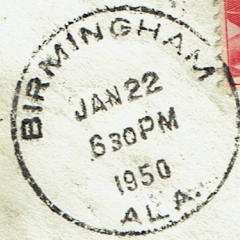


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Dear Children:-

We have been waiting to hear something from Gusta about Bill, but, as we often say, no news is good news. Any way, if we knew how to reach them we would call. Maybe something will come to night.

We have been having rain and cloudt weather several days but we are getting some sun shine this afternoon. We worked in the yard three half days last week planting and transplanting; getting things ready for spring, but it is common talk here that we will not have any spring flowers because they are all blooming in winter.

Elmer Key's letter of Monday came and we are glad to note that he is getting better every day in every way. Luck to you, son, on getting a secretary. I vote for the pretty one. It is fine that the chemistries are showing up better and better. Let us know about that one you were to hear from Wed. Glad you are having some time to think about your machine; that means that you will soon have it in production as Tom would say.

To all of you:- We have just read some interesting editorials in to-day's paper. There seems to be a general consensus of opinion that business will be good the first half of this year and drop off the last half. A comment on the Brannon Farm bill describes it as an effort to get high prices for the farmer and low food prices for the consumers. He says the Democratic party in the north has been taken over by the labor union leaders and they are pushing this farm bill. This means that we, the tax payers will really pay the difference. You will probably get the idea in some of your reading.

Wayne wroye from Montgomery Thursday; he thought he would go home for the week-end, and he expects to be in Birmingham early in March. He went to see Ermer before leaving Newman and she ask him to tell us that Bryan is in a hospital in Atlanta. He did not say what Bryan's trouble is. We will probably call Ermer and Sara to night. We saw Frank Vines at Harvey's recently and he is with the FHA in the department of property management. His job is to take houses that the Gi's are turning back and recondition them for resale. There seems to be a good deal of that now. The Gi's use them and abuse them and move out and leave them to the government.

We are beginning to see ads. of small attractive places (not government property) that sound interesting to us as a possibility of trading the home or store for something we would like for a home. Saw Myrtle and Will Seel last night and they have not gotten their wreck settled. They are told that their case has gone to the home office of the insurance company. They are holding out for a new car. I did not tell them it took the mills three months to grind our case through---but we finally got all we ask without a lawyer. To day at lunch we selected a big baked potato that was not good; we sent it back and there were no more; we ordered beef stew and potatoes and that was out. We ate what we had and took a drive; so we are going in early to night. Hope all of you are well and happy. Let us know. Love and best wishes from mother and papa. Your father, E. O. Sanders



# New Hospital in Canton, N. Y., 1,000th Aided by U. S. Funds

## Unit to Operate With Two Others Near By an Example of Federal-State Planning

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In the small up-state New York town of Canton, ceremonies will be held Friday to mark the completion of plans for a new fifty-bed hospital. Although of extreme importance to the residents of that community, this occasion has even greater significance, for the Canton hospital is the 1,000th hospital approved for a Federal grant-in-aid under the national hospital program made possible by the Hospital Survey and Construction Act.

The Canton hospital will also be unique in that it is to be operated as a single unit with an eighty-five-bed hospital in nearby Gouverneur, which will be completed in May, and a new thirty-five-bed hospital in nearby Alexandria Bay, to be completed in June. All three hospitals are to be known as the Edward J. Noble Hospitals, in honor of the American industrialist and philanthropist who has contributed approximately one-third of the funds for their construction. Half of the remaining funds were raised in each community, and the rest was supplied by a Federal grant-in-aid from the United States Public Health Service, administrators of the Hospital Survey and Construction Act.

Enacted in August, 1946, the Hospital Survey and Construction Act, known as the Hill-Burton Act because of its co-sponsorship by Senator Lister Hill of Alabama and Representative Harold Burton of Ohio, is designed to assist states in evaluating their existing hospital and health center facilities and surveying their additional needs, and to construct needed public or other non-profit hospitals and health centers.

### U. S. Shares In Costs

Under the program, the Federal Government pays up to one-third of a state's expenditures for surveys and planning; funds for construction are allocated to states on a formula based on population and per capita income. The original law authorized \$75,000,000 annually for five years for the program, but last year these funds were doubled to \$150,000,000 a year for the next six years. The amendments passed last year also included authorization of \$1,200,000 annually for research experiments and demonstrations on the development of hospital service facilities and resources.

The program is an example of close cooperative planning between the states and the Federal Government. Each state is responsible for the development of a plan showing the relative need between communities for hospital beds. On the basis of the State Plan, individual applications for Federal funds are made to the official state agencies, who in turn, process the applications to the United States Public Health Service.

Thus far, all of the states and territories have taken advantage of the Federal aid program. Construction costs of the 1,000 projects that

have received initial or final approval by the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service, will total about \$630,000,000 with the Federal share amounting to \$200,000,000. This completed or planned construction will give the nation a total of 50,000 additional hospital beds. Of the approved applications, 78 per cent have been for general hospitals, 14 per cent for public health centers, 5 per cent for mental hospitals, 2 per cent for tuberculosis projects, and 1 per cent for chronic disease facilities.

The total number of new hospital beds added through the program, however, is not as significant as the factors of their location and the coordination of their services. More than 70 per cent are in towns of less than 5,000 population. None of the three new hospitals in northern New York, for example, individually could have afforded a physical medicine and rehabilitation unit, the services of a full-time pathologist, or consulting services in surgery and radiology. By being operated as a single unit, they will make available to the citizens of that area unusually high quality services that are not ordinarily found in geographically isolated communities.

### Also Do Laboratory Work

The three hospitals will also do the laboratory work for their communities. The hospital at Canton is also being designed to meet the needs of the students of St. Lawrence University in that city.

Surveys and studies repeatedly have shown that more small hospitals in the rural areas are both needed and wanted. Small hospitals, however, are not able to provide a complete service to the patient unless they are affiliated with larger hospitals or have integrated programs such as is being developed in northern New York.

Recognizing these problems, a number of excellent demonstrations of regional planning for hospitals have been conducted during the last few years. Among them are those of the Commonwealth Fund through the Council of Regional Hospitals in Rochester, and through the Medical College of Virginia, in Virginia, the Bigham Associates Fund in Massachusetts and Maine, the Duke Endowment in the Carolinas, the Kellogg Foundation in Michigan, the Cleveland Hospital Council and the Hospital Council of Greater New York.

With the Hospital Survey and Construction Act, it is now possible to extend such coordinated planning throughout the nation. Such planning is an important and fundamental step in the provision of better medical services to more people.

(This is the first of three articles on hospitals. Next Sunday, Dr. Rusk will discuss the Hospital Council of Greater New York and hospital planning and coordination in New York City.)

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## Week-End In Florida

The Powell Nolands and daughters, Mildred, Rosalie and Augusta, are at their Summer cottage near Pensacola this week-end. Mildred, Rosalie and Augusta leave Jan. 31 on their jaunt to Hawaii. They will stop off in Tucson, Ariz., to visit a school chum on the way to the coast then sail from San Francisco Feb. 8 on the Lurline. Sailing on the same ship will be Mrs. Ruth White Baker of Del Ray, Fla., who has been here visiting the W. B. Whites.

Out-of-towners gathering here for the wedding tomorrow of Libba Woodson and "Buzz" Abele include Mrs. Frank Glass of Coco Beach, Fla.; Marion Pitts from Montgomery; the E. C. Armisteads of Gadsden, and Mrs. H. N. Bowdry and Mrs. R. E. Donaldson of Greenville, S. C.

Another visitor in town is Louise Perry of Charleston, S. C., who is the guest of Caroline (Wood) Perry.