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## Doctor Urges More Interest In "Reactors"

"Let us visualize two pictures hanging on the wall side by side," said Dr. C. A. Wicks of Toronto.

"One picture shows 100 people grazing contentedly on a lush pasture in almost any part of our land. The caption under that picture reads, 'No tuberculous infection here'.

"The other picture shows 100 people of varying ages selected at random from almost any street in almost any city in our country. The caption under that picture reads, 'Twenty of these people harbor the tubercle bacillus'.

"Admittedly, it was necessary to control tuberculosis among cattle before we could expect control of this disease among human beings, but can

we honestly gaze upon those pictures and feel complacent about the present stage of tuberculosis control among human beings?"

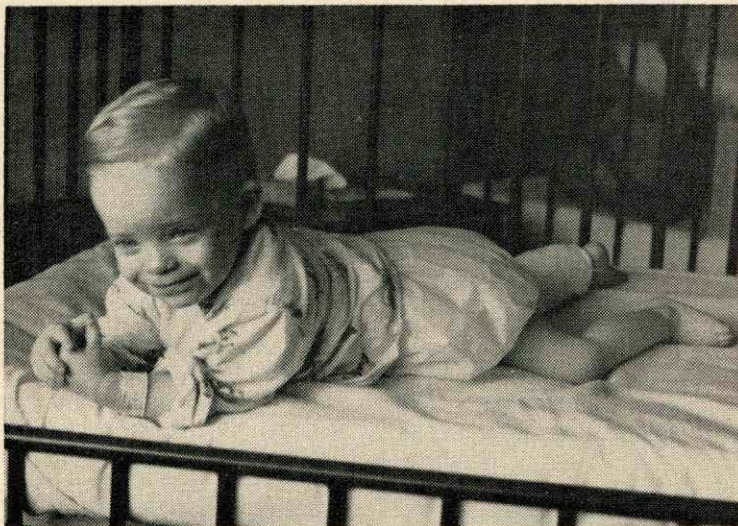
Dr. Wicks, superintendent of Toronto Hospital in West Toronto, posed this question in an article on tuberculosis control in a recent issue of the Canadian Journal of Public Health. In the article he stressed the close relationship between tuberculosis infection and active disease.

"Sooner or later in this country," he said, "we may develop the concept that a person infected with the tubercle bacilli has the disease tuberculosis at some stage, in some degree of activity or inactivity.

"In other words, the difference between the positive tuberculin reactor with only a small nodule visible in the chest x-ray film and the positive reactor with progressive tuberculosis of the lung is only the extent and activity of the tuberculosis process."

Dr. Wicks said that if the public could appreciate this fact, persons who have already been infected with the TB germ might be more impressed and willing to have a chest x-ray when they discover they

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OUR CHRISTMAS SEAL BABY — This child has tuberculosis. He is one of FIVE SCORE CHILDREN who are now being treated for this dangerous, infectious disease in our Manitoba sanatoria . . . one of more than 400 patients, of all ages and occupations, who must spend long months in a hospital bed. Christmas Seal contributions held the fight against tuberculosis by providing a year-round, province-wide program of tuberculosis prevention.

## SEAL SALE OPENS

### TB — A Continuing Challenge

Anyone, at any age, can get tuberculosis. Ask any sanatorium physician and he will show you ward after ward filled with elderly men and women, housewives, teenagers — people of all ages, all income brackets, all occupations and all races.

At our Manitoba Sanatorium in Ninette, the doctors and nurses will show you an entire building devoted exclusively to the treatment of some 60 or 70 children — all under the age of 15, and most of them under the age of 10.

These are the facts the Sanatorium Board stresses to the people of Manitoba as this month we embark on our annual Christmas Seal Campaign to raise funds for the prevention of tuberculosis.

*Tuberculosis is still a serious threat to every household in Manitoba.* Indeed last year we witnessed a 20 percent increase in the number of new cases. There were 283 new active cases found in the province in 1962—which works out to more than two people admitted to sanatorium every working day.

But the number of TB patients and new cases is not the

whole story. The key to how long it will take to control tuberculosis lies in the fact that there are some millions of Canadians who have been infected with the tubercle bacillus. Here in Manitoba tuberculin surveys show that 20 percent of the population are harboring the tuberculosis germ for a lifetime. It is these 200,000 people who will contribute most of the province's future cases of tuberculosis and will be responsible for spreading infection to others if their disease is not discovered in time.

There are also many hundreds of Manitobans who at some time have been treated for tuberculosis. Although they are now well and safe to mingle with, they too could again become infectious if adequate follow-up and rehabilitation services are not provided.

It is to help pay for a year-round program of tuberculosis prevention that people are asked each year to buy Christmas Seals.

Help us to continue this life-saving work. Buy TB Christmas Seals and use them on all your holiday mail.

## Noted Finnish Surgeon To Address Symposium

Dr. Kauko Vainio, internationally known orthopedic surgeon from Heinola, Finland, will be a guest lecturer at the fourth annual Manitoba Symposium on Rehabilitation and Orthopedic Disabilities to be held in Winnipeg on December 13 and 14.

The symposium, which will also have five other distinguished speakers from various parts of the United States, is one of the province's outstanding medical events. Last year 132 doctors from all parts of the country and the Northwestern United States, attended the sessions, as well as some 150 other medical personnel from the province.

The symposium is arranged by the Orthopedic Section of the Manitoba Medical Association, and is sponsored by the Sanatorium Board of Manitoba, the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society (Manitoba Branch), the Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Manitoba and the Workmen's Compensation Board.

With Dr. Charles Hollenberg as program chairman, it will consist of morning lecture sessions in the auditorium of the University of Manitoba Medical College and afternoon clinical sessions in the Manitoba Rehabilitation Hospital auditorium.

The subject of Dr. Vainio's lecture will be "Surgery in

Arthritis". A n orthopedic surgeon, who specializes in the treatment of rheumatic and arthritic disabilities at the large Rheumatism Foundation Hospital in Heinola, Dr. Vainio is known throughout the world for his work in this field and is a speaker much in demand.

Other speakers taking part in the sessions are Dr. Ernest E. Aegerter, director of pathology at Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, who will give a paper entitled, "Some Controversial Aspects in Certain Bone Tumors"; Dr. Currier McEwen, professor of medicine at New York University School of Medicine, whose topic is "Arthritis"; Dr. Preston Wade of New York, who has done a great deal of research in automobile crash injuries; Dr. Lewis P. Rowland, assistant professor of neurology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, who will lecture on "Muscular Dystrophy and Related Diseases"; and Dr. Cameron B. Hall of Los Angeles, who will speak on "Congenital Amputations."

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## Harold T. Decatur

The Sanatorium Board of Manitoba records with deep sorrow the death on November 11 of Harold Thomas (Dick) Decatur, an elected member of our Board since 1949. Mr. Decatur was a representative of the Associated Canadian Travellers (Winnipeg Club) on the Board, and he will long be remembered for his sympathetic, generous heart, his good counsel and his enthusiastic support of all our work.



A former president of the Winnipeg Associated Canadian Travellers and Dominion president from 1934 to 1936, Mr. Decatur had been instrumental in getting his club interested in the Sanatorium Board's tuberculosis preventive program and was a most energetic organizer of many fund-raising activities. In 1944 he helped to start the 200-man organization selling "health bonds" for the Christmas Seal crusade, and in the years following he was a great force behind such A.C.T. projects as the sale of Lucky Star Homes at the Red River Exhibitions and the Search for Talent radio broadcasts, which attracted a wide audience throughout the province and did much for the anti-tuberculosis campaign in Manitoba.

A retired insurance salesman, Mr. Decatur was born in Toronto and came to Winnipeg as a boy in 1903. During World War I he served overseas with the Canadian Army Service Corps. Following his return to Canada in 1919 he started work as a travelling salesman for Cudahay Packing Company and later, the California Dried Fruit Company in Toronto. In 1925 he began selling insurance for the Dominion of Canada Insurance Company, and when he retired several years ago he was the Western Manager of the Life Division of that company.

Mr. Decatur was a charter member of the Associated Canadian Travellers for some 33 years. He was also a member of the Prince Rupert Lodge AF and AM No. 1, the Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, Khartum Temple of the Shrine, the Royal Order of the Blue Goose and the Canukeena Club, and was president of the Shrine Oriental Band.

## Increasing Number of Drug-Resistant Patients Concerns Sanatorium Doctor

All tuberculosis patients should spend a long enough period of time in sanatorium where they can learn proper rest procedures and the taking of drugs, Dr. A. L. Paine, medical superintendent of Manitoba Sanatorium, told the annual meeting of the Manitoba Medical Association in Winnipeg on October 24.

This not only helps to prevent reactivation of disease — which happens so often to patients who leave hospital too soon — but may also avert the emergence of more drug-resistant strains of tubercle bacilli, which are becoming an increasing worry to sanatorium physicians.

About 20% of the present sanatorium population have tubercle bacilli resistant to one or more of the three major drugs used to treat tubercu-

osis, Dr. Paine said. Of these, two percent are patients who have entered sanatorium, primarily infected with drug resistant strains of tubercle bacilli.

These people have been infected with drug resistant bacilli by other patients who have had drugs and have either left sanatorium too soon against medical advice, or after a period of good health have reactivated.

It makes good sense to keep to a proper regimen of drugs and rest in sanatorium for a long enough time . . . and to continue this routine at home under the physician's supervision. Otherwise the result is almost always a return to hospital for a much longer stay — and the spreading of drug resistant tuberculosis to others.

## 80% OF SELKIRK TESTED

## Board Winds Up '63 Surveys

The Central Tuberculosis Clinic's Preventive Services Department has been a hive of activity this past month as testing teams made preparations for another five tuberculosis surveys before winding up the year's activities.

While one team concluded a tuberculin and x-ray survey of the whole town of Selkirk and made preparations for a "push" through Thompson, Churchill and Eskimo Point, a second team made hasty arrangements to give free chest x-rays to Winnipeg residents as an opening to the 1963 Christmas Seal Campaign. On November 18 this team will then move onto the campus of the University of Manitoba.

### 6,395 Receive Tests

Nearly 5,000 people in Selkirk lined up for free tuberculin skin tests during a survey conducted from October 21 to November 5. Another 662 residents, who had been positive to the tuberculin test in the previous surveys, came out for chest x-rays only. Also, 787 employees were examined at the Selkirk Rolling Mills and Booth Fisheries during a survey in late September.

These surveys (which also included school children) were organized because an increasing number of tuberculosis cases have been reported in the area during the past year. Ten new active cases have been found so far this year, as compared with four in 1962, and 19 Selkirk residents are now undergoing treatment for tuberculosis.

Steve Oliver, former mayor of Selkirk, was the hard-working chairman of the campaign and Hugh Gordon, town clerk, was survey secretary.

Due to the outstanding efforts of Mrs. Lillian McKeag,

chairman of the Registration Committee, a complete house-to-house canvass of the town was carried out to sign up residents for the tests. Assisting with the canvass were some 155 registrars from 36 church and service groups.

Convenors of the various other committees who deserve our heartfelt thanks were: Receptionists, Mrs. Van Blair-com and Miss Helen Thomas of the St. John Ambulance Nursing Division; Appointments, Barry Wherrett of the Selkirk Kiwanis Club; Follow-up, Mrs. Don Gilbert, Selkirk Kinettes; Publicity, Gordon Meger, Chamber of Commerce.

### Northerly Surveys

To conclude the Sanatorium Board's 1963 preventive program in Northern Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, testing teams moved into Thompson on October 31 to hold an eight-day tuberculin and x-ray survey. On November 13 the team arrived at Churchill to conduct chest examinations of the general public, school children, Treaty Indians and Eskimos and airline employees.

Following the Churchill survey, Alex Roh of the Surveys Offices flew 165 miles north of Churchill to x-ray residents of Eskimo Point. This is the second x-ray survey of the tiny settlement since an outbreak of tuberculosis early this year caused the admission to sanatorium of 55 percent of the entire population.

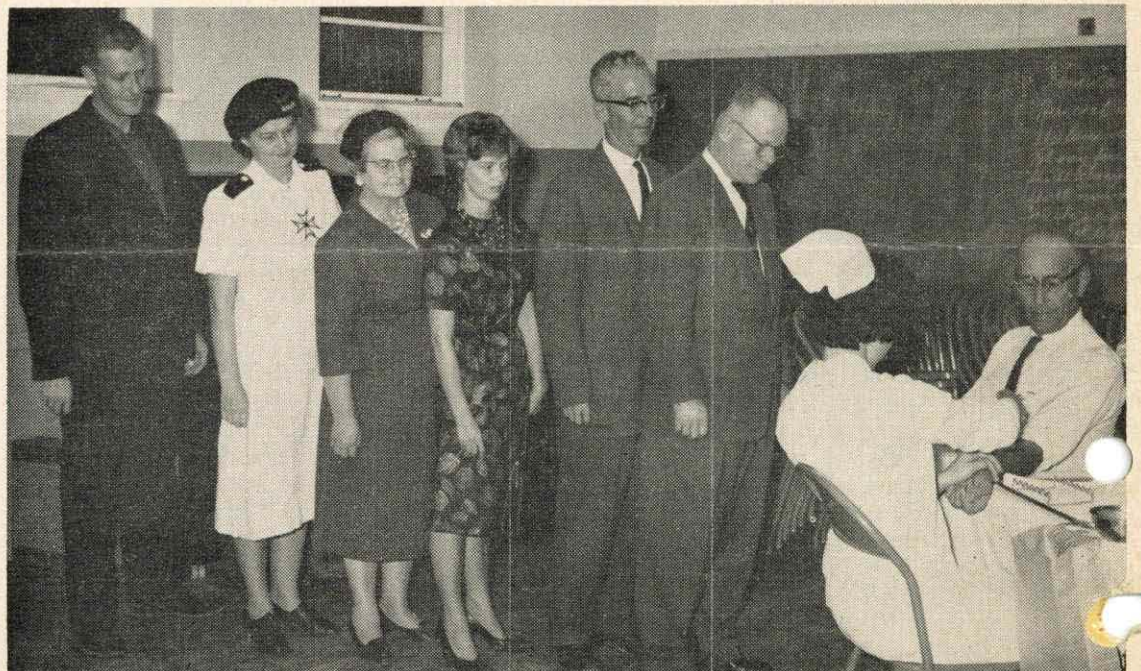
## M.R.H. Starts Rehabilitation Nursing Course

The first formal course in Rehabilitation Nursing for graduate nurses began at the Manitoba Rehabilitation Hospital on October 8 and will continue until December 19.

Not only is this the first post-graduate course in Rehabilitation Nursing to be offered at the Manitoba Rehabilitation Hospital, but it is also the first in the province and, we believe, in Canada.

As we go to press, the course is in full swing. It covers every aspect of the medical rehabilitation of the physically handicapped, chronically sick and convalescent persons, and includes observation of the specialized services offered by physiotherapists, remedial occupational therapists, speech therapists and the directors of the Biomechanics Laboratory and the Prosthetic and Orthotic Research and Development Unit at the Manitoba Rehabilitation Hospital, as well as the services offered by the electromyography department, the social service and dietary departments and the research laboratories.

Heading the list of specialist speakers are the rehabilitation hospital's chief of medical services, the assistant chief of medical services, and the consultant medical, surgical, orthopedic and neurological specialists; the resident medical staff of the hospital, the heads of the various departments, and the personnel of the University of Manitoba's School of Medical Rehabilitation.



At the opening of the TB survey in Selkirk on October 31 Mayor Ben Massey was the first in the line-up to receive a free tuberculin skin test. Also shown are the various chairmen who helped make the survey a success (about 80% of the town was covered): Left to right: Barry Wherrett, appointment committee; Miss Helen Thomas, reception committee; Mrs. Lillian McKeag, family registration; Mrs. Don Gilbert, follow-up committee; and Steve Oliver, general chairman for the whole survey. (Photo by Howard Robinson.)



## Bill Stewart Honored



William Barr Stewart (centre), who last month retired from his post as purchasing agent at Manitoba Sanatorium, is pictured with his wife, Elsie, and Medical Superintendent Dr. A. L. Paine, at a tea held in his honor on October 30. (Photo by Bill Amos.)

William Barr Stewart, chief purchasing agent at Manitoba Sanatorium, has retired from his post after 35 years of outstanding service.

A special tea in honor of Mr. Stewart and his wife, Elsie, was held October 30 in the sanatorium's assembly hall. Around 100 staff members turned out to wish the couple well and to present Mr. Stewart with a fine gold watch.

A former patient at Ninette, Mr. Stewart joined the sanatorium's business staff as a clerk on October 1, 1928. He was later appointed sanatorium steward and finally to his post as purchasing agent.

He was born in Cobden, Ontario, and educated at Renfrew. During the First World War he served overseas with the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry. Sent home from France with tuberculosis,

he spent the next dozen or so years "chasing the cure" in both Ontario and Manitoba.

In 1938 Mr. Stewart was married to the former Elsie Leech, who had been a member of the sanatorium nursing staff for some 10 years. After her marriage Mrs. Stewart retired from nursing until a few years ago when she rejoined the staff as a part-time nurse.

Both she and her husband love to travel, and at present they are vacationing in Victoria. In a few months they will return to their home in Ninette, where everyone heartily wishes them many more years of continued health and happiness.

## TUBERCULIN REACTORS

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are positive to the tuberculin. And it is more likely that they would seek chest examinations annually thereafter.

For, unless these positive reactors do have examinations regularly to exclude progressive tuberculosis, a certain percentage of them will most certainly be responsible for future outbreaks of tuberculosis," he said. "We have already experienced such situations where, for example, a school teacher with open pulmonary tuberculosis may be the source of a 'localized' epidemic of tuberculosis in the school and in the community."

"Such episodes may occur frequently . . . as our general tuberculosis incidence declines. We have seen that epidemics of smallpox can occur in a world which we thought was thoroughly insured regarding that preventable disease. He the similarity ends. Within a period of approximately two weeks a person in contact with smallpox either does or does not develop the disease. If he does not develop smallpox within

that period, he will not succumb at a later date unless he again comes in contact with the disease and fails to be vaccinated in the meantime.

"In contrast, a person infected with tubercle bacilli as a contact may be found a year or more later to have progressive tuberculosis, even though no x-ray evidence of disease was present for several months after the contact. In other words, smallpox contacts must be observed for approximately two weeks, whereas tuberculosis contacts who become tuberculin reactors must be followed for many years and possibly for the remainder of their lives."

Dr. Wicks said that greater interest should be aroused in using the number of tuberculin reactors per 100,000 persons in the various age groups of the population as a measurement of the prevalence of tuberculosis.

"If, ultimately, the tuberculin reaction is to be our assessment of the degree of tuberculosis control or eradication, why not now?"

## Seal Sale Owes Start To A Danish Postman

The entry of the 1963 Christmas Seals into the Canadian mails this month marks the 56th year that these colorful stamps have been sold in Canada for the fight against tuberculosis. In some other parts of the world, however, this unique, fund-raising scheme is a little older.

The idea of the Christmas Seal originated with a big, good-natured Danish postman, Einar Holboell, who back during the Christmas of 1903 devised the scheme of selling special holiday stamps to help sick children. He had been working late one night, handling Christmas greetings and parcels from all over the world, and it struck him that the people who sent them were feeling especially full of good will.

As he moved about among the mail bags he passed a window and looked out. What he saw filled his heart with pity. Two ragged little children, their faces and hands blue with cold, were scurrying through the storm. Long after they disappeared the picture of the children stayed with the postman. As he continued to sort the mail he thought of the contrast between the goodwill and friendliness of the cards and parcels and their sad, pinched faces.

Suddenly he had an idea. If every letter and parcel carried extra stamps, in addition to the postage, and the money from such stamps were used for the cure of tuberculous children, it would help a lot.

Holboell presented his idea the next day to the postal authorities. They were enthusiastic and in turn submitted the plan to King Christian of Denmark, who not only gave it his hearty approval but suggested that the first stamp bear the picture of Queen Louise.

So it was that in the year 1904 the first Christmas Seals were launched for the first time anywhere. Two million sheets of seals were printed and sold through the post offices in Denmark for about one cent each.

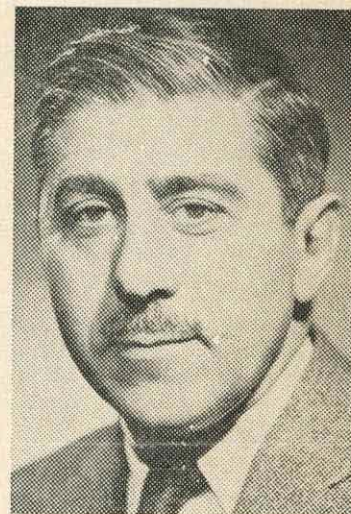
Since then the Danes have never given up this annual Christmas Seal Campaign, not even during World War II when their country was occupied. The Danes have also been in the forefront of progress against tuberculosis. No other country has had the lowest TB death rate as often as Denmark. Their clinics are a pattern for other countries and their teams of medical men have done outstanding work internationally.

The Danish people are justly proud of this contribution to the fight against disease all over the world and in the book on famous Danes which is compiled for the use of their embassies abroad a whole page is devoted to the famous postman, Einar Holboell.

Holboell's idea of a Christmas Seal has spread through the world like wildfire. Sweden and Norway lost no time in organizing their first campaign, and in 1907 the first Christmas Seals went on sale in the United States. A year later two Canadian cities—Toronto and Hamilton—launched a Christmas Seal Sale, and in the following years many other Canadian centres joined in. Finally in 1927 the Seal Sale became a national undertaking under the Canadian Tuberculosis Association and the funds raised were used locally by the provincial branches for a program of tuberculosis prevention.

Altogether some 70 countries have adopted Holboell's idea of the Christmas Seal. In some countries where Christianity is not the religion of the majority of the people they do not label their campaign "Christmas" and their seals have designs quite different from those used in North America. India, for example, opens its annual campaign on Ghandi's birthday, October 2, and closes it on January 26. Other Eastern countries, such as Korea and Japan, conduct their campaigns at festive periods which come at about the same time as Christmas.

## Seal Designer



Martin Regenstreif of Montreal is the artist who designed this year's tuberculosis Christmas Seals. The theme is a circus train of amusing floats showing some of the most popular of fairy tale characters. Children standing gazing at their favorites are symbolic of the millions of children today who are threatened by this dangerous, infectious disease.

Mr. Regenstreif has been art director in the Creative Division of Rolph-Clark-Stone-Benallack in Montreal for the past seven years. A native of Roumania, he came to Montreal as a child and studied art at the School of Fine Arts in Montreal and the Art Students' League in New York.

He is married and has three children — which is the background which makes a man think of the Santa Claus Parade as a prelude to Christmas.

## Rehabilitation Saves Money

Rehabilitation of the disabled is paying rich dividends in Canada, says Ellis Lageer, Ontario regional director for the Unemployment Service Commission.

A study of 6,308 seriously disabled persons restored to vocational usefulness, he said, showed that this group and their 4,735 dependents had been costing annually \$4 million each year.

These same disabled Canadians are now earning over \$11 million each year.

In Saskatchewan, a similar report by the provincial co-ordinator of rehabilitation showed that through rehabilitation services in this province 123 disabled persons with 79 dependents — who had formerly cost taxpayers more than \$99,000 annually — now are earning over \$197,000, and are themselves potential taxpayers.

## CHRISTMAS SEALS Parade TO FIGHT TB



BUY and USE CHRISTMAS SEALS



## AROUND OUR INSTITUTIONS

## Hallowe'en Festivities

*A pumpkin-coloured moon above  
the trees;  
A lane of light across the  
lake below,  
Where not a ripple marred its  
face serene;  
Upon the grass some gems of  
frost appeared  
As Night her robe cast o'er the  
sun's warm glow  
And dealt the summer's blooms  
a final blow.*

*Thus did October's splendour  
pass away  
With undisturbed and frigid  
dignity,  
As rose the yellow moon,  
inscrutable.*

*How different the scene,  
in sight and sound,  
Where staff and patients,  
friend and visitor,  
Ignored the moon, performed  
outlandish rites  
Of mimicry before the  
pumpkin heads  
That gleamed with ghoulish glee  
across the floor  
On masquer's male and female  
(less or more).*

*The Indian brave was there,  
war-paint and bow  
Complete, and dutiful squaw  
attending him;  
Also a six-foot dame whose  
flounces flounced  
Beneath his feet (no, hers!)  
and had to be  
Held like a falcon on the  
"shapely" wrist  
Of her (no, him!) who wore  
them. Bunny forms  
Were there, and bridal group,  
and mandarin  
Who never read the  
safety-razor ads;  
Grey-clad policeman, visage  
grey and grim;  
And many more in  
vari-coloured trim.*

This little poem, written on a frosty November 1 morning, was part of the Rev. Thomas A. Payne's salute to the 1963 Hallowe'en festivities at Manitoba Sanatorium. Mr. Payne, of Ninette United Church, was a guest at this annual event. Also there were three disguised visitors from Winnipeg (Misses Sadie Ross and Margaret Busch and Pat Holting).

Nearly all of the staff and many patients attended the party, which began with a grand procession through the infirmary (for the benefit of patients who couldn't attend),

and wound up with dances (tribal and otherwise), contests and luncheon in the assembly hall, which was gaily decorated for the occasion with cutouts, lighted pumpkins and streamers. Medical Superintendent Dr. A. L. Paine was master of ceremonies and awarded prizes for the best costumes.

Among those who enjoyed the affair hugely were several dozen Eskimo and Indian tots who, painstakingly dressed by staff members in a wonderful assortment of costumes and masks, sat on the sidelines, happily munching candies and apples and applauding the antics of the grown-ups. For many it was their first Hallowe'en . . . and few went to bed that night without clutching at least part of their costume to their wee bosoms.

## M.R.H. Patients Celebrate

Meanwhile in Winnipeg, a group of patients at the Manitoba Rehabilitation Hospital organized their own Allhallow's frolic. It was a gay little private affair and the staff lounge was suitably decorated with cutouts of witches and other weird creatures on a blackdrop, and with an enormous, glowing pumpkin on a table of dainties.

Some 35 guests turned out in a grand variety of costumes which, for the most part, they had made themselves or with the assistance of the Occupational Therapy Department. Some of the patients appeared in weird costumes which could be recognized as imitations of staff uniforms, while some of the invited staff members came dressed as "patients".

Among those who organized the party and the games were the following patients: Henry Enns, Miss Heidi Behrens, Miss Eleanor Shier, Lazo Kecskes, Miss Clara Blacksmith, Miss Valerie Wright, Glen Keating and Miss Bernice Lindal.



These winsome bunnies were among the some 60 young patients who took part in Hallowe'en festivities at Ninette. The children enjoyed two parties — one in the afternoon arranged by the nursing and teaching staff, and another with the older patients in the evening.



CHRISTMAS SEAL PRINCESS — Pretty, 18-year-old Dianne Comstock, a grade 12 student at Miles MacDonnell Collegiate, was chosen Christmas Seal Princess during a blitz operation at the Sanatorium Board's head offices on October 22. Dianne and her two escorts, Valerie Hughes, left, and Lorrie Gray were three of some 20 teenagers and youngsters who helped get the 1963 Seal Sale letters ready for mailing this month.

## New Personnel

New additions to our staff at the Manitoba Rehabilitation Hospital during the past month are Mrs. Linda Houston, secretary to the Sanatorium Board's executive director, Mrs. Margaret Klaasen, clerk-stenographer in the medical records department, and Mrs. Wilma Grant, invoice clerk in the business offices.

Tikiri Banda Ratnayake, a graduate of the School of Physiotherapy at Malivadeva College, Ceylon, has joined the rehabilitation hospital's physiotherapy staff, and the newest member of the social service department is Mrs. Beverley Keddle, a graduate of the University of Manitoba School of Social Work, who has spent the past year as a social worker in New Zealand.

To the M.R.H. nursing staff we welcome Miss Johanna Waldron and Miss Patricia May Peters, who have transferred to Winnipeg from Manitoba Sanatorium. Both Miss Waldron and Miss Peters came to Canada from England during the past summer.

At our Manitoba Sanatorium, Ninette, Mrs. Maria Mathioudaki is a recent addition to the nursing staff. Miss Mathioudaki, who came to Canada this year, was born in Greece and is a graduate of the Greek Red Cross Nursing School.

The new member of Ninette's teaching staff is Mrs. Edna Pearl Thiessen, a graduate of Brandon College who formerly taught in rural Manitoba.

Assiniboine Hospital in Brandon now has four full-time physiotherapists with the

arrival of Miss Olga Venter, of Pictoria, South Africa. She has spent the past six months in Switzerland, and prior to that worked in London, England, and Northern Rhodesia.

## Staff Begins Curling, Bowling Competitions

With the approach of winter curling is once again coming to the forefront of staff activities. At Assiniboine Hospital this month staff members and their families have organized a curling club, consisting of 12 teams. The first sports club Assiniboine Hospital has had in recent years, the 40 curlers now compete once weekly at the Brandon Country Club Curling Rink.

In Winnipeg the Manitoba Rehabilitation Hospital Curling Club also got off to a fine start and four teams, made up of staff members and relatives, are now curling every Saturday morning at the Grain Exchange Curling Club. Skips this year are Ken Rowsell, Roger Butterfield, Jim Zayshley and Eddie Dubinsky.

The rehabilitation hospital's bowling teams started their season on September 12 and last month completed their first quarter, with the Doo-Littles, captained by Morley Reider (of the Society for Crippled Children and Adults) finishing on top.

Eight teams, composed of rehabilitation hospital staff members and the employees of the Crippled Children and Adults Society, meet once a week at the Winnipeg Bowl-Arena.

## Bulletin Board

Two Sanatorium hospitals were hosts recently to two medical society meetings. On November 6 the Brandon and District Medical Society met at Manitoba Sanatorium, Ninette. The program included a paper on oesophageal conditions by Dr. James McGoe of Winnipeg, a talk on tuberculosis by Medical Superintendent Dr. A. L. Paine, and a tour of the sanatorium and a film for the wives of the 35 attending doctors.

The North of 53 Medical Society held a meeting at our Clearwater Lake Hospital on November 15. Dr. S. L. Carey, chief of medical services of the hospital and president of the society, presented an analysis of a tuberculosis outbreak at Eskimo Point this year. Also attending the meeting were Dr. E. L. Ross, medical director of the Sanatorium Board, and Dr. L. H. Truelove, chief of medical services of the Manitoba Rehabilitation Hospital, who gave a talk on rheumatoid arthritis.

A visitor early this month to our Assiniboine and Manitoba Rehabilitation Hospitals was Dr. Ferguson Anderson, OBE, MD, FRCP, a member of Glasgow University and adviser in geriatrics to the West of Scotland Hospital Regional Board. Dr. Anderson is in Manitoba to advise and consult about the care of elderly people.

The Sanatorium Board was saddened to learn of the death recently of Miss Isabel Maitland Stewart, sister to the late Dr. D. A. Stewart, first medical superintendent of Manitoba Sanatorium. A graduate of the Winnipeg General Hospital School of Nursing in 1900, Miss Stewart was described as one of the world's finest nurses. She was formerly professor emerita of nursing education at Teachers' College, Columbia University, having served as head of the department for many years.

Our very best wishes to the former Elke Weitkowitz, stenographer in the Sanatorium Board's head offices, who on October 19, became the bride of Walde-mar Epp of Winnipeg.