

National Hospital Week May 9 to 15



Teamed for a Purpose

To educate their four children was the reason Sam and Antonette Carcerano, 2830 Gramercy, sought employment at Harbor General Hospital in 1948 and got it. Sam, 54, is custodian foreman, and Antonette, 48, is an x-ray darkroom assistant. Antonette started at Harbor as a dietary worker, loading food trucks and feeding patients in the polio ward. After six months, she transferred to nursing and began in-service training. Carrying out their duties, their paths often meet. Here, Antonette comes into the janitor's room to secure laboratory cleaning material from her husband.

'People... Heart of the Hospital'

"People — Heart of the Hospital" is the theme of National Hospital Week, observed throughout the nation from today through next Saturday, May 15.

National Hospital Week was officially designated in 1953, setting aside the week including May 12, birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of the nursing profession, who was born May 12, 1820. In 1921, Miss Nightingale's birthday was designated as Hospital Day.

Three principal objectives of the week's observance are: to help build community understanding and respect for the important human element in high quality patient care; to help foster good morale among hospital employees; and to encourage young people to consider hospital careers, of which there are over 100 excluding the medical and nursing professions.

The nationwide observance is also devised to draw attention of the public to the American hospitals, which offer the finest in medical care, medical research and the advancement in hospital equipment, such as the linear accelerator, improved cancer-fighting machine, installed at the Harbor General Hospital at the time of its opening Feb. 23, 1963, as well as an electronic microscope, and the latest in other laboratory equipment.

Heart of the Harbor General Hospital, eight-story \$15,400,000 building, opened in Torrance Feb. 23, 1963, as a result of a bond issue, is the people of the South Bay area, who spend hours as volunteer workers at the hospital. The important human element of high quality patient care is stressed by the Women's Auxiliaries, the teen-age Candy Strippers and organizations of the area, who include the hospital in their philanthropies.

These volunteer workers bring the "heart of the community" to this mammoth operation in service to the sick and elderly.

"Heart of the Hospital" is the 1600 employees who make up the hospital personnel.

Many husband and wife teams are included in the 1,600 personnel who man the 729 bed hospital. These couples' teams are found, not only in the medical and nursing phase of the hospital operation but in the laboratory, dietary fields, custodial services, transportation departments, and many other necessary services in hospital operation.

It takes "heart and people" for the mammoth operation of the Harbor General Hospital which, since its opening has cared for 23,000 bed patients, including 3,000 births. Another busy contingent of workers are found in the hospital's out-patient clinic, which to date has handled 250,000 visitations.



The Doctor and His Nurse

Included in the "people" program at the Harbor General Hospital are a number of "husband and wife" teams. Among them Dr. Nelson Frissell and his wife, Karen, a registered nurse. Dr. Nelson will complete his internship at Harbor in June and will go to the University of Colorado Medical Center to begin a three-year residency. Nurse Karen, who has been in admitting at Harbor, will join the nursing staff at the same facility. On duty, Nurse Karen fills a hypo needle, while her doctor husband checks out a glucose feeder.



On the Same Payroll

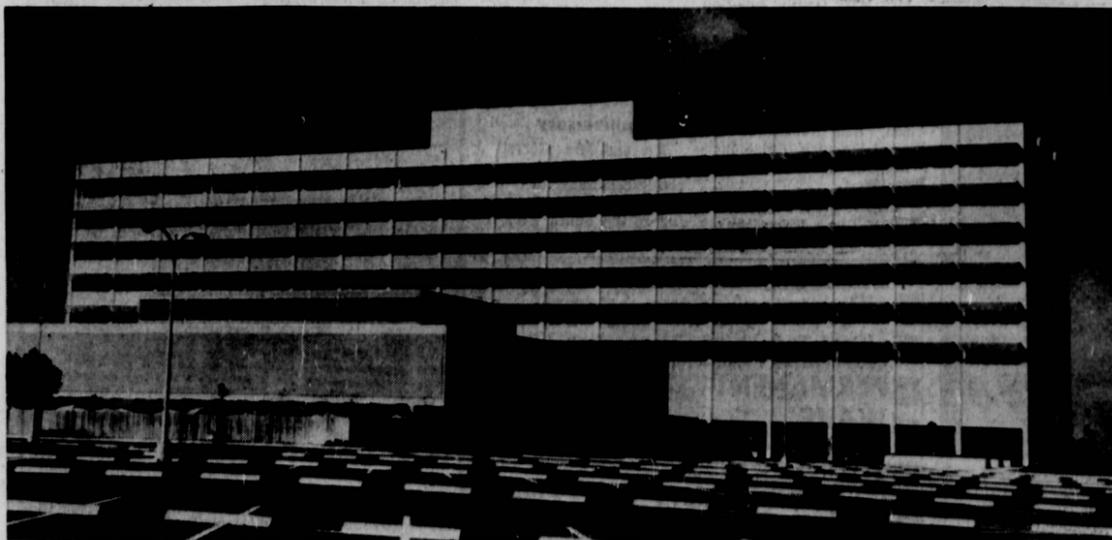
The operation of a hospital offers many job opportunities other than the medical and nursing professions. Two of these very necessary jobs are held by McBurnett Nelson and his wife, Betty, who have been employed at Harbor Hospital since 1961. Nelson is custodian while Betty is a nursing attendant. Caught up with their duties, here the two meet for coffee in the hospital cafeteria to talk over family affairs.



Resident and Intern

It's Dr. James Forrester and Dr. Deborah Forrester, he a resident in medicine and she an intern in neurosurgery at Harbor General Hospital. They came to Torrance from the University of Pennsylvania Medical school. As medical doctors, they often meet at the same patient's bedside. Here, Dr. James reads the chart and Dr. Deborah shows patient, Mrs. Ruth LaFortune of Torrance, an x-ray.

(Photos by Hal Fisher)



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Technician Team

Robert and Shirley Casin, whose romance began when both were taking the X-ray Technology course at Harbor General Hospital, continue as another husband-wife team at the hospital, he as an x-ray technician and she as an Isotope technician. In this field, a vital phase of the examination to help the doctor form a diagnosis, the couple often work together. Here, they check Shirley's x-ray against the isotope, a film which is a more intensive search for tumors.