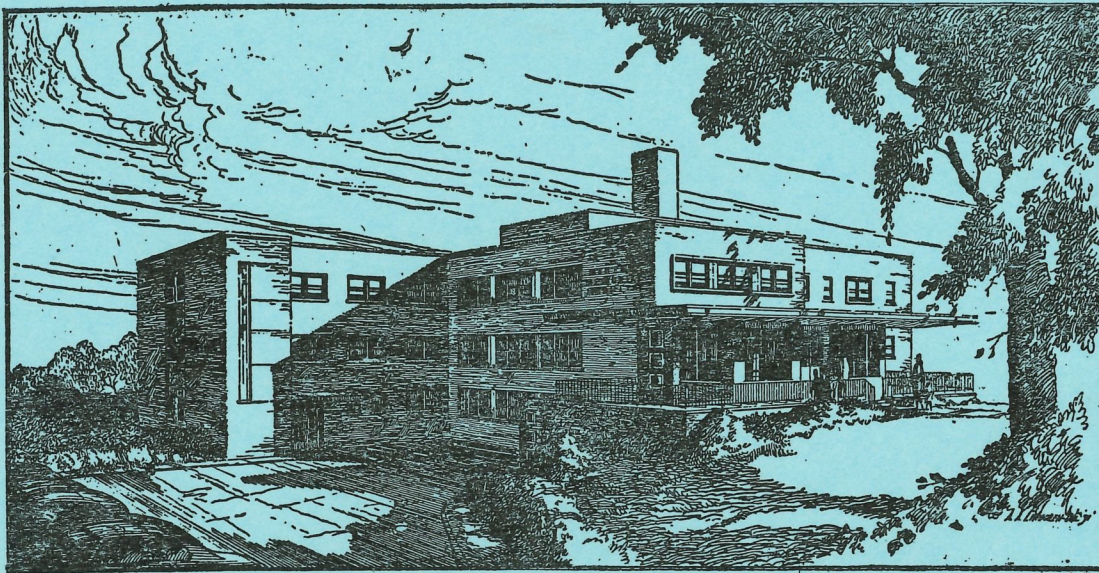


10th Anniversary

1954 - 1964



SHELBY COUNTY MYRTUE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL - HARLAN, IOWA
VIEW FROM NORTHEAST

SHELBY
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CLETUS TURNBACH

*This booklet
is about
your hospital*

It tells how the Shelby County Myrtue Memorial Hospital has grown, a listing of the various people who compose our staff, and the number of services added to help you — the people we serve.

Because you are a part of this hospital, we are proud to submit this report of advances made in this decade of medical progress.

Sincerely yours,
CLETUS J. TURNBACH,
Hospital Administrator

Report of Trustees

Dear Friends:

As we approach the last half of the year of 1964, we can look back on approximately ten years of successful service and achievement at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital. We can also look forward to years of successful service and the challenge and opportunity which growth has forced upon us. Our first year of operation in 1955, resulted in a patient income of \$193,260.00. In the year 1963, the patient income was \$411,650.00.

During the past year the hospital maintained an average of seventy-six percent occupancy. During two-thirds of the days of the present year patients were admitted to beds placed in the hallways because all of the patients rooms were filled. This unhappy situation will be cured when our new addition is ready for occupancy.

During the present year plans were developed and will be completed by the first of August, 1964, for our new addition. The addition will enable us to better serve the needs of our community. It will provide nine badly needed private room accommodations and thirty-two beds in the wards, together with a thoroughly modern physical therapy unit. Needless to say the new unit will be amply supplied with dining, laboratory and other ancillary features.

The increased volume of business has resulted in less expenses to the taxpayers of Shelby County and we hope in the future to be able to further reduce the tax burden. We realize, however, that our first duty is to give the best possible medical care to the hospital patients; this we must do without regard to profit or loss. We have reason to believe, however, that in the future the hospital should be of little expense to the taxpayers except for enlargement of the physical plant.

G. O. HURLEY,
Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

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MYRTUE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MEDICAL STAFF

ACTIVE—

- C. V. Bisgard, Harlan

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R. E. Donlin, Harlan

C. C. Huntley, Avoca

L. V. Larsen, Harlan
- G. E. Larson, Elk Horn

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A. J. Ryan, Harlan

J. H. Spearing, Harlan

N. D. West, Avoca

COURTESY—

- F. N. Weber, M.D., Walnut

F. F. Coatney, D.O., Earling

F. X. Tamisies, Missouri Valley

DENTAL STAFF—

- Boltinghouse, Earl E., Harlan

Caudill, Harold E., Harlan

Hardy, Franklin, Harlan

Reinert, G. T., Avoca

EVALUATION, DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The medical progress at your hospital is measured by continuous evaluation of the work of the Medical Staff. Several times each month the Medical Record and Tissue Committee meets to study and evaluate how each patient's problems were approached and treated and whether or not consulted assistance was sought in the more difficult cases. This committee reports to the Medical Staff who meets once each month and makes recommendations. By this self check on performance, residents of our community receive assurance that the best medical and surgical attention is obtainable here. For these physicians, these evaluations are also another means of obtaining knowledge. Again, once each month there is a scientific meeting held by the Medical Staff to further their knowledge to be constantly on the alert for new treatments and drugs. These meetings require time and work but they are necessary in the practice of a physician.

All this is for the advancement of medicine and gives the patients of this community the best possible care that can be obtained.

NAMES OF CONSULTING SPECIALISTS, THEIR SPECIALTY AND HOME OFFICE.

- Beaumont, F. H., General Surgery, Council Bluffs.

Bisgard, J. D., Surgery, Omaha.

Camron, O. J., Dermatologist, Omaha.

Cassidy, W. A., Ears, Nose & Throat, Omaha.

Cogley, J. P., Surgery, Council Bluffs.

Collins, N. M., Obstetrics & Gynecology, Council Bluffs.

Crotty, R. Q., Dermatologist, Omaha.

Davis, E., Urologist, Omaha.

Edwards, C. V., Obstetrics & Gynecology, Council Bluffs.

Giles, W. G., Ophthalmology, Council Bluffs.

Grier, J. J., Obstetrics & Gynecology, Omaha.

Grier, M. E., Obstetrics & Gynecology, Omaha.

Griffith, W. O., Internal Medicine, Council Bluffs.

Hamsa, W. R., Orthopedics, Omaha.

Hawkins, R. E., Ears, Nose & Throat, Omaha.

Hennesy, J. D., Surgery, Council Bluffs.

Hirst, D. V., Obstetrics & Gynecology, Council Bluffs.

Hopp, R. L., General Surgery, Council Bluffs.

Howard, M. D., Internal Medicine, Council Bluffs.

Iwersen, F. J. Orthopedics, Omaha.

Jensen, W. P., Orthopedics, Omaha.

Joransen, R. E., Internal Medicine, Council Bluffs.

Judd, J. H., Ears, Nose & Throat, Omaha.

Klok, G. J., Pediatrics, Council Bluffs.

Krettek, J. E., Obstetrics & Gynecology, Council Bluffs.

Limbert, E. M., Surgery, Council Bluffs.

Mahoney, J. D., Neurology, Council Bluffs.

Margules, M. P., Neurology, Council Bluffs.

Martinez, J., Urologist, Council Bluffs.

McCarthy, J. J., Surgery, Omaha.

Murphy, J. P., Surgery, Omaha.

Ozaydin, I. M., Pediatrics, Council Bluffs.

Pester, G. H., Surgery, Council Bluffs.

Richardson, F. H., Urologist, Council Bluffs.

Rouse, J. W., Urologist, Omaha.

Schmitz, W. H., Urologist, Omaha.

Smith, T. T., Ears, Nose & Throat, Omaha.

Trafton, H. F., Surgery, Council Bluffs.

Treynor, J. V., Ears, Nose & Throat, Council Bluffs.

Warden, D. D., Obstetrics & Gynecology, Council Bluffs.

Young, G. A., Neurology, Omaha.

Kulesh, M. H., Pathologist, Omaha.

McFadden, Jr., H. W., Pathologist, Omaha.

McWhorter, C. A., Pathologist, Omaha.

Simons, M., Pathologist, Omaha.

Jurgensen, W. W., Radiologist, Omaha.

A decade of progress . . .

On the 2nd of August, this year, the Shelby County Myrtue Memorial Hospital will have ended a decade of community health service that has been more vital and far reaching than any in the history of this county. The combined efforts expended by a great many persons working for the Myrtue Memorial Hospital have made possible the progress which has become so evident during this decade.

Singling out individuals for recognition unfortunately takes too much space but commendation is in order for the leadership and work of the Trustees and the Medical Staff who have guided and implemented the many developments over these years.

Each year we have outlined our accomplishments and improvements in our annual report to you. Most of these improvements and increased services have contributed to one fact, and that is improving patient care. The new equipment and new knowledge is already producing memorable results for you and your neighbors. Today, individuals 80 years old or older, now undergo successful surgical procedures considered hopeless a decade ago. Delicate operations are performed with greater security for the patient than at any other time in our history. Tiny premature babies are given a more favorable opportunity of survival because of better equipment, increased knowledge and superior methods of care.

To assure these dramatic results in your hospital, we rely on a team of well trained, highly skilled and thoroughly dedicated people, who are organized to function as an effective and efficient health team. These people further their education by attending institutes held throughout the state and neighboring states. At these institutes, the personnel gain increased knowledge by learning newer methods and newer and better equipment.

The team at the Shelby County Myrtue Memorial Hospital is composed of 105 people, seventy of whom are full time employees. Also included is the Medical Staff, which is composed of 10 doctors of medicine,

3 courtesy staff members and 46 consultant medical staff members with special training in surgery, orthopedics, obstetrics, internal medicine, pathology, radiology, and cardiology. Our medical facilities and physical plant have gained in prestige in this past ten years to a point that we are now considered one of the leading hospitals in the state. We hope those we serve recognize that they have available to them excellent professional services.

The combination of all these people dedicated to a common purpose, medically centered services of the highest caliber is one of the prime factors for the success of your hospital, which it has achieved to date. As we enter into a new decade of service, there is a challenge before us to provide additional services to meet the rising demands from our fast growing community. We should carefully consider in view, in anticipation, the new approaches in techniques in the care of the sick, which have been brought about by medical research, recognize the trend toward longer life and the improvement of social and economical status of our population.

We are engaged in a never-ending march for ways and means of providing better patient care. This hospital is striving to make its services increasingly available to serve the health needs of the community. We believe that in the coming decade far more exciting and dramatic progress will be made to preserve and maintain human life and happiness.

To further the focal point of community health services of this county, we have considered the new addition of forty-one (41) beds, taking into consideration the planning and development of the chronic disease or long term illness patient which needs not only bed care but also physical therapy and rehabilitation facilities which we do not now have but will have in the new addition. This type of care will not be as costly as the type of service that we offer today.

Respectfully submitted,
CLETUS J. TURNBACH,
Administrator.

Myrtue Memorial Hospital has 15 departments to serve you



BUSINESS OFFICE

Through the hands of the employees of the business office go admission papers, insurance verifications, billings, patients charges from every department, telephone calls, discharges, accounts receivable, collection, accounts payable, reports of all departments, monthly reports to the Board of Trustees, in addition to annual reports.

The first contact many patients have is through the business office personnel. Many changes have taken place in this office since the hospital first opened its doors. These changes have increased efficiency and accuracy so necessary when dealing with public funds. Included in this office is admitting . . . It is of great importance on admission to obtain detailed information from each patient. This information many times is a vital factor in the treatment and care of the patient during his hospital

stay and for any future references for care of the patient in later hospitalizations. It is necessary to obtain information concerning the payment of the hospital bill. The name of the insurance company, the type of the policy the patient carries and if the patient has no insurance, the method of payment when the patient is discharged. If the hospital is indifferent or careless as to how or when it receives payment of patient accounts it would not be long before it would be unable to meet its own bills and payroll and would have to have considerable tax revenue to offset its deficit. No other business organization in the United States operates on as great a margin of insured credit as today's hospitals. The business office is motivated by sincere desire to serve our patients with courtesy and consideration, at the same time handling their activities efficiently and accurately.

PEDIATRICS DEPT.



The raw ingredients of our pediatrics department: Sick and frightened children, anxious parents. The product: Reassured parents and kids hard to keep in their beds and out of the halls. Picture above: Discharge is almost here for one Shelby county youngster.

NURSING DEPARTMENT



Our nursing service is supervised by Mrs. Alma Rasmussen, who has been connected with the hospital almost since opening date. Under Mrs. Rasmussen's department falls the responsibility of the obstetrical, medical-surgical service and the nurse's aide. To maintain adequate qualified nursing personnel in a rural hospital is a constant problem. Even with our program to interest young women in nursing by our assist-

ance in the school future nurses program, very few nurses return to this area. Other fields of nursing usually attract them with much higher salaries than rural hospitals can pay without making hospital charges substantially higher. Social and other alluring opportunities are reasons for their choice, particularly the states of Florida, California, and Arizona. By part time nursing of local married nurses and increased employment of practical nurses we are able to maintain adequate personnel or nearly so.

MATERNITY DEPARTMENT



The drama of the maternity department is filled with interest and happiness. First we see the prospective parents arrive somewhat anxious over this new ordeal. The events of the labor room are sometimes distressing to the husband but soon the hour of birth arrives and the long awaited words "It's a boy, or a girl" brings happiness to all. The nurses never cease to share in this joyous event.



SURGICAL DEPARTMENT



SURGERY

Many patient's fears and apprehensions have disappeared when they are brought into the operating room today. Skillfully trained surgeons and anesthetists have given patients greater confidence. The public has become better informed on the great advances in medical sciences through explanation by the patient's personal physician, a visit from the anesthetist prior to surgery, adequate medical preparation; all of these are factors that aid in the patient's comfort and confidence as he is brought into the operating room.

All precautions are taken for the patient's safety and a high degree of anti-explosive material is used to guard against any explosion or spark gaps caused by the needed equipment to be used in the surgical department.

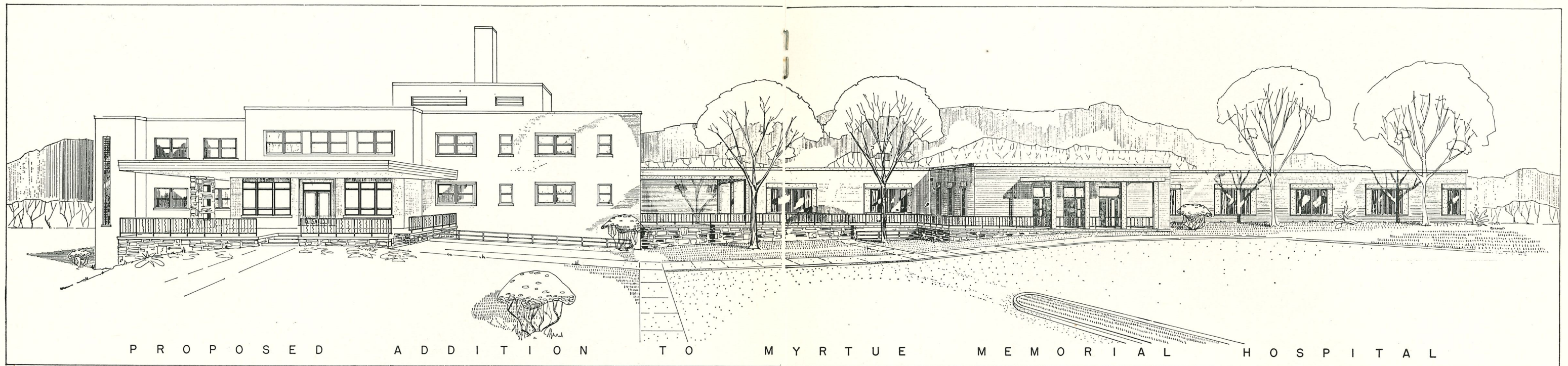
ANESTHESIA

The induction of anesthesia is an important service in the hospital, in as much as it is an essential factor in surgical, obstetric and other procedures.

The art and science of inducing anesthesia have advanced a long way since the discovery of ether by Crawford W. Long and William T. Morton, shortly before the nineteenth century. The administration of anesthetics has now taken an important place among the various services in a modern hospital and is recognized as an influential factor in the end results of surgery and obstetrics.

The well trained and skilled anesthetist now controls the vital functions of persons undergoing surgery with such precision that operations taking four, six or eight hours or longer can now be utilized to help diminish the ranks of the chronic illness.

In early 1966 . . . larger, finer facilities to serve your medical needs

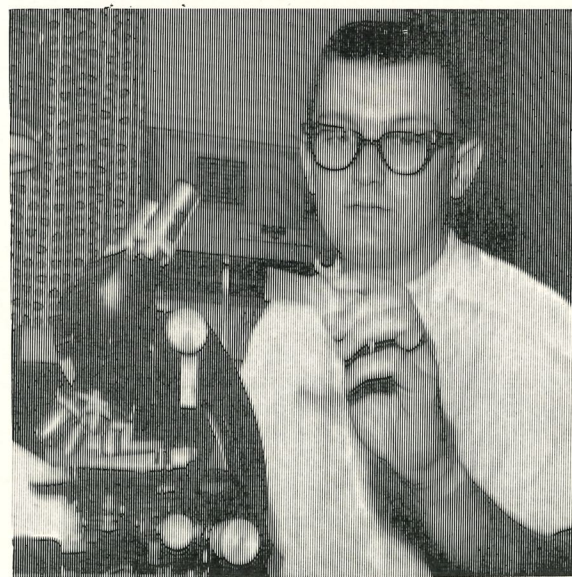


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LABORATORY

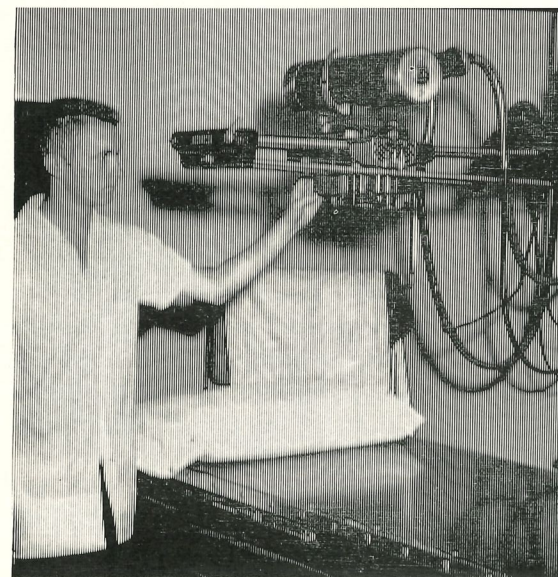
Combating known diseases and finding the answers to evasive illnesses are the goals to which our doctors and laboratory technicians are constantly dedicated. Many different kinds of analysis, examinations and highly technical procedures are employed daily to aid in diagnosing and solving medical problems. The blood bank in our laboratory enables the hospital to maintain a supply of blood of all types for immediate use and within a few minutes additional blood can be ordered from the Red Cross Blood Bank.

Your hospital laboratory has grown rapidly, both in volume and scope of services over the past few years. Cancer, one of the many diseases under constant attack, is sought early so that treatment is possible. Surgical specimens receive the attention of a pathologist associated with the hospital so that malignancy can be recognized as well as other abnormal tissues.



X-RAY DEPARTMENT

The x-ray machines bring speed precision to many kinds of diagnosis. Our large 200 miliamp unit and a new 100 miliamp portable enables our technician to reach every patient in any location throughout the hospital. An expert in x-ray (the radiologist) comes to our hospital two mornings per week to supervise the special types of x-ray procedure and give written reports of all films taken in the hospital to your doctor. In this past six months we have installed a superficial x-ray therapy treatment to handle minor therapy treatments.



ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHY

The facilities for electrocardiography are now essential in every hospital diagnostic service. Since the introduction of the electrocardiograph, the advances in knowledge of some of the more obscure heart conditions have been phenomenal. The development of portable machines at reduced cost increased the usefulness of electrocardiography in hospitals.

The electrocardiographs are referred to a physician well trained in cardiology and competent to interpret the electrocardiograph tracings.



PHARMACY

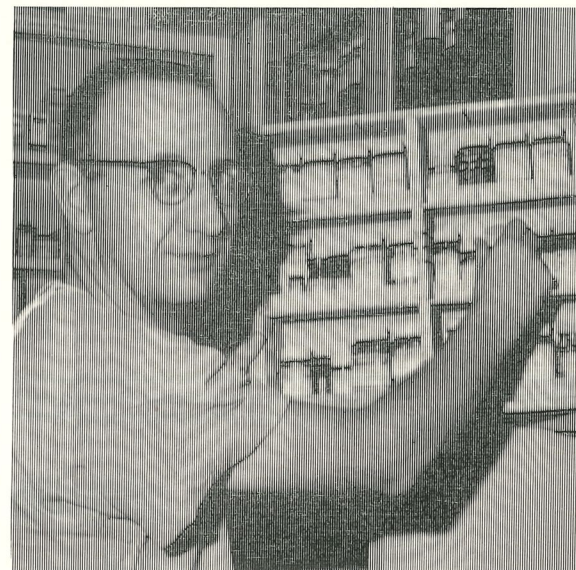
The pharmacy is the most extensively used of the therapeutic facilities of the hospital. It has experienced its greatest development in recent years through the many advances in chemotherapy and the use of antibiotic drugs. The pharmacy department of this hospital supplies all of the in-patient drugs, whether they be stock drugs in solutions or prescriptions.



MEDICAL RECORDS

The processing, recording and filing of important medical records of each patient treated here and the maintenance of its essential data are functions required by accredited hospitals such as this hospital in this county.

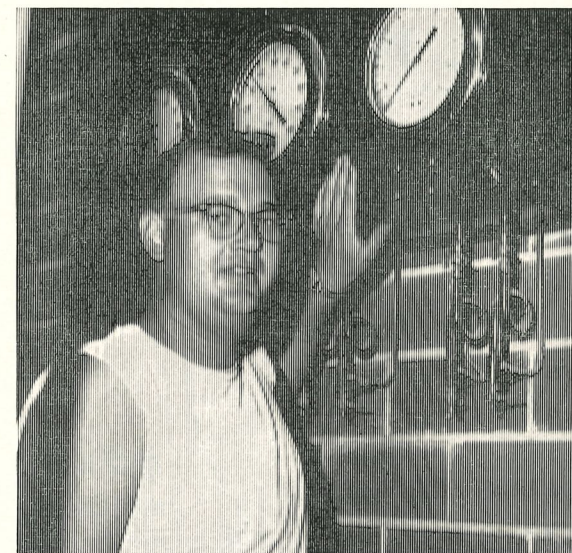
These records become invaluable to your doctor in emergency or repeated admissions. The medical records department has custody of more than 18,000 medical charts with approximately 7,000 at the present time which are permanently recorded on microfilm to conserve space.



DIETARY

Approximately 50,000 meals were served during 1963. Dietary personnel are supervised by a consulting dietitian from our State Department of Health. Each year one of our dietary personnel are sent to a special institute of dietitians in Ames for additional training which not only covers food preparation and diets but also on purchasing and food conservation. We are very fortunate to have this type of personnel in our hospital. To give an idea of what this consists of, the following is based on United States Department of Agriculture averages.

These people consumed in the year 1963: 14,250 lbs. of dairy products except butter; 13,570 lbs. of fruit and vegetables; 2,400 lbs. of potatoes; 6,000 lbs. of meat, fish and poultry; 4,580 lbs. of flour and cereal; 3,420 lbs. of sugar and syrup; 2,100 lbs. of butter, fats and oils; 2,100 dozens of eggs; 575 lbs. of coffee, tea and cocoa.



ENGINEERING DEPT.

This department is responsible for the operation of the boiler room, maintenance of all our air-conditioning units, the laundry, elevator, oxygen equipment, and a continual surveillance of electrical equipment, plumbing and water throughout the hospital. In addition to the above duties, it is necessary to maintain the hospital grounds at times considered by some as among luxuries. But, it must always be remembered that appearance enhances reputation in all things and that a dirty dusty exterior increases the interior cleaning which is necessary if the hospital is to be kept a safe place for the care of the sick.



LINEN

Four complete sets of linen for each bed are in service for each patient. This means one set is on each bed while one is in the laundry and another is on the shelf in the linen room while yet another set is in readiness at each nursing station.



HOUSEKEEPING

This requires a staff of four maintenance men and two maids to keep our hospital rooms and corridors free from dust, dirt and reduce the possibility of infections being transmitted from patient to patient.



LAUNDRY

Twelve pounds of linen per patient per day were washed and dried this past year to keep our patients well supplied with clean sheets, towels and pillows. Because they are laundered more frequently, the life of hospital linen is only one-fourth that of linens used in the homes. The cost of this important yet unseen service is kept at a minimum by carefully handling and by extending the life of repairable linen whenever possible.

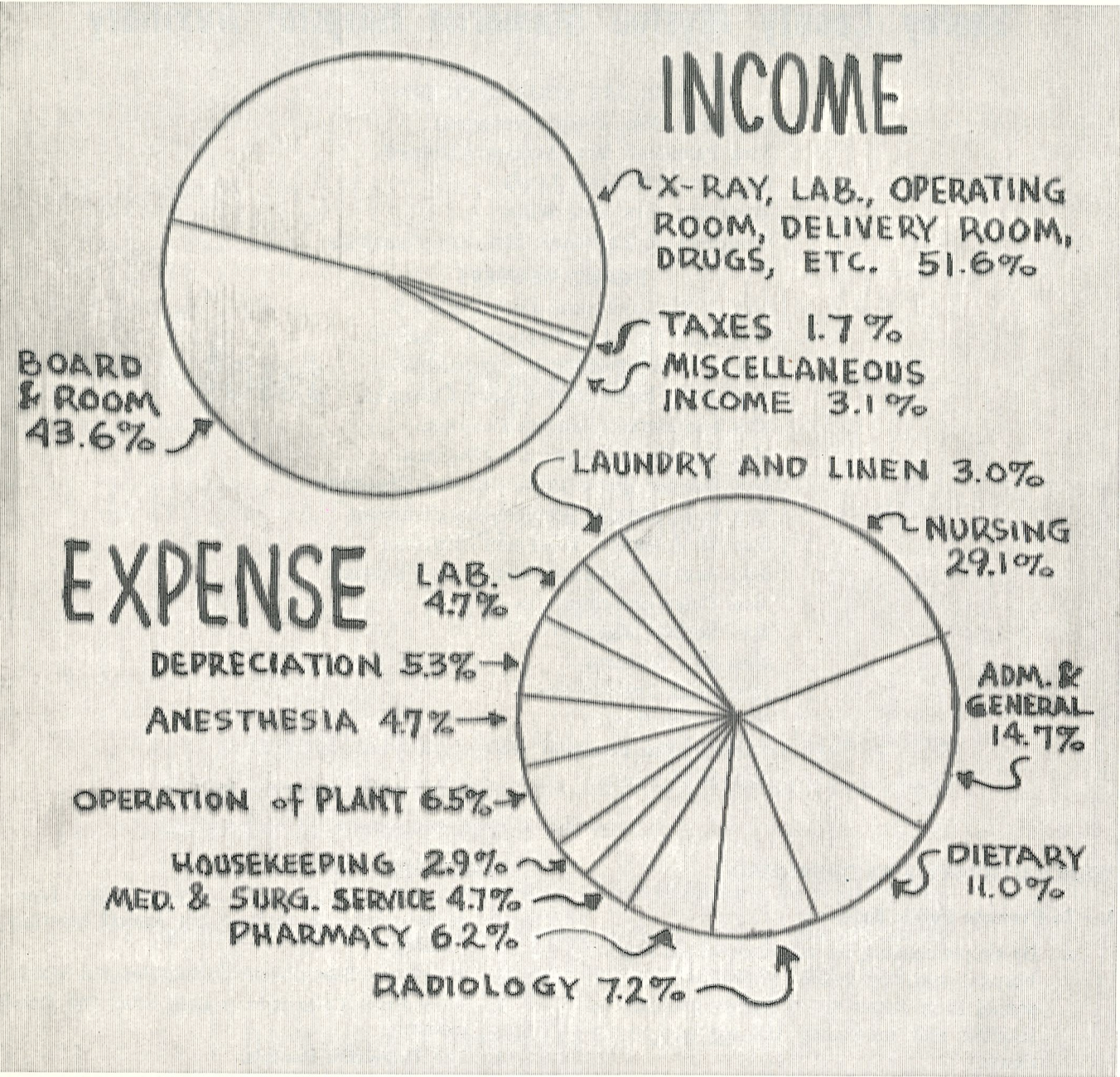
Average Costs -- 1954 vs. 1964

APPENDECTOMY		
	1954 (5 days)	1964 (4 days)
Double room	\$ 52.50	\$ 54.00
Operating room	25.00	25.00
Anesthesia	25.00	25.00
Laboratory	17.00	17.25
Solutions, I.V.	5.50	6.00
Drugs	10.00	11.00
Dressings	2.50	3.00
Miscellaneous	2.00	3.00
	<u>\$139.50</u>	<u>\$144.25</u>

OBSTETRICAL		
	1954 (5 days)	1964 (4 days)
Double room	\$ 52.50	\$ 54.00
Infant care	20.00	22.00
Anesthesia	5.00	5.00
Delivery room	10.00	10.00
Physical therapy	12.00	12.00
Laboratory	7.00	7.25
Medical supplies	4.50	7.50
Drugs	5.60	6.25
	<u>\$116.60</u>	<u>\$124.00</u>

Average Statistics -- 1955 vs. 1963

	1955	1963
Patients admitted	1,518	2,556
Patient days	9,131	15,299
Average length of stay	6	6
Daily average	24	42
New births	411	372
Newborn days	1,925	1,866
Average length of stay	5	4
Operations	510	797
Percent of occupancy	60%	76%
Laundry used per patient per day	9.8	11.4
Laboratory tests	15,683	23,169
X-ray examinations	1,758	2,660
Number of meals served	22,450	43,950



Taxes - 1955 vs. 1963

	1955	1963
Taxes for		
Maintenance Fund	\$ 65,650.00	\$ 19,497.45
Earned income	196,153.65	411,650.00
Expenses—		
Maintenance	61,566.19	203,716.32
Salaries	136,436.77	244,997.22
Number of employees	58 full time 24 part time	66 full time 37 part time

Shelby County Myrtue Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

THESE ARE YOUR OFFICERS:

President: Mrs. Peter Steenhusen
Vice President: Mrs. Andrew Klitgaard
Secretary: Mrs. Jack Lewis
Treasurer: Mrs. Glee White
Chairman of the Board: Mrs. Rex Chambers

BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. J. Earl Andersen: Cart Chairman
Mrs. Lake Havick: Receptionist Chairman
Mrs. H. D. Eschelman: Puppet Chairman
Mrs. M. A. Rasmussen: Sewing Chairman
Mrs. Leo Mores: Publicity Chairman
Mrs. Ray Finn: Orientation Chairman
Mrs. Chester Quick: Patient Service Chairman
Mrs. L. S. Morgan: Membership Chairman
Mrs. W. J. Handy: Television Chairman
Mrs. Andrew Klitgaard: Fruit Cake Chairman
Mrs. Chas. Haferbier
Mrs. Reimer Maassen
Mrs. Roy Richards
Mrs. Dean Frederickson
Mrs. Glenn Hansen
Miss Thelma Petersen
Mrs. H. C. Pauley

YOUR AUXILIARY WAS ORGANIZED:

1. To Promote Public Relations

- a. By supplementing the activities of the regular hospital staff by releasing professional personnel from duties not requiring professional training and increasing the services to patients.
- b. By being an active, informed and satisfied volunteer.

2. To Establish Volunteer Service

Four volunteers serve as receptionists every day. One volunteer is on patient service five days a week.

One volunteer has charge of the cart every day.

Other volunteers sew — doing hospital mending and other sewing as needed.

Another group meets the last Friday of the month at 8:30 A.M., in the Hospital Dining room to make puppets that are given to each child in Pediatrics.

Also — volunteers launder the smocks.

3. To Help With Fund Raising.

THESE ARE YOUR PROJECTS:

- 1. **The Membership Drive** — Membership Dues of \$1.00 should be paid at the annual meeting in January.
- 2. **Your Bake Sale** is held during Hospital Week.
- 3. **Your Fruit Cake Sale** is held after the October meeting.
- 4. **The Television Rentals.**
- 5. **Your Cart** is operated more for the convenience of the patients than for big profits. Several articles have been donated to the Cart and are welcomed.

THE FUNDS YOU HAVE RAISED HAVE

- 1. Paid National and State Dues.
- 2. Furnished smocks for the volunteer workers.
- 3. Furnished materials for the puppets — each one costs 25 cents.
- 4. Bought Christmas Decorations for the hospital.
- 5. Bought porch and lawn furniture for the hospital.
- 6. Furnished croup tents, rockers, records and other items for pediatrics.
- 7. Paid the Television Rental for Pediatrics.
- 8. Made it possible to plan for substantial donations for the new wing.

Your Hospital . . .

A Community Partnership

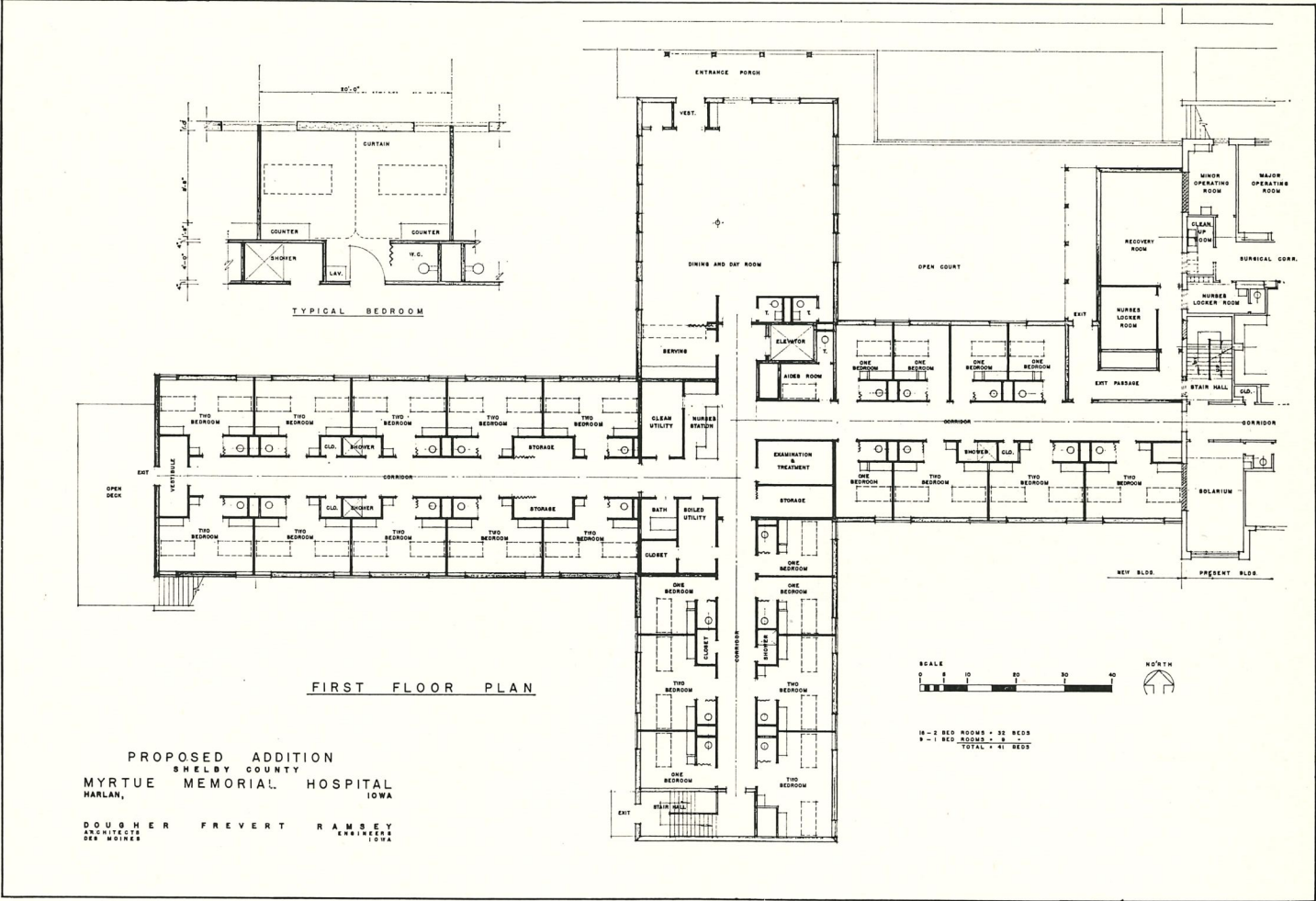
A hospital, well equipped in staff and facilities such as the Myrtue Memorial Hospital, can save many lives . . . but it also needs cooperation from you, the people we serve.

This is the place where a newborn child gets its start in life, where the sick and injured are made well as quickly and efficiently as skilled physicians and nurses and modern equipment can do it.

This is a place of warmth and help and hope.

FLOOR PLAN

Proposed addition to Myrtue Memorial Hospital



SEE EXTERIOR DRAWING PAGES 8 AND 9

