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ISSUES & ANSWERS

Many patients at the hospital have questions regarding their legal rights. The CUE decided to submit some of these questions to Dr. Treffert, our superintendent, for an authoritative answer. Both questions and answers appear on the following pages.

WHY CAN'T THE HOSPITAL HAVE A LAWYER JUST FOR THE PATIENT?

Dr. Treffert gave his full support to this idea however he explained that two years ago there was a lawyer whom was hired as a social worker. It was found in reality that the counselling was not used by the patients when it was available.

WHY WASN'T I TOLD ABOUT AID FOR MY DEPENDENT CHILDREN WHEN I WAS ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL?

This wouldn't be in the routine orientation however it would come up in the course of evaluation by the social worker.

DOES A PERSON HAVE TO LIVE IN THE STATE (ANY STATE) BEFORE THEY MAY ENTER A STATE HOSPITAL?

No. Anyone who is physically residing (even temporarily) in the state may be admitted.

WILL THE INFORMATION HERE EVER BE TRANSFERRED TO OUR FAMILY DOCTOR IF REQUESTED?

Yes, just as any other medical record if requested by your doctor. The patient however will never be permitted access to his records.

DOES BEING IN A STATE INSTITUTION MEAN I'LL BE BRANDED AS MENTALLY ILL THE REST OF MY LIFE?

That depends upon that small minority of people.

WHY IS IT THAT SOME PROCEDURES AND TREATMENTS GIVEN HERE DO NOT REQUIRE THE PATIENT'S SIGNATURE (IF THE PATIENT IS AWARE OF THE SITUATION AND THE REASON WHY) WHERE AS THEY DO REQUIRE THE PATIENT'S SIGNATURE ELSEWHERE AND ON THE OUTSIDE?

Only if it is a life threatening situation does the hospital seek the signature of the individual. If the individual is not competent then the signature of a family member or guardian is obtained.

AS A VOLUNTARY PATIENT DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY DRUGS THE DOCTORS ADMINISTER OR PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS?

When you are here on a voluntary commitment you have already signed a voluntary certificate of understanding.

WHY CAN'T A PATIENT VISIT ANOTHER PATIENT ON A DIFFERENT WARD?

It is not a stock policy to not permit this. In some situations it is conceivable.

DO YOU LOSE YOUR VOTING RIGHTS WHILE HERE AS A PATIENT?

Any patient has the right to vote unless challenged by the ballot clerk.

IS IT A POSSIBILITY TO BECOME AN EMPLOYEE OF A STATE HOSPITAL FOLLOWING RELEASE FROM SAID HOSPITAL?

In general no not at the same institution that the patient had been hospitalized at. It is often too difficult for the patient and staff to make the transition. However, it would be possible for a patient to obtain a job at another State or County Hospital.

WHEN A VOLUNTARY ADMISSION OR FOR THAT MATTER ANY KIND OF ADMISSION IS RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL AND IS LOOKING FOR WORK, HE MAY BE ASKED IF HE WAS EVER IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL. IS IT ILLEGAL FOR HIM TO SAY NO?

No, it is not illegal but it would seem to be an unwise decision considering the possible repercussions if the employer finds out the truth. Dr. Treffert will write a letter of recommendation if the potential employer has qualms about hiring a person that has spent time in a mental hospital.

ISSUES & ANSWERS

Doctor Treffert emphasized two points that are of particular interest to us as patients:

In legal matters that involve privileges and duties in the outside world such as obtaining a drivers license, or being drafted into the service, the hospital acts as an advisor and the Motor Vehicle Department or the Draft Board has the final say.

He described briefly some of the provisions in the new Mental Health Act now before the State Legislature.

DO I HAVE THE RIGHT TO WRITE PERSONAL CHECKS?

A patient can cash personal checks by following this procedure:
He endorses the check and the money is placed in his account at the hospital. For the patient to obtain this money to spend, both he and his doctor must sign a money request slip.

YOU ARE ALLOWED TO COMMIT YOURSELF, SO CAN YOU SIGN YOURSELF OUT WHENEVER YOU WISH TO LEAVE?

Assuming that this would be a case of leaving against doctor's orders, a regular voluntary admittance can leave when he wants to except in a situation in which the doctors (or treatment team) feel the patient is immanently dangerous to himself or others. In such a case the hospital has thirty five days to institute a regular court commitment. The new Mental Health Act would reduce this time limit to ten days.

When a person is committed as mentally ill, the decision to release him rests with the "treatment team". The patient is conditionally released for a twelve month period and until this time is up he may be readmitted to the hospital at the recommendation of the superintendent without going through the court procedure.

Inebriates, whether they come voluntarily or not become court commitments and cannot leave until their doctor feels they are ready. They usually remain for about 6 weeks. The new "Mental Health Act" would eliminate

such court commitments. This could make treatment difficult because inebriates might decide to leave the hospital before they are ready.

CAN YOU LOSE YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE IF COMMITTED TO THIS HOSPITAL AS MENTALLY ILL?

A patient's drivers license is taken for safe keeping when he is admitted. This does not mean that the patient is not capable of driving. The license is returned when he leaves the hospital. When an ex-patient applies for a license for the first time or a renewal, he is asked whether he has ever been mentally ill. The Motor Vehicle Department may decide to write the hospital superintendent to find out if there are medical (mental or physical) problems that could impair his driving. But as was explained earlier, the final decision is made by the Motor Vehicle Department.

WHY ARE SOCIAL SECURITY CHECKS MADE OUT TO THE SPOUSE RATHER THAN THE PATIENT?

Social Security checks are not made out to the spouse in all cases. It depends on whether or not the patient is judged capable of handling his own financial affairs.

CAN A PATIENT ON HOME LEAVE DRIVE A CAR?

Usually not because most of the patients are on medication that could interfere with their eyesight.

IS IT AGAINST THE LAW TO DRIVE WHILE ON MEDICATION?

No.

MAY A PATIENT REQUEST A CHANGE OF DOCTORS OR SOCIAL WORKERS?

A request for a change is not against the rules but it is hardly ever granted.

ISSUES & ANSWERS

CAN A JUDGE EXTEND A PATIENT'S PERIOD OF OBSERVATION WITHOUT COMMUNICATING WITH THE HOSPITAL, OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES OR WITHOUT A PATIENT'S CONSENT

Theoretically it is possible but usually the doctor or other interested parties request the extension and it is okayed by the judge.

CAN A MAN BE DRAFTED WHILE A PATIENT HERE?

Yes. The hospital acts as an advisor by sending a final summary of the patient's condition. This helps the draft board decide whether the person in question is an acceptable candidate.

IF A PATIENT IS WORKING OUTSIDE THE HOSPITAL, IS HE ALLOWED TO SPEND HIS MONEY AS HE WISHES OR MUST IT BE TURNED IN TO THE BUSINESS OFFICE?

The hospital prefers to have the money placed in the patient's account.

CAN YOU GET MARRIED WHILE YOU ARE A PATIENT?

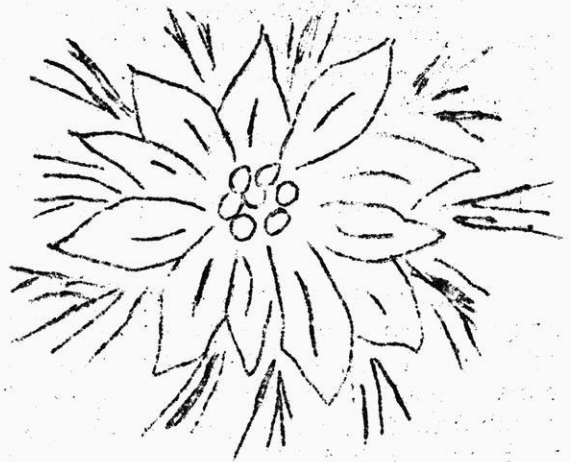
Yes, if the doctor decides you are legally competent.

CAN YOU GET A DIVORCE WHILE HERE AS A PATIENT?

See previous question.

The Cue staff would like to express its gratitude to Dr. Treffert for giving us an hour and a half of his valuable time and effort in the answering of this issue's questions of patient's legal rights. We found his cooperation invaluable in eliminating doubts or correcting ideas concerning questions as to what the patient's legal rights in truth were. And so what can we say but thank you.

JUDGING
OF
WARD & CAFETERIA
CHRISTMAS
DECORATIONS
MONDAY
DECEMBER
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SANTA PAYS EARLY VISIT

Christmas came early in the CUE office. On the morning of December 5, three representatives of the Activity Therapy Department walked through our door pushing a cart containing a brand new, Smith-Corona Typewriter. The machine, decked out in a bright red Christmas ribbon, was a welcome sight. We had reached a point with a couple of our other machines, where the repairman would only shake his head in futility.

We understand that many individuals were instrumental in procuring this machine for us. We wish to publicly thank each of you. Rest assured, it will get plenty of use.

The CUE

on the Sober side

WHAT IS AN ALCOHOLIC

In 1956 the American Medical Society identified alcoholism as "a serious, complex disease". There are many other definitions offered to the above question. Marty Mann, Executive Director of the National Council on Alcoholism, states "An Alcoholic is someone whose drinking causes a continuing problem in any department of his life."

Straus & McCarthy define alcoholism as "a condition in which the drinking of alcoholic beverages becomes persistent, repetitive, uncontrollable and progressively destructive of the psychological and social functioning of the individual."

The World Health Organization and many others have published definitions of alcoholism. One thread, however, runs through most of the answers: The alcoholic is in serious trouble, emotionally, physically and economically because of his or her uncontrollable drinking.

WHAT'S THE CAUSE OF ALCOHOLISM?

No one seems to be able to pinpoint it. But much has been discovered and, again, various theories are offered. I believe it is generally accepted as a three fold illness involving one's physical, emotional and economic welfare. It is thought by some that there is a chemical change which takes place in some individuals upon the intake of alcohol which sets up a craving and renders the alcoholic incapable of exercising his "will power".

One's emotions and attitudes, his ability to accept life as it is—reality all play a part in this destructive disease. And it is destructive because it ends in either death or insanity if not properly treated in time.

ARE ALCOHOLICS REALLY SICK?

They are not bedridden, at least not after the severe physical part has been medically treated. They are not helpless unless permanent brain damage has taken place. Therefore alcoholics stand out in sharp contrast to what is generally thought to be a sick person. Many are resentful, resist treatment, seem ungrateful, are demanding and are very difficult to help. But these and others are the very symptoms which are unmistakable to the professional person indicating that the individual is very sick and in great need of treatment and help.

It is now 1 out of 12 persons in the U.S. who are alcoholic. Alcoholism is no respecter of age, sex, intelligence, race or religion. It may strike anyone regardless of social status or occupation, alcoholism is not caused by alcohol alone because about 70% of the adult population in the U.S. drink and some heavily (only one out of 12 become alcoholic.) Why? Is it physical, chemical or organic? Is it psychological, psychosomatic or emotional? General scientific opinion is that it is a combination of all of these and that there are different types of alcoholism not just one.

"A drunk may not be an alcoholic, an alcoholic may not necessarily be a drunk and although a drunk may act abnormally he may not be a victim of the disease of alcoholism.

But remember, they must WANT to recover if any treatment is to succeed.

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I think of heaven" says science writer William L. Laurence, "as a place where I can meet the people to finish the conversations that were interrupted at cocktail parties."

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For hundreds of years, Christians all over the world have observed the four weeks preceding Christmas as a special season of Advent - a time to get prepared. What's the point of preparing for Christmas? The impact of this feast doesn't readily reach us - we don't seem able, on simply one single day, to grasp the terribly fundamental truth that "God so loved the world that he sent His own Son". We just don't believe it - we aren't able to fathom this.

We need time to drive this fact home. How could ANYONE care about a world in which people are still maligning each other, for such superficial reasons as race, color or creed - where open warfare is being waged, men, husbands and fathers are shooting to kill other men, husbands and fathers? - a world in which anyone of us, taking a long, hard look inside himself, sees so much that seems utterly unbelievable, intolerable, unmentionable? - a world in which some of us unmistakably use other people, or fail to carry out responsibilities to other people and thereby cause them suffering, hurt, rejection, abandonment, every kind of deprivation? - a world with which some people are so utterly disgusted that they elect to conclude abruptly their time here and die with a sense of futility and meaninglessness?

Yet it is precisely to THIS world, to us - the inconsiderate, at times, the downright reprobate, at times - nonetheless, to US the Father, in a great act of unparalleled, almost incomprehensible, love, sent His greatest gift, His own Beloved Son.

We really aren't as horrible, as depraved, as utterly worthless as we feel or think we are - there MUST be something good about even the worst of us - God loves us, and His love, in His Son, is so omnipotent that it begins, here and now, even as we think about it, to transform us into clearer, more authentic images of that same Son, Our Lord and Redeemer. We need plenty of time to think about this.

Father Andrew Nelson

LADIES

DECEMBER

5 Augusta
6 Ethel
11 Dorothy
Rebecca
12 Sharron
17 Bessie
18 Esther
22 Alice
24 Erna
26 Bernice
29 Angeline
Marlene
30 Lorraine

GENTLEMEN

1 Walter
Ronald
2 Frederick
5 William
8 Edward
10 Richard
13 Linell
14 George
15 Clarence
Marvin
Richard
19 Kenneth
Ronald
Donald
20 Everett
21 Daniel
22 Steven
25 David
Conrad
27 James
Ed

* * * * * CANTEEN HOURS

EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1969

Sunday 11:30 AM to 8 PM
Monday 9:00 AM to 4:15 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM to 4:15 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Thursday 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

MEN'S INTRAMURAL BOWLING LEAGUE

Key:

Sherman Hall -- Team I - 1
 Hughes Hall --- Team II - 2
 Kempster Hall - Team III - 3
 A.T.U. ----- Team IV - 4

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GAME I - 9:00 am</u>	<u>GAME II - 10:00 am</u>
Dec. 6	1 vs 2	3 vs 4
Dec. 13	1 vs 3	2 vs 4
Dec. 20	1 vs 4	2 vs 3
Jan. 10	3 vs 4	1 vs 2
Jan. 17	2 vs 4	1 vs 3
Jan. 24	2 vs 3	1 vs 4
Jan. 31	1 vs 2	3 vs 4
Feb. 7	1 vs 3	2 vs 4
Feb. 14	1 vs 4	2 vs 3
Feb. 21	3 vs 4	1 vs 2
Feb 28	2 vs 4	1 vs 3
Mar. 7	2 vs 3	1 vs 4

Teams will consist of (5) Five bowlers each.

Each team bowls Every scheduled Saturday (1 game)

Each team will bowl a total of 12 games.

The team with the best won-lost record will be champion.

Each team will furnish 1 pinsetter making a total of 6 participants.

Individual trophies will be awarded the champions.

THEY DO LAUGH HERE



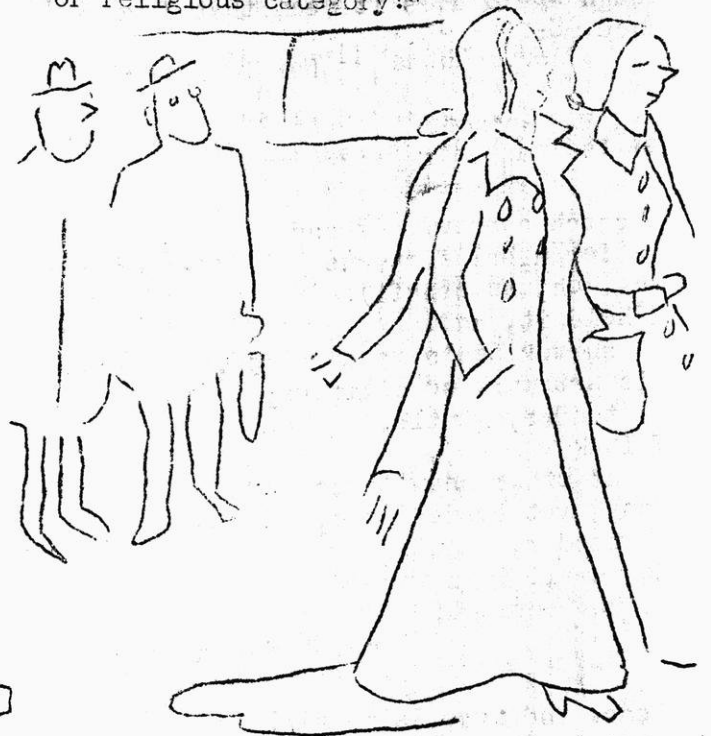
"Operator, I just found sixty-five cents in the coin return slot. What should I do?"



"How would you like me to answer that question? As a member of my ethnic group, income group, educational class, or religious category?"



"Chaos, dissent, confrontation, anarchy—they mean nothing to me without you, Louise."



"We might as well face it, Harry, It's the end of an era."

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Department of Straight Thinking

(HEAdline in the Olympia (Wash.) Olympian)

EVANS SAYS PUTTING MEN TO DEATH
ELIMINATES HOPE OF REHABILITATION

IRVING THOMAS

LIFE IN CAPTIVITY

In my captivity my tears are unshed
yet I must go on crippled with shame
and pain gripping my heart. As my
thoughts go more entangled with con-
fusion a small dim light shines on a
crunched figure in the corner of my
mind with the infinity of time and space
laid before him. But yet he hesitates
to step forth into the darkness, be-
cause once he leaves he can never re-
turn but wander endlessly on the light-
less path.

This crunched figure is me and what
made me shy from life and all meaning.
Could it be that I want to be noticed,
or that I wait for someone to lead me
to my future? Yet from my mistakes and
the meaning of them I have learned. I
still do not step forth. Who am I to
cast words of knowledge on the people
when I am among them? Should I cast my
words to the wind and go on pretending
that I am not hurt, or is it that if I
laugh again does it mean that I weep
once more?

Harold

CREATION

I catch a snowflake and
for a brief moment
(oh, so brief!)

I hold it, and
survey God's masterpiece.
His art work so delicate,
tender, gentle.

I look
at other snowflakes
Many, yet so delicate,
tender, gentle.
How small this one-
yet perfect!

Fran

Peace and love is my girl
contain in a golden casket for they
are dead.

But some day renaissance will come
And my soul's feet will contain stimulus
Like that of walking on hot coals
And I will walk naked in the streets
of knowledge
And laugh gently at the past.

Dave

THE SHALLOW CUP

I knew a man who drank deep
From a Shallow Cup
And knew full well the poison
Would kill, kill, kill him!

"It matters not," he said,
"If I drink this brew
Knowing quite well that
By this Death 'tis the
Only way to Living!"

— Cinnamon

FRUIT OF THE LOOM

When you look at fruit, do you think
Of orchard fields, rolling vines?
T'were a shame not to recall the Place
where true virtue grows and pines
Way in its longing before our Face!

We missed the boat, didn't catch the
train

Leaving earth Heaven bound;
Forgetting who we are and in the pur-
pose all

Harkening not the heavenly sound
Of distant drums toward us dost call

To redeem men from their fallen state,
And making for them His grace renewed:
Through every hand and limb a friend
If we in Free-will servitude
Hold fast through the very end.

— Cinnamon

A hand outstretched
open wide.
Another hand,
now side by side.
Two hands together,
praying now.
Two hands together,
two heads bow.
Unity at its greatest time,
soul on soul,
Mind on mind.

Fran

CONTRAST

Wealth is a clean shirt each morning
Poverty is a shirt
Wealth is eight cyclinders under a hood
Poverty is two cyclinders attached
To the ankles
Wealth is reading
Poverty is living it.

--- Fran

THE WEEK AHEAD

HOSPITAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 15 - DEC. 21, 1969

December 15

Monday	2:00 pm	SH 1-2	Catholic Daughters
	2:00 pm	2-E	Kings Daughters
2:30 -	4:00 pm	HH Music Rm.	Record Listening
	4:30 pm	GH Classroom	Canteen Social Chairmen
			Dinner Meeting
	6:30 pm	Scout Barracks	Woodworking
	7:00 pm	SH 1-2	Outagamie Red Cross

December 16

Tuesday	10:00 am	Sherman Wards	Book Cart
	10:30 am	GHS	Lutheran Ward Services
			Rev. Winter
2:30 -	4:00 pm	HH Music Rm.	Record Listening
	6:30 pm	Chapel	Catholic Mass
	7:00 pm	SH 1-2	Gray Men

December 17

Wednesday	1:15 pm	SH 7-8	Appleton Red Cross
2:30 -	4:00 pm	HH Music Rm.	Record Listening
	6:30 pm	Kempster Wards	Book Cart
	7:00 pm	Chapel	Lutheran Service
			Rev. Winter

December 18

Thursday	10:00 am	GHS	Protestant Ward Service
			Rev. Kiddle
7:30 -	10:30 pm	Rumpus Room	School Lance - Bob Blohn
			Rock & Roll Band

December 19

Friday	2:30 -	4:00 pm	HH Music Rm.	Record Listening
		6:45 pm	Chapel	Lutheran Communion
				Rev. Winter

December 20

Saturday	10:00 am	GHS	Favorite Hymn Recital
			Mr. Korn

December 21

Sunday	8:45 am	Chapel	Protestant Service
			Rev. Van Deusen
	7:00 pm	Chapel	Catholic Mass
			Fr. Nelson

New Canteen Hours:

Sunday	10:30 am - 8:00 pm
Mon & Tues	9:00 am - 4:15 pm
W-Th-F-S	9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Mrs. Julaine Farrow
Nursing