

Osteopathic Hospital of Maine, Inc.

PORTLAND 4, MAINE

Mr. John J. Jones
335 Brighton Ave.,
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Jones:

You have done so much for the people of Maine that I feel impelled to lay before you one more problem and a further opportunity to serve the State to which you are so devoted.

I do so, not only for the direct help which you may find pleasure in giving toward its solution, but because your endorsement will spur others to follow your leadership.

Because of a record of splendid service, our hospital is much too small to meet the demands of the men, women and children who now apply for admission. To correct this situation will require a capital investment of \$400,000. The Federal government will give us \$25,000 to accomplish this provided others subscribe \$25,000.

The need and our program for meeting it are described on the following few pages. Without presuming to ask you for any specific sum, I should like to call your attention to divisions of the plan some portion of which might warrant your consideration.

1. SURGICAL SUITE: While the entire wing will cost \$30,250 it is composed of many units the most costly of which are the two major operating rooms at \$15,000.
2. MATERNITY: The nursery will cost \$9,500; a delivery room \$9,000; and labor room \$3,000.
3. DIETARY: The entire wing is \$24,000 as follows: kitchen \$15,000; nurses dining room \$6,000 and one for resident doctors is \$3,000.
4. PATIENT ROOMS: These range from \$3,000 to \$6,000.

Your consideration will be appreciated. If you would like to have further information or to discuss the problem before making your decision, I should be happy to meet you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES — 1954-55

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No Room In The Inn

As darkness threw its unfriendly shadow over the land their apprehensions mounted. Pain was harder to bear. Time grew short! Hopefully—perhaps timidly—they knocked on the door. But there was no room in the Inn.

We can understand the tragic shock of such an answer. We can appreciate the distress of those who may be forced by circumstances beyond their control to deny admission in time of need.

Such distress is found far too often today at the Osteopathic Hospital in Portland, Maine.

Facts To Be Faced

In a constant attempt to postpone such denial, every nook and cranny—even the hospital corridors—now are being used for the temporary accommodation of patients whose treatment cannot with safety be delayed.

Why does the demand so constantly exceed the capacity of the hospital?

There are several reasons: Rapid progress in the scientific treatment of disease has increased hospitalization. Hand in hand with this progress there has developed wide-spread concern over the mounting cost of hospital care in terms of money and mental comfort.

During the past twenty years the Osteopathic Hospital and its staff have demonstrated that scientific and successful hospital care can be provided with maximum physical and mental comfort without excessive cost in an atmosphere of intimate friendliness.

These facts have become known to more and more people each year. As a result the capacity of the hospital is too small to meet the demands which are being made upon it.

Expert and Unbiased Guidance

Unwilling to rely solely on their own opinion and that of the staff, the trustees of the hospital sought and obtained the advice of David Quick Hammond, a consultant with many years of hospital experience.

The urgency of the need was confirmed. It was determined that these needs can be met with an addition to the present building to about double the patient capacity and expand the surgical, diagnostic and service facilities of the hospital.

This can be done without sacrifice of the friendly home-like atmosphere of the Osteopathic Hospital and increased plant efficiency is expected to lower operating costs slightly.

The facts and figures were presented to the Hospital Advisory Council of the State of Maine and the agency in charge of the Federal Hospital Construc-

tion Act. As a result they agreed to participate in this expansion, plans and specifications for which have just been completed under conditions of close liason with both agencies.

The total cost, including the necessary new equipment will be \$400,000.

A Heavy Responsibility

This expert opinion, added to the facts which they themselves had observed, convinced the trustees that a way must be found to acomplish the required expansion.

In considering the problem, however, they were heartened to learn that in these days of high construction costs, the hospital can obtain more for an expenditure of \$400,000 than would be possible for most hospitals. Credit for this is due to the fact that future expansion was anticipated when the present structure was built some few years ago. Then rooms were placed only on the front side of the corridors. Now rooms may be added on the rear without need for additional corridors. Even pipe connections for the new rooms were installed during the original construction. This will save about one-third of the normal cost of each added hospital bed.

But regardless of the thrift of the investment, an expenditure of \$400,000 which you do not have is not to be undertaken lightly.

A Conditional Opportunity

However, the trustees have received assurance that \$150,000 of Maine's anticipated allotment of hospital construction funds expected to be appropriated by the Congress, will be awarded for the expansion of the Osteopathic Hospital in Portland provided the remainder of the required funds are subscribed promptly by its friends and neighbors.

Thus \$400,000 worth of new hospital facilities for the men, women and children of the area can be obtained with an investment of \$250,000 of local funds.

Pledges, payable over a period of three years, as well as cash contributions will serve to meet the conditions of the Federal grant.

However, these subscriptions should be in hand by July 1, 1955 or the opportunity for this government aid may be lost by default.

An Immediate Program

Therefore, the trustees of the hospital with the complete accord of the staff have agreed to present this opportunity to their friends and neighbors.

In comparison with the sums which Portland men and women and Portland businesses give annually to the Community Chest and from time to time for

other capital projects — \$250,000 over a period of three years is well within the scope of the habitual generosity of the civic minded citizens of Portland.

The trustees of the Osteopathic Hospital, therefore, in full confidence of an adequate response, ask your sympathetic consideration and studied judgment on the share which you may be willing and able to take in this program dedicated to the health and happiness of the men, women and children of our area in Maine.

A Partner Will Share In Your Giving

To encourage gifts to churches, education and hospitals the Federal government will bear an important portion of every gift for such purposes made by either a corporation or an individual tax-payer.

The tax credit will be at least 52 cents for each dollar contributed by a corporation which has a net income of more than \$25,000 a year. For the individual this saving or sharing is the per cent of tax in the TOP BRACKET. Depending on the amount of income, this will range from 20 per cent to 91 per cent of your gift.

You may find maximum tax advantage in transferring to the hospital securities which have gained in value since you purchased them. Your bank or tax advisor may be consulted for details.

Memorials

The trustees intend to give permanent acknowledgement to the generosity of those whose gifts make possible this important addition to the Osteopathic Hospital.

Many memorial units will be found in the building program. These cover a wide variety of services. Bronze plaques will record the name of the donor or the one in whose memory the unit is provided.

Non-memorial gifts of \$500 or more will be noted without reference to the amount of the gift in the reception hall. All other gifts, regardless of the amount, will be recorded on micro-film and sealed in the cornerstone of the new wing.

A Challenge To Us All

We face an unusual opportunity! To lose it would be tragic for the men, women and children who now and in the future will look to the Osteopathic Hospital for scientific hospital care at minimum cost in a friendly, neighborly atmosphere. To grasp this opportunity now before it is too late is a challenge to us all.

~~*No Room In The Inn*~~

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PLEDGES OF \$250,000 NEEDED BY JULY 1955, TO OBTAIN FEDERAL GRANT OF \$150,000 FOR A \$400,000 PROGRAM OF EXPANSION TO

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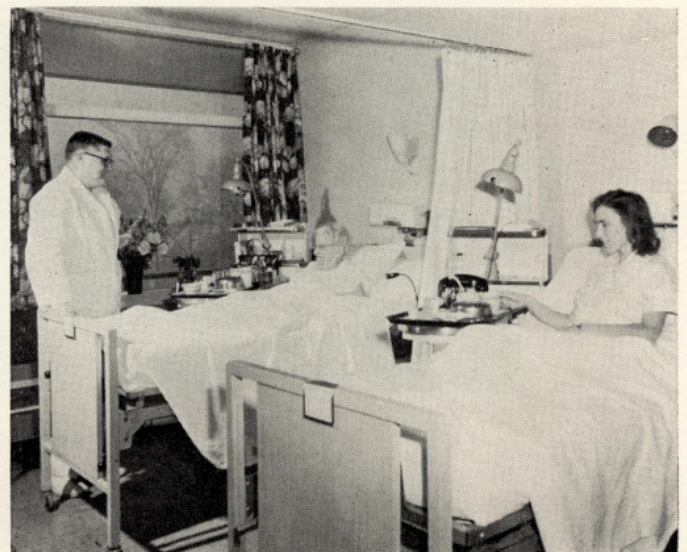


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Mrs Norton
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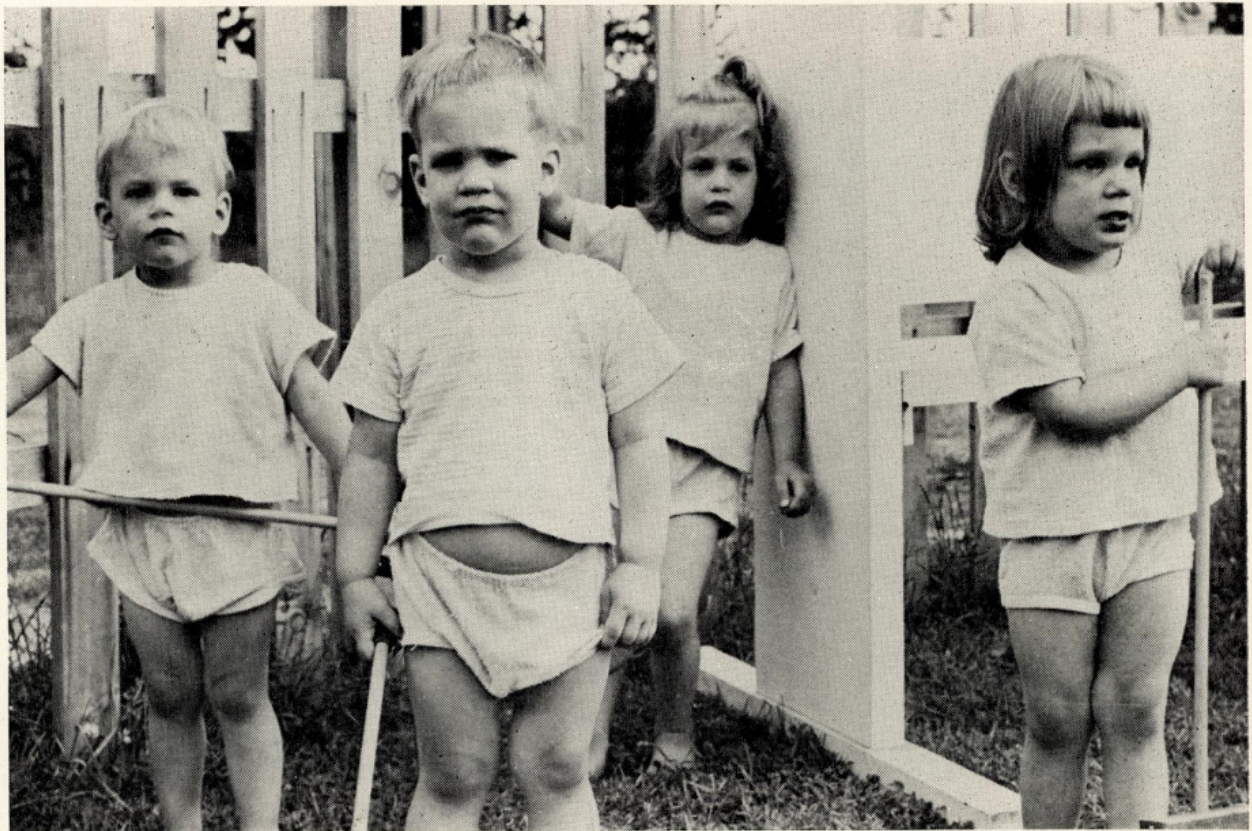


Dr Wyatt Miss Clifford

We don't remember this even though we are QUADS



BUT SEE US NOW!



Melissa

Bill

Jane

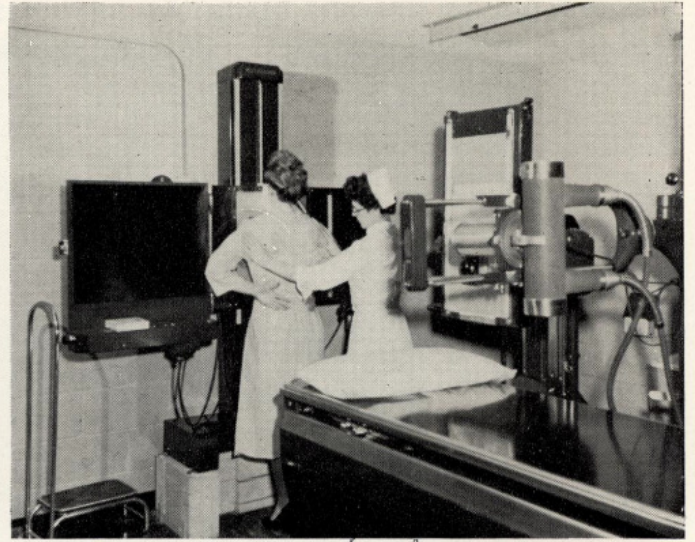
Rebecca

1954



Miss Flaherty

2,547 bed patients *Miss Grogins*
5,549 out-patients



Mrs Smith

8,234 X-ray diagnostic examinations
2,257 X-ray therapy treatments



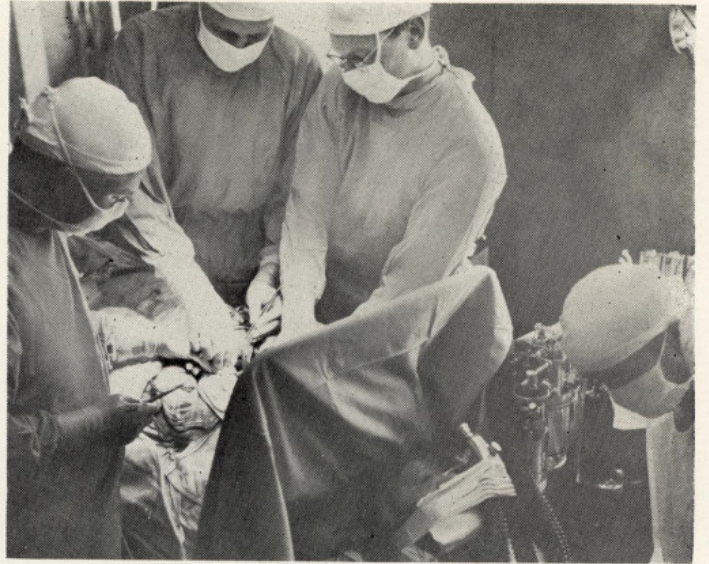
Skillful, watchful, and friendly care

Mrs Nutter

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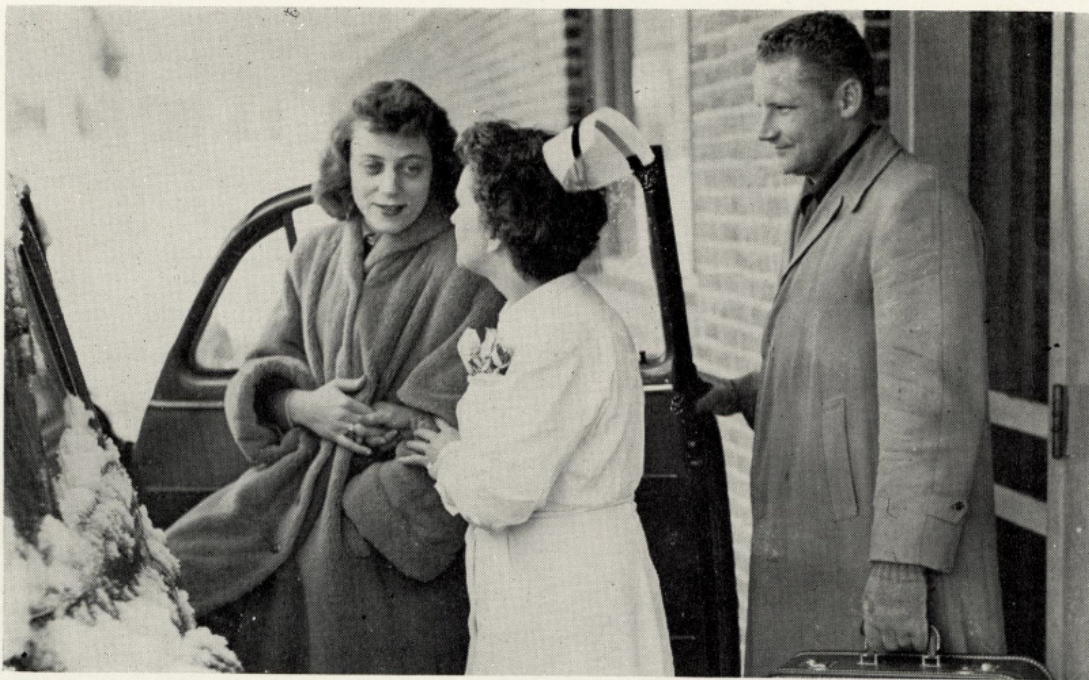


Dr. Button, Barbara & Joyce
27,810 laboratory examinations



514 major surgical operations

11,077 specialty operations.



GOING BACK HOME

Mrs. Duncan

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Editorials

Portland, Tuesday Morning, April 12, 1955

Guy Gannett Publishing Company

Osteopathic Hospital Merits Community Support

A group of Greater Portland people have taken upon themselves the task of enlarging and improving the State's medical facilities.

We refer to the announcement the other day that the Osteopathic Hospital of Maine seeks to raise \$350,000 for a new wing. This money, coupled with a grant from the Federal Treasury, would make it possible for the Brighton Avenue institution in Portland to erect a 74-bed wing, with work starting in the fall.

In kicking off the campaign, Curtis K. Gerry, general chairman of the fund drive, said the present hospital had become sadly lacking

in room and that "it is a community responsibility" to remedy the situation and help this "hospital continue the remarkable work it is doing."

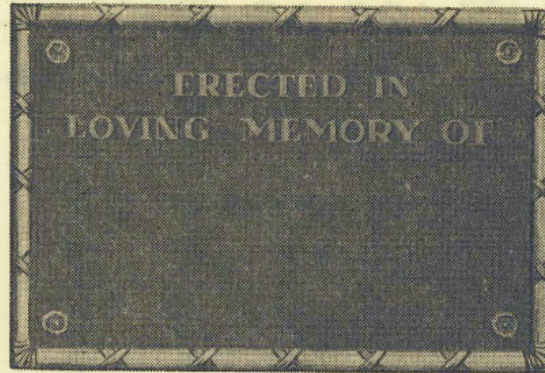
We hope the people of the area will not have to be reminded again that, as Mr. Gerry pointed out, proper medical facilities are in truth a community responsibility.

We owe it to the next generation if not to this to see to it that everything possible is done to maintain medical care at highest standards.

It is in keeping with this responsibility that the Osteopathic Hospital of Maine has launched its drive. It deserves the generous support of the people of Maine.

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MEMORIAL SUGGESTIONS

The new building program of the Osteopathic Hospital of Portland, Maine offers many appealing opportunities to establish lasting memorials—memorials which will continue year after year to serve the men, women and children who will be seeking health and happiness in this institution.

Some—not all by any means—of these opportunities are shown on the floor plans which follow. Units are identified with letters and numbers to correspond with the comparative cost figures listed on each page.

These cost figures are the relative costs of the various units and reflect a fair estimate of comparative value. In no instance does the figure equal the full cost of service units and equipment needed to support a particular unit.

If they choose to do so, various members of a family may join in the establishment of a unit in their family name by joining or grouping their subscriptions.

Units may be given in the name of a society or a business enterprise as well as by individuals.

Subscriptions may be paid over a period of three years on schedules convenient to the subscriber.