mr. Firestone said the county home has a waiting list and additional patients will be transferred as rapidly as possible. Under the program, the patients from the home now being cared for at Molly Stark have no contact whatsoever with patients in the hospital for treatment of tuberculosis.

The grand jury, headed by Louis Weiner, in its report recommended that as the tuberculosis patient load is reduced through the use of new drugs and more advanced surgery, plans should be made for the further use of the hospital for the aged and infirm.

Location Not Suitable

This program is tied in with the fate of the present and aging county home which also was the subject of comment by the grand jury.

The jurors said they felt the present location of the home will not be suitable for this type of operation for too long a time due to the sale of land around the present buildings. In this connection, they said: "Plans for a future site for a new infirmary should be made now because, in our opinion, this will be necessary in the not too distant future."

Daily Cost To Be \$6.78 Each

6/13/56

Care of Aged Patients At Molly Stark Okayed

A tentative agreement was reached Tuesday afternoon by representatives of Molly Stark Hospital, the Stark County Home and the county prosecutor's office on a contract to care for aged chronically-ill persons at Molly Stark.

Prosecutor John Rossetti said it was estimated the per-patient per-day cost would be \$6.78 although this figure will be revised every three months based on previous experience of actual costs.

Walter J. Firestone, superintendent of the county home, said that 28 beds, or approximately half of the available beds, will be used at first and until the program gets under way.

R. L. Reese, business manager of the hospital, stated the \$6.78 should pay the cost of maintenance in the building and food and that

Mr. Firestone will provide nursing and medical care.

A provision also will be included in the contract that emergency medical care will be provided by physicians on duty at Molly Stark.

Mr. Firestone estimated the cost for the first six months at approximately \$50,000 and said that part of the total may be met by removing patients now in private hospitals at county expense at a much higher rate.

Only those residents of the county home hospital who request transfer would be sent to Molly Stark for the time being.

Commissioners hope that an allocation made Tuesday by the state to pay the medical costs of old age pensioners may be used to help pay for the cost of the program.

All of the parties to the agreement accepted a 30-day termination clause.

A formal contract is to be prepared and submitted to the hospital trustees and the commissioners within the next 10 days and the first patients are to be moved to Molly Stark about July 1.

For Good Work Well Done

To The Repository: We wish to express gratitude to all who have contributed to our welfare these past many years and to acquaint those in and around Canton with the many kindnesses shown us at Molly Stark Hospital by groups and individuals of this community.

It is the desire of the hospital staff to make life for patients as pleasant as possible. Our appreciation as staff members to all who help us is, therefore, as great as that of our patients.

We wish to call particular attention to all those of the Timken Roller Bearing Co. who have remembered us in many ways since shortly after the opening of this institution.

In like manner, the Exchange Club of Canton deserves our gratitude for its members also have contributed most generously since the early days.

We wish to give much credit to the Junior Chamber of Commerce and to all who contributed to make possible a television set for each room. Our patients realize what a wonderful gift they have received.

Canton Talent Foundation has provided many pleasant hours of fine entertainment at five-week intervals during the past three and one-half years. Groshan Camera Center has donated feature films for several years.

Our thanks to Middlebranch Garden Club for corsages and favors for patients' trays during holidays. This group comes each spring to plant the petunias which add much to the hospital grounds each summer.

Veterans in the hospital are remembered faithfully through the year. Clothing is sent to us through the efforts of the Tuberculosis Assn., and the Kum-Back Club is of great help to patients in the hospital, as well as to those who have been discharged.

Our appreciation is expressed to all in this list who have contributed toward our welfare:

American Legion Post 141, American Legion Post 44, Ladies Auxiliary 3124 V.F.W., Floyd Hughes Auxiliaries, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3747, American War Mothers Chapter 9, Gold Star Mothers of Louisville, Service Star Legion, Mothers of World War I, Mothers of World War II, Massillon Marine Corp League, Junior Girls of Floyd Hughes Auxiliary, Massillon Regional Hospital V.F.W. Stark County Council American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars Pup Tent 58 Canton, Past Presidents Club American Legion Auxiliary 44, Moose Lodge of Canton, Moose Lodge of Massillon, Moose Lodge of Alliance, Junior Missionary Society Canal Fulton, Beta Sigma Phi Canton, Alpha Kappa Omega Club Canton, Hercules Motor Corp., Canton Sorosis, Modern Matrons' Club, Alpha Chapter Gradale Sorority of the Y.M.C.A., Canton Public Library, Golden Rule Friends Alliance, Rotary Clubs, Elks of Canton, Massillon and Alliance, Chapters of Red Cross, The Churches and Public Schools of Stark County, Charles Week, Sec. Canton Federation of Musicians, Bruce Ruff Sec. Alliance Federation of Musicians, Young People's Singers of Hartsville, Canton City Mission, Barbershop Quartette S.P.E. B.S.Q.A. Inc., Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority, Social Civic and Charity Club, Menelik Culture Club, Phi Chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon Mount Union College, Alliance, Stark County Medical Assn., 8/40 Club of Alliance, Weybrechts Lumber Co. Alliance, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

MARY M. DILLON
Occupational Therapist
Molly Stark Hospital

7/6/56

Molly Stark Marks 25 Years of TB Progress

August 22, 1954

Large Strides Chalked Up Since Opening of County Hospital

The 25th anniversary of the opening of Molly Stark Hospital will be observed Wednesday.

On Aug. 25, in 1929, the institution was opened to residents of the county for inspection. The first patients were already in the 128-bed hospital at that time.

During the 25-year period many important advances have been made in the battle against contagious tuberculosis. Although the disease is no longer known as the "white plague" or the "captain of death," it still kills many persons each year.

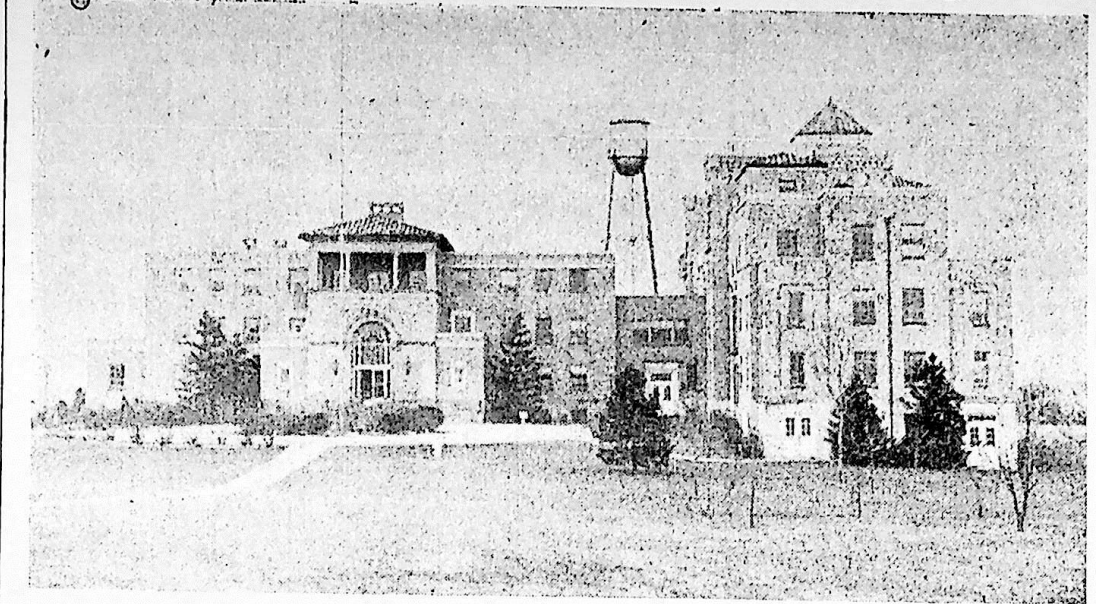
The presence of fewer children and more adults beyond middle age now undergoing institutional care is a significant fact that has marked a change in the behavior of the disease through the passing years.

IT WAS IN the early 1920's when the TB death rate was still 78 persons out of 100,000 that Stark County took its first positive step toward controlling tuberculosis. The present site near the intersection of Routes 44 and 62 was acquired in 1924. The following year the voters went to the polls and approved a \$735,000 bond issue to finance the hospital building project.

After World War II and with the advent of the X-raying of thousands of persons by the Christmas Seal mobile unit and the discovery of many new cases, the demand for bed space increased. Although built to accommodate 128, the hospital at this time was reporting daily averages of 140 to 150 patients with many others remaining at home.

In 1948, the voters approved a bond issue of \$500,000 for a new 100-bed addition to the institution. With an additional \$250,000 in federal-state funds, the improvement was completed and in 1950 a four-tenths of a mill levy to operate the new addition was approved.

BACK IN 1929, Dr. H. O. Black became the hospital's first admin-



Here's How Molly Stark Appeared in Its Early Years

istrator. He was followed by Dr. E. B. Pierce and in 1946, Dr. H. H. Brueckner, the present administrator, took over.

In 1946, there were 153 deaths in the county from tuberculosis. Last year the disease claimed only 28 victims and there is a strong possibility the number of deaths will be less this year.

Although there has been a drastic decrease in the death rate in recent years, the number of new cases being found through X-ray examinations emphasizes tuberculosis still must be regarded as a dangerous disease and a potential killer. However, due to the recent advances in medical science and the finding of new cases early enough to respond to treatment, many individuals now are recovering from the disease and after treatment are returning to normal, everyday life.

DR. BRUECKNER says one of the basic changes that has come about in 25 years has been a decrease in tuberculosis among children and the increasing occurrence of deaths among older age groups.

Twenty-five years ago and during the period immediately thereafter, the number of children confined in Molly Stark ranged from 38 to 45. In 1947, the separate children's building was closed and the few children remaining as patients were housed in the main building.

There are now only five children undergoing institutional treatment. At the present time, more than one-third of the patients are adults over 50.

In 1949, Molly Stark Hospital was approved for the first time by the American College of Surgeons and it now is approved by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals.

IN REVIEWING the advances in the treatment of tuberculosis during the last 25 years, Dr. Brueckner explained bed rest and a small amount of collapse therapy used to be all that could be offered. In 1947, the program of collapse therapy was extended and in 1949, treatment with drugs and surgery was initiated. Since 1949, the emphasis on bed rest in conjunction with drugs and surgery has been increasing.

The administrator said the hospital now, in cooperation with drug manufacturers, is making a series of tests of new anti-tuberculosis drugs to prove or disprove their effectiveness.

Commenting on the hospital's 25th anniversary, L. L. Taylor, executive director of the Stark County Tuberculosis and Health Assn., said residents of the county can be proud of the wonderful program of tuberculosis control now in effect. He said the county has been placed in the forefront in this

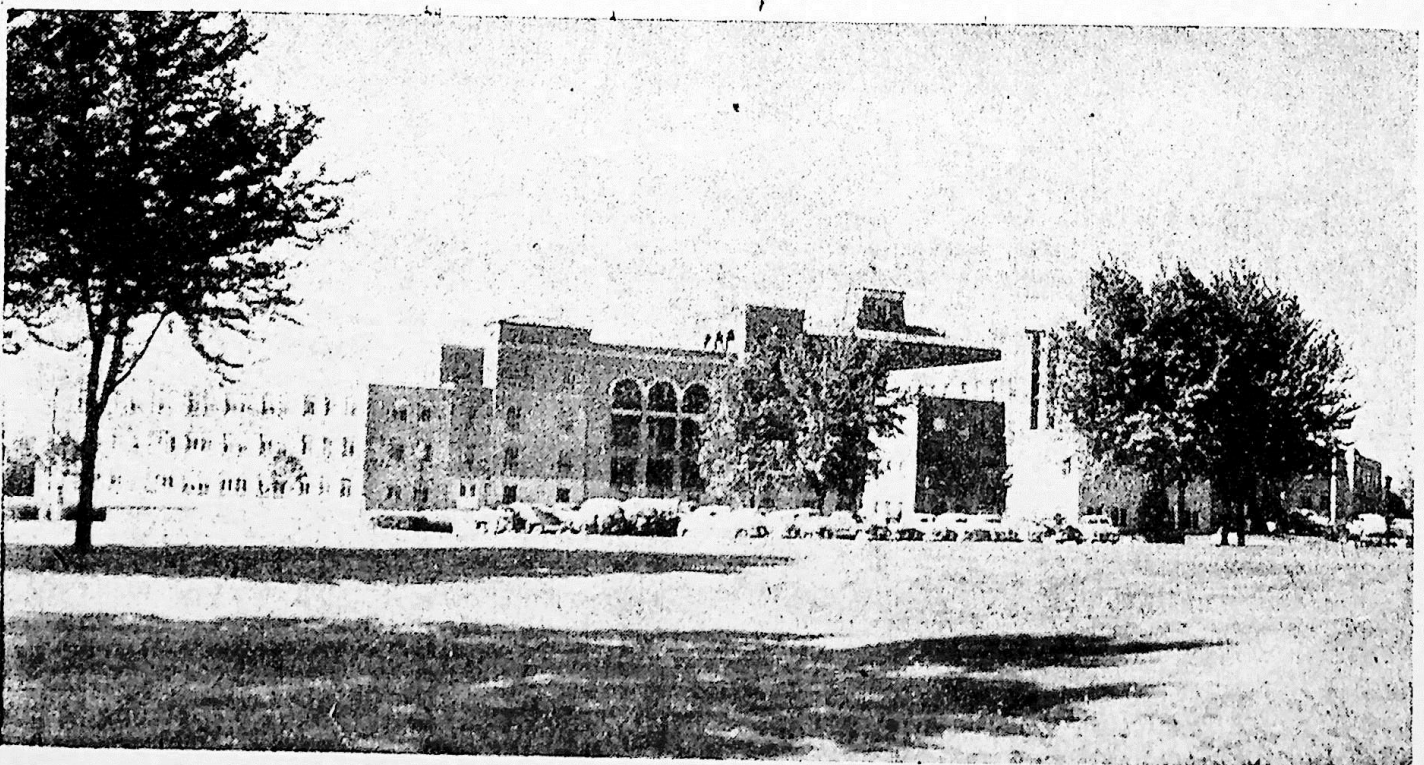
field through the wholehearted cooperation of public health officers, the hospital directors, the county commissioners, physicians and the public.

HE ADDED THAT by continuing the extensive X-ray case-finding program, even greater inroads can be marked up against this contagious disease.

One of the major problems now being faced is in the field of rehabilitation. With more people recovering from tuberculosis all the time, the problem now is to find ways to keep the patient in a good mental condition during hospitalization and to prepare and train him to return from the hospital and again become a useful citizen.

The second problem is the uncooperative patient who refuses medical care and hospitalization and thus becomes a source of danger to the community and the patient who insists on leaving the hospital before his treatment is complete.

The third major problem is that of convincing those individuals who have not yet accepted the use of the X-ray program. The TB association offers this service free to all comers through its mobile unit. The chest X-ray is important because it detects the presence of TB and also discloses other chest ailments.



Two New Wings and Other Improvements Have Modernized the Hospital

Circa 1954

TB Patients Prepare for Duties Back Home



A special home management class for tuberculosis patients at Molly Stark Hospital concluded its activities Friday. Purpose of the course was to show women patients how they can do housework after their release with a minimum expenditure of energy and strength.

Mrs. Helen Hampton (left), a patient, demonstrates the proper posture for washing dishes while the rest of the class looks on. Miss Addis K. Barthelmeh (holding chart), county home demonstration agent, is explaining that the student should stand erect and the elbows should be slightly flexed. The dishpan should be raised so that the recently cured patient does not stoop.

Watching the demonstration are (first row, left to right) Mrs. Maura Haynam, Mrs. Lillian Matos, Mrs. Dorothy Vicars and Miss Sharon Morrow. In the second row are (left to right) Mrs. Zola Crookston, Mrs. Beatrice Maloney, Mrs. Anne Barnhart and Mrs. Elizabeth Tomassetti.

The class began April 27 and nine sessions were held. L. L. Taylor, executive director of the Stark County Tuberculosis Assn., originated the idea for the class and said he hopes that similar classes will be held in the future. Members of the class were all a certain distance along in their recovery before they were selected for the course. Many will be released from the hospital soon.

Korea Veterans Urged To Have Chest X-Rays

Tuberculosis Is Common In Returned GIs, but It Can Be Cured

All the Korean War casualties have not been on the battlefields. During the next few years, that conflict will continue to claim tuberculosis.

L. L. Taylor, executive director of the Stark County Tuberculosis & Health Association, is stressing the importance of periodic chest X-rays during the next three years for veterans returning from Korea.

"IF THE DISEASE is discovered and treated at an early stage," Taylor points out, "it can be cured. And if a veteran contracts it within three years after serving in the armed forces, the case is considered a service-connected one and he is eligible for government aid."

Among the 20 war veterans who now are patients at Molly Stark Hospital are two young men who served in Korea. One of these, Dominick Tenaglia, 23, of 2526 Winfield Way NE, returned to Canton last November after nine months of service with a tank section of an ordnance division. Five months later he began to feel tired and ill and in May was found to be suffering from tuberculosis.

Dominick can recall no specific incident when he was aware of being exposed to the disease.

"OUR FOOD was good," he said, "and we had plenty of it. Most of the time, I managed to keep warm enough but I guess I was luckier than some of the fellows. Ordnance men always had plenty of gasoline, so we used to fill our helmets and light a match to it when we got cold."

"I was near the 38th parallel at Yang-Gu and Chunchon. If there was a level spot, it was muddy and all the rest of the territory was hilly."

"I came in contact with few



After nine months of service in Korea, Dominick Tenaglia of 2526 Winfield Way NE contracted tuberculosis. Now a patient at Molly Stark Hospital, he will recover because a chest X-ray disclosed the presence of the disease when it was in its early stages.

civilians while over there. Some of them came to the fence to pick up our laundry and return it. Outside of those people, I saw few natives. Of course, there were a few Korean boys who acted as our house boys and stayed at our quarters."

Joining Dominick and Taylor in urging all returning veterans to have periodic lung X-rays is A. J. local Veterans Administration office.

"WE RECOMMEND that the boys have X-rays at the Stark County Unit as soon as they come

home from service," Gentile said. "They are discharged in such large groups that they cannot receive close attention during those examinations. Having an X-ray at the Unit will protect them in the event they do have symptoms of tuberculosis."

"We feel that most of these boys have been exposed one way or another to the disease — either through having their own resistance lowered by exposure to cold and dampness or by contact with inflicted persons."

The local men making the plea

for TB precautions agree that all wars produce an increased incidence of the disease, but believe the Korean climate has been especially conducive to the spread of TB because the healthy over there must huddle with the sick for warmth.

The disease that kills 5 million people annually throughout the world and disables at least 10 times this many has its roots in poverty, malnutrition and inadequate housing—and any veteran of the recent conflict will agree that Korea qualifies on all three counts!

Circa 1954

Circa 1954?

THE CANTON REPOSITORY, CANTON, C



TROUPERS VISIT HOSPITAL. Patients at Molly Stark Hospital were entertained Saturday afternoon by some of the stars now appearing in the Junior Chamber of Commerce Sportsmen's Show at Memorial Auditorium. "Buzzy" Hicks, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Hicks of RD 1, North Lawrence, momentarily is fascinated by the microphone held by Nick Barry, WCMW disk jockey, but he soon returned his attention to Boyd Heath, TV's King Jack, who is of Indian heritage. "Buzzy" and his mother both are patients at Molly Stark. Also from the Sportsmen's Show were Chief White Cloud and his family. In a broadcast from Molly Stark, WCMW received \$604.51 in pledges and the promise of two sets in the Stark County Jaycees' drive for 100 sets for the hospital. Jaycee leaders said they now have 57 sets pledged.

Circa 1954?

Veteran Nurse Honored



Dr. H. H. Brueckner, medical director of Molly Stark Hospital, presented a radio to Miss Ada M. Seebold at a party honoring her Thursday night at the hospital. Miss Seebold, the hospital's oldest registered nurse, will retire from service Nov. 1. She has been with the hospital since it opened. Miss Seebold also received a corsage and jacket at the affair, which was attended by all employees of the hospital.

1950 MOLLY STARK ANNUAL REPORT

Great strides were made in the fall of this year at the Sanatorium when the library extended its service to one full day and one half day. This enabled us to completely service the hospital each week.

Since there is no book budget, we initiated a scheme of selling old magazines that the patients had not had access to, for scrap, and thereby gaining some money with which to purchase new books.

The public responded eagerly to the request for gifts of books and recent magazines and the library now bulges with the new acquisitions. Also many gift subscriptions were received during the holidays for magazines and newspapers.

The Juvenile department gave a large set of Viewmaster pictures to the Sanatorium which is now in constant demand by both adults and juveniles.

Wm. McKinley
Presidential Library & Museum
300 McKinley Monument Dr. NW
Canton, Ohio 44708

1951 MOLLY STARK ANNUAL REPORT

The first complete inventory of the Molly Stark book collection was started this year with 849 titles added to the permanent collection. A pamphlet file has been established that is growing rapidly. Our National Geographic collection is complete from 1920 to date including the Index.

Since our first sale of scrap paper (Sept. 28, 1950) the total amount received has been \$118.40 to date, \$95.96 has been spent for the purchase of new books and magazines leaving a balance of \$22.44 in the fund.

The reference collection has been separated from the circulative material and is being used often by the "up" patients who can visit the library. There has been a noticeable increase in the number of reference questions asked and requests for more detailed material on specific subjects.

Circulation figures have maintained a constant pace, with a slight increase.

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Teachers To Begin Home Classes This Week

Confined Students Given Regular Lessons at Their Bedsides

SCHOOL begins for all children this month, even for those who are unable to attend regular classrooms. These students — ones with polio, a heart condition, children's tuberculosis or other crippling diseases — are the special concern of the home instruction department of the board of education.

Approximately 10 teachers are being sent into children's homes this school term by Miss Eulalia C. Hyatt, supervisor of special education. In addition to the individual home classes, Miss Hyatt also assigns a teacher to the students confined at Molly Stark Sanatorium. Home instruction has been in progress for more than 20 years, but this is only the third year that classes have been conducted at the sanatorium.

MRS. EDNA CLOSE of 330 Dryden ave NW was a substitute teacher for the Canton public schools before she began her full-time job teaching at the sanatorium in 1949. She teaches all grades, including high school.

At the present time, Mrs. Close finds herself teaching a first grade student, a fourth grade student, a sixth grade student, two sophomores and a junior. Unless the students are almost recovered and are well enough to spend a large amount of time out of bed, the classes are held at their bedside.

"I teach only academic subjects," explained Mrs. Close, "and I try to have as little homework as possible. Most of the work is just conversation, although there must be a certain amount of written work."

MRS. CLOSE USES the books that the youngsters would normally be using in their school



MRS. EDNA CLOSE, teacher, shows several of her students at Molly Stark sanatorium the new books they will be using this year. Examining their texts are (left to right) Iva Mitchell, a junior who formerly resided with her aunt, Mrs. Flossie Meadows at Hartville; Mary Coccoli, a sophomore, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Coccoli of Middlebranch; Ellen Hogan, a third grader, the daughter of Mrs. Merlis Hogan of 807 Savannah ave NE, and Alma Jean Davis, a first grader and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davis of 919 Carnahan ave NE.

classrooms and tries to keep them as far along as they would be in regular school work. In this manner, children are able to leave the sanatorium and go right into their regular school class.

"I grade the children by letters, but there is no passing or failing done," the teacher explained. "Usually I just recom-

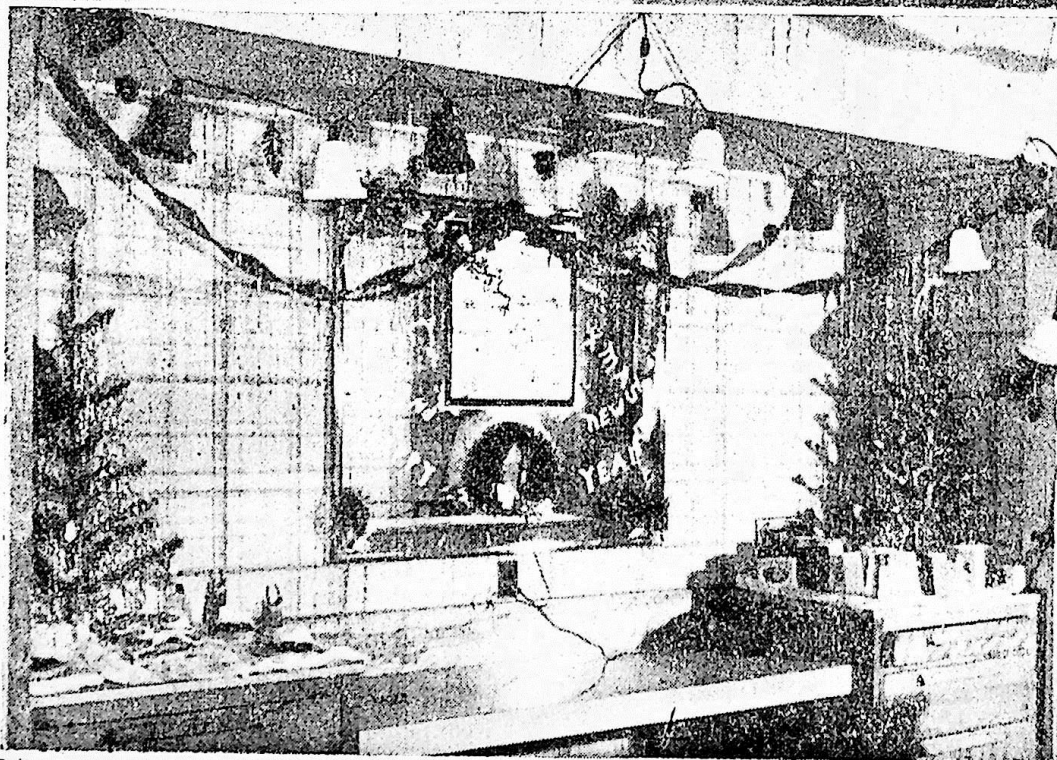
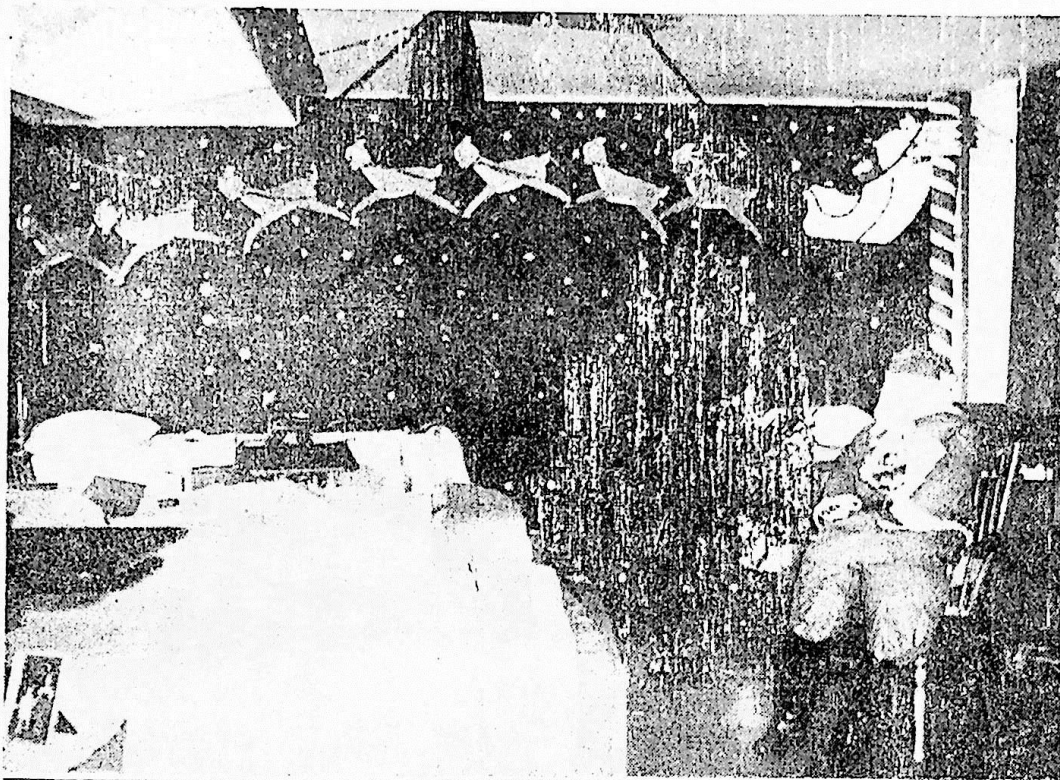
mend them to the teacher to whom they are returning and they use their own judgment in sending them on to another grade."

EXCEPT WHEN the student is slated to leave the sanatorium during the school year Mrs. Close teaches the subjects one at a time. After one subject is com-

pleted she takes up the next subject so that all the usual courses are covered during the year.

The local teacher is allowed to time her classes at her own discretion. She has morning classes from 8:30 a.m. until noon and in the afternoon after 2:30 when the rest period for the children is over. Mrs. Close comes three or four days a week, spending five hours weekly with each student.

Molly Stark Gets Yule Look



Prizes were given at Molly Stark Hospital Monday for the most original room and window decorations.

After weeks of preparation, the patients coming through with first prize were Mrs. Clyde Barnhart of 1021 Sandal Pl. NE, Mrs. George Rothacker of 2415 20th St.

NE, Mrs. Elizabeth Tomssett of Wooster, Mrs. Walter Robart of 1427 3rd St. SE and Miss Charlotte Bittig of Perry.

The five-patient room had a Santa Claus and his reindeer and a Santa Claus in a chair by a beautiful Christmas tree.

Second prize winners were

Elmer Morse of Massillon and Clarence Redmond of New Milford, who had a simple room decoration of bells and a Christmas tree in the center.

The patients, who supervised the contest themselves, decorated almost every room and the true Christmas spirit reigned throughout the hospital.

Reese Named Business Manager at Molly Stark

Appointment of Robert L. Reese of Louisville as business manager of Molly Stark Hospital was announced today.

Reese has been employed at the hospital since Jan. 25, 1934. For the last four years, he has been assistant business manager.

He will succeed Edward R. Starkey who retired recently after serving as business manager since 1937.

Molly Stark TB Addition Turned Over to Trustees

New buildings and equipment in the \$750,000 addition to Molly Stark Hospital were turned over to trustees of the institution Wednesday afternoon by the Molly Stark Building Commission although it retained responsibility for the final completion of contracts in the project.

Commissioner Oliver Kuhn, chairman of the building commission, said the group voted to pay all but \$2,000 and a 5 per cent retainer fee from each contractor involved in the construction and added that the \$2,000 will be paid each on final completion of odds and ends now remaining.

Amounts paid or authorized so follows: Paul A. Kintz Construction Co. of Alliance, \$477,626; Standard Plumbing & Heating Co. of Canton, \$177,265.94 and Hilscher-Clarke Electric Co. of Canton \$43,728.75.

The project, designed to add facilities for the treatment of tuberculosis patients in Stark County, was financed through a \$500,000 bond issue passed by the voters, augmented by a state grant of \$250,000.

TB Unit Name Changed To Molly Stark Hospital

Stark County commissioners announced today they have officially changed the name of Molly Stark Sanatorium to Molly Stark Hospital.

They said they acted at the request of the trustees of the institution.

Reason for the change, they stated, was that the word, "sanatorium," generally is used in describing an institution where persons are accepted for rest and recuperation from recent illnesses, whereas the Stark County institution is a hospital which offers a definite course of treatment for tuberculosis.

Stark Christmas Seal Donations Hit \$81,942

Donations to the Christmas Seal campaign in Stark County now total \$81,942.50. Dan M. Belden, Canton Seal sale chairman, reported Saturday.

Of this amount, \$62,069.87 has been contributed in Canton, \$9,640.65 in Alliance and \$10,231.98 in Massillon.

Funds raised in the annual sale support the free chest X-ray and other public services of the Stark County Tuberculosis and Health Assn.

COUNTY BOARD 'TAKES OVER' HOSPITAL JOB

May 23, 1939
Commissioners To Assume

Duties Of Molly Stark Sanatorium Trustees.

EFFECTIVE ON JUNE 1

Frazier And Biddle Say They Can Economize But Disclaim Reflection.

By a two to one vote, the county commissioners late yesterday adopted a resolution constituting themselves as the board of trustees for Molly Stark tuberculosis sanatorium. The change is effective June 1.

Action of the board abolishing the board of hospital trustees followed an oral request of the commissioners for the resignations of the two trustees now serving, A. B. Baker of Canton and former Judge Milton C. Moore of Alliance.

When the resignation demand was made last Wednesday the two trustees refused to voluntarily vacate their posts on the ground that they had performed their duties and there was no reason why they should resign. The term of a third members of the board of trustees, Harry Aker of Massillon, had expired and his successor had not been named.

Kuhn Opposes Ouster.

Oliver Kuhn of New Baltimore, Republican member of the board of commissioners, voted against the ouster resolution, while the two Democratic colleagues of the board, John M. Frazier of Louisville, chairman, and Jacob F. Biddle of Massillon, voted for it. The motion for adoption of the order was made by Mr. Biddle.

In substance, the resolution states that it is the opinion of the commissioners that the operating cost of the institution, not substantially reduced over a period of years, can be reduced and the administrative efficiency maintained or increased, and that the action abolishing the board of trustees is justified for the sake of efficiency and economy in the operation of the hospital.

Operating costs for the sanatorium have been running in the neighborhood of \$150,000 annually.

Never Questioned Integrity.

After adoption of the ouster order, the commissioners issued this statement to the press: "At the outset, we desire it to be definitely understood that not a single member of the board of commissioners in the least bit questioned the integrity of Mr. A. B. Baker or Judge Milton C. Moore. More than that, we do not desire any impression to be gained that would reflect in the slightest bit upon the character, reputation or standing of these gentlemen in the community. And the same can be said for Mr. Aker whose term has expired.

"Definitely, we desire to say that there is no political motive

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County's TB Deaths Drop To 14 in 1954

There was a substantial decrease in deaths from tuberculosis in Stark County last year, directors of the Stark County Tuberculosis and Health Assn. were advised at their quarterly meeting Monday night.

A report from the central case registry showed there were 14 deaths in 1954 as compared with 29 in 1953.

There was not a corresponding decrease, however, in the number of new cases found. There were 154 found last year as against 161 in 1953.

Pathology findings on the 77,906 free chest X-rays taken last year were: suspicious TB, 1,524; other lesions, 1,417; cardiac, 981; a n d tumor, 177.

Rev. Orville W. Briner, Canton seal sale chairman, reported returns from the Christmas Seal campaign as of Jan. 10 amounted to a total of \$81,825.24.

Rev. Briner, local representative

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sentative director to the state tuberculosis association, also reported on the state board meeting held in December. He said the state legislature will be asked this session to approve a TB budget of \$6,167,000 for the next two years to pay a state subsidy for hospitalized TB patients.

L. L. Taylor, executive director of the local association, told of a meeting with Stark County lawmakers in which they agreed to back legislation to provide state facilities for the compulsory isolation of noncooperative TB patients.

There was some discussion of the association's X-ray program as to policies and methods but no changes were made.

Rural representatives on the board of directors were authorized to choose a time and place for the annual meeting of the association this spring.

whatsoever in the minds of the commissioners. This, upon its face, should be obvious, since the majority of the board are Democrats, and Mr. Baker and Judge Moore are also of the same party.

"It is the genuine desire of the commissioners to find some method or means for a more economical operation of Molly Stark sanatorium without in the slightest degree limiting or depriving any patient of service, or provisions or treatment. We are willing to accept the result of our efforts whether successful or unsuccessful. We want no politics to interfere with the proper operation of this institution.

Molly Stark Awaits Chronically Ill

Unused Space Set Aside To Care for 50 Indigents

By RALPH K. SPENCER JR.

Use of facilities at Molly Stark Hospital for care at public expense of some 50 chronically ill public charges now in the County Home and private nursing homes was seen as a distinct possibility today following a meeting of county commissioners and other officials with trustees of the hospital.

County Prosecutor John Rossetti recently ruled that a section of the hospital could be used for the care of indigents, most of them aged, if proper precautions were taken to segregate them from tuberculosis patients at the hospital.

The discussion was devoted to charges which Molly Stark will have to make for the service, legal blocks which might prevent the county from receiving matching funds for indigents housed there and the type of patient to be admitted.

FOLLOWING THE meeting, Dr. H. H. Brueckner, superintendent, showed Commissioners Oliver Kuhn, Glen Sponseller and Joseph T. Nist, Welfare Director Richard E. Wood and County Home Supt. Walter Firestone the space which is available for bed patients if an agreement is reached.

Dr. Brueckner said the hospital now has 130 TB patients and that capacity is 222 beds, leaving more

NEW WING INCLUDED. The shiny new west wing of Molly Stark Hospital is included in plans of county officials for treatment of chronically ill indigent patients at the Route 62 institution.

than an entire floor available for use, including portions of two new wings constructed at the hospital in recent years.

If 56 chronically ill patients were moved in, Dr. Brueckner explained, there would still be 36 beds available for additional TB cases and neither group would conflict with the other. Separate diet kitchen,

serving equipment and other facilities already are available, he said.

THE COMMISSIONERS instructed Wood to get an opinion from the Ohio Welfare Department. This division will be asked whether it will match county funds spent for the care of the sick at Molly Stark

in the same way it does now in private nursing homes. This is currently on a 50 per cent matching basis.

Wood also was asked to confer with Prosecutor Rossetti to work out a tentative contract with Molly Stark for care of such patients.

In the meantime, commissioners indicated, they plan to contact groups such as the Stark County Medical Assn., the Stark County Tuberculosis & Health Assn., and, possibly, representatives of private nursing homes to explain the plan and iron out any difficulties.

ON THE BASIS of costs at Molly Stark last year, Dr. Brueckner explained, the tentative cost per chronically ill patient per day would be \$9.57, not including specialized medical and dental services.

However, since Molly Stark is a county-operated institution, such payments would be from one county pocket to another.

Commissioner Nist, most outspoken proponent of the use of Molly Stark for this type of case, told the group: "It would be a shame to permit facilities such as those available here to go to waste when we have so many old people badly in need of decent care and housing.

"There will be problems," Nist said "but we must consider the

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ROOMS ARE RESTFUL. Sunny, well-lighted rooms will be allocated to chronically ill indigent patients if plans for hospitalizing them at Molly Stark Hospital work out.

ALTHOUGH A considerable number of indigents must be cared for now at general hospitals in the county at a cost of approximately \$22 a day, the new set-up would not change this situation materially. These people generally are in these hospitals for a limited period of time and this plan would be continued. Only when the case became chronic would the patient be moved to Molly Stark.

Firestone told the group he has some 20 persons at the County Home and 30 more in private nursing homes who would receive adequate care if they were transferred to Molly Stark. At the same time, this would open up 20 beds at the County Home for persons who now have to be turned down for lack of space.

Willard James of Alliance and A.A. Ulrich of Massillon represented the trustees of the hospital at the meeting. Robert Reese, business manager of the hospital, also attended the session. The trustees indicated they would cooperate in the project fully if all requirements of law can be met.

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overall problem of how to care for our aged as the goal to be achieved. If we pursue that goal, small obstacles can be overcome."

Tentative Yes Given on Molly Stark Proposal

County Welfare Director Richard E. Wood reported to the county commissioners today that he has received unofficial approval from the Ohio Department of Welfare and the Ohio Board of Health for use of a portion of Molly Stark Hospital for care and treatment of the chronically ill under relief programs.

Wood told the board he conferred with officials of both departments in Columbus this week and said the first step which must be taken is a formal request from Commissioner Oliver Kuhn, president of the board, to the state health department for inspection and approval of the facilities at Molly Stark to make sure the chronically ill would be separate from TB patients.

Following this, Wood said, the commissioners must enter into a formal contract for payment to the hospital in much the same fashion they now contract with local general hospitals.

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If this is done, the funds from poor relief and aid for the totally and permanently disabled can be used and will be matched by the state.

The state officials said, Wood told the board, that similar programs now are in operation in Akron and Cleveland but that this is the first time that any county has planned to make use of unused facilities at a tuberculosis hospital. They said they saw no objection to the arrangement, however.

The commissioners and other county officials met last Friday with Molly Stark trustees for a discussion of preliminary steps in the program. At that time the hospital authorities indicated their willingness to cooperate.

If the plan is set in motion, it would relieve facilities at the Stark County Home where the chronically-ill are bed patients and also permit removal of cases from private nursing homes in which the county now is paying the entire bill.

Rest Home Owners To Study County's Molly Stark Plan

Approximately 15 licensed rest and nursing home operators met Thursday night in the Onesto Hotel to consider the proposal for use of Molly Stark Hospital to care for chronically ill persons.

The group selected a committee of three to consult with the county commissioners relative to the hospital proposal and to make plans for the establishment of a permanent county organization of home operators.

Ivan V. Ilg was named chairman of the committee. Selected to serve with him are Ruth Callahan and Lucille Peretti.

The group at the meeting represented half of the licensed home operators in the county. They took no definite stand against the proposal but expressed concern of the ultimate effect of the plan on their operations.

Those present felt the committee could get full information from the county commissioners and then report back to the full group.

Effective March 25

Yahraus Will Leave Helm at Molly Stark

Dr. J. L. Yahraus, medical director and administrator, at Molly Stark Hospital, has resigned, effective March 25, Willard James, chairman of the hospital's board of trustees, said today.

Dr. Yahraus, who will become medical director April 1 of the 200-bed Chateau Fairlawn Nursing Home in Akron, of which he is part owner, has agreed to serve Molly Stark as a consultant until a successor is appointed, Mr. James said.

Accepted 'With Regret'

Resignation of Dr. Yahraus, medical director since May 1, 1968, was accepted by trustees "with regret," the trustees chairman said. Applications to fill Dr. Yahraus' post will be received by the board, he added.

"The administrative and financial problems (at Molly Stark) are extremely heavy. I thought it best for my own personal health to accept a less strenuous position," said Dr. Yahraus.

The hospital, he said, now has 124 patients and is the only one in this area with full accreditation for treatment of tuberculosis, chronic disease and extended care patients.

"Molly Stark has much to offer the medical field of Stark County in its four-phase program of chronic disease care, extended care, nursing home (care) and tuberculosis isolation and treatment," he said.

Society's Past President

Prior to assuming his present position, Dr. Yahraus was engaged in private practice in Canton 20 years and had served four years in the Navy Medical



DR. J.L. YAHRAUS
Going To Akron Facility

Corps, emerging as a lieutenant commander.

Dr. Yahraus, who served his medical residency at former Mercy Hospital, is a past president of Stark County Medical Society and county Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association and served on many committees of both associations.

In 1960 he served on a special medical advisory committee to develop the present program of putting Molly Stark beds not needed for tuberculosis patients to the best use for the county.

Dr. Yahraus is a member of the county, state and American medical associations, state and American heart associations and state and American thoracic societies.

He and his wife plan to move to their new home at 5320 Plain Center Road NE.

Molly Stark Appoints Pair To Positions

11-21-72

Molly Stark Hospital has named Dr. Lawrence Rossiter staff physician and Harrison W. Kernick controller.



Dr. L. Rossiter



H. W. Kernick

Dr. Rossiter is a graduate of the University of Akron and Chicago College of Osteopathy. He was emergency room physician a year at Doctors Hospital in Columbus and two years at Robinson Memorial Hospital in Ravenna. In his new position, he will assist Dr. Anne W. Robinson, medical director.

Mr. Kernick will have charge of all hospital business affairs. He has been associated with National Supply Co., Brinker Equipment Co. and Commonwealth Bank & Trust Co.

He has served as controller and business manager at Beaver Falls General Hospital and supervisor of the outpatient department at Shadyside Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa.

TV for TB

The junior chambers of commerce of Canton, North Canton, Massillon and Alliance have undertaken a worthy project in accepting the assignment to provide television sets for the patients of Molly Stark Hospital.

It is noteworthy that while they will accept individual contributions, the sponsoring organizations are not appealing for public subscriptions.

Instead, they are taking the logical step of encouraging service clubs, church groups, labor unions, industrial fund groups and fraternal organizations to contribute the cost of one or more sets in their own names.

No one who has not spent long, lonesome hours in a tuberculosis hospital can fully understand how patients hunger for entertainment and a change of pace from the boring routine of confinement.

Morale is a problem at Molly Stark, as it is in all such hospitals. There is no way of knowing whether television will influence the patient to accept the prescribed period of convalescence instead of walking out in sheer impatience, but it certainly will help.

The junior chambers are to be congratulated on contributing their energies to this humanitarian program.

EASIER BREATHING. Molly Stark Hospital has three new aspirators, thanks to Canton Jaycees. The machines, valued at a total of \$600, are used to enable patients at the hospital to breathe easier when undergoing treatment for lung ailments. Dr. J. L. Vahpaus (right), administrator and medical director of the hospital, accepted the machines from Michael Gill (left), a Jaycee board coordinator, and Robert Phillips, chairman of the project which resulted in the aspirators being donated to the hospital. (Repository Staff Photo)



Molly Stark To Lose Its Ohio Funds

Sept 27 '67
Hospital Is Deleted
From List of State
Treatment Centers

Elimination of Molly Stark Hospital today as a state tuberculosis treatment center will mean a loss of \$80,000 a year in state subsidies.

Robert L. Reese, the county hospital's administrator, said state aid supported nearly 25 per cent of the hospital's tuberculosis division 1966 budget of \$369,845.

Among Four Dropped

Molly Stark was among four centers dropped by the Ohio Department of Health from hospitals receiving a subsidy of \$5 a day to aid in tuberculosis treatment.

Others eliminated were in Dayton, Youngstown and Akron.

Molly Stark's tuberculosis division has 70 beds, 44 of them presently occupied.

County commissioners today said the cut in state aid will force them to abandon plans to modernize and improve equipment and buildings at the hospital next year.

"But it won't reflect on the high level of service in the TB division," stated Commissioner Joseph T. Nist.

A Molly Stark official said a committee appointed by the hospital's board of trustees and the Stark County Tuberculosis Association went to Columbus in August to discuss impending plans to eliminate the hospital as a state center, but was unable to meet with State Health Director Emmett W. Arnold.

Reduced to Eight

The Department of Health's action announced in Columbus today cuts the number of state TB centers from 12 to 8, with the remaining centers including two state-supported facilities.

The centers designated for continued state help are Lowman Pavilion and Sunny Acres in Cleveland, Benjamin Franklin in Columbus, Dumham in Cincinnati, William W. Roche in Toledo, Ottawa Valley in Lima and those designated by law at Ohio State University and Nelsonville.

Dr. Arnold said the state subsidy to aid counties is paid only for tuberculosis patients placed in designated hospitals. The eight remaining facilities will provide 1,297 beds, which is 246 above the present number of tuberculosis patients in hospitals.

The four centers dropped from state aid effective Oct. 1 have a combined total of 469 beds.

Served Hospital 11 Years

11/9/57

Dr. Brueckner Resigns As Molly Stark Director

Resignation of Dr. H. H. Brueckner as superintendent of Molly Stark Hospital, effective as of Nov. 1, was accepted Friday by the board of trustees of the institution.

Dr. Constantine Vishnezsky, a naturalized citizen who has been assistant to the medical director, was named immediately as acting medical director.

Robert Reese, who has been serving as business manager of the tuberculosis hospital, was promoted to acting administrator and Mrs. Alice M. Miller, a long time employee, was named as business manager.

In accepting the resignation of Dr. Brueckner after 11 years as superintendent, the board said he quit because of personal health reasons and explained that he has moved to Michigan and does not

plan to engage in the practice of medicine.

Currently, the trustees said, the population of the hospital is about 95 patients and has been in the neighborhood of 100 for the last year.

Appointment of Mr. Reese as acting administrator is designed to relieve Dr. Vishnezsky of some of the heavy administrative duties which have tended in the past to tie down the superintendent, the trustees said. Dr. Vishnezsky has been at the hospital six years and has been acting medical director in recent months during the illness of Dr. Brueckner.

Plans for the future are indefinite but consideration is being given to appointment of a new superintendent at some time in the future after there has been ample time to consider the entire situation at the hospital.

J. L. Yahraus is Medical Supt. at Molly Stark

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Willard James, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Molly Stark Hospital, announced the appointment of J. L. Yahraus, M.D. as Medical Superintendent. Dr. Yahraus will assume his responsibilities as of March 1.

He will succeed Dr. Constantine Vishnevsky who has been medical superintendent since October 1957, having reigned, effective Feb. 15.

Dr. Yahraus graduated from Lancaster, Pa. High School and he received his B. S. degree from Franklin and Marshall College in 1934. He received his M. D. from Temple University of Medicine in 1941 and then served his internship at Lancaster Hospital, Lancaster, Pa. From 1942 to 1946 he served in the U. S. Navy Medical Corp., finishing his duties with the rank of Lt. Commander. From 1946 to 1948 he was the resident in internal medicine at Mercy Hospital in Canton and since 1948, has had his own internal medicine practice in Canton.

Dr. Yahraus was president of the Stark Co. Medical Society in 1963 and is presently president of the Stark Co. Tuberculosis and Health Association. He has served on many committees of both associations. In 1960, he served as chairman of a special medical advisory committee to set up the structure of accepting chronic disease patients referred by their physicians for the third floor beds that were not then needed for tuberculosis patients at Molly Stark.

duties. They have one daughter, Karen, who resides with her husband, Pierre Bonvalot of Paris France.

In 1966, Molly Stark Hospital was given full accreditation for a three-year period for the treatment of tuberculosis, chronic diseases and the extended care patients. It is the only hospital in this area so accredited.

The first floor is used as an extension of the Stark Co. Home; the second floor, the tuberculous patients; and the third floor, chronic disease patients. There are now a total of 137 patients in the hospital.

Dr. Yahraus belongs to the Ohio State and the American Medical Associations, the Stark Heart Association, the Ohio Heart Association and the Ohio and American Thoracic societies. He and his wife live at 260 25th St. NW, Canton, but will move to the superintendent's home at the hospital soon after assuming

Molly Stark's Reese Quits; Eschliman To Fill Position

Robert L. Reese, administrator of Molly Stark Hospital for 12 years and an employee of the county-run hospital since 1934, is retiring Sept. 1.

He will be succeeded by Robert G. Eschliman, a certified public accountant who has been assistant controller of Akron City Hospital for 18 months. Mr. Eschliman will begin his duties Aug. 1 at a salary of \$14,000 a year.

THE CHANGE was announced today by Molly Stark's board of trustees.

Mr. Eschliman, 33, is a graduate of Timken High School and holds bachelor of arts and science degrees in accounting from Kent State University.

He was a senior accountant with Chilton, Stump and Daverio in Akron and staff accountant with Touche, Ross, Bailey and Smart in Cleveland before joining Akron City Hospital's staff.

He and his wife, Loreen, and three children live at 9009 Colton st NW, Jackson Township. He is youth coordinator and senior high counselor for the United Methodist Youth Fellowship at United Methodist Church of the Lakes.

MR. REESE, who started at Molly Stark as an assistant steward and advanced to storekeeper, assistant business manager and business manager, said he is retiring under physician's orders.



ROBERT G. ESCHLIMAN
Named Administrator

His tenure at the hospital covered the administrations of five superintendents — Drs. Howard Black, Eugene B. Pierce, Harold H. Bruckner, Constantine Vishnevsky and the present medical director, Dr. J. L. Yahraus.

Mr. Reese married a fellow employee, the former Alta Shellenberger of Alliance. The couple has one daughter, Mrs. Jack (Barbara) Fidler, and lives at 610 South st, Louisville.

Molly Stark Hospital, fully accredited as a tuberculosis institution in 1946, has added extended care and chronic illness facilities.

Dowd Acts on Findings

Molly Stark's Money Sought

8-30-72

Three suits were filed today in Stark County Common Pleas Court to recover \$6,194 a state examiner said was improperly paid to two former Molly Stark Hospital administrators and a assistant.

The suits were filed by Stark County Prosecutor David D. Dowd Jr., acting as collecting agent for Stark County commissioners and Molly Stark Board of Trustees.

Imposter Named

One of the former administrators is "Dr. Edward Bradley" the man law enforcement officials say was an imposter. They have charged James Wayne Farmer of Independence, Mo., with acting as Dr. Bradley.

Mr. Dowd seeks some \$3,149 paid to the alleged imposter as

medical director and administrator last March.

The other former administrator is Dr. J. L. Yahraus. The prosecutor wants to get back \$2,136 paid to him for holidays and half-days off.

Report Released Aug. 1

The former assistant to the administrator, is John Riffle, who now lives in Morgantown, W. Va. He allegedly was overpaid \$909 because of a mistake in salary computation by the business manager.

These suits were based on State Examiner Hazel Seccombe's audit released Aug. 1.

Mrs. Seccombe pointed out those three findings for recovery and a number of what she termed "poor business practices" at the county tuberculosis and chronic disease hospital.

She's 'Hipped' on Molly Stark

Alliance 1-26-69

Mrs. Seevers, Alliance Nurse, To Retire After 33 Years on Job

By KRISTINE MOORE

"I'm really hiped on this place or I never would have stayed this long," assistant director of nursing at Molly Stark Hospital, Mrs. Elwood Seevers said.

Wednesday, Mrs. Seevers of 938 Parkway Blvd. will retire after working at the hospital over 33 years.

She got her first job at the Institution in 1930 as night supervisor of the children's cottage "quite by accident."

"I wasn't looking for a job," she said. "I only came over with a friend who was a lab technician looking for work who had heard they had an opening here."

"In the hall," she continued, "I ran into a nurse I had known at Alliance City Hospital." She introduced me to the head nurse, a big, stern German woman.

"The head nurse asked me if I liked to work with children. I said no. She asked me if I liked to work nights. I said no. Then just like that she asked me when I could start."

"And that lab technician never got the job," the energetic retiring nurse added.

Was Night Supervisor

For the next four years Mrs. Seevers worked every night but Wednesday, 7 p.m. - 7 a.m. as night supervisor for about 40 children ranging in age from six weeks to 16 years old.

"I had to go from the youngest to oldest when I put them to bed. If that wasn't a job," she recalled. "One night the boys would go first and the next night the girls. And, believe me, they would never let me forget whose turn it was to go first."

Mrs. Seevers' next job was as supervisor of the fourth floor where she worked until 1941. Returning to work five years later, she resumed this position and was made assistant director of nursing in 1951.

Made Rounds in Chair

Always enthusiastic about her work, she related how for six months she made her rounds in a wheel chair.

"About nine years ago I fell in the hospital and broke my hip," she said.

"There I was lying on the floor blacking out, when a very shaky male patient climbed out of bed to try to help me up. What a sight that was."

"I stayed home for a month but I almost went crazy so I came back and made the rounds in my wheel chair," she said.

Recalling progress that has been made in her third of a century at Molly Stark she commented "I love to talk about this hospital. If I didn't like it I wouldn't have stayed here this long."

"When I first came here," she said, "of course there was a lot of coughing. Gradually, with antibiotics that have been developed it has decreased to the point that the workers cough more than the patients."



Retiring from Molly Stark Hospital after 33 years, assistant director of nursing, Mrs. Elwood Seevers of Alliance answers the phone on one of

her last days on the job. As to retirement plans the energetic woman says, "I don't just plan to sit in a rocking chair."

Review Photo—Kris Moore

Although most tuberculosis patients were confined to the hospital for two to three years when the only medications were rest and sunshine, the length of stay has decreased to an average of only about six months.

Now Molly Stark is one of the few hospitals accredited in three ways, Mrs. Seevers said.

Besides TB patients it now houses Medicare extended care patients and those with chronic illness.

Likes To Paint

As to her retirement, the busy nurse said, "my feet tell me it's time to quit." But "I don't intend to just sit in a rocking chair," she added.

She will continue to take art lessons which she began in October. She works in oils, "something I have wanted to do for a long time."

Mrs. Seevers also hopes to garden and "go for walks." "This is a crazy time to retire with snow on the ground," she added.

"I've never felt as important in my entire life, Mrs. Seevers said with a smile. "I'm overwhelmed by all these interviews and pictures."

Monday Molly Stark's registered nurses held a farewell dinner with another party scheduled for Wednesday.

Mrs. Seevers is the former Clara Smith, graduated from Alliance High School and received her training at Allentown, Pa., General Hospital.

Her husband has been employed by the hospital 18 years as a carpenter.

\$5-a-Day Subsidy Proposed

Molly Stark May Get State Financial Help Back Again

By JOHN R. THOMAS
Repository Staff Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Molly Stark Hospital, where 1968 proved to be a lean year moneywise because of loss of state subsidies for tuberculosis patients, would be in line for around \$73,000 in additional funds if a bill now pending before the Ohio Legislature is approved.

And it could be more, say backers of the bill which is designed to provide a \$5-a-day state subsidy for each tuberculosis patient hospitalized at any TB facility, not just those eight which now are approved by the State Department of Health for the subsidy.

'Any Sum Would Help'

More, that is, if those outpatients who visit Molly Stark periodically for treatment are to be included in the subsidy. If they were to be, the subsidy probably would not be as much as \$5 a day, but any amount would help, says Miss Helen Beck, who is in charge of the out-patient clinics at Molly Stark.

There are around 260 outpatients there.

The \$73,000 figure is based on the average 40 Stark County patient load now at the hospital.

R. L. Reese, Molly Stark Hospital administrator, noted that there are around 50 TB patients there, but that 10 of them are from out of the county, and the \$5 subsidy wouldn't make any difference for them.

Other Counties Pays

That's because the county from which the 10 come pay for the full treatment charges. If a \$5 subsidy were to be granted, that amount would be credited to the county's bill, and there wouldn't be any additional funds flowing in for out-of-county patients.

However, the hospital would

realize the \$5-a-day subsidy for each patient above what it receives now, which includes about \$358,000 from the three-tenths-of-one-mill TB levy; more than \$58,000 from medicare, and an even \$50,000 from the county's general fund.

Reese said Molly Stark received \$65,075 for the first nine months of 1967 before the hospital was declared ineligible to receive any further state TB subsidies.

Eight Hospitals Listed

The eight hospitals in Ohio which receive the \$5-a-day subsidy for TB patients are two state-operated facilities at Ohio State University and at Nelsonville, and six nonstate hospitals — Lowman Pavilion and Sunny Acres in Cleveland, Benjamin Franklin in Columbus, Dunham in Cincinnati, William W. Roche in Toledo and Ottawa Valley in Lima.

Reese said the money lost from lack of the state TB subsidy caused a postponement in several planned capital improvement projects, such as replacing equipment, some of which has been in use since Molly Stark was built in 1929. Other proposals like blacktopping and repairing roofs have been postponed.

"Generally, we just didn't have the money we were counting on to update some of our facilities here," Reese said.

Commissioners Watch

County commissioners, too, are keeping an eye on developments here concerning the state TB subsidy bill — introduced by State Rep. Joseph F. Heistand, R-Hillsboro.

William Keen, county administrator, said unless the state comes up with subsidies for all TB hospitals, the county will be faced in the near future with the necessity of contributing more than the flat \$50,000 a year

from the general fund to Molly Stark.

Reese and other TB officials still are miffed that Molly Stark was cut off in late 1967 from the state TB subsidy program. Evidence that the program isn't working, Reese said, is contained in the fact that all but one of those hospitals approved by the State Health Department have but 50 per cent occupancy, while the average occupancy at Molly Stark runs around 70 per cent.

Concentration Encouraged

The state's intent when it declared only eight hospitals would continue to get state TB subsidies at the rate of \$5 a day for each patient was to get counties like Stark to send all their tuberculosis patients to the approved hospitals.

Consolidation of state-supported facilities and stopping the subsidy for Molly Stark has meant Stark County patients must be sent to two Cleveland hospitals in order to receive the \$5-a-day-per-patient subsidy.

Which doesn't make good financial sense, Reese said.

The county would have to pay the going rate for treatment at the Cleveland hospitals — less the \$5-a-day subsidy for each patient — but it would be a losing proposition.

Cleveland Cost Higher

Care for TB patients in Cleveland costs between \$50 and \$60 a day as compared with the \$25.66-a-day charge for patients at Molly Stark.

When the amount of the state TB subsidy is increased to the point where it means the county can send its tuberculosis patients out of county to an approved hospital without costing more than it does to keep them home without a subsidy, the state's consolidated hospital plan will work, officials said.

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Will Molly Stark close its doors this fall



WINDY CITY DATE. North Canton Junior High School Band has been invited to perform Dec. 18 at the 75th annual Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago. The Band Boosters have raised about \$3,000 of the \$10,000 needed to send the band and established a display on the square of the city to focus

on progress of the drive by marking the distance between here and Chicago. Band member Craig Wallick points out the route while Vicki Wuchnick holds the bus on target. At rear are Kevin Wallick (left) and Barb Blohm. (Repository Staff Photo)

Financial problems will be main discussion by trustees at special meeting

JULY 23, 1975

Will financially troubled Molly Stark Hospital have to close its doors this fall?

That is a question hospital trustees will consider Aug. 4 in a special meeting with Hospital Administrator Charles Bair and Medical Director Edward M. Wurzel.

The session was scheduled after trustees learned Monday night that Stark County commissioners will not provide additional funding to cover an expected \$375,000 operating deficit at the county medical facility.

The meeting also brought trustees a letter of resignation from Dr. Wurzel — effective Sept. 1.

Wurzel — who had expected to be named administrator and medical

director until trustees vetoed the idea in April — said he will take a position in New York.

Trustees reportedly refused to accept the resignation, asking the doctor to change his mind, but he said Tuesday there was "one chance in 10,000" he would do so.

There have been indications since mid-1974 that county commissioners were not satisfied with operations at the former tuberculosis sanitarium.

Commissioners replaced two retiring board members with four new members — boosting the hospital trustees to seven — and issued several strongly worded requests for positive action.

By state statute, the commissioners are responsible for financial

support of the institution, but have no voice in its operation other than appointment of trustees.

Since January, steps have been taken to tighten operational costs, but trustees were told Monday there still was an anticipated deficit for 1975 of nearly \$375,000.

"At the current level of service, we will reach a cash bind by Oct. 1," Bair explained Tuesday. "After that date, we will be unable to meet payroll."

He indicated he and Wurzel had been ordered Monday to see where more cuts could be made, and said "every effort will be made to keep operating."

However, the chances are pretty good that we may have to go ahead

with a closing action," the administrator said.

Bair stressed, though, that hospital creditors would not be affected seriously, even if the institution is forced to shut its doors.

He indicated outstanding bills would be paid from the hospital's accounts receivable fund, as well as operating funds due after Jan. 1 for the fifth year of the present levy.

Cost reductions already implemented include an 11 per cent staff reduction over the past 90 days through resignations and normal attrition, plus patients' daily food-allowance cuts from \$2.18 to \$1.68.

He indicated the county-operated facility also has had a drop from 180 to 165 patients and there reportedly are plans to move another 25 to 30 patients to other medical-care facilities.

When asked if a shutdown of hospital operations in October would be temporary or permanent, Bair declined comment.

Pushes Molly Stark Renewal

Unit Aids Hospital's Levy

A 19-member citizens committee was formed today to push for renewal of the three-tenths-mill Molly Stark Hospital operating levy at the Nov. 2 general election.

The committee, formed at the request of county commissioners and hospital trustees, is headed by William Belden, a Molly Stark trustee and president of the United Fund of Greater Canton.

SEVERAL MEMBERS of the committee served on the 1960 Molly Stark citizens study committee which drafted recommendations for converting unused third-floor beds into a wing for chronic disease and aged patients.

"It will be our committee's job to tell voters exactly what the operating levy does for the community," Mr. Belden said.

"This is not a new tax," he said. "It's a renewal of the same operating levy passed in 1960." He said the renewal would provide nearly \$300,000 a year from 1966 through 1970 and would assure continuing long-term care for tuberculosis patients and victims of chronic illness.

Mr. Belden noted that the levy is the smallest renewal ever sought in Stark County. Cost to the average homeowner would be \$1.50 a year, or 30 cents for each \$1,000 valuation, he said.

ALTHOUGH the levy is intended to provide general operating funds, the committee kicked off its campaign with the slogan, "Dinosaurs are extinct—TB isn't."

The slogan was contributed by Kathleen Stuckey, a 1964 Lincoln High School graduate whose huge poster depicting a dinosaur won first prize last

year in a contest conducted by the Stark County TB and Health Association.

Serving with Mr. Belden on the committee are:

Dwight Buchanan, Stark County Tax League; W. N. Wycoff, Greater Canton AFL-CIO Council; Dr. P. L. Harris, Stark County health commissioner;

Robert Carey, Alliance City Hospital administrator; Robert Siffrin, Massillon Trades and Labor Assembly; Dr. William M. Morgan, Stark County TB and Health Association.

ALSO Mrs. Ben Schrader, Massillon Social Planning Council; Ed Witmer, Presto Press

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president; Walter Firestone, Stark County Home superintendent; State Reps. Robert Levitt, Bernice K. MacKenzie and Ralph Regula; Robert C. Fehlman, Fehlman and Associates.

Also W. W. Steele Jr., Community and Health Services Foundation; and Doctors D. G. Pockock of Massillon, Nathan Rubin of Canton, G. O. Thompson of Alliance and J. L. Yahraus of Canton.

Special staff consultants are Douglas H. Worth, director of the Stark County Welfare Federation; L. L. Taylor, executive director of the TB and Health Association, and Robert Reese, Molly Stark Hospital administrator.

Molly Stark Had Fewer TB Patients

Mass May 14 '65
Molly Stark hospital admitted less tuberculosis patients in 1964 than it did in 1963, the county-operated hospital's yearly report showed today.

Tuberculosis cases last year totaled 89 compared to 110 the year before. The chronic illness section of the hospital increased its admission from 29 to 77.

Of the total admitted to the hospital's tuberculosis section, 61 were men and 28 were women. These figures reflect re-admissions as well as first time admissions. Total re-admissions were 16.

Of those admitted 4 were under 15, 7 were in the 15 to 24 age group, 8 were in the 25-34 age group.

AGE GROUP with largest number of admission was the 55-64 bracket with 19 followed by the 75 and up with 16.

At the same time the hospital discharged 95 persons with TB cases after an average stay of 161 days.

There were 7 deaths in Stark county attributed to TB cases, 2 from Massillon, 2 from Canton, 2 from the county area and 1 from Alliance.

The central case registry recorded 48 new TB cases in Stark county, 9 of them in Massillon. There was 1 reactivated case in Massillon out of a total of 6 in the county.

The chronic illness section had 77 admissions, 3 re-admissions, for a total number of 95 patients treated. Some 35 persons died in the hospital after an average stay of 100 days.

Molly Stark is no longer operated exclusively for treatment of tuberculosis. The entire first floor, with 60 beds, is operated as an extension of the Stark County home. The second floor with 70 beds is devoted to tuberculosis care and the third floor is for chronically ill who require long-term care. It has 70 beds.

Average daily cost of care is \$18.92 in both the tuberculosis section and the chronically ill section.

Total income for the hospital in 1964 was \$653,372.52 with the expense \$653,625.80 less outpatient income of \$21,522 for a total inpatient expense of \$632,103.80.

Dr. Constantine Vishnevsky is medical superintendent of the hospital. Robert L. Reese is administrator, Alice Miller, business manager and Dr. Anne W. Robinson, staff physician.

A. A. Ulrich of Massillon serves on the board of trustees of the hospital.

Molly Stark Trustees Support Regional Plan

Feb 17 '65
A proposal before the Ohio General Assembly to select 12 regional hospitals for tuberculosis patients has been endorsed by the board of trustees of Molly Stark Hospital, one of the 12 institutions involved.

Board chairman Willard James said today the trustees have given the proposal unanimous support.

ALTHOUGH Molly Stark is included on the regional list, administration and control will remain within Stark County and all future use will be governed from here," Mr. James said.

The proposal would double the present subsidy of \$2.50 per patient day established in 1947. Only hospitals approved by the Ohio Department of Health, in-

cluding Molly Stark, would receive this subsidy.

Mr. James said nine other present TB institutions could remain in operation, but would not receive the state subsidy.

"As TB becomes less of a problem and when perhaps only four hospitals are needed, say in 20 years, they should be located strategically throughout the state to offer the best possible treatment," said Mr. James. "The present proposal is a uniform, planned step in the right direction."

SUCH groups as the Stark County and Ohio TB and health associations, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Citizens Council, the Ohio Public Health Association and the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners have voiced support of the proposal.

The bill was introduced this week by Bernice MacKenzie, D-Stark, and Clara Weisenborn, R-Montgomery, and has been referred to the House health committee. A hearing will be held Tuesday at 9 a.m.

St. Luke Lutheran home executive gets Stark County health care posts

By LINDA SALSBERY
Review Staff Writer

Linda J. Scherger of Clinton has been appointed executive director of health care services for Molly Stark Hospital and superintendent of Nist Home. Stark County commissioners made the appointment official Wednesday at a meeting conducted at Canton City Council Chamber.

The current assistant administrator and director of nursing at St. Luke Lutheran Home in North Canton, will begin her new duties July 9 at a base salary of \$45,000. The commissioners have established three goals for the new director's first year. An incentive of \$3,333 will be paid for each goal achieved. The goals — all three to apply to both facilities — are to maintain compliance with all local, state and federal certification and licensing standards; have in place as soon as possible a data processing system; and develop a long term strategic capital improvement plan.

Board president Tom Rice said commissioners reviewed resumes and interviewed candidates for the past six months and he considers Scherger an "outstanding candidate."

He added she replaces two interim administrators with combined salaries of \$80,000. Rice and Patty Miller voted on the appointment. Commissioner Robert Capestrain is on vacation in Italy.

Officers Named at Annual Meeting

Bixler Will Head Stark TB Group

Melvin R. Bixler, assistant superintendent of Stark County schools, was elected president of the Stark County Tuberculosis and Health Association at the annual meeting Monday night in the society office. He has been a member of the board of directors for six years and Christmas Seal sale chairman for rural areas for three years. He succeeds G. F. Duryee as president.

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OTHER OFFICERS elected are:

Clarence D. Steffey of Alliance, first vice president; Mrs. Ben Schrader of Massillon, second vice president; Rev. Orville W. Briner of Canton representative director of the state association; Henry Grossberg of Canton, alternate representative; Harley F. Fast of Canton, treasurer; R. A. Christian of Canton, assistant treasurer; Mrs. M. B. Homer of Middlebranch, secretary; C. Stuart Rila of Massillon and Duryee, members of the executive committee.

Elected to three-year terms on the board of directors were:

Rev. Fr. Thomas Heimann, Sanford S. Lazarus, Rev. Briner, Fast and Ed Witmer of Canton; Harley Ewing and William M. Morgan of Alliance; Dr. William Slaser and Mrs. Schrader of Massillon; and Bernard Schrader, Mrs. Homer and Mrs. Robert R. Hartman, representing rural areas.

THE TREASURER'S report showed income of \$84,651.02 for 1952 from which these expenditures were made:

Health education \$19,258.38, clinics and nursing \$3,162.34, X-ray and case finding \$27,146.37, statistical and fact finding \$1,370.95, community co-operation \$1,935, rehabilitation and legislation \$1,826.92, administration \$6,776.70, seal sale \$7,988.48, organization and field work \$2,375, stabilization fund \$3,287.40 and state and national program \$9,523.48.

It was reported that during the last Christmas Seal sale to finance the 1953 work, Canton and rural areas raised \$59,073.45, the special gifts group \$10,699, Alliance \$10,555.87 and Massillon \$11,073.83, a total of \$91,402.15. This is an in-

crease in free chest X-rays, a decrease in the number of tuberculosis deaths in Stark County from 43 last year to 35 in 1952, the finding of 159 new active cases, dedication of new wings at Molly Stark Hospital, a tuberculosis nursing institute and expanded educational program.

Seven members of the board were presented with the double-barred cross in honor of 10 years of continuous service to the association. Recipients were Morgan, Fast, Dr. J. B. Walker, Mrs. Hartman, Dr. John Van Dyke, Rev. Briner and Mrs. Homer.

Rossetti Outlines Conditions

Molly Stark Treatment For Aged Termed Legal

County Prosecutor John Rossetti issued an opinion today giving the green light to county commissioners on their proposal to convert a portion of Molly Stark Hospital for the care and maintenance of aged and infirm residents of the Stark County Home.

In his ruling, the prosecutor said he had talked with Dr. H. H. Brueckner, superintendent of Molly Stark, and Dr. Ralph Dwork, superintendent of the Ohio Department of Health.

Both advised him, he stated, that there would be no medical obstacle to the proposal. Rossetti said he also conferred with Richard E. Wood, director of the Stark County Department of Welfare, and Walter J. Firestone, home superintendent, and learned that the county home is overcrowded to the extent that the superintendent is required to reject applications almost daily.

THE PROSECUTOR said Wood advised him that because of the overcrowded condition at the home it has become necessary for his department to place aged and infirm persons in private rest homes at considerable expense.

In his opinion, Rossetti listed four conditions which will have to be met before the proposed program will become legal. They are:

1. Approval of the board of trustees of Molly Stark will have to be obtained.

2. Proper contracts must be entered into between the commissioners and the hospital trustees.

3. All hospital facilities to be used must be separate and apart and must have no connection with the facilities used by or for TB patients.

4. Written approval of the program must be obtained from the Ohio Department of Health.

THE PROPOSAL to use a part of the hospital for aged and infirm persons was made by the commissioners at a meeting last October with Dr. Brueckner, Wood, Firestone and Rossetti. At that time the commissioners were faced with the problem of finding quarters for the aged and infirm outside the county home.

It was during that meeting that Commissioner Joseph T. Nist proposed that a part of Molly Stark Hospital might be used for that purpose.

At the same meeting, Dr.

Sept 23 '64 Alliance

Molly Stark Considered As Regional TB Hospital

Duncan Thorp, public relations director for the Ohio Tuberculosis and Health Association, outlined a regionalization proposal to be presented at the next State Legislature session as the O.T.H.A. held its day-long fall district meeting yesterday at Gary's Colonial House.

The gathering, attended by representatives from 19 counties, including individuals from TB hospitals and county and city boards of health heard Thorp propose regionalization of Ohio's TB hospitals, reducing the number of hospitals from 21 to 12.

At present there are empty beds in many of the hospitals, wasting man power, facilities and tax dollars, it was asserted.

Thorp pointed out that there would be a larger state subsidy for fewer hospitals and more efficient use of equipment and personnel.

Part of the proposal includes adjustment of rates charged at the hospitals so they would be more nearly equal.

Molly Stark Hospital on Rt. 62 would be one of the 12 regional hospitals.

Several board members from O.T.H.A. presented findings which supported the regionalization proposal.

TB representatives from the Cleveland area discussed their volunteer program and a new slide series on tubercular testing was previewed.

Approximately 70 persons attended the meeting, including Dr. Constantine Vichnevsky, medical director of Molly Stark Hospital; E.S. Kerr, of Salem, O.T.H.A. board member, and Robert Reese, administrator of Molly Stark Hospital.



Review Photo — Jim Hastings

Seen left to right, Duncan Thorp, public relations director for the Ohio Tuberculosis and Health Association examines inflated lungs held by Dr. Constantine Vishnevsky, medical director of Molly Stark Hospital; with E. S. Kerr, of Salem, O.T.H.A. board member; and Robert Reese, administrator of Molly Stark Hospital. The lungs, which compare the condition of the smoker and non-smoker, are part of the Stark County TB display.

Molly Stark's Regional Designation Seen Likely

Molly Stark Hospital might remain as a regional tuberculosis hospital under a legislative proposal outlined Thursday night for Stark County legislators, county commissioners and hospital officials.

Speaking at the hospital, Duncan Thorp, legislative representative of the Ohio Tuberculosis & Health Association, said he feels Molly Stark ranks among the top 10 of the 21 TB hospitals in Ohio in size and facilities.

HE EXPRESSED optimism

1. Designation of needed regional hospitals by the State Department of Health.

2. More state subsidy for fewer hospitals—those designated by the state health body.

3. Establishment of charges at state hospitals which would make rates in all counties for TB hospital care more nearly equal.

The current move dates back to 1958, when a bed occupancy committee was organized to study the problem of bed vacancies in TB hospitals throughout Ohio.

MR. THORP and L. L. Taylor, executive director of the Stark County Tuberculosis & Health Association, said the chief concern is the lack of trained and qualified professional personnel around the state to care for TB patients and the resulting inferior care.

Mr. Thorp said the latest available bed census of the state's TB hospitals last November showed 1,508 of 2,500 beds in service were occupied.

Of this, only 172 were being used by chronically ill patients in TB hospitals which have, like Molly Stark, established such divisions.

Attending the meeting were all three county commissioners, State Rep. Bernice Mackenzie, State Sen. Jim Thorp and the Molly Stark board.

Molly Stark is reviewed

6/1/84 Press
The first step of the state's yearly review of Molly Stark Hospital shows that the hospital ranks high and with no problems with Medicaid certification. The facility specializes in skilled nursing, mental retardation, alcohol rehabilitation and adult day care programs.

A two-person review team assessed patient records and care when they visited that facility on May 17 and 18, according to a joint announcement made by Stark County Commissioners Robert Capestrain, Tom Rice and Patricia Miller during their regular May 24 meeting.

Board president Capestrain said, "The surveyors said the staff was really in tune to patient needs."

"The reviewers were impressed with the excellent level of care given patients and the general expertise of the staff," said Rice.

Miller added, "The result of the state's review were favorable with few problems areas identified. We commend the administrators and staffers of Molly Stark for their efforts which have begun this year's review process in such an excellent manner."

According to Molly Stark interim administrator Randy Zumbar, the reviewers particularly praised the excellent quality of patient care plans, patient skin care procedures and the good overall care delivered, especially considering the extensive level of care required by many patients.

Zumbar said the problem areas cited included two sets of initials on patient plans begin illegible, the physical therapist's hours with one patient were not totalled and a notation that a physical therapist had missed several team meetings for one patient.

The reviewers noted that lack of treatment extended some patients by a respiratory technician was rehired three weeks ago.

"The only major problem area was the lack of staffing in regards to a respiratory technician, but that has already been resolved," said Zumbar.

Other teams of reviewers are expected in the near future as Molly Stark proceeds through the annual review process which is necessary to retain Medicaid reimbursements for patient care and services.

"We're on track in both county facilities, Nist Geriatric and Molly Stark," said Capestrain. "We commend all the staffers at both facilities for their progress this year and the high quality of patient care."

Nist is at near capacity with 20 patients in the 30-bed skilled nursing section, 66 patients in the 76-bed mental retardation unit, 30 participants in the adult day care offerings, 20 participants in the alcohol rehabilitation program for adults and 10 participants in the alcohol rehabilitation unit for adolescents. Molly Stark and Nist are located near the intersection of State Route 44 and Columbus Road in Nimishillen Township.

Molly Stark Gets 3-Year Approval

Molly Stark Hospital has been granted accreditation for a three-year period by the joint commission on accreditation of hospitals.

Willard R. James of Alliance, president of the board of Molly Stark said accreditation followed a survey conducted last Nov. 28 and Dec. 1. It covers the hospital's three divisions — tuberculosis, chronic and extended care.

damaged lung just as we expect to have a broken leg put into a cast. A cast for a broken leg is essential to immobilize the bone so it may knit. Sanatorium care immobilizes the entire body to reduce the labor of the lung to its absolute minimum, so it may repair itself.

In Dr. Harold H. Brueckner and his staff we have, in my opinion, some of the finest medical talent and judgment available anywhere. With the proper modern day method of individual consideration which should accompany this age of medicine rather than a production-line attitude, there is no reason why anyone should hesitate to substitute life in a sanatorium.

Anyone of moderate means who refuses what is offered by Molly Stark Hospital is jeopardizing his ability to regain the health he must have. There is no short cut to good health.

Concerning my own case and the TB Advisory Committee, circumstances have taken a turn I have reason to doubt and I could adopt the attitude of many AWOL patients.

But that would be ridiculous and of no help to anyone, including myself. I cannot accept the turn of events without independent confirmation. I feel that the TB Advisory Committee, since it is composed of members of Stark County Medical Association, should serve in that capacity and should have been in existence long ago.

If they are authorized to determine whether or not an AWOL patient may be treated at home or be returned to Molly Stark, they can also use the same judgment for a patient still receiving treatment but who has become doubtful enough to become a problem.

I was told if I had no confidence I should get myself another doctor. I am in enough doubt to want confirmation, or consideration enough to alter my situation to suit the real nature of my physical condition without hampering my progress.

I want to cooperate but I want to feel I am being told the truth and treated fairly. In my opinion, the TB Advisory Committee should have jurisdiction over the medical cases and records of cases supported by the county so patients may appeal to the committee when they feel the need.

Absolute authority should not be vested in one man. It is not humane or fair for anyone's life to be subject to the whimsical mercy or alarmism of one person's medical point of view, without recourse to justice and fair play.

6-8-84 PAUL R. GREGORY
Molly Stark Hospital

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In the series of articles referred to, there is one purpose: To shed as much light as possible on a situation which has been causing patients to leave Molly Stark Hospital before they have been given a clean bill of health.)

From a Molly Stark Patient

To The Repository: I have no idea what the nature of your series on Molly Stark Hospital will be.

Whatever is done should be done in such a way that no complications are added to the present situation.

The need for sanatorium care can come unexpectedly into the life of anyone. We must accept it in the sense of a physical necessity, insofar as it guarantees the physical restrictions we are not so apt to impose upon ourselves.

We can expect to find it necessary to receive treatment for a

New Molly Stark Care Program Is For All Residents

April 23 '87
It was stressed Saturday that Molly Stark Hospital's new extended care facility will be available to all residents of Stark County requiring such care, as well as those qualifying under the medicare program.

Dr. Constantine Vishnevsky, hospital medical superintendent who announced Friday the 35-bed section will open Tuesday, explained that apparently some persons were under the impression the extended care program would be for medicare patients only.

Dr. Vishnevsky's release announcing the facilities did not specify the new service would be only for medicare, nor did the article which appeared Friday in The Repository.

Hospital Officials Assert:

New Setup Would Enhance Efficiency at Molly Stark

Stark County commissioners were reassured Wednesday by officials of Molly Stark Hospital that a pending bill to "regionalize" tuberculosis hospitals would not change the operation or control of the local hospital.

On the contrary, the officials said, increased efficiency in the operation of Molly Stark Hospital would result if it is made a district tuberculosis hospital and it should result in less expense for Stark County taxpayers.

Dr. Constantine Vishnevsky, medical superintendent of the institution, R. L. Reese, administrator and W. H. Belden, one of the trustees, represented the hospital at the conference at the hospital. They also accompanied Commissioners Joseph T. Nist, Richard O. Kuhn and Joe DuBar on a tour of facilities after the noon meeting.

The commissioners are considering the possibility of eventually using Molly Stark for more chronic illness patients, possibly as an adjunct to a new county home.

TB Portion Half Full

At present, Mr. Reese told the group, Molly Stark is rated as a 96-bed tuberculosis hospital but, as of Wednesday, there were only 48 TB patients being treated—not all of them from Stark County.

If Molly Stark were designated as a district hospital by the state, TB patients from other counties could be sent here for care and treatment. An increase up to 70 patients would cost the county virtually nothing extra, he added.

Based on the 1964 population of the hospital, Stark County

would stand to gain about \$155,000 a year under the district plan. As proposed, the plan would result in an out-of-county charge of \$13 a day plus a \$5 state subsidy or a total of \$18 per patient per day.

Presently, the out-of-county return to Stark County is only \$12.25 a day per patient.

All three representatives of the hospital assured the three commissioners that policy and operation of the hospital would remain in local hands, regardless of a change in the law. The only function the State Department of Health would have would be to set standards and the only power the state could have would be to withhold the subsidy payment per patient, they said.

There would be no change in the handling of chronically ill patients or the County Home Division of the hospital, hospital representatives said.

Same Permission Needed

Commissioners expressed concern that the state might be able to dictate the manner in which various wards of the hospital could be used but, again, they were assured this is not the case.

It was pointed out that permission of the state health department had to be obtained in the past to set up the chronic illness wards of the hospital and that similar permission would have to be obtained under the present law if it was desired to enlarge or change these facilities.

In any event, however, changes would have to be initiated at the local level and the state board could not change any of the facilities without lo-

cal consent, the officials said.

Mr. Belden told the group there are now small TB hospitals scattered over the state which have 10 to 15 patients. The per-patient cost in these hospitals is usually very high and the staff usually is not adequate, he added.

Encourage Transfers

The state hopes, Mr. Belden said, to encourage the transfer of such patients to district hospitals such as Molly Stark by increasing the subsidy payment to better facilities and refusing it to inefficient or poorly staffed hospitals.

Dr. Vishnevsky told the group that statistics show that TB in Stark County is on the decrease although other large counties of the state show an increase in the incidence of the disease.

He said that, currently, 117 outpatients are being treated by Molly Stark, most of them through the cooperation of the Canton City Health Department.

Molly Stark workers will lose their jobs

By DOUG BENNETT
Independent Staff Writer

By May 3, the county-run Molly Stark Hospital will be empty.

Commissioners completed plans Thursday to lay off the 23 remaining workers. The 18 full-time and four part-time maintenance, food service and business office employees will be paid for accumulated vacation and sick leave, said David Gall, the county's human resources director.

There will be no other severance pay.

Most of the hospital's medical staff was furloughed earlier this year when VOCA Corp. accepted a short-term contract. The remaining patients are being transferred to community-based group homes.

The 65-year-old Nimishillen Township facility stopped accepting new clients in 1992 when commissioners voted to suspend operations. The decision followed a state directive ordering mentally retarded patients to be deinstitutionalized.

Throughout its history, Molly Stark also was home to a tuberculosis ward, an alcohol and drug rehabilitation center and a long-term care facility.

The hospital has been mentioned as the site for a rehabilitation center for drunken drivers and drug addicts. Officials of one local group, A Detention Alternative Promoting Treatment (ADAPT), said the building might need too much renovation to make the project worthwhile.

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Decision Questioned *Oct 15 '97* State's Decision On Molly Stark Seen Irritating

Molly Stark Hospital officials have made no secret of their irritation with the state's decision last month to withdraw its \$5 per diem aid for treatment of tuberculosis patients.

It isn't that the financial blow will be fatal. Though it will knock an \$80,000 annual hole in the hospital's \$736,000 budget, half the loss is expected to be erased by increased revenue from a three-fourths of one mill operating levy.

"We won't be closing our doors," said Robert L. Reese, the hospital's business manager, "but this cut still is going to hurt us."

Sidetracked by the slash, he disclosed, are plans to blacktop parking lots and driveways on the hospital's 73-acre grounds, build a new entrance, repair roofs and purchase physical therapy equipment.

Hospital officials also agree there is no argument with the legality of the action taken by State Health Director Emmett W. Arnold.

And still further, they don't dispute the need to consolidate tuberculosis treatment facilities in view of the wonder drug-induced drop in the disease's incidence.

Question Basis For Decision

What they do question is the basis for the decision to abandon the hospital as regional center.

The hospital's medical director, Dr. Constantine Vishnevsky, sees an inconsistency between the state's action and Molly Stark's accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

He thinks the accreditation, given in December 1966 for three years, tends to undermine any validity in the state's abandonment.

Nor does he see any possibility removal of the state subsidy could have been based on the location of the hospital — in a general area of almost 2 million people — or on costs per patient.

Molly Stark's costs per patient, he said, are under those

of most of the eight institutions retained as regional centers.

Question Findings

Both he and Mr. Reese take issue with many of the findings of a three-person investigating committee which recommended abandoning the facility after inspecting it last year.

For instance, the committee found the hospital had no pharmacy.

True, Dr. Vishnevsky agrees. But it has a modern drug room, and the State Bar of Pharmacy in 1964 declared it to be adequate, he said.

Another error in the report, according to Mr. Reese, is a report that the hospital has no fire alarm system.

To the contrary, he pointed out, all buildings have been equipped since 1954 and an entirely new system was installed just this year.

Listed Wooden Fire Door

Still another failure alleged by the investigating team was a wooden fire door to a laundry chute.

This criticism, Mr. Reese said, is on shaky ground in light of regular inspections by the state fire marshal without recommendation for replacing the door.

Both Molly Stark officials invite state authorities to check the hospital's facilities. The new head of the tuberculosis division of the state health department has not visited the hospital since he took over more than one year ago, noted Dr. Vishnevsky.

Molly Stark nears 50th anniversary

Molly Stark Hospital will mark its 50th anniversary Aug. 23 and 24. Kathryn E. Shearer, business administrator, announced.

The county hospital was opened in August 1929 as a tuberculosis hospital, a function it still serves. In addition, the hospital now has alcoholism unit, a pediatric division, a skilled nursing division for the terminally ill, a chronic illness and rehabilitation division, and a day care center.

The Stark County commissioners took over operation of the hospital in 1978. Before that it had been governed by a board of trustees appointed by the commissioners.

Molly Stark is accredited both by the state and national hospital associations.

Stark Cited for Christmas Seal Effort

Stark County received its ninth consecutive blue ribbon award for an outstanding Christmas Seal Sale at an honor luncheon Friday in Columbus which concluded a three-day annual meeting of the Ohio Tuberculosis and Health Assn.

L. L. Taylor, executive director of the Stark County Tuberculosis and Health Assn., accepted the award on behalf of the association and the people of the county.

The 1956 Christmas Seal Sale for funds to fight tuberculosis amounted to 32.88 cents per person in the total county population, third highest contributor response in Ohio. Only Geauga and Franklin counties were higher.

ANNOUNCEMENT also was made at the meeting of counties receiving refunds from the state association. As its refund, Stark County will receive \$9,172.75 for meeting all qualifications, including a high per capita seal sale and proper representation on the state association board of directors. Stark County is represented by Robert Zucker of Massillon.

Mrs. Ben Schrader of Massillon was elected to the executive committee of the state organization for a three-year term. A member of the board and a past president of the local TB association, Mrs. Schrader currently is serving as representative director-at-large of the state association.

WILLIAM M. MORGAN of Alliance, president of the National Tuberculosis Assn., was principal speaker Thursday at a joint banquet of the state association, the Ohio Conference of Tuberculosis

Workers and the Ohio Trudeau Society, the medical branch of the TB organization.

Prior to his address, Mr. Morgan was presented a portable typewriter, a gift from the Ohio association and conference workers in tribute to his role as president of the national association.

At the meeting of the TB workers, Mr. Taylor unanimously was named an ex-officio member of the conference executive committee for a three-year term. Mr. Taylor, who participated in sessions of the meeting, was honored by conference workers for his recent election to the presidency of the national TV Workers conference which he will assume in 1958.

HERBERT GROSSMAN, assistant executive director of the Stark

TB association, was elected treasurer of the Ohio conference for a one-year term.

Other Stark County representatives attending the state meeting included: Dr. Edward Arnold, Canton chest specialist and member

of the local tuberculosis association and the Trudeau society; Sanford S. Lazarus, president of the Stark group, and Mrs. Oscar Meiner, Mrs. James Collison, Mrs. Donald Guittar and Mrs. C. R. Looman, association staff members.

This Isn't a First Hospital Linked To Controversy

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This isn't the Stark County commissioners' first difference of opinion with Ohio's director of health on the future of Molly Stark Hospital.

Twenty-five years ago commissioners wanted to abandon it. State Health Director R. H. Markwith refused permission.

Now ironically, it's the commissioners who are fighting abandonment. They'll be in Columbus Tuesday to find out why present State Health Director Emmett W. Arnold ordered Molly Stark dropped as a state-supported regional tuberculosis treatment center.

INTERESTINGLY enough, the state's action produced the same response in both cases.

In 1942, Jacob F. Biddle, president of the county commissioners, said:

"It is very apparent that Dr. Markwith reached his decision without any investigation whatever."

A nearly identical assessment of Dr. Arnold's ruling has been made by present Stark officials.

"The state apparently took action without any cost analysis study," said commissioner Richard O. Kuhn at a meeting 10 days ago with Molly Stark representatives and state legislators.

"THE RULING didn't have

anything to do with the degree of care, cost of treatment and location of the hospital in relation to centers of population," added Dr. Constantine Vishnevsky, Molly Stark's medical director.

Molly Stark and controversy never have been strangers.

Soon after the hospital was opened in 1929, several of its trustees tried—and failed—to oust the hospital's superintendent, Dr. E. B. Pierce.

In 1939, commissioners abolished the hospital's board of trustees. Trustees later were reinstated by court order.

The hospital's 65 employees threatened to walk out in 1942, in a pay dispute. That's when commissioners wanted to rid the county of the entire operation.

THE SAME YEAR the state ordered Stark County to make repairs at Molly Stark.

In 1949, when the county decided to add a \$500,000 wing to the hospital, building commission members had a public squabble over selection of the architect.

Finally, adding to the intermittent turbulence has been the gradual conversion of the hospital from a tuberculosis sanatorium to a chronic disease hospital.

Unit Aiding Levy Names Belden Head

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William H. Belden, secretary-treasurer of the Belden Brick Co., has been named chairman of the citizens' committee which will promote passage of a four-tenths-mill operating levy May 5 for Molly Stark Hospital.

Renewal Included

The levy includes a three-tenths-mill renewal and was deemed necessary because of increased costs of operation, loss of \$60,000 a year in state subsidy and the loss sustained by transfer of county home patients to the new geriatric home.

The levy is expected to produce about \$525,000 or about one-third of the total cost of operating Molly Stark Hospital.

Income Source Listed

Additional operating income includes 39.03 per cent from self-pay, insurance and medicare; 6.09 per cent from other county TB patients; 2.15 per cent from welfare; 14.25 per cent from county home (to be lost this year); 36.01 per cent from the levy and general fund and 1.03 per cent miscellaneous.

Commissioners Give Nod To Molly Stark Levy Plan

2/23/60

Formal action was taken Friday afternoon by county commissioners to place on the November ballot a three-tenths-of-a-mill levy for the continued operation of Molly Stark Hospital.

The unanimous action of the board directed County Prosecutor Norman J. Putman to draw up the resolution of necessity for the levy and to submit it to the board of elections early next week.

The levy is designed to finance the treatment of tubercular and chronically ill patients who are housed at the hospital.

It would run, if passed, for a five-year period and would be effective with the tax year 1961, to be collected starting in 1962. It would raise about \$300,000 a year and would cost a property valued for tax purposes at \$10,000 only \$3 a year.

Officials of the Stark County Tuberculosis and Health Assn. indicated to county commissioners Friday that the levy will have the full support of that organization when it goes before the voters in all sections of the county.

Decision to submit the levy to the voters is in line with recommendations of a 14-member study committee appointed earlier this year by trustees of the hospital. The committee, headed by William H. Belden, recommended the levy, continued use of facilities for TB and the chronically ill and construction of a new county home on the hospital site.

Because of other demands upon county funds, the county allocation to Molly Stark was cut \$50,000 this year and there are indications this may be cut further if the levy is not passed. The levy, if passed, would relieve the county general fund and permit full operation of the hospital.

Brings \$300,000 a Year

Molly Stark Levy To Decide Future Of Stark Program

10-30-60

Stark County voters will decide the future of the progress in the fight against tuberculosis and the care of the chronically ill when they vote Nov. 8 on the proposed three-tenths of a mill operating levy for Molly Stark Hospital.

Sponsors of the levy, the only countywide issue on the ballot, say the proposed levy marks the crossroads in the 30-year history of the TB hospital.

If passed, the money from the levy will be used to maintain the county's high standard of care for its TB patients and will permit the addition of facilities for the care of chronically ill persons.

If the levy fails to win support of a majority of the electorate, Molly Stark will be forced to cut back on its TB treatment program and it will be impossible to open up now-vacant beds for the care of the chronically ill.

Would Yield \$300,000 Per Year

The levy, if it is passed, will yield \$300,000 a year for a five-year period. It would cost property owners 30 cents for each \$1,000 of assessed property valuation.

Sponsors of the proposal point out that a curious situation exists with relation to contagious tuberculosis in the county. There are as many hospital admissions today for this cause as there were in 1950. The average stay in the hospital, however, has been drastically reduced because of the discovery of modern anti-TB drugs.

This means, they say, that the hospital is needed as much as it ever was but bed occupancy, because of the reduced time of stay, has been reduced materially. This has not reduced the over-all cost of operation because rising prices have more than made up for any savings.

Would Help General Hospital

Officials feel that the vacant beds could be put to excellent use by filling them with persons who are chronically ill and who, as welfare patients, now are occupying space in private general hospitals at a higher cost.

In addition to the higher cost of treating these chronically ill in private general hospitals, the patients are occupying beds which are needed for emergency, surgical and medical patients.

For these reasons, sponsors of the levy say, expansion of facilities for the chronically ill at Molly Stark would save money for wel-

fare costs and, at the same time, make needed bed space available in private hospitals. The hospital ward at the County Home and approximately 50 beds at Molly Stark already are being used for care of chronically ill and the demand is about four times the available supply.

Problems Began in 1956

Proponents of the levy point out that financial problems for Molly Stark began to build up in 1956 when a four-tenths of a mill operating levy expired.

Money from this levy was more than sufficient for operating needs because, under the law, it had to be supplemented from the county general fund. As a result, a surplus was built up and this money has been used since 1956 to help operate the hospital.

This year, however, the last of this surplus is being used and there is no place in other county funds where a transfer can be made to Molly Stark without cutting other vital services.

William H. Belden, chairman of the 16-member citizens committee which made an exhaustive study into the operation of Molly Stark, points out that the situation of a declining patient load, increasing daily costs and unused beds is not just a local problem. Many other counties are faced with the question of what to do with TB hospitals built in the 1930's to care for victims of the disease.

Built in 1930

Molly Stark was built in 1930 to care for 128 adult TB patients and 30 children. Mass X-ray screening by the Stark County Tuberculosis & Health Association, starting in 1946, resulted in the discovery of many new cases of the contagious disease. Two wings were added to care for these new patients just before "miracle drugs" reduced the length of stay per person.

In 1951 the average stay per patient was 517 days. By 1959, this was reduced to only 231 days. But the number of admissions in 1950 and 1959 was identical—142 tuberculosis patients.

The study committee headed by Mr. Belden was appointed early this year to investigate how per diem costs could be cut and how the now-vacant beds could be best put to use.

Committee Unanimous

This committee, representing all sections of the county and classes

of society, was unanimous in recommending that the three-tenths of a mill levy be presented to the voters Nov. 8. The group also made other recommendations to meet future health needs of the county.

The committee found that the 1961 cost of operating Molly Stark will be \$737,898, including the chronic disease wing. Of this total, \$631,396 will be needed to operate TB services and the first floor wing where 56 County Home patients are now housed. The balance is set aside for an enlarged chronic disease program.

The committee also found that five general hospitals in the county are operating far above recommended bed capacities. The percentage of occupancy ranged from 95.8 per cent in Alliance City Hospital to 101 per cent in Aultman Hospital. To provide for emergencies, authorities say a hospital

should be not more than 85 per cent full at any time.

Urges Approval of Tax

If all chronic disease patients were out of the general hospitals, the survey team found, bed occupancy would be below recommended levels and patients who now desire to enter hospitals could be taken in without waiting.

Speaking as a representative of taxpayers, D. L. Buchanan, executive secretary of the Stark County Tax League, said, "For just \$1.50 a year for the average homeowner, Stark County can meet the changing needs of the tuberculous and chronically ill. Obviously, the best way to preserve the progress made against TB is to continue the program which brought it about." He pointed out that Molly Stark represents a capital investment of \$12 million dollars and should be used to its maximum capacity.

Many county organizations have expressed support for the levy pro-

Care of TB, Aged Patients

Molly Stark Changes Outlined for County

6/23/59

Putman Says Hospital May Be 'Divided'

Combination Center
May Have Separate
Administrators, Too

County Prosecutor Norman J. Putman today outlined legal procedure which may be used to continue operation of Molly Stark Hospital as a combination TB treatment center and hospital for the care of the aged and chronically-ill in cooperation with the Stark County Home.

A legal opinion by the prosecutor was directed to the county commissioners and the board of directors of the hospital as a result of a request made last Wednesday at a meeting of interested officials in the light of the passage of a new state law relating to tuberculosis hospitals.

New Law Enacted

Basically, the new law provides that if a TB hospital is used for the care of the aged or for other cases of illness, the medical director of the hospital must be in complete charge. This would tend to upset the present arrangement under which the county commissioners contract with the hospital director for housing of the aged, but leaves the supervision under Walter J. Firestone as county home superintendent.

Prosecutor Putman, in his opinion, suggested that the present arrangement can be continued if these steps are taken:

1. Hospital trustees must declare that a certain portion of the physical plant is no longer needed for the care of TB patients and request the commissioners to close a portion of the buildings.

2. After the trustees adopt such a resolution, the commissioners would have to hold a public hearing within 90 days. At the hearing the commissioners could determine to close the recommended portion within one year.

3. The commissioners could authorize that the closed facilities be used for care of the aged, or as a general hospital, or as a combination of both, to start with the effective date of the closing.

Approximately 45 aged persons now are cared for at the hospital under the supervision of private physicians hired by the county. At the present time there are 78 TB patients under treatment in the hospital. If operated at capacity, 222 patients of all types could be cared for.

Mr. Putman also said in his opinion that the hospital could be closed completely by the hospital board and the commissioners and then reopened as a general hospital.

Opposes Hospital Closing

"I do not consider, however, it would be in the public interest, formally or technically, to declare that all of Molly Stark Hospital be closed as a TB hospital even though this would be merely a piece of paper work," the prosecutor said. "I do not recommend that such a procedure be followed."

He also recommended that the commissioners and the hospital board act promptly on the three suggested steps by July 15 which is the effective date of the new law.

Since the decline in the number of TB patients using the facilities of Molly Stark, a segregated section of the hospital has been used for the care of aged and chronically ill patients formerly cared for at the county home.

Molly Stark Costs Rank Near Lowest

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Operational costs are a major issue in the dispute over the state's abandonment of Molly Stark Hospital and three other facilities as State-subsidized tuberculosis treatment centers.

Here are 1966 costs per patient per day at the 12 hospitals designated as regional centers. The last four hospitals on the list were ordered abandoned Oct. 1 as state-aided facilities.

Benjamin Franklin (Columbus)	\$37.15
Dunham Hospital (Cincinnati)	\$30.48
Sunny Acres (Cleveland)	\$34.50
William Roache (Toledo)	\$26.11
Ottawa Valley (Lima)	\$18.25
Lowman Pavilion (Cleveland)	\$50.84
Ohio TB Hospital (Columbus)	35.63
Southeast Ohio TV Hospital (Nelsonville)	\$31.28
Molly Stark (Canton)	\$21.53
Edwin Shaw (Akron)	\$24.68
Mahoning Sanatorium (Youngstown)	\$26.63
Stillwater Sanatorium (Dayton)	18.17

Molly Stark Board eyes hikes in pay

1-22-77

NIMISHILLEN TWP. — In action this week, Molly Stark Hospital trustees tried to establish an orderly employee salary schedule and took action to install an emergency generator.

Trustees earlier established a committee to study the hospital's job situation, to review positions and establish salaries based "on the position and not the person." Increases will range from 2 to 8 per cent, officials said.

They said that action meant big raises for some, small hikes for others and medium pay boosts for most of the 163-person work force.

The generator will be built into the boiler room

and will provide up to 72 hours of emergency electricity to power such essential systems as the boilers, fire alarms, elevators and lights.

It will add \$19,100 to the cost of the boiler room which originally was to be built for \$185,900.

In other action, the board approved a new, 1-year contract for Dr. Lawrence Rossiter. His salary, trustees noted, will be either \$39,000 or \$42,000, depending on whether he continues to use the residence on the hospital's grounds.

End of 'Stonewall'

Confederate General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was killed at the Battle of Chancellorsville.