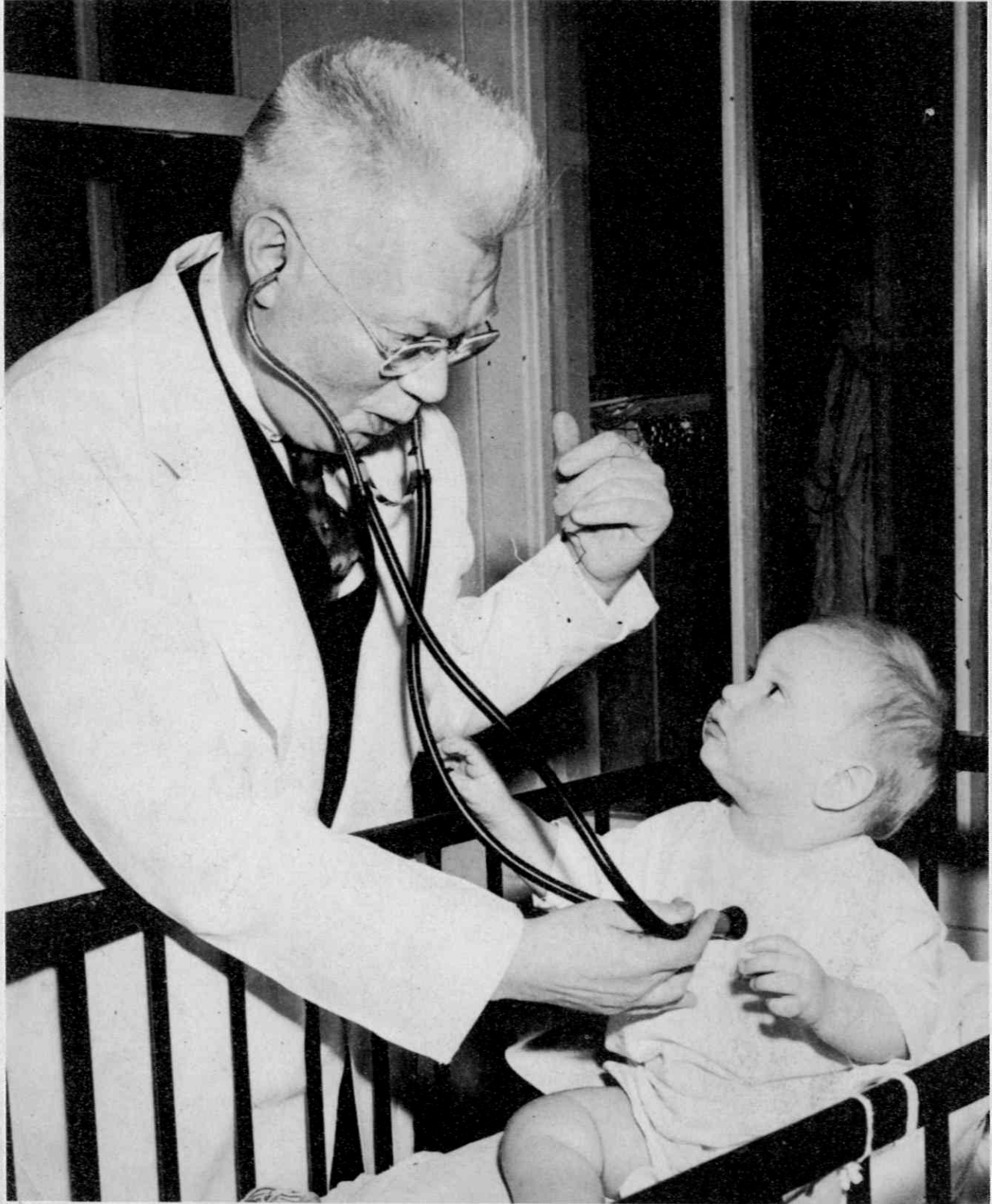


MEMORIAL ISSUE

TOOMEYVILLE JR. GAZETTE



John A. Toomey, M.D.

DR. TOOMEY

by "Miss Kaye"

(Miss Mary Krasovitz, who
was his secretary from
1927 to 1950)

"Toomey Pavilion" named after a man called John Augustus Toomey, who was born on May 25, 1889. You see his portrait on the wall and say, "That is Dr. Toomey." "But what was he like?" "What kind of person was he?" It is difficult to portray in words a man's character, to make him pulsate, and become a living character to those who never knew him.

Dr. Toomey was born in an area of Cleveland called Newburgh. His father was Irish and his mother English. He was the eldest of a large family of humble circumstance. He had a great thirst for education, and worked hard to obtain it. He did many things in his youth such as working in the steel mills, reporting for a newspaper, teaching foreigners English at night, and, among others, door-to-door canvassing. After graduating from John Carroll University in 1910 with an A.B. degree he went to Cleveland Law School, and graduated in 1913. He practiced law for one year and then decided to study medicine. Six years later (1919) he obtained his degree of Doctor of Medicine from Western Reserve University Medical School. In 1949, he received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from John Carroll University.

His first association at City Hospital was not as a physician. He started there in its storeroom during the time he was going to medical school. After graduation from medical school, he began his internship at City Hospital in 1919, followed by his resident training. At one time he was its medical superintendent and acting administrative superintendent. In 1922 he became the first full time director of the Contagious Disease Hospital.

Dr. Toomey was not only a man of great intellect, but of great courage as well. He was an individualist and, in a sense, a pioneer. He at one time stood alone in the world of medicine because of his concept that poliomyelitis spread through the gastrointestinal tract and because he believed that patients ill with this disease should be treated early and not immobilized in casts. Since these were not the accepted orthodox beliefs of this era, he, at one time was denied admittance to some honorary medical societies, but he never wavered, and gradually these ideas were accepted and his plan of treatment followed. In 1947 he became president-elect of the American Academy of Pediatrics and served as its President the following year.

He was a man who appreciated unendingly the loyalty of those who served him. He was a staunch and loyal friend and a worthy opponent. He was adviser to many of the hospital's staff. Many often came to him for legal or other advice. He understood the frailties of human beings and helped those in trouble. He could severely reprimand one who had not performed his duty properly, but he forgave and forgot.

DEDICATION

Statues are not built for great doctors. We doubt if they would want it so. But, respectfully, and in sincere appreciation for all he did in the establishment of Cleveland Respiratory Center now named for him Toomey Pavilion, we dedicate this issue of the TOOMEYVILLE JUNIOR GAZETTE to his memory. Some of those who knew him best have written of him, and we believe through their words you will recapture the spirit of his greatness as a doctor, and as a man.

DR. JOHN A. TOOMEY

By Robert M. Eiben, M.D.

Dr. Toomey was my teacher, my chief, and my friend. It might appear to be disrespectful for a young man to consider his superior his friend, but friendship is the acceptance of another as an equal and a confidant. A friend does not only do things for one, but guides and does not spare constructive criticism or praise when either is merited.

Dr. Toomey was an outstanding teacher. He was a scientist, a humanitarian, a bit of a philosopher and a dispenser of justice. He demanded clarity and precision in presentation, thoroughness in examination and completeness in the evaluation of a problem. Above and beyond the clinical exactness of his instruction, he impressed me with his insistence that every bit of information be assembled to arrive at a final conclusion and to utilize the information in the subsequent carrying out of the remedial procedure. I was particularly impressed by his insistence that if one discovered something that did not fit into the picture of the situation under study that the item not be discarded as error until clearly proven to be so. In difficult medical problems and for all that matters in everyday occurrences the small observation that does not fit into the picture of the situation under study turns out to be the key that opens the door to understanding. As a teacher he was quick, witty, demanding, entertaining and inspiring.

One's first impression of him was that he was stern and unapproachable. Indeed, one of students once said, "The first time I met Dr. Toomey I wanted to bolt and run, but after I knew him I loved, admired, and respected him." "He was a real friend." He had a keen sense of humor, which balanced a little the serious problems of life with which he dealt constantly.

He was always eager to advise and to guide his students. He was an excellent teacher, a clinician and researcher. He was a distinguished looking man of tall stature, and crew cut white hair, (red in youth), and when walking down the corridors of Toomeyville in the long white isolation gown that he often wore, he made an impressive figure, one that gave confidence and hope to the sick. He took little time for recreation. His hobby was work, and practically every moment of his time was given to his dedicated profession.

He was like a "rock of Gibraltar" to many, and when his health began to fail those who worked with him realized that this stalwart of a man would soon finish his work on earth. In the commencement address, "The Metamorphosis of a Physician" to the Class of 1942 Western Reserve University School of Medicine, he said, "Those who have heeded well, will be received with joy in that portion of the Elysian field reserved for Reserve's great." I like to think that Dr. Toomey joined them.

DR. JOHN A TOOMEY; AN APPRECIATION

by Father Joseph Toth

"Dr. Toomey was one of the most sincere and gifted doctors we have ever had in Cleveland." This was the beautiful tribute tendered to his memory by Dr. Herbert B. Wright, then President of the Academy of Medicine.

Dr. John A. Toomey was born in the old Newburgh section of Cleveland, May 25, 1889. He died on the scene of his labors, on Div. 27, on January 1, 1950.

He attended Holy Name parochial school. Graduated from John Carroll University in 1910. There he received his master's degree in 1912. From Cleveland Law School he received his bachelor of Law degree in 1913. Then he turned his attention to medicine. While studying medicine he was in charge of City Hospital's store room. In this way he could both support himself and pursue his studies. He was graduated from the school of medicine of W.R.U. in 1919. He interned at City Hospital 1919-1920. In 1922 he became the head of the Contagious Division of City Hospital and advanced from demonstrator to full professor at W.R.U.

Dr. Toomey was head of City Hospital's Contagious Division and professor of clinical pediatrics and contagious diseases at W.R.U. It was in the field of contagious diseases, later of poliomyelitis, that his reputation was made. In the twenties, thirties, and I think, in the early forties, there were seasons when all our contagious divisions were filled, i.e., divisions 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, respectively; sometimes divisions 28 (diphtheria) and 29 (scarlet fever) were filled to overflowing as these diseases ran rampant. As diphtheria and scarlet fever were being conquered and receded, infantile paralysis came more and more to the forefront. In the front ranks of the fray against these diseases was our own Dr. Toomey.

Dr. Toomey's work in pediatrics brought him the presidency of the American Academy of Pediatrics in 1948. His more than 220 contributions to medical literature won him the esteem of his medical colleagues the world over. Many of these writings describe important original research on the polio virus - its nature, the methods of its transmission, the methods of treatment, the rehabilitation of polio victims, etc. He describes his researches on monkeys and rodents. At one time he stood alone in the world of medicine, insisting on the concept that infantile paralysis is transmitted thru the gastrointestinal tract, not thru the respiratory tract as commonly thought. Because of this conviction and advocacy, some medical societies denied him admission to their ranks at that time. But, in the end, his idea prevailed. He was an intense student of all medical literature. In fact, in order that he might have access to the rich medical literature of Germany and give his students the benefit thereof, he studied German privately, tho he had never taken a course of German at school.

Among the medical organizations to which Dr. Toomey belonged were: the Ohio Academy of Science, the American Pediatrics Society, the American Medical Association, the Ohio State Medical Association, the Society of American Bacteriologists, and the Cleveland Medical Library Association. He was also a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The well spring of Dr. Toomey's activities is well illustrated, I think, by an incident related in his book "A Surgeon Reflects", by Dr. James Nix. Dr. Nix tells how he remonstrated with Fr. Salters, the Jesuit Provincial, for working his priests too hard. They were all specialists in their own department; their education had been costly; in some cases they were irreplaceable. More leisure would add years to their life span and prolong their activity. The intensive drive of their work might, perhaps, even shorten their lives. Fr. Salters listened respectfully. "That's one way of looking at things, Doc," he answered. "But there is another way. When you're on the firing line you must keep on fighting. That's what you're there for." Dr. Nix continues: "One man, measures his years by the calender. Another, by the efforts he makes to glorify God and help his neighbor. I know now that Fr. Salters was right." Dr. Toomey was a soldier in the forefront of the battle against disease. Lives, hearts, the happiness of homes and families were entrusted to him. To help others, he drove himself. He refused to spare himself.

As a tribute of gratitude to this life of dedication and to keep his memory green, Cleveland has re-named the scene of his labors. Henceforth, Contagious Hospital was to be known as Toomey Pavilion. And above the entrance to this division Dr. Toomey's portrait has been installed, where he continues to look down with compassion upon the heartache of those who come seeking aid, under God, at the hands of his successors and brothers in medicine.

DR. TOOMEY'S STORE ROOM DAYS

by Walter Horn
(Head Butcher)

Dr. Toomey hired me in 1913. I always take pride in saying that. I wouldn't know any stories to tell about his Store Room days, because Dr. Toomey was all business. He was the very serious type. When he told you what was wrong with you, that was it.

One thing he always wanted and that was the truth. You couldn't tell him a lie. If you did, he lost respect for you. You always knew just where you stood with him.

He married one of our dietitians here. She was a very nice person, pleasant, easy to get along with, very clever and smart. Dr. Toomey's brother, Henry, also worked in the Store Room during vacations. He is now a dentist, and comes to the OutPatient Clinic.

TOOMEY PAVILION

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STAFF NEWS

(For your information, effective January 1, 1958, City Hospital became Cuyahoga County Hospital)

DR. ROBERT ME. EIBEN has just returned from New York City, where he attended a meeting of the Medical Directors of Respiratory and Rehabilitation Centers. He will become resident of Medical Staff of Cuyahoga County Hospital effective July 1st. On May 16th he was elected one of the new trustees of the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland and Chairman of the Committee on Public Health for the Academy.

Wow! Our MISS FRANCES STRUKE looks snappy in her chemise uniform. She was the first in Toomey and the second at City to achieve the new look. Still glowing with joy, she described her flying trip to St. Louis for a long weekend of fun: "I had a ball. There's life in the Old Supervisor yet." She had a wonderful time with her old friends from the City Hospital there, stayed at the Statler Hotel, and did the town in a slinky black sheath.

MISS MARY SCAHILL dreaming of lobster feasts when she attends the ANA Convention in Atlantic City the second week of June.

MARTIE GREGOR, former head nurse, will soon return from California.

MISS GOLDSTEN has joined the Army Nurse Corps and is now stationed at Huntsville, Alabama.

MS. CRUM is home now waiting for the stork.

If you enjoy a good fish story and a beam of pride, ask BILL MILLER why he is wearing a

sailfish pin in his lapel. On a recent vacation in Stuart, Florida with his brother, he landed a six foot, 25 lb sailfish. He said he didn't especially want one, but his brother was very anxious to catch one. However, the fish passed up his brother's hook and landed on his. He had it smoked and says it is delicious - and much more economical and easier on the conscience than stuffing and displaying it on the wall.

LETTIE THOMPSON is doing a good job as Queen of P.T. She is taking her big responsibilities so seriously that she is afraid to take a vacation this summer. It would be difficult to get along without her.

We were happy to read in the Cleveland News of April 28th, 1958, that local PTA's were hearing our MISS EMMA N. PLANK, Director of Child Life and Education Program here, speak on "The Positive Side of Family Living."

For many days following the ceremonies on May 21st, CAROLINE VITEK was a very lovely corsage, which had been presented to her with a pin, for 25 years of service. They were given to her at a punch and cookie party in the West Dining Room.

Not wearing a corsage, but the same 25 year pin, our jovial and rotund FREDDIE SCHULZ (housekeeping department) was beaming more than usual.

MRS. KOVAC's husband returned from Korea and she has gone with him to his new assignment at Fort Benning.

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PATIENTS - IN AND OUT

AL HOLLOWAY revised a reference section of a handbook for Agricultural Agents and Farmers, put out by a dairy equipment company.

DOROTHY NICHOLSON was in for a kidney operation. She is as sweet and gay as ever. She is so proud of her incision that one of her doctors suggested she have peep-holes made so that she can show it with greater ease. Their house is the teenage headquarters of the neighborhood. She said her secret is to let them watch American Bandstand and to feed them.

Dorothy had a long letter from ELAINE DUNN. She is doing fine and her children are growing and well.

JANET KOBLENTZ is at Highland View.

PATTY LOGAR was back with a horrible cold. Fortunately the sniffles were soon gone and she is back at home.

The Cleveland News of May 17th carried a heartwarming story about MARGARET STEELE and TONY BRUNO, polio patients who have been students together for three years at Mayfield High School. These attractive teenagers were "dates" at the Junior-Senior Prom.

RUTH MECKLER has an exciting and challenging new job. Details in a later issue. This gal is easily the most photogenic and articulate at Toomey. Almost every month, one of the local papers carries an article in which Ruth gives her veiwes on love, life, and the world in general. We miss her now that she has gone home.

ANN FISH writes from Cameron, West Virginia to say everything is going well. The letter was hand written, and very well done, and Ann is now able to walk across two rooms of her home - before the air gives out.

Such a nice letter from BLAINE HART - telling of the very generous gift made by the Fellow employees of the Deming Pump

Company. It is a large four wheel riding garden tractor with brakes, reverse, battery and electric starter - all very complete. This will pull his wheel chair trailer, so that in good weather he can circulate all over the neighborhood.

We were sorry to hear CHARLIE GRILL had an attack of pneumonia shortly after he arrived home and had to be hospitalized at Fort Wayne. He is recovering nicely now. The Grills worked out a fine solution for the attendant living situation. They have installed a house trailer in the backyard in which he lives and has his privacy and yet within call. We think this is an excellent idea and worthy of thought by other patients.

SALLY JO CARLTON sends news for "Junior". She returned from Gates Hospital in Elyria on October 5th last year and has improved tremendously. She can walk 227 feet now with a cane and leg braces. She is attending school for one period a day and taking English. Also is being tutored at home in Latin and Algebra. She has a very nice P.T. who comes three times weekly

SUSAN ARMBRECHT'S home has a Gallic air these days as she practices her French and plays French records on her beautiful new HiFi.

JEAN LANG, sporting a beautiful suntan, very excited about seeing "Most Happy Fella" at Musicarnival.

CLAIRE JUSTICE in Bay View Hospital for an operation.

Psssss.....we hear that Louise Godec is frequently seen at DON KOLLAR's house...
.....?

The redecorating is now completed and MARY JO SANDS is very happy with her new bedroom colors. The walls are gray and the curtains a gorgeous antique white. This gal really leads a gay life - you can never find her at home.

BOB ABAR is moving to California. He is being transferred by his employers, the Starett Tool Company. He now has five

children - the youngest born in April.

ADA BRINKMAN attended the year end celebration of her daughter, Bobbie at her Kindergarten.

On Saturday, May 31 DONNA McGWINN was a lovely maid of honor in the wedding of her good friend, Jane Geletka to Bill Haney. She wore a stunning white nylon gown, waltz length, with a most interesting bodice detail. A plunging neckline revealed a green turtle-shell shape with a most unusual nose-like projection trailing from the center. The dress was an original by Miss McGwinn herself. With it she wore a large blue picture hat, long white gloves, blue shoes, and carried cascading blue and white carnations. Donna was more nervous than the bride - she almost fainted. The ring slipped and the bride had to hunt for it. But on the whole everything went pretty smoothly.

There will be another exciting wedding on Saturday, June 28 when RAY YODATH will marry Marilyn Wakelee. The wedding will be at St. Mary's Church, Mentor and the reception at Madden's Village. Ray is now busy running his evergreen nursery, supervising an addition to his family's house, and planning their honeymoon to Florida. Our congratulations and best wishes to you both.

(Please don't forget your Toomey friends as you drive South, would you keep a record of the motels and restaurants with the best facilities for wheelchair wandering?)

MAROL KNEEBUSCH will live in a dormitory at Baldwin-Wallace College next semester; she has a nice roommate who will take care of her. Incidentally, she is still going with Tom.

KATHY HARRIGAN is as pretty as ever and growing taller and taller. Her brother will have a leg surgery session sometime this summer. She is very excited about taking Spanish lessons this summer.

A cheery note from VERN COLBURN says: "Things are going fine with me, the house is gradually shaping up and although it will take a few more days to finish it, the roof will probably be on by the end of this week."

The garage has been moved, cistern is in and completed. The bad weather and breakdowns held me up at the start, but things are doing very well now." He would like to hear from his many friends. His new telephone is Whitehall 2-5074, and his address is RFD #4, Rogers Road, Willoughby Ohio. He continues: "Have been thinking up many new ideas for the coming holiday season and they are not entirely dressed pheasant, although I shall be handling these also - will let you know more as things develop."

JIMMY WEHRLE who used to "meow" at night, is doing well. He has had some surgery and can now life his arms to his waist.

Good news from Chambersburg, West Virginia: Betty Priest is now living at ROBBIE POLLOCK's house while working in the hospital there. She plans to go into nurse's training soon. She helps with Robbie in her spare time. She tells us that Robbie has gained about ten pounds and is as sassy as ever. She reports that the whole family is in wonderful spirits and they all really have a good time.

The gorgeous tereodor pants worn by LIZ ARNOLD were brought to her from New York (or stolen off a bullfighter) by her husband, who escorted 23 kids there on a nine-day trip. Liz had a ten day visit home recently. She has a new pink rabbit which Dr. Eiben says is a cross between a rabbit and a dog.

SALLY RUSSELL's return set off a wonderful chain reaction of parties and fun. The gaiety started at the airport when she was met by Babs Ogilvie and Grace Loeb who served as porters for all her equipment. The climax of her visit so far was a party on Div. 27 on Tuesday night, June 10th. The following patients returned: Albert Kehoe, Harvey Fox, Ida Brinkman, Donna McGwinn, Kathy Harrigan, Mickie McGraw, Dorothy Nicholson, Ruth Shema and Louise Gedes.

The belle of the ball was Shirley in a skinny sheath. Mrs. Rodgers (our gray-haired beauty) was the fortunate supervisor that evening. Warren Wood, the

orderly returned. The volunteers were Grace Loeb, Ann Randolph, and Babs Ogilvie and they served the delicious refreshments. Sally has been having "open house" and was visited by Mary Jo Sands, Jean Lang, Carol Kneebusch and Bill Scullin.

NEW PATIENT: FRANK GEARHART is from Hadley, Pennsylvania, which is in the eastern part of the state, halfway between Erie and Pittsburgh, near Lake Pymatuning. Frank will be 10 on July 25. He graduated from high school last year by remote control - that is, he had been attending classes by means of a speaker in the school room wired to his bedroom. He has had polio for $5\frac{1}{2}$ years, he was first hospitalized at Sharon General and then went home after nine months. He took with him an iron lung and a rocking bed. He has been using the lung about every fourth night.

He is at Toomey for observation and reevaluation. When he leaves here he hopes to be free of the lung and have a chest-piece and positive pressure or maybe the new Multilung. He will also have a new corset to straighten his back, a new wheelchair and a Hoyer lifter.

He is now learning the touch system in O.T. on an electrical typewriter. He will be going to Johnstown eventually for training in bookkeeping. He enjoys collecting coins and stamps and watching television, especially comedy. He is a baseball fan and goes to baseball games once a month at the local Sportsmen's Club. His father takes him to the meetings of the local Volunteer Fire Department monthly.

MICK DON REPORTS: gossip gathered by
Mickie McGraw
Donna McGwinn

Her mother surprised LOUISE GODEC with a birthday barbecue in their backyard. Among the guests were; Don Kollar, Troy Smith, Miss Bovee, Ann Randolph, Babs Ogilvie, Jerry Hill. It was a real surprise and a very wonderful party.

MARILYN MARTINKA is doing beautifully. Her sister is going to St. Alexis School of Nursing.

JERRY HILL looks like he is gaining weight.

GAYLORD SCOTT was in on a Saturday. His company was doing an article on him for their paper and he came in to have a picture taken with the glamorous Donna McGwinn. (Scottie: will you please send the Gazette editors a copy for the next issue?)

DENNY RICH came in for a check up and was so sad that Louise Godec had gone home that he immediately went out to her home to call on her.

The student nurses who left during the second week of May had a fine farewell party. They were all dressed up - many chamises too. They served cup cakes, punch and cake.

(Congratulations to you, MICKIE, on winning the "Purple People Eater" Contest on KYW. We hear your picture of this strange creature won a HiFi record player.)

When Donna was on her way home, she had battery trouble - but it was quickly solved. She is now happily sunning at home.

Everybody is playing checkers. ERIC FREDERICK started it and he is still the champion.

Petty redhead BETTY O'LEARY from Akron was in and out for a short stay.

DONNIE BOUTERBOUGH was briefly in and out again with a cold. He had a new "Zorro" outfit and he refused to answer to any other name. His sword was quite a hazard to everyone.

On May 21 the staff of 27 gave a picnic for Miss Bovee. Although the patients were not invited, they enjoyed watching the picknicking and crawling ants, etc.

"Barnes" made a wonderful dessert one Tuesday. It was a lemon-filled graham cracker crust pie, and it really made our lunch special that day.

IRL INNE CALVERT had a Sunday picnic on her grandmother's birthday. Her family brought cake, bologna, KoolAid, coffee and they had an old fashioned family-type picnic on the lawn.

Everybody enjoyed the Barber Shop Quartet one of the Tuesday night programs. They all looked very sharp with red ties, red and black checked ivy league caps. We all had fun chatting with them afterwards.

By turning the beds around to face the north windows, everyone has a box seat to watch the tennis course and a good excuse to cheer for favorite players.

HELE MOCKBEE, looking well, came in to have dinner with Donna. She has made several trips to visit her husband's parents in Kentucky and plans this summer to make a side trip to visit Sally Russell.

MIKE GOODIEL is taking his wheelchair home weekends. He has a new accomplishment - playing checkers with his feet.

VOLUNTEER NEWS

A group of young adults from Lakewood Methodist Church has been helping with the Tuesday evening entertainment. They come every other Tuesday, bearing such refreshments as punch, home-made cookies and popcorn. Patients and volunteers both have fun.

Mrs. Richard Henn, Director of Volunteers, is all of a dither because her daughter Betty is going to be married September 13th. Meanwhile, the Henns had a gay time at the big sports car races at Put-in-Bay.

Ann Randolph has returned from a trip to New Jersey with her daughter, and is looking fashionably slim.

Demonstrating her well known cooking ability,

our Junior Volunteer, Mrs. Barnes, baked some of her delicious nut bread for Sally's party.

Babs Ogilvie just returned from Boston where she visited her daughter.

Grace Leeb is an expert with her sewing machine. When the stores failed to produce just the right blouse, she created a gold oriental-type blouse to complement Janet Ruchling's trousers.

THE HOME AND I

This department is being established primarily to enlighten our readers to creative ideas in home living. This month, we present BETTY LEWANDOWSKI, who recently made a month's trial visit at home. We believe this to be a very thoughtful study of the changes that can be made to a home to make for easier living.

"I managed very well at home for a short time, but I could not do it indefinitely without extra help. It would be too much for my parents, my husband and my children. On the whole, the experience was exciting and warming, and all my family cooperated and made life pleasant and easy as they could.

We are planning additions to our house and we experimented and planned together. By trying to work in the old kitchen, I could make more dynamic plans for the new.

I found that I could wash dishes, but not rinse them. The new kitchen will have a hose for spraying the dishes, located in the front of the sink where I can easily operate it.

We found the Hot Point Kitchen booklet very useful in planning, because it showed so clearly all their separate installations and gave many ideas for adaptations, which in turn stimulated us to further adaptations.

We will have built-in range burners with knee space beneath for my wheelchair. Since I cannot lift a pan, we will have the built-in wall-type oven arranged so that the door is the same level as the work table, and I can slide the pans in and out.

We are planning a revolving shelf for storage of pots and pans. All the electrical outlets will be installed at wheelchair level.

My husband's Mother's Day present of plastic everyday dishes has been a great success. They are light and unbreakable and I feel free to handle them. And because they are so light, I was able to hold a cup and saucer for the first time.

It was such fun to have my children learn to cook under my supervision. All the meals were a real family project with everyone contributing something.

The new bedroom will have one door wide enough for my rocking bed - folding doors that will disappear into the wall and be inconspicuous. We are also planning French doors so that exit in a wheelchair or ambulance cot to the outside could be easier and faster.

The new rocking bed is a joy - with a switch which I can work myself so that I can get out of bed alone. And I found that a pair of canvas-topped, sponge rubber soled, summer shoes are perfect for a safe feeling. I can step into them without tying, they are elasticized all around the top and stay on securely, and they feel quite non-skid.

Of course, we put a lot of thought into the planning of the bathroom, so that I could achieve the maximum of independence there. The shower will have a three-cornered built-in marble seat in the corner, the same level as the wheelchair seat. The stall will be larger than usual so that someone else can fit in easily to assist in washing. A flexible shower attachment will be arranged so that it can be brought down easily to low arm level of manipulation.

The toilet will be set in a partial cubicle so that I will feel secure. There will be a half wall on the left, with a bar on the right, so that I can rest my arm on it. The toilet paper will be placed under the bar within easy reach. The toilet seat will be built up to the same height of my wheelchair.

Beside the washbasin, we are planning a special elbow prop so that I can stand and brush my teeth, wash, etc. We are also having a little ladder made on it so that I can "walk" my fingers up on it.

Now that I am home again for good, and our plans are beginning to materialize, I know that we shall have further ideas and we shall share them, and we would appreciate the suggestions of others who have preceded us in "Home Living". Our telephone is Jackson 6-7863.

I have just one other hint: I keep a referee whistle around my neck to call to the children when I need them. This type of whistle can be blown with very little breath and it is so shrill that it immediately commands attention."

CLIPPINGS - NATIONAL

(The following clipping was sent to us from Sue William's parents who are presently in Kabul, Afghanistan. We are not sure of the source, but guess the New York Times.)

"ARTIFICIAL 'MUSCLE'..."

"A tiny artificial 'muscle' to move the fingers of paralyzed polio patients was demonstrated last week at a conference on human disability sponsored by the New York Academy of Sciences. The muscle was devised by Dr. Joseph E. McKibben, atomic physicist of the Los Alamos (N.M.) Scientific Laboratory, the scientist who set in motion the electronic devices which set off the explosion of the first atomic bomb at Alamogordo, N.M. on July 16,

1945. He devised the muscle, powered by bottled carbon dioxide gas under pressure, for his daughter, a victim of polio, as she lay in an iron lung. Dr. Kenneth S. Landaur, director of respiratory and rehabilitation centers for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, said the device represented a "real breakthrough" which "will help a quarter of a million people move their hands and perhaps soon their arms," but that it still needed refinement. He added that with the device a crippled person could hold a cigarette, a comb, or eating utensils with hands that are otherwise useless. It can be operated even by the use of the tongue, and was described as "simple, cheap and easy to operate."

NO FEAR OF STORMS NOW FOR POLIO PATIENTS:

Cleveland News: (4-28-58) " Polio patients returning home from City Hospital with respiratory devices no longer fear equipment breakdowns due to power failures. The CEI and City Hospital have prepared a directory of all polio patients released from the Hospital. Should a power failure occur in or near the patient's home, CEI will get immediate assistance to the home. Dr. Eiben has prepared a list of equipment used in each home, electrical requirements and an estimate of how long each patient may be without it."

SALUTE TO THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PORTSMOUTH, O:

No child may enter the Portsmouth Schools Kindergarten or First Grade without having received his three polio shots.

TAX BREAK FOR HANDICAPPED:

(We are quoting verbatim from the Editorial Page of the Cleveland Plain Dealer of May 30, 1958)

"The difficulties a handicapped person experiences in making his way in life should plainly be obvious to all. However, some of

the problems are "hidden", like so many taxes. Hidden, that is, to the general public but not to the unfortunate individual thus affected. Consider a few:

Special attachments on automobiles like hand controls must be bought. If he can't drive, he has to pay for taxis to and from work. Wheelchairs or prosthetic devices need maintenance and repair. Clothes wear out more quickly because of rubbing against artificial limbs.

Often the handicapped person must live on the ground floor. It means higher rent. Insurance rates are steeper (in some cases insurance or the help of hospital plans is not available at all). The increased burden digs into every cranny of a disabled individual's pocketbook.

Rep. Eugene J. Keogh (D.-N.Y.) in 1957 introduced a bill (H.R. 1154) to ease this predicament. It is still pending. His measure would provide a \$600 income tax deduction for expenses incurred by handicapped people going to and from work. Another \$600 exemption would be allowed for a "taxpayer or spouse who is physically or mentally incapable of caring for himself."

A similar deduction is now allowed the blind; why not provide a like break for the halt? Besides, salesmen deduct auto expenses as a legitimate cost of doing business. Doctors do likewise with house calls. The situations appear very much alike.

Generally we frown on special purpose legislation, but this particular bill has much to commend it. It bears the enthusiastic endorsement of the Academy of Medicine and the Cuyahoga County Medical Society, as well as the blessings of veterans groups and medical organizations across the country.

We like the idea not only because it gives the handicapped a deserved break but also for the incentive which

this measure offers. Disabled persons will be spurred to seek employment. There are few if any who desire to be the object of public charity."

We strongly urge you and your friends to write your Congressman to vote for passage of Bill H.R. 1154.

CLIPPINGS - PERSONAL WORDS OF WISDOM

(We point with pride to the following "Quotes" by our girls, duly recorded in the newspapers and magazines.)

MISS EMMA PLANK (Staff) - in the Cleveland News, April 28, 1958:
 "Mothers have lost confidence in their own abilities. In their uncertainty, they tend to pick up fads or ideas of others. They should realize that they have an innate quality of intelligence for dealing with their own children."

MISS RUTH MECKLER (Patient) - in the Cleveland News, June 5, 1958:
 "A patient has as much of a duty as the doctor, nurse or volunteer. I've made wonderful progress since I've been here and I'm going to make more."

MRS. JAN SERVICE (Former Volunteer) - in the "Paraplegia News" of June, 1958:
 "I have carried on as a housewife and had fun doing it. Of course, my willing-to-lend-a-hand husband has been very instrumental in literally pushing me into all sorts of things, which have helped me keep my place in the world. We have very recently moved to Phoenix from Cleveland, and I feel that this is a big spot for putting your 'boot strap' theory to work. Must mention too that I did a weekly volunteer day in the polio section of City Hospital in Cleveland, so am familiar with their problems. So give me something to do for you that will, in turn, help all paraplegics."

EXPEDITIONS

KARAMU Donna reports a very pleasant evening at Karamu. She went to the Proscenium Theatre. She used the side entrance and her wheelchair was placed right in front of the side aisle. Be sure to make arrangements ahead of time. Donna said that everyone was so nice to her and helpful. She got to talk to the actors afterward over coffee in the Green Room. There was no trouble about plugging in her chest piece.

HORSE RACES We have several requests for information about the facilities at the various race tracks near Cleveland for wheelchairs. If any of you have any experiences, will you please send them in quickly.

CHAGRIN VALLEY LITTLE THEATRE This correspondent enjoyed expertly done summer stock at Chagrin Valley Little Theatre. I found the experience easy for a respiratory. My friends and I entered the main part of the auditorium quietly by a private up front door, and our seats were just inside. We had called ahead and Mr. Hazelwood had an available plug waiting for my equipment and a couple of seats removed for my chair. Incidentally, I reclined during the performance. I felt inconspicuous enough to enjoy the play immensely. For added confidence, remember that Chagrin is full of experts and equipment for any respiratory emergency.

This seasons plays, directed by Howard da Silva are:
 June 10th thru June 22nd: Martyn Green
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 June 24th thru July 6th: Howard da Silva
 "Compulsion"
 July 8th thru July 20th: Lee Meriwether
 "Nature's Way"
 July 22nd thru Aug 3rd: Ruth Chatterton
 "The Little Foxes"

Aug 5th thru Aug 17th: Robert Aida
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Aug 19th thru Aug 31st: Howard da Silva
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THE READING RACK

YOU STILL HAVE YOUR HEAD Excursions from
Immobility by Franz Schoenberger. The
MacMillan Co. 1957.

(Review by Sue Williams)

I have read enough "keep your chin up"
books to keep my chin supported for many
years. This is not one of those books.
Thugs brutally attacked the author and
paralyzed him from the neck down, but his
acceptance of the situation and the usual
"why me", are covered effectively in the
first few chapters.

The remainder of the book is filled
with the thoughts of a wise and light-
hearted man on his own life and acquaint-
ances (from Helen Keller to Freud),
savoring new depth and understanding from
them.

Anyone, whether standing or lying, who
can love an intellectual will find in this
book an unforgettable friend, the kind you
would like to drop a card to once in a
while.

LIFE AT MY FINGER TIP by Robert Smithdas.
The one other blind deaf-mute who has
finished college. Suggested by Miss Clara
Lucioli of the Cleveland Public Library.

THE MAN IN THE IRON LUNG by Leonard C.
Hawkins with Milton Lomask. Doubleday &
Co. 1956. The Frederick B. Snite Jr. story.

The Editorial Staff of the Jr Gazette
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generous response to the first issue of
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