



THE ADVISOR

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DESK CALENDARS

All department heads and unit directors should come to the Purchasing Department in "A" Building to pick up the 1971 desk calendars. Calendars can only be issued to those who ordered them.

Ronda McKenrick
Purchasing Department

HELP NEEDED FUER DEUTSCHEN SPRECHERN

There is a resident in Unit II who can only speak and write in German. At this time, we know only two employees who can communicate in German, and one of them is leaving in the middle of January. If there are any employees who can either read or speak German and would like to spend some time with this resident, please call me at Ext. 287 and we will work out some arrangements.

John Rubinsohn
Unit II

RIDE NEEDED

I work on first shift and I need a ride to and from work. I live at the Black Rock Apartments, R.D. 1 (Rt. 113), Phoenixville, Pa., and my number is 933-6631.

Cami Stark
Unit V (D-1)

RECIPES A LA ROBERTS

WALNUT CARMEL FUDGE

Ingredients: $\frac{1}{4}$ Cup Butter $\frac{1}{4}$ Teaspoon Salt
1 Cup Brown Sugar, packed $\frac{3}{4}$ Cup Sour Cream
1 Cup Granulated Sugar 1 Teaspoon Vanilla
 $\frac{3}{4}$ Cup Walnuts, coarsely chopped

Procedure: Melt butter in a heavy 2-quart saucepan. Add sugars, salt and sour cream. Cook over low heat, stirring until sugar dissolves. Cover and boil slowly for five minutes. Uncover and cook rapidly without stirring until mixture forms a soft ball, or registers 236 degrees on a candy thermometer. Remove from heat and cool to lukewarm. Add vanilla and beat until mixture is creamy and begins to hold its shape. Stir in walnuts. Quickly drop by tablespoons onto waxed paper.

PHOTO FILE FOR RESIDENTS

One of the biggest problems for the new Child Care Aide is the identity of the residents. Proposed are identification cards with a photograph, age, height, weight, sex, and any other identifying data to be kept on each resident. The cards are to be kept in the office of each cottage and available to each new employe. Positive identification is very vital, especially when administering medications.

Joseph Grant
Unit VIII

A camera has been ordered to take this kind of identification photograph. Also, the addressograph system will print out relevant information in a simplified format. I hope this will eliminate the problem you mention. Ed.

REPLY TO A "VALID COMMENT" (ADVISOR. Nov. 12)

Our "disillusioned aide" has some legitimate beefs. Child Care Aides have always been the individuals who were closest to the residents, and, in general, the ones with the keenest personal interest in their day-to-day welfare. Many serious mistakes have been made as a result of the reluctance of supervisors to take the time to get sufficient information about resident problems, medical or non-medical. Physicians, nurses, and staff personnel have often been guilty of such omissions, and it has resulted in a lower standard of resident care when this has been the case. If employes on their rounds regularly refuse to listen, seek information, or look at the residents, this should be reported to the Unit Director concerned, and he should discuss the problem with the Medical or Nursing Director, who can advise him about the professional responsibilities which are involved.

Seeing the patient, however, does not mean conducting a thorough-going, on-the-spot examination. When he makes his rounds, only the physician (or nurse) can judge what needs to be done, on the ward or elsewhere, after he has listened carefully to what the Aides have to tell him. He should pay attention to the facts which are reported, look at the resident, and decide what needs to be done. He may wish to order studies on the spot, or may prefer to "wait and watch" for a few days. This is his prerogative. However, the Aide should continue to call the nurse's or physician's attention daily to any resident problems she feels are worthy of evaluation; and, as often as these problems are presented, the resident should at least be seen. Most apparent changes in a resident's physical status are transient, and will disappear without specific treatment. If symptoms and signs persist, however, no physician or nurse can afford to ignore them. In-patient or out-patient studies and examinations should be ordered.

Other problems enter, such as communications between shifts, or failure of nurses to screen complaints adequately before presenting them to physicians. My office would be happy to receive unsigned reports of particular medical problems, so that I could examine and, if possible, assist in handling these.

B. H. Marshall
Medical Director

STOREROOM CLOSED

The Storeroom will be closed from January 4, 1971, through January 8, 1971.

Frank E. Kamp
Procurement and Supply