

A HISTORY OF THE
WINTHROP COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, INC. 1922

FROM THE BEGINNING OF ITS PREDECESSOR

THE METCALF HOSPITAL - 1904

TO

1 JANUARY 1967

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*BEING THE RECORD OF A HUMANITARIAN INSTITUTION
FOR SIXTY THREE YEARS IN THE*

TOWN OF WINTHROP, MASSACHUSETTS

COMPILED, ANNOTATED & WRITTEN
BY

SIDVIN FRANK TUCKER

THE FIRST CLERK-SECRETARY - 1922

PRESENTED TO THE HOSPITAL TRUSTEES
27 APRIL 1967

History of the
Winthrop Community Hospital, Inc.

The word "history" implies by its very nature an element of Time from the origin of the specific subject under review to a current period of writing. As was very ably expressed by Charles Knight (1791-1873) when he wrote that History has a great office

To make the Past
intelligent to the Present for the
guidance of the Future

the present writer hopes this dissertation will serve that purpose. Hence, this will start with the Past.

The whole area of what is now the eastern part of Massachusetts was a lovely wooded virgin area -- beautiful to see when John Winthrop and his company arrived in 1630. We pass over the first two hundred years of the occupation of what is now the Town of Winthrop (then "Pulling Point" with Deane, the son of Gov. John Winthrop, being the sole resident in 1640) to 1852 when there were less than four hundred residents living in fewer than fifty dwellings in a primarily farming community at the latter date. That year, 1852, the area acquired the name of Winthrop and still remained a group of farms until the coming of a facetiously called "peanut railroad" in the 1870's -- later the Narrow Gauge of 1888.

Thereafter population increased, though the Town was still without electricity and other facilities. It was by far a lovely small town of less than a thousand souls.



DR. BEN HICKS METCALF
1871 - 1935

THE FOUNDER OF HIS PRIVATE
THE METCALF HOSPITAL

AT 174 WINTHROP ST (THEN NUMBERED 54) WHICH HE
BUILT IN 1904 AND MAINTAINED UNTIL 1922.

(THIS PHOTOGRAPH SHOWS HIM AT THE TIME OF
HIS SERVICE IN THE MEDICAL CORP. DURING
W. W. I.)

Now we come to the real origin of our subject, Dr. Ben Hicks Metcalf of fond memory to a good many of us today. He was graduated from the Harvard Medical School in 1894, served an internship in Boston City Hospital and acted as Assistant Port Physician of Boston. He became a resident of Winthrop in 1897 and began a successful practice. He settled in the stately dwelling at 170 Winthrop Street with his wife Maud R. (Fossett). His only son Richard F. was born 4 April 1898. Later this son became a student at Harvard Medical School.

The Doctor soon had a growing practice and in 1904, finding no facilities for the proper care of the sick, he built a private Hospital of 15 beds at 174 Winthrop Street adjoining his home. This had a then adequate Operating Room on the westerly side of the first floor of the Hospital, over which was a large skylight. Shortly after (1907) he connected the Hospital with his home by an enclosed passageway.

A testimony of Dr. Metcalf's skill is that it was in that operating room that he performed a successful empyema operation about 1915 on the writer's son, aged four. That son later joined the Army and is now (1967) a retired Colonel of the U. S. Army after thirty years of active service, much of it Foreign.

Dr. Metcalf established a School for Nurses at his Hospital with a three year course and a degree of R.N. Some of the nurses who served at the Metcalf Hospital at 174 Winthrop Street at some time between 1904 and 1921 were

Lila Cooper	Later Mrs.	Edgar Baker
Lillian Cooper	" "	Herbert Nadeau
Evelyn Floyd	" "	Wm. H. Clark
Ethel Hartling	" "	George McEwan
Joanna Hartling	" "	Harold W. Coghlan
Beulah Heckman	" "	Alfred Garbutt
Beatrice Polliser	" "	Thomas Benson
Elsie Lindbohm	" "	Ernest Walker
Elizabeth Powell	" "	Ralph Lownsbro

Also May Carpenter, Patty Kay
Elizabeth Ferguson, Blanch Owen
Elsie Lindbohm, Edna McKinley
Olga Strobeck and others.

The names of others escapes us at present.

The Superintendent of Dr. Metcalf's Hospital was Miss Sally Laidlaw (later Mrs. Hart) and his Secretary was Miss Virginia Wry. Both of these two later served in other capacities in the Winthrop Community Hospital Inc. on Lincoln Street.

Dr. Metcalf's son Richard F. laid his books aside at the outbreak of W.W. I and went to war. On 15 July 1918 he gave up his life in battle in Vaux, France as a Corporal at the age of 20. It is for this son that what was then Columbia Square was later named

Metcalf Square

Dr. Ben Hicks Metcalf also went to war with his associate Dr. Raymond B. Parker, both serving eighteen months overseas. Dr. Metcalf was twice gassed and on his return home his poor health forced him to seek a higher and drier climate than Winthrop for a while. While he was at war the Hospital carried on as best it could under the direction of Miss Laidlaw as Superintendent and Miss Virginia Wry as Secretary, for other Doctors' patients.



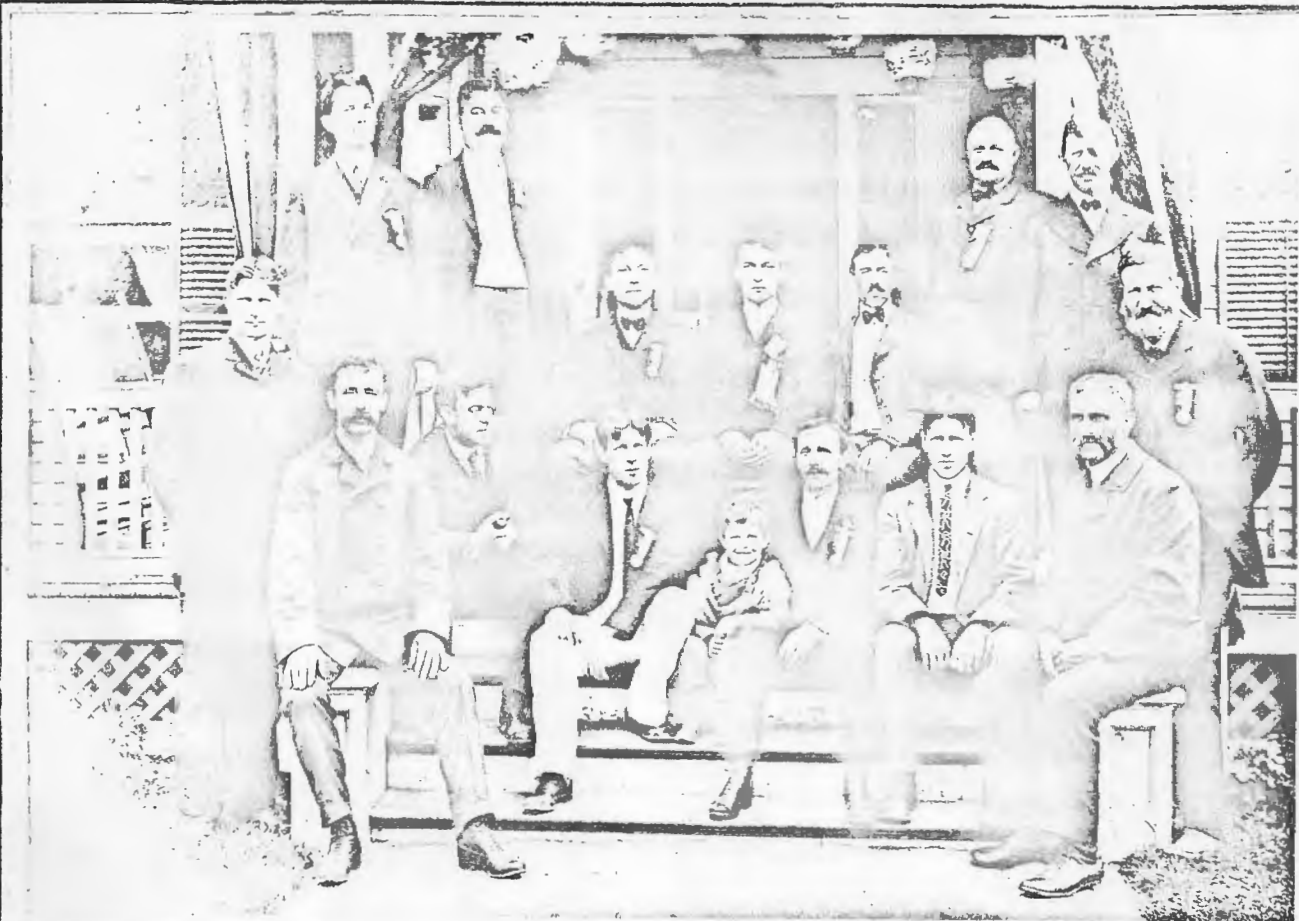
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WINTHROP ST.

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PHOTO TAKEN IN 1910 SHOWING DR. METCALF'S HOME ON THE LEFT AND
THE METCALF HOSPITAL ON THE RIGHT, WITH THE CONNECTING PASS-
 AGEWAY, BUILT IN 1907, BETWEEN THE TWO. THE ANCIENT VINT-
 AGE OPEN-AIR AUTOMOBILE SHOWN WAS THE DOCTOR'S AND IT
 WAS A FAMILIAR SIGHT IN THE TOWN AT THE TIME AUTOMOBILES
 WERE COMPARATIVELY, IN WINTHROP, RARE !!

{ IT IS OF INTEREST TO NOTE THAT THE DWELLING ABOVE AT
 170 WINTHROP ST, MANY YEARS LATER (1950) BECAME THE
 HOME FOR SEVERAL YEARS OF PETER W. PRINCI, NOW
 THE PRESIDENT OF WINTHROP COMMUNITY HOSPITAL. }



4 JULY 1902

ON THE STEPS OF DR METCALF'S HOME AT 170 WINTHROP STREET,
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF TOWN -- PARADE COMMITTEE.

- ① HORACE RIDLEY
 - ② DOCTOR PIGGOTT
 - WESLEY TYLER
 - ⑥
 - ⑦ WALTER BATTIS
 - ③ JOHN NUTE
 - ④
 - ⑤ EDGAR POWER
 - ⑧ HAYWARD
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 HARRY C WHORF (14)
 OSCAR FOSSETT (13)
 MILLARD SMITH, SR (9)
 WM PUTNAM (10)
 CHAS. BENNISON (11)
 RICHARD METCALF - BORN 1898 & CASUALTY SON OF DOCTOR IN W.W. I (12)

{ "METCALF SQ." FORMERLY COLUMBIA SQ, WAS NAMED AS A
 MEMORIAL TO THIS RICHARD METCALF, WHO WAS A CASUALTY
 IN W.W. I 15 JULY 1918 AT VAUX, FRANCE }



MISS SALLY LAIDLAW

*SUPERINTENDENT
OF DR. METCALF'S HOSPITAL*

MISS VIRGINIA WRY

*SECRETARY & ACCOUNTANT,
FOR DR. METCALF*



*THESE PHOTOS WERE TAKEN IN
1939 AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE
LINCOLN ST. HOSPITAL, AT WHICH
TIME MISS LAIDLAW (THEN MRS
HART) WAS SERVING AS NURSE AND
MISS WRY AS AN ACCOUNTANT.*

SHADES OF THE 100 CENT DOLLAR!!



WINTHROP. May 12 1909

M^r. Jennings
TO THE METCALF HOSPITAL, DR.
54 WINTHROP STREET.

To Room, Board, and Attendance for 6 weeks to April 22/09	\$ 90.00
To Special Nursing for week, to	\$
To Use of Operating Room on	\$
To Use of Etherizer on	\$ 50.00
To Drugs operation	\$
To Extras Champagne	\$ 1.50
June 12 th 09 mac #	141.50
	<u>15.00</u>

ORIGINAL BILL OF 1909

TO BOARD, ROOM AND ATTENDANCE FOR 6 WEEKS TO APRIL 22/09	\$ 90.00
TO USE OF OPERATING ROOM } TO USE OF ETHERIZER } TO OPERATION }	50.00
TO EXTRAS - Champagne	1.50
	<u>\$ 141.50</u>
<u>\$ 15.00 per week, not days!!</u>	

Dr. Metcalf and his Hospital became a Town institution and when his own failing health forced him to announce in the fall of 1921 that he would have to close his

Metcalf Hospital

the inhabitants were stunned. In those tense circumstances under the leadership of Elmer E. Dawson ably seconded by Eugene P. Whittier a group of citizens mindful of their civic responsibilities, organized to form the

Winthrop Community Hospital

with the intention of re-opening Dr. Metcalf's fifteen bed Hospital. Many meetings were held by this group and eventually called for a public meeting on Sunday afternoon of the 8 January 1922 at the Winthrop Theatre. Some two hundred citizens attended. Much interest was shown and one citizen pledged \$1,000. A committee was chosen which held several meetings with Doctors, architects and other citizens and reported at a later meeting 22 January 1922 two plans:-

One -- to remodel the Metcalf Hospital for 30 beds at cost of \$52,000.

Two -- build new fireproof hospital of 30 beds on new site at cost of \$110,000.

(Remember this was in 1922 -- not 1967)

Subsequently many efforts were made to raise funds for plan One with only partial results. These efforts prompted Dr. Metcalf to defer the closing of his Hospital until 1 July. This brief summary of the efforts made during this period of 1922 does not begin to convey the tremendous labors of the interested citizens who took

it upon themselves to shoulder all the responsibilities involved of keeping the Hospital in action.

This group of citizens met on 25 August 1922 at the Public Library and signed an "Agreement of Association" for a stock corporation of 1500 shares at \$10. per share.

A farewell reception was tendered Dr. Metcalf on 23 September 1922, a few days before the Charter to the Winthrop Community Hospital was received on 26 September.

Those who signed the "Agreement of Association" were

Preston B. Churchill	369 Winthrop St.	10 shares
Albert B. Smith	14 Brookfield Rd.	10 "
Artemus B. Reade	33 Shore Drive	10 "
Thomas W. Berridge	25 Park Ave.	1 "
L. Mabel Davison	31 Lincoln St.	1 "
J. Stewart Carr	135 Grover Ave.	5 "
George W. Goldsmith	8 Waldemar Ave.	3 "
Bernard W. Carey	4 Woodside Ave.	3 "
Ralph M. Harper	231 Bowdoin St.	5 "
Sidvin F. Tucker	393 Pleasant St.	3 "
Elmer E. Dawson	28 Washington Ave.	10 "
Eugene P. Whittier	36 Ingleside Ave.	10 "

(all of Winthrop)

The Charter was issued 26 September 1922 under the seal of Frederick W. Cook, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Corporators then met 10 October to organize and elect Trustees for one, two and three year terms and a Treasurer and Secretary, as shown on the next page.

Trustees - One year

Alice S. Farquhar	Thomas W. Berridge
Bernard F. McElligott	George W. Goldsmith
Artemus B. Reade	Charles H. Whitney
Thomas Davidson	William N. Jenkins

Trustees - Two years

Nelson Floyd	Maude P. McClintock
Alphonso W. Belcher	Eugene P. Whittier
J. Stewart Carr	Albert S. Smith
Sidney E. Blandford	Leslie E. Griffin

Trustees - Three years

Allen E. Newton	Israel Sisson
G. Wallace Tibbetts	Elmer E. Dawson
Bernard W. Cary, M.D.	Harriet D. A'Hearn
Frederic G. Dews	William H. Gardner

Treasurer Preston B. Churchill

Secretary Sidvin Frank Tucker

The Trustees then met and elected the following officers:-

President	Eugene P. Whittier
1st Vice President	Harriet D. A'Hearn
2nd " "	Allen E. Newton

A committee was then appointed to form a Hospital Aid Association, which they did.

President	Maude P. McClintock
Vice President	Harriet D. A'Hearn
Secretary	Alice S. Farquhar
Treasurer	Mrs. Louis A. Radell

FIRST "AGREEMENT of ASSOCIATION" 1922.

Old

The corporation shall be formed in the manner prescribed in and subject to section nine of chapter one hundred and fifty-five and sections six and eight to twelve, inclusive, of chapter one hundred and fifty-six, General Laws, except as follows:

The capital stock, if any, shall not exceed five hundred thousand dollars.

The agreement of association of a corporation having no capital stock may omit the statement of the amount of the capital stock and the par value and number of its shares. The par value of its shares, if any, may be ten, twenty-five, fifty or one hundred dollars. The fee to be paid to the state secretary upon the filing of the certificate of organization shall be five dollars. Section 3, chapter 180, General Laws.

We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, do, by this agreement, associate ourselves with the intention to constitute a corporation according to the provisions of chapter one hundred and eighty of the General Laws and the Acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

The name by which the Corporation shall be known is

Winthrop Community Hospital

The Corporation is constituted for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a general hospital, with appurtenances thereto belonging for medical and surgical treatment of sick and disabled persons and a school in connection therewith for instructing and training nurses in home, hospital, and institutional service and a department in connection therewith for social service work.

The place within which the Corporation is established or located is the Town of Winthrop within said Commonwealth.

The amount of its capital stock is --One Hundred Fifty Thousand-- dollars.

The par value of its shares is -----Ten----- dollars.

The number of its shares is Fifteen Thousand

(If seven days' notice is waived, use the following form:)

We hereby waive all requirements of the statutes of Massachusetts for notice of the first meeting for organization, and appoint the 29th day of August 1922, at eight o'clock P.M., at the Public Library, Winthrop, Mass. as the time and place of holding said first meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this twenty-fifth day of August in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-two.

NAME	RESIDENCE	Amount of Stock Subscribed for
Walter F. Churchill	all in Winthrop, Mass. 369 Winthrop St	10
Albet J. Smith	14 Brookfield Ave	10
Artemus B. Peade	33 Shore Drive	10
Thomas W. Berridge	26 Pearl Ave	1
L. Mabel Dawson	31 Lincoln St.	1
Stewart Carr	135 Graves Ave	5
George K. Golderitt	8 Haldeman Ave	3
Bernard K. Carey	4 Woodside Ave	3
Ralph M. Harper	231 Bowdoin St.	5
Lillian G. Proctor	393 Pleasant St	3
John G. Weston	78 Washington Ave	10
Ernest B. Peltier	36 Longside Ave	10

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PHOTOSTATIC COPY of CHARTER

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Be it Known That *whereas* Preston B. Churchill, Eugene P. Whittier, Sidvin P. Tucker, Albert S. Smith, Artemus B. Reade, Thomas W. Berridge, L. Mabel Davison, J. Stewart Carr, George W. Goldsmith, Bernard N. Carey, Ralph M. Harper and Elmer E. Dawson

have associated themselves with the intention of forming a corporation under the name of the **Winthrop Community Hospital,**

for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a general hospital, with appurtenances thereto belonging for medical and surgical treatment of sick and disabled persons and a school in connection therewith for instructing and training nurses in home, hospital, and institutional service and a department in connection therewith for social service work;

with a capital stock of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Par value, ten dollars. The amount of capital stock now to be issued is four thousand shares of common stock, to be paid for as follows:- In Cash: in full, four thousand shares;

and have complied with the provisions of the Statutes of this Commonwealth in such case made and provided, as appears from the certificate of the

President, Treasurer, Secretary and Trustees

of said corporation, duly approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation and recorded in this office:

Now, therefore, I, FREDERIC W. COOK, Secretary of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Do Hereby Certify that said Preston B. Churchill, Eugene P. Whittier, Sidvin P. Tucker, Albert S. Smith, Artemus B. Reade, Thomas W. Berridge, L. Mabel Davison, J. Stewart Carr, George W. Goldsmith, Bernard N. Carey, Ralph M. Harper and Elmer E. Dawson,

their associates and successors, are legally organized and established as, and are hereby made, an existing corporation under the name of the

Winthrop Community Hospital,

with the powers, rights and privileges, and subject to the limitations, duties and restrictions, which by law appertain thereto.



Witness my official signature hereunto subscribed, and the Great Seal of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereunto affixed, this **twenty-sixth** day of **September** in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and **twenty-two.**

F. A. Cook
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

By *Charles D. Carter*
Deputy, Acting Secretary.

Incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relating to Charitable and other Corporations

Certificate No. 704

Shares 3

WINTHROP COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
of Winthrop, Massachusetts

CAPITAL STOCK, \$150,000

PAR VALUE, \$10.00

This Certifies that S. F. Tucker is the
owner of Three fully paid and non-assessable Shares
of the Capital Stock of the WINTHROP COMMUNITY HOSPITAL transferable, with the
consent of the Board of Trustees, upon the books of the Corporation, in person or by Attorney on
surrender of this certificate. This certificate is issued subject to the provision in the By-Laws that
"neither the stockholders nor the capital stock shall participate in the earnings of the Corporation."

In Witness Whereof the said Corporation has caused this certificate to be signed by its duly
authorized officers and the corporate seal to be hereto affixed this Fifteenth
day of November A.D. 1922.

President

Reston B. Churchill
Treasurer

After many months of intensive negotiations and the raising of funds to buy Dr. Metcalf's property (both his dwelling and the Hospital) title was passed 19 October 1922 for a price of \$25,000. At this time about \$19,000 had been paid in on the subscriptions and the balance was financed through banking channels. Alterations, renovations and improvements adding up to \$5,000 were made and as of 1 January 1923 the Hospital re-opened for business. The first patient, Mrs. Nina Kempton, was admitted 3 January 1923 and the first male patient was Charles E. Holmes. A son to Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pierce was the first child born in the new Hospital on 5 January 1923. The Doctor's dwelling served as a nurses' residence.

Mrs. Mary Jane Jahnle who had been in charge of the Maternity Unit at Malden Hospital became the Superintendent of the re-opened Hospital, named

Winthrop Community Hospital

The nursing staff of Registered Nurses included:-

Miss Helen Shea	Miss M. A. Garvey
Miss Evelyn Ouillette	Miss M. A. Cosette
Miss Susan B. Swanton	

On 8 February 1924 a new "Agreement of Association" was signed at 68 Fremont Street which was in the immediate rear of the Hospital. This two-family dwelling had been acquired for a nurses' home at \$9585 and final deed passed 30 March. The purchase of this dwelling permitted changing the Metcalf residence into a Maternity Unit of ten beds thus increasing the capacity of the Hospital.



MARY JANE JAHNLE

BECAME SUPERINTENDANT OF THE WINTHROP COMMUNITY HOSPITAL (FORMERLY METCALF) AT ITS OPENING IN 1922 AND PLAYED A LARGE & IMPORTANT PART IN ITS ESTABLISHMENT. SHE WAS FONDLY REMEMBERED BY A HOST OF RESIDENTS WHEN SHE RESIGNED IN 1932 AT THE TIME OF OPENING THE NEW HOSPITAL ON LINCOLN ST.

SHE BECAME ENGAGED TO AND MARRIED A FORMER PATIENT OF METCALF HOSPITAL, A. NELSON LATTIE & MOVED TO N.H.

Under this new "Agreement of Association" a new Charter was issued to the

Winthrop Community Hospital, Inc.

as a non-profit charitable organization with dues paying members -- no stock -- and hence non-taxable. It had been pointed out that a stock corporation for a non-profit institution was contradictory. With a hospital constantly requiring additional funds, issuance of stock would be cumbersome, expensive and tax officials confused. In consequence this change of form was made for simplicity and permits unlimited membership in the corporation simply by the payment of annual dues. This change was effected by the good offices of G. Wallace Tibbetts and Leon P. Guptill.

It is now recorded that the Hospital Aid Association mentioned on page 11 in making its first effort conducted a Linen Ball in May 1923 which was a great success socially and financially under the leadership of Mrs. A'Hearn. In the more than forty years since then, the members of the Aid Association have rendered a vast amount of voluntary service to the great benefit of the Hospital. God bless 'em!

Those who signed this new "Agreement of Association" were the following. Note that all references to stock says "None" on the Agreement.

Eugene P. Whittier
 Preston B. Churchill
 Harriet D. A'Hearn
 Alice S. Farquhar
 Albert S. Smith

George W. Goldsmith
 Thomas F. Burke
 Alphonso W. Belcher
 Leslie E. Griffin
 Sidvin Frank Tucker

In the space for purpose it is written:-

"Winthrop Community Hospital, Incorporated.
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These incorporators then met and adopted By-Laws and elected the first Board of Trustees under this new Charter. The Trustees then elected from their own members the following officers for one year:-

President	Eugene P. Whittier
1st Vice-President	Harriet D. A'Hearn
2nd " "	Allen E. Newton
Treasurer	Preston B. Churchill
Clerk	Sidvin Frank Tucker

First Board of Trustees elected
under the new Charter

One year

Alphonso W. Belcher	Leslie E. Griffin
Sidney E. Blandford	Maude P. McClintock
J. Stewart Carr	Albert S. Smith
Nelson Floyd	Eugene P. Whittier

Two years

Harriet D. A'Hearn	Jane M. Hatch
Elmer E. Dawson	Allen E. Newton
Frederic G. Dews	Israel Sisson
Wm. H. Gardner	G. Wallace Tibbetts

Three years

Thomas F. Burke	George W. Goldsmith
Preston B. Churchill	Benj. A. Healey
Thomas Davidson	Wm. N. Jenkins
Alice S. Farquhar	Charles H. Whitney
Sidvin Frank Tucker	

(This Board then elected the officers shown above.)

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 The amount of its capital stock is **none** dollars.
 The par value of its shares is **none** dollars.
 The number of its shares is **none**

(If seven days' notice is waived, use the following form:)
 We hereby waive all requirements of the statutes of Massachusetts for notice of the first meeting for organization, and appoint the **eighth** day of **Feb.** 1924 at **8:15** o'clock **P.M.**, at **68 Fremont Street, Winthrop Massachusetts** as the time and place of holding said first meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this **eighth** day of **February** in the year nineteen hundred and **twenty-four**.

NAME	RESIDENCE	Amount of Stock Subscribed for
<i>Everett Whittier</i>	<i>36 Myerick Ave</i>	} all of Winthrop, Massachusetts
<i>Robert P. Churchills</i>	<i>369 Winthrop St</i>	
<i>Harriet D. A'Heam</i>	<i>222 Pleasant Street</i>	
<i>Alice J. Farguhar</i>	<i>59 Park Avenue</i>	
<i>Walter V. Smith</i>	<i>14 Brookfield road</i>	
<i>George H. Ordway</i>	<i>8 Waldemar Ave</i>	
<i>Thomas F. Burke</i>	<i>105 Washington Ave</i>	
<i>Alphonso W. Belcher</i>	<i>132 Loring Road</i>	
<i>Redie E. Trappin</i>	<i>112 Bartlett Road</i>	
<i>William Frank Under</i>	<i>393 Pleasant St - Winthrop</i>	

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By-Laws adopted set the classes of membership and the dues as follows:-

Annual	\$ 5.00)	
Contributing	10.00)	annual
Sustaining	25.00)	
Life	250.00	

The inadequacy of the Metcalf establishment as a hospital for a growing community was soon recognized. So with the future in mind on learning in 1924 that the Tocker Farm, a well situated site on the crest of a hill on Lincoln Street near Pleasant Street was available, the Trustees acquired the 72,500 square feet of land with a view to planning and erecting a new and modern hospital as soon as the means to do so would be available. Title was passed 8 April 1924. This site had been assessed to Mathilda Tocker for years as --

72,500 ft. land	\$8700.
House	2000.
Stable	200.
Hen house	200.
	<u>\$11,100.</u> ✓

Annual Meeting

On 28 January 1925 the Annual meeting (being the first such meeting under the new Charter and two years since the operation of the Hospital by Trustees) was held at Legion Hall. The term of one year Trustees having expired they were re-elected for three years, with Matthew C. Walsh as a new member of the Board. Two vacancies were left unfilled, Frederic G. Dews who had moved to another Town and Wm. N. Jenkins, deceased. The incumbent officers (shown on page 18) were re-elected.

At this meeting Mr. Whittier, the President, reported fully on the reasons for the change of the charter, making the Hospital Corporation a non-profit charitable organization under the laws of Massachusetts, non-taxable.

Voted to assume all the responsibilities of the former Charter -- and fixed the number of Trustees at twenty-four, eight to be elected annually for a term of three years.

Mrs. Farquhar reported that the Hospital Aid Association had made progress in their work and were continuing to do so.

At this meeting of 28 January 1925 the question was raised of the use of the Tocker Farm site pending the time when a Hospital could be erected. A suggestion was made for laying out plots as truck gardens which citizens could use for a small fee. Some passive attempt was made on this plan without any great resulting harvests!!

The Treasurer rendered his report (see page 27). That shows total financial assets of less than a scant \$65,000. which included three separate properties. When one realizes that this was forty years ago during difficult times one must recognize the high type of civic mindedness that actuated the citizens of this small Town to take over the unknown problems incident to operating such an institution.

Because this meeting was the first Annual one of the Winthrop Community Hospital, Incorporated, under the existing Charter it is worthy to note that there were nearly fifty in attendance, twenty-five being a quorum. From available information the following were

present:-

A. D. Allen	Rev. Ralph M. Harper
Mrs. F. R. Armstrong	Mrs. Ralph M. Harper
Mrs. Battefeld	Mrs. Harriet D. A'Hearn
A. W. Belcher	Merton O. Hill
Chas. R. Bennison	C. Holbrook
Sidney E. Blandford	Mrs. M. E. Kinney
Preston B. Churchill	Russell A. Lang
J. P. Cronin	Mrs. Maude P. McClintock
Gladys Dean	Alfred Phinney
Mrs. W. S. Doane	Louis A. Radell
Ellen Doane	Mrs. Louis A. Radell
Mrs. John Doleman	Mrs. Susan Richardson
Thomas Donovan	Mrs. John A. Roach
J. I. Downie	Edgar Power
Mrs. Alice Farquhar	John H. Stevens
Fred W. Fisher	Mrs. Z. L. Stiles
Herbert W. Floyd	Sidvin Frank Tucker
William H. Gardner	Mrs. Ruby (S. F.) Tucker
George W. Goldsmith	Matthew C. Walsh
Leslie E. Griffin	Mrs. Ruth (M. C.) Walsh
Leon C. Guphill	Eugene P. Whittier
Charles A. Hagman	Mrs. Eugene P. Whittier

Miss Virginia Wry

(Very probably there were others also)

Treasurer's Report - 31 December 1924

Assets

<u>Current</u>	Accounts Receivable		\$1,802.30	
	Stock Subscriptions		6,148.00	
	Cash		1,534.53	
	Investments		1,015.00	
	Inventory - Groceries	\$ 491.85		
	Supplies	596.70	1,088.55	\$11,588.38 ✓
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<u>Fixed</u>	Real Estate			
	Winthrop St.-Land	\$ 4,000.00		
	Bldg.	18,088.85	22,088.85 ✓	
	Lincoln St.- Land	\$10,516.25		
	Bldg.	2,688.17	13,204.42 ✓	
	Fremont St.- Land	\$ 1,350.00		
	Bldg.	8,235.12	9,585.12 ✓	
	Furniture & Fixtures		7,541.91	52,420.30 ✓
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<u>Deferred</u>				
	Prepaid Insurance & Taxes			298.68
				<u>\$64,307.36</u> ✓
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<u>Liabilities</u>				
<u>Current</u>	Accounts Payable & Accrued items			\$ 1,941.42
<u>Fixed</u>	Mortgage			23,715.00
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<u>Net Worth</u>				
	Capital Stock - Subs.	\$ 7,480.		
	Issued	26,880.	\$34,360.00 ✓	
	Donations for New Hospital		8,125.45	
	Surplus Adjustment Acct.		185.66	
			<u>\$42,671.11</u>	
	P & L		4,020.17	<u>38,650.94</u> ✓
				<u>\$64,307.36</u> ✓

Throughout the year of 1925 there were many meetings of the Trustees and officers. At one early such meeting it was decided to appoint a Medical Staff and as a result these Doctors were asked to serve in March 1925 -- O. E. Johnson, Harvey A. Kelley, Raymond Parker, J. Abrams, C. F. Mahoney.

It was also voted to appoint an Executive Committee composed of the President, first and second Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Clerk (ex-officio) with four other Trustees to carry out the actual operation of the Hospital as laid down in the policy set by the full Board. The four Trustees elected to serve on this Executive Committee were Matthew C. Walsh, Leslie E. Griffin, George W. Goldsmith and Thomas F. Burke.

Here it is worth noting that the officers were this early mindful of their responsibilities and were having a direct Fire Alarm system to the Fire House installed. That there was no occasion to use this service in the ten years of operation until moving to the new Hospital on Lincoln Street in 1932 in no way minimizes the value of the care exhibited by the officers for Hospital patients.

On 23 April 1925 there was a meeting of the officers, Trustees and six Doctors and also the Superintendent of the Hospital at the Winthrop Arms to discuss the paramount subject concerning a hoped for campaign to raise funds for a new Hospital. Mr. Armstrong, a consultant of much experience from Worcester, was present and these points were the highlight of his opinion regarding the necessary steps in any fund-raising effort and especially for a Hospital.

First - The cause must be an unquestioned one.
Does Winthrop really need a new and
larger Hospital?

Second - Is the financial objective one that
can reasonably be attained?

Third - The Technique of Solicitation
and Advertising must be very
well organized.

Fourth - There must be adequate
interest of everyone, and the
citizens aroused to the issue.

And he further stated that the job should be done in one bite --
several efforts are not desirable. To start building without com-
plete financing under control is a mistake to avoid.

At a subsequent meeting of the Executive Committee on 12 May
1925 at 68 Fremont Street the principles laid down above were dis-
cussed fully and at length. Following the lead of Leslie E. Griffin
it was the unanimous opinion that a new Hospital was a necessity and
it was unanimously voted to lay the matter of a Financial campaign
before a full Trustees meeting.

Therefore a Trustees meeting was called for 21 May 1925 at
68 Fremont Street where, after a full discussion of the so-called
Worcester Plan for raising funds it was unanimously voted that
"this Board of Trustees" favors launching a Campaign in the Fall
for funds for a New Hospital and to employ Mr. Armstrong as a
consultant.

On 12 June 1925 Mr. Whittier was authorized to negotiate with
the well-known Hospital architects Stevens & Lee who agreed in August

to accept the appointment to make suggested plans for a new Hospital.

Throughout the summer of 1925 there were many committee meetings in various places, in preparation for the coming Campaign for Funds. The Winthrop Women's Club offered a \$10. prize for the best campaign slogan. Two slogans were actually selected -- "Help us to help others" for \$10. submitted by Mrs. Belle A. Floyd, and another "Open your heart" for \$5. submitted by the Rev. Ralph M. Harper.

In August 1925 a goal of \$125,000. was set for a Building Fund Campaign and arrangements were made for the use of Odd Fellows Hall as a Headquarters (then at the southwest corner of Pauline and Fremont Streets) through the courtesy of Crystal Bay Lodge I.O.O.F. A Pre-Campaign was set for Sept. 10-21 and a Main Drive 28 September to 7 October 1925.

Mr. Witham, an associate of Mr. Armstrong, was appointed to handle publicity for twelve weeks from 1 August, 1925.

Mr. Armstrong, of Worcester, addressed the Trustees again in Odd Fellows Hall on 11 Sept. concerning the coming drive which he felt were divided into six elements thus:-

- 1 - Good cause
- 2 - Right plan
- 3 - Publicity
- 4 - Organization
- 5 - Leadership
- 6 - Enthusiasm

He said it was for the Trustees to decide whether a new hospital was needed -- but he was of the opinion from the information he had been

given there was no question that it was needed and the cause was good.

During the following weeks there was much activity. A tremendous amount of organization preceded the campaign. Committees and Team Captains were appointed. Much interest was generated in the Town and the following citizens consented to serve on an Advisory Committee -- and serve they did, all of them. The writer was completely emersed in this cause and can testify that each and every one had an active part in this Hospital effort.

(See next page 28)

During the week of 10 Sept. a pre-Campaign drive for subscriptions was made by thirty Team Captains.

The regular Campaign opened with a mass meeting in the Winthrop Theatre on Sunday 27 September. The Churches gave up their Evening Services so that all could attend this meeting which was addressed by several speakers who sponsored the Hospital including Congressman Charles L. Underhill. Starting on 28 September through to 7 October all of the forty-one Team Captains and their crews covered the Town. The final grand total of all pledges was 2761 for \$153,181. payable within three years. Reports were made at the headquarters at 6:30 P.M. dinners on Tues. 29 Sept., Thurs. 1 October and Sat. 3 October. On Monday 5 October (no dinner) reports were made at Wadsworth Hall at 9:30 P.M. A final Victory report was made on Wed. 7 October 1925 at Odd Fellows Hall with the days total of \$43,248. bringing the final total to \$153,181. This was climaxed with a Victory Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

Advisory Committee for Campaign, 1925

Eugene P. Whittier, Chm.

Preston B. Churchill, Treas.

Harriet D. A'Hearn

Harry W. Aiken

A. W. Belcher

C. R. Bennison

S. E. Blandford

Chas. J. Brown

Thos. F. Burke

Kilburn C. Brown

Chas. J. Craib

Thos. Davidson

Leon H. Davis

Joe E. Davison

~~L. H. Davison~~

Elmer E. Dawson

Augustus De Cort

E. B. De Mille

John J. Dervan

J. J. Devereax

Herbert C. Dow

Leon P. Dutch

Alice S. Farquhar

Fred W. Fisher

Belle A. Floyd

Nelson Floyd

Richard R. Flynn

Elias I. Galassi

Wm. H. Gardner

Arthur W. Gibby

H. A. Gilson

G. W. Goldsmith

Harry C. Graff

Leslie E. Griffin

Nellie F. Griffin

Leon C. Guptill

H. Dwight Hall

Wm. C. Ham

Chas. L. Hatch

Jane M. Hatch

F. W. Hatfield

Benj. A. Healey

Edw. H. Homer

Wm. L. Johnson

Henry E. Keough

Gerard La Centra

T. J. Mahaney

Wm. H. Mahoney

Maude P. McClintock

Fred J. Murphy

Allen E. Newton

Lydia J. Osborne

A. C. J. Pope

Edgar F. Power

Louis A. Radell

Joshua Remby

A. B. Reade

Samuel Shpunt

W. P. Simonds

Israel Sisson

Albert S. Smith

A. H. Sobey

H. E. Sperber

John H. Stevens

W. F. Stover

G. W. Tibbetts

S. F. Tucker

Ethel E. Waddell

M. C. Walsh

C. H. Whitney

A. E. Whittemore

Harry C. Whorf

C. A. Williams

Harry E. Wright

(All of the Officers and Trustees as of)
 (the date of this Campaign of September)
 (are included in this list -- some hav-)
 (ing died or removed from Town prior to)
 (this date of 1967.)

at Odd Fellows Hall. A detailed record of these daily reports was kept by the writer and it is included with this History. *See pages 32-35*

This campaign closed with a mammoth celebration. Church bells were rung. The Army Band and Boy Scouts led a parade of about 200 cars ablaze with red lights. This was agreed generally to be the greatest event in Winthrop since World War One Armistice Day!

Of the \$153,181. pledged as of 7 October 1925, plus some small contributions later, only some \$72,000. had been paid in by November 1927. A year later -- January 1929 -- there was but \$75,000 "in the till" and therefore construction was deferred until at least \$125,000 was made available. In April 1930 the need for larger hospital was deemed so urgent that the Trustees decided to begin building during that Spring. They let a contract for \$133,265. to Drisco & Sons of Boston and started a new fund raising drive. On 12 May 1930 (National Hospital Day) ground was broken and work started.

Simple but impressive exercises marked the turning of the first shovelful of earth. After prayer offered by Rev. W. J. Wharton, pastor of Union Congregational Church, Miss Olivia F. Whittier, daughter of the Hospital President, had the privilege amid the cheers of a large number attending, of operating the levers of the huge steam shovel to scoop out the earth. Then the President, Eugene P. Whittier, introduced the architect Mr. Stevens, the contractor Mr. Drisco, Mr. Clancy of the Board of Selectmen, Mrs. Kinney, President of the Hospital Aid Association, and Doctors Mahoney and Abrams and Mr. McCutcheon, the Superintendent of Construction. Rev. Ralph M.

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

12 MAY 1930

He is a member of the firm of architects, Stevens and Lee, of Boston, selected by the Board to build this new hospital, and it is interesting to note that Lloyd A. Patrick of Circuit road is associated with this firm and was present on this occasion. The next speaker was Fred H.

morning. This week many have stopped to watch the energetic steam shovel at work.

"The corner-stone laying," said Mr. Whittier, "will be an occasion of big moment, when everybody in town will have a hand in the celebration."



(PICTURE BY E. H. LEONARD FOR THE SUN)

1930

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS, AID ASSOCIATION AT "SHOVEL" EXERCISES

Ladies of the Community Hospital Aid Association, who attended the preliminary excavation work for the new hospital building. Monday afternoon, May 12, when the initial move was successfully accomplished under the direction of President of the Hospital, Trustees, Eugene P. Whittier.

THE ABOVE NEWSCLIPPING IS FROM THE WINTHROP SUN OF 17 MAY 1930 AND IS ONLY PART OF A LENGTHY STORY OF THE EVENT IN THE "SUN". THIS CLIPPING HAS LAIN IN THE WRITER'S FILE FOR THESE THIRTY SEVEN YEARS AND HAS JUST COME TO LIGHT. THE ONLY ONES IN THE PICTURE DEFINITELY IDENTIFIED ARE:—

UNDER TOP LEFT ARROW — MRS RUBY (SIDVIN) TUCKER
IN FRONT, OVER LEFT DOT — SUPT. MRS MARY JANE JAHNKE
IN FRONT, OVER RIGHT DOT — MRS HARRIET D. A'HEARN

THE PRINT IS TOO SMALL AND TOO FAINT TO IDENTIFY OTHERS AND THE CLIPPING IS HERE INCLUDED BECAUSE IT IS THE ONLY ITEM AVAILABLE CONCERNING THIS EVENT AND HENCE IS WORTHY TO ADD TO THE CHRONICLE.

Harper pronounced benediction.

Corner Stone of the Hospital was laid 15 June 1930.

On 27 January 1931 at the Annual Meeting of the Hospital Corporation it was announced that because of lengthy illness Mr. Whittier found it necessary to pass the leadership on other hands. Thus Leslie E. Griffin was elected in his place. In March there had been invested in the new building over \$108,000. and there still was due on pledges \$56,000. That was during the time of the great depression and pledges were much delayed in payment. So in August 1931 a mortgage was negotiated with the Charlestown Savings Bank for \$35,000. in order to complete the building.

Various interested efforts were made from time to time by clubs and individuals to raise funds to aid the new hospital. One of such was a huge Carnival held by the American Legion in Ingleside Park which netted \$4753. in September of 1931.

Work on the hospital continued apace and by February 1932 it was completed. During the construction Mr. Lloyd A. Patrick, a Winthrop resident associated with the firm of Stevens & Lee the architects, acted as the representative of the architects during construction. Open house was held 20-22 February and a great host of visitors came to inspect what their contributions had made possible.

The transfer of patients from the former Metcalf Hospital at 170-174 Winthrop Street to the new Winthrop Community Hospital was then carried out and occupied 16 March 1932.

WINTHROP COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, Inc.

Schedule Showing Daily Standing Of The \$125,000. Campaign

Sept. 28 - Oct. 7, 1925.

(153,181)

S.F.T.
Final Report as
of close of drive
Oct. 7-1925

Team.	Captain.	Quota.	D A I L Y R E P O R T										T O T A L		Percent of Quota
			First		Second		Third		Fourth		Fifth		No.	Amt.	
			No. Sub.	Amt.	No. Sub.	Amt.	No. Sub.	Amt.	No. Sub.	Amt.	No. Sub.	Amt.	No.	Amt.	
1	x HALL-W.N.	2385.	20	496.	7	169.	34	942.	41	6735.	22	2676.	124	11,018*	462%
2	CROSBY R.E.	2505.	24	794.	17	632.	34	799.	18	654.	11	204.	104	3,083.	123
3	x McCLINTOCK Mrs.	2220.	9	163.	14	911.	15	661.	3	155	6	461.	47	2,351.	107
4	CURTIS A.H.	2409.	4	156.	-	-	15	241.	20	392.	11	1765.	50	2,554.	106
14	x KEOUGH Henry	1635.	16	446.	16	569.	12	184.	23	576.	4	85.	71	1,860.	116
15	PINKSOHN	1110.	8	168.	18	438.	20	512.	14	319.	12	288.	72	1,725.	157
16	DOANE	2605.	23	1193.	38	1238.	30	1066.	34	817.	20	1301.	145*	5,615.	216
17	x BELCHER	1605.	4	238.	12	247.	14	391.	13	271.	18	1182.	61	2,329.	146
23	SILVERMAN	3210.	6	306.	10	284.	6	245.	6	169.	16	2490.	44	3,494.	107
24	HATCH Mrs.	2700.	11	546.	10	401.	32	1502.	13	342.	15	2661.	81	5,452.	202
34	x BURKE #2 T.K.	2805.	-	-	-	-	682.	-	400.	-	2053.	-	3,135.	112	
35	x STEVENS J.H.	2187.	21	1133.	8	288.	8	322.	18	498.	14	1790.	69	4,031.	184
36	x BENNISON C.R.	2550.	9	574.	14	414.	9	223.	7	209.	35	2022.	74	3,442.	135
37	x GARDNER	3105.	4	111.	9	373.	7	345.	29	2190.	1	120.	50	3,139.	101
38	x DAVIDSON Tom	1485.	-	-	-	-	22	667.	-	-	10	1014.	32	1,681.	113

(CONTINUED FROM PRECEDING PAGE)

			DAILY REPORT										TOTAL		Percent of Quota
Team.	Captain.	Quota.	First		Second		Third		Fourth		Fifth				
			No. Sub.	Amt.	No. Sub.	Amt.	No. Sub.	Amt.	No. Sub.	Amt.	No. Sub.	Amt.	No. Sub.	Amt.	
39 *	RADELL ^{housie}	2685.	3	75.	26	641.	13	388.	17	369.	13	1575.	72	3,048.	114 %
40	WINTER ^{H.R.}	3435.	11	510.	16	587.	19	545.	18	759.	7	1200.	71	3,601.	106 %
41	HODGKINSON ^{H.S.}	2025.	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	1332.	7	1025.	35	2,357.	116 %
Pre-Campaign -			17	18050.					9	10000.			26	28,050.	
Daily Total -			348	30250.	548	21126.	650	20639.	707	37918.	534	43248.	2787	153,181.	
Total previous day			---	---	348	30250.	896	51376.	1546	72015.	2253	109933.			
Total to Date -			348	30,250	896	51376	1546	72015	2253	109933	2787	153181			

<p>Old Pullms Hall</p> <p>\$ 30,250</p>	<p>Old Pullms Hall</p> <p>\$ 51,376</p>	<p>6 - O.M. Old Pullms Hall</p> <p>\$ 72,015</p>	<p>Wadsworth Hall 9:30 P.M.</p> <p>\$ 109,933</p>	<p>6:30 P.M. Old Pullms Hall</p> <p>\$ 153,181</p>	<p>unassigned } Subscriptions } \$ 11,018 (1)</p> <p>no. of } Subscriptions } 145 (16)</p>
				<p>Least camp total of 43,248 includes 33,074 Pre-Camp assigned to teams</p>	<p>Total of } Trustees } 21,788</p> <p>Actual P.C. } Total } 61,223</p>

PRE-CAMPAIGN CREDITS

1925

*no of
Subscriptions*

<u>Team.</u>	<u>Captain.</u>	<u>Need to Qualify.</u>	<u>Actual Credits.</u>	<u>Assigned Credits.</u>	<u>Total Credits.</u>
1	HALL	-	\$1,975.	-	9 \$1,975.
3	McCLINTOCK	330.	-	360.	1 360.
4	CURTIS ?	1620.	450.	1240.	8 1,690.
6	LYTHGOE	427.	1,240.	-	6 1,240.
9	CLARK	719.	300.	500.	4 800.
11	DOW	-	639.	-	3 639.
13	BEETLE	856.	-	950.	4 950.
16	DOANE	-	790.	-	4 790.
17	BELCHER	458.	535.	-	3 535.
18	HILL	646.	3000	350.	3 650.
19	A'HEARN	-	1185.	-	6 1,185.
20	ASTRIM	-	-	160.	1 160.
21	HOLZWASSER	620.	-	120.	1 120.
23	SILVERMAN	2,206.	-	2,300.	10 2,300.
24	HATCH	-	2,500.	-	11 2,500.
26	JAHNLE	-	700.	-	3 700.
28	MAHONEY	474.	-	500.	3 500.
41	HODGKINSON	000.	100.	000.	100.
		<u>\$18,665.</u>	<u>\$22,454.</u>	<u>\$10,620.</u>	<u>156 \$33,074.</u>

Total Pre-Campaign to close Oct. 7th - \$61
 Pre-Campaign Assignments: - 1st. meeting \$18,050.
 4th. " 10,000. *61,223.*
 5th. " 33,074.
 \$61,124.
 Unassigned - 99
\$61,223.

There was quietly raised \$61,223 by some diligent effort during a Pre-Campaign drive prior to the Regular Campaign and this tabulation shows how the \$61,223. was allotted to teams during the regular Drive.

The writer, as Clerk-Secretary of the Hospital Corporation, was delegated to receive and introduce visitors during Open House days and the recollection of a "faux pas" is still a vivid memory after thirty-five years. When Miss Ethel Hartling (a former nurse in Doctor Metcalf's Hospital then in her prime) arrived to look over the new Hospital at Open House she was warmly greeted as a friend. She was introduced to Mr. Whittier as "an old nurse" of Doctor Metcalf's Hospital, meaning of course a nurse from the old Hospital!! The look of daggers that then shot from Miss Hartling pierced him and **froze** him to the spot. But she soon melted and remained a lovely friend as a former nurse. Be careful not to get words mixed!

It is interesting to note at this point that the last patient in the former Metcalf Hospital to be sent home directly without being moved to the new Hospital was one who later became President of the Winthrop Community Hospital League and now (1967) an Honorary Member of the Board of Trustees. This was Mrs. Paul C. (Violet Hagman) Bucknam whose twin daughters Joyce and Joan were born 14 March in the Maternity Unit at 170 Winthrop Street of the former Metcalf Hospital two days before the new Lincoln Street hospital became operative on 16 March 1932. She was resident at the former Metcalf Hospital for twelve days before going home directly on 26 March and was the last patient to leave during evacuation of the building.

Mrs. Mary Jane Jahnle who had rendered very capable service for ten years as Superintendent of the Hospital on Winthrop Street resigned and removed to New Hampshire, having married a patient -- A. Nelson

Lattie -- a business man of character. During her happily remembered years of service during which she played an important part in establishing the Hospital she became known to and fondly remembered by a host of Winthrop residents. Her place was filled by Miss Marion Clyde Fussell, a graduate of the New England Hospital and started her duties as Superintendent of the Winthrop Community Hospital on Lincoln Street 28 July 1932.

James Ahearn is the senior member of the staff of Hospital personnel having started as the custodian of the Winthrop Street hospital soon after it was acquired from Dr. Metcalf in 1922 by the Winthrop Community Hospital. "Jim", as he is familiarly known, is pretty much of an institution at the Lincoln Street Hospital. Recently someone said to Jim that he about owned the Hospital and his reply probably fits the situation better when he said "The Hospital owns me". He first started in October 1927, nearly forty years ago.

When the main building of the Hospital was erected on Lincoln Street front there remained a considerable area of the former farm in the rear that the Hospital utilized as a truck garden. "Jim" Ahearn proved he was as good a farmer as he was a maintenance man and in July 1933 he produced an excellent crop of

beets, beans, turnips, spinach, peas,
chard, tomatoes, corn and potatoes.

He has also acted as an horticulturist, for in May of 1935 it is recorded that he "planted ten new fruit trees". There were forty in all.

NEW WINTHROP COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
 COMPLETED & FIRST OCCUPIED ON 16 MARCH 1932.

{ THESE PHOTOS WERE TAKEN IN 1939 BUT SHOW
 THE BUILDING SUBSTANTIALLY AS IT WAS IN 1932 }

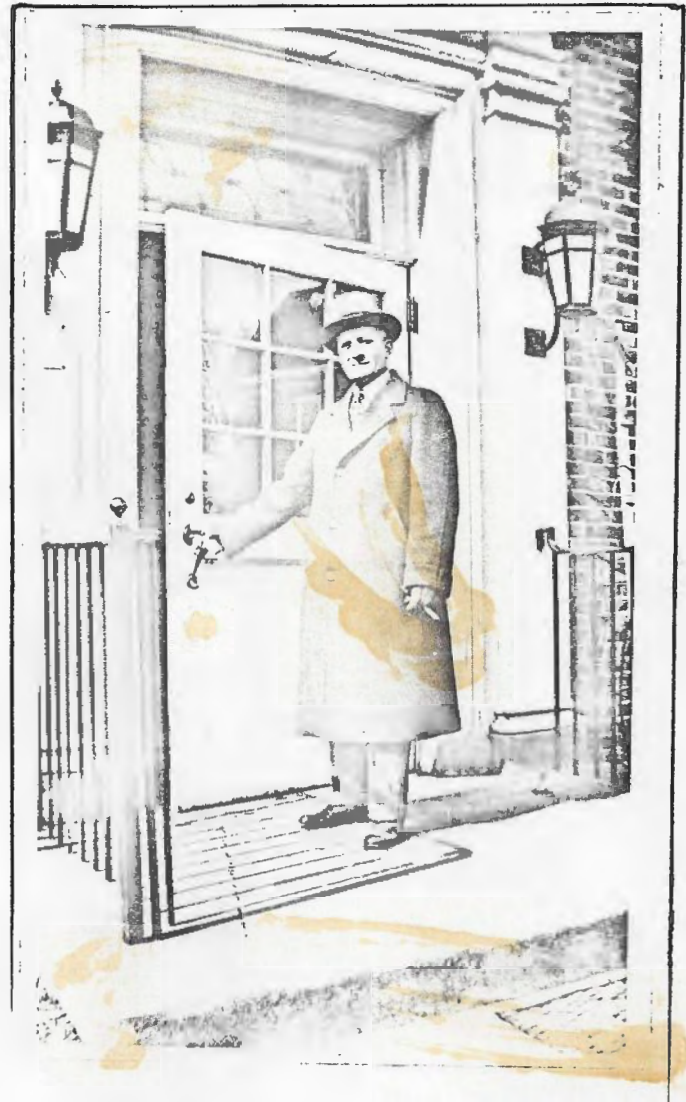


VIEW LOOKING NORTHWEST TO THE SOUTHERLY FRONT.



VIEW LOOKING SOUTHEAST TO THE NORTH & REAR OF HOSPITAL.

EUGENE P. WHITTIER.
1880 - 1958



IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE INTEREST OF MR WHITTIER IN THE WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF WINTHROP, TOGETHER WITH OTHERS WHOM HE CONVINCED WITH HIS VISION TO "CARRY ON" DR. METCALF'S HOSPITAL, THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE

WINTHROP COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

IN 1922 IS VERY LARGELY DUE. A MOST OF OTHERS BECAME IMBUEED WITH VISION AND TO THEM, WITH HIM, MUCH IS DUE FOR THE SERVICES OF THE HOSPITAL DURING THE PAST FORTY FIVE YEARS AND THE PROMISE OF ITS CONTINUED CARE.

MR. WHITTIER WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT AND SERVED FOR TEN YEARS 1922-1931.

At the January 1933 Annual Meeting of the Hospital Corporation Members, Leslie E. Griffin of the Executive Committee reported that the two family house on the next street -- 68 Fremont -- which had been used for a nurses' home, and the former Metcalf dwelling at 170 Winthrop Street (converted to Maternity Unit) had both been sold. After all patients had been removed to the new Hospital on Lincoln Street, the former hospital at 174 Winthrop Street was renovated for a nurses' home.

In December 1934 the fifteen room dwelling at 52 Lincoln Street (two family) adjoining the Hospital was bought for \$3600. which with some extensive changes and repairs was converted for a home for the Superintendent and nurses. By May of 1935 these changes had been completed and the home occupied. The total cost of the property with changes and repairs came to \$9700. Previously there had been the need for transportation of nurses between the 174 Winthrop Street nurses' home and Lincoln Street. This expense was eliminated by the purchase of the Lincoln Street dwelling. There being no further need for the 174 Winthrop Street property an offer of \$3500. was accepted from Charles R. Bennison who converted it at very considerable expense to other uses.

During 1935 after all the conditions of the prescribed period had been met, the Hospital became fully approved by the American College of Surgeons and has maintained that rating to the present time.

The wisdom of providing a larger hospital was demonstrated repeatedly during the first few years and the operation of it settled

down to a regular routine. The hurricane in the Fall of 1938 interrupted service only slightly but with the assistance of Telephone and Electric Companies, the Firemen and Police in their own sphere of service all facilities were soon back to normal.

In 1941 another adjacent dwelling was bought -- 54 Lincoln Street -- for \$4200. for a nurses' home. Also in 1941 Mrs. Alice Carlz, R.N. organized a class of twenty-five ladies to act as Hospital Aids and another group was organized by Mrs. Eilleen Gore, R.N. as Volunteer Nurses Aids under the Winthrop Chapter of the American Red Cross. War was on the horizon!

After ten years of operation of the new Hospital it was definitely established that the need for more beds became urgent, as the Hospital was at capacity and overcrowded. Plans were begun for the building of an annex of 34 beds and a contract was let for work to start 5 April 1943. The work was completed and Open House held 2 January 1944.

The new addition was occupied in February 1944. The cost was financed by the accumulated funds that had been donated to the Hospital amounting to \$10,000, a U. S. Government Grant of \$16,197. and a U. S. Government mortgage of \$49,000. at 3%. The terms of the mortgage required a yearly payment of \$2000. in reduction of the principal.

With a shortage of nurses becoming more acute a School for Attendant Nurses was opened in 1944 under the direction of Mrs. Mildred H. Goodale, R.N. The first floor of the Annex was used as

COMMENCEMENT of ADDITION
1943

(COMPLETED & OPEN HOUSE 2 JANUARY 1944)



FOUNDATION WORK - LOOKING SOUTH
APRIL 1943



BEGINNING TO FRAME - 19 MAY 1943
LOOKING NORTH

a Dormitory for student nurses with a school room in basement.

In November 1945 a campaign was begun under the name of "Debt Clearance" with the object of paying off some mortgages. This drive under chairmanship of Mr. Whittier resulted in cash and pledges of \$52,657. after a valiant effort -- a testimony of the staunch type of civic-mindedness of both the general public and those who not only solicited the public but subscribed substantially themselves. Then on 23 January 1946 the burning of three mortgages was happily watched by over two hundred and fifty citizens who had donated \$100 or more, leaving the Hospital free of all secured indebtedness except the then balance of the United States Government Mortgage.

On account of poor health the Superintendent, Miss M. C. Fussell, was allowed six months leave in April 1946 and since she had given fourteen years of devoted service, this leave was at full pay. Unexpectedly she died 19 September 1946 and the Trustees passed a Resolution praising her many years of service. Miss Dorcas P. Clark, R.N. was appointed Superintendent 1 September 1946.

Greater rooming facilities for student nurses continued to be an increasing need and in October 1946 when the dwelling at 29 Ingleside Avenue owned by the Battefeld Estate came on the market, the Trustees voted to purchase it. This was acquired for \$9000. When it was refitted it was named the Fussell Nurses Home in Memory of Marian C. Fussell.

In January 1947 Leslie E. Griffin requested that because of ill

WINTHROP COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

AID ASSOCIATION

1947

(ANNUAL REPORT ON THE BACK OF PICTURE)



Mrs. Violet L. Bucknam - President of Association - 1947

SEWING MEETING - WINTHROP COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AID ASSOCIATION 1947

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| | 1 - Mrs. Alice S. Farquhar | | | | | 5 - | | | |
| | | 2 - Mrs. Robert Fowler | | | | | 6 - Mrs. Arthur W. Gibby | | |
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| | | | | 4 - Miss Florence Key | | | 8 - | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 9 - Mrs. Ruby (Sidvin F.) Tucker |

health that he be not re-elected as President. Preston B. Churchill resigned as the Treasurer of the Hospital after twenty-six years of continuous selfless service and Austin S. Curtis was appointed Treasurer. Also Winfield S. Kendrick, Jr. who was Clerk since January 1933 was elected as President and Richard K. Griffin took over the not so simple a chore as Clerk.

Too often it is easy to take for granted that an office in a Town institution is one of Honor and no work. However, those who have been called to that side of the fence know by experience that any such office of Honor is also demanding of integrity and a vast amount of time from one's own personal pursuits. The rest of us are the beneficiaries of the gratis contributions of time and abilities of those willing to serve and owe a debt of gratitude for their unselfish labors in going that "extra mile".

The Lincoln Street entrance to the Hospital opened directly into the lobby and it was suggested that an outer door and enclosed porch would be a welcome convenience. This suggestion was well taken by a Hospital supporter and in September 1948 it was reported that the porch had been built and given to the Hospital by ~~the mother of~~ Mrs. W. F. Kendrick, Jr. *in memory of her mother.* This has been enjoyed ever since. *See next page*

Ever mindful of the Hospital's needs and interests Eugene P. Whittier reminded the Trustees in April of 1947 that the 25th Anniversary would be in January 1948 and suggested that an effort be made to raise twenty-five thousand dollars in anticipation of impending State License Rules and Regulations concerning Maternity Units.



WINTHROP COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

MEMORIAL PORCH

OVER THE OUTER DOOR ON THE INSIDE IS A SMALL PLATE READING-

PORCH GIVEN BY
 MRS. WINFIELD S. KENDRICK, JR
 IN MEMORY OF HER MOTHER
 JEANIE P. GILMOUR

SEE PREVIOUS PAGE AND SUPT.'S 1948 REPORT.

Such a campaign was launched and over \$27,000. was raised by 4 January 1948, which with some later donations reached \$28,447.

Mr. Lloyd A. Patrick, a resident of Winthrop who had been associated with Stevens & Lee, the architects who had designed the original building, was consulted by Mr. Whittier regarding the contemplated changes for the Maternity Unit. During the year the Maternity Unit had the needed changes made under a contract let to Piper Brothers, Inc. of Cambridge, which by April of 1951 were completed and fully approved by the Department of Public Health. The cost including equipment was nearly \$35,000. The Hospital League during a two year period raised \$3000. for equipment for this Unit. After twenty-five years of devoted service the few members still remaining in the Hospital Aid Association decided to disband.

In January 1951 Mr. Ernest Bentley was elected President as Mr. Kendrick declined to serve as he had moved from Winthrop. Mr. H. Dwight Hall continued as Clerk having succeeded Richard K. Griffin, who had moved, in 1950.

Mr. Leslie E. Griffin who had devotedly supported the Hospital and served as its President for fourteen years beginning in 1932 died 5 October 1951 and a Resolution was passed and spread on the Records in recognition of Mr. Griffin's service to the Hospital and community for many years. He was 76.

In October of 1951 it was reported that beginning in November the Superintendent, Mrs. C. K. Merrill, R.N. (who followed Miss Clark in 1949) would be hospitalized with Miss K. D. Chaplin, R.N. Acting

Superintendent in the interim. Mrs. Merrill was out until June 1952 when she returned and served out the year.

Miss Edna D. Price, R.N., who had seventeen years service at Emerson Hospital in Concord and the last six at Norwood Hospital became Superintendent 15 February 1953. She reported a desperate need for nurses -- were eight short and that there were 30 students at that time in School.

The Treasurer reported in August 1952 the receipt of a \$5000. bequest from the Estate of Mrs. Grace L. Bliss and in November Mr. Peter W. Princi said the net receipts from the Hospital Ball were over \$5000.

In January 1953 the officers elected were

President	Ernest Bentley
1st Vice President	F. H. Clark
2nd Vice President	K. S. Magoon
Treasurer	H. S. Burroughs
Clerk	H. Dwight Hall

Miss Price assumed her duties as Administrator 15 February, the title of chief officer being changed from Superintendent to Administrator. She early made a number of definite suggestions to improve facilities -- chiefly handicapped by lack of space for offices and waiting rooms -- and housing for new personnel.

Treasurer reported receipt of \$2000 bequest from estate of Mrs. Georgia A. Snow.

In January 1954 the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents elected were Kenneth S. Magoon and Fred A. Baumeister respectively, Mr. Fred H. Clark having died in office. He collapsed at Town Meeting in April.

After thirty years, a summary of the Treasurer's Report for

1953 showed

<u>Current Assets</u>	\$ 65,021.41
Invested & Cap. Funds	55,416.54
Plant funds	<u>274,420.88</u>
	<u>\$394,858.83 ✓</u>
 <u>Current Liabilities</u>	 \$ 24,225.66
Working Capital	40,795.75
Invested & Corp. funds	55,416.54
Plant funds - Mtg. Pay. \$ 32,076.42	
Plant Cap. <u>242,344.46</u>	<u>274,420.88</u>
	<u>\$394,858.83 *</u>
 <u>Income 1953</u>	
Patients	\$363,926.36
Less Operating expense	<u>365,054.15</u>
Loss	\$ 1,127.79 ✓
Other income \$ 30,720.64	
Less expenses <u>12,662.67</u>	<u>18,057.97</u>
	16,930.18 ✓
Less for contingencies	<u>26,205.08</u>
Net Loss after contingencies	<u>\$ 9,274.90 ✓</u>

Miss Chaplin, R.N., resigned effective 5 November 1954 after seventeen years service and the Trustees passed a Resolution in commendation of her many years of faithful service as Director of Nurses and as Assistant Administrator and made a gift to her of \$600. Her associates tendered her a Tea Thursday 4 November.

During 1954 several projects which had been contemplated were carried out. This included some extensive alterations by removing

the Laboratory, X-Ray and other ancillary services from the north side of the first floor of the main building to the first floor of the annex. The structural changes were considerable and costly. Also much new equipment was required -- X-Ray, cardiograph, etc., which ran into high figures. The space thus released on the first floor of the main building gave much needed room for administration, treasurer, bookkeeping, etc., and at the same time greatly enhanced the facilities for ancillary services. These latter were the fastest growing departments of the Hospital. A contract for the work was let in June 1954. The total cost of all for the building and the equipment was \$92,422. Part of this was met by some Funds of the Hospital that were available for this purpose of \$50,000. and part from a Grant of \$33,800. from the Ford Foundation. After the work was completed the new improvements were dedicated 13 February 1955.

At this time, 1954, the three nurses' homes were in use at 52 Lincoln Street, 54 Lincoln Street and the one at 29 Ingleside Avenue.

30 August 1956 Miss Price reported to the Executive Committee that Miss Virginia Wry would retire after thirty-four years as Hospital Secretary, Accountant and other duties and personnel would give her a reception on 5 September two days before she leaves 7 September. The Trustees voted Miss Wry a separation gift of \$500. and passed a Testimonial vote expressing its sincere appreciation for long service in these words:-

"The Board of Trustees of the Winthrop Community Hospital express to Miss Virginia Wry, upon her retirement from the Hospital organization, its sincere appreciation of her long years of valued and loyal service. The Board is pleased that Miss Wry should start a new phase of her useful life, even though it is difficult to imagine our Hospital without our being able to call upon her assistance in its work. The Board wishes her every happiness which is, in her case, surely deserved, and the Hospital will ever keep her memory bright and warm."

Miss Wry started as Dr. Metcalf's Secretary about 1905 and remained continually with his and the succeeding Hospital for over half a century, an experience not attained by many. The writer can testify that the above accolade was richly and abundantly deserved.

On 12 April "Jim" Ahearn fell off a ladder and broke a leg. He was out for six months and back on the job in November 1957. Trustees voted to make up the difference between Workmen's Compensation Insurance and his pay.

In September 1958 Miss Edna D. Price, the Administrator, stated in her remarks to the Trustees that she was "looking toward progress and improvement in our facilities, but untold time is required of the Nursing Service" (Miss Elizabeth F. Penney, R.N. was the Director of Nursing) "and Hospital Administrator in endeavoring to provide adequate nursing and other coverage and to correlate the work of the various departments to attain some semblance of system in order to affect a smoothly functioning whole".

Since Mrs. Mildred H. Goodale, R.N., the Principal of the School, had just returned from a three months' leave on account of illness and convalescence -- the ever present shortage of nurses --

and vacations, one can understand the concern of Miss Price. Also at this time the main spring of maintenance, Jim Ahearn, had been on a three weeks rainy vacation in Ireland and "glad to be back" to quote him.

Miss Price also reported that the condition of Mr. Whittier (who had been ill for some time) was "critical" and that she had sent him a plant from the Trustees.

She also gave some detailed data concerning the nurses' living facilities at the three dwellings used for that purpose, which briefly was as shown below.

Nurses' Residences Maintained in 1958

- 52 Lincoln Street - Davison Memorial
Three floors - houses ten persons.
- 54 Lincoln Street
Three floors - houses twelve persons.
1st floor, Admin. quarters with bath.
2nd floor, five single, 1 double bedroom,
overflow for students.
3rd floor, two single, one double for
two students - two maids.
- 29 Ingleside Avenue - Fussell Memorial
Three floors - houses twenty students,
two per room, and one housekeeper.

It was at the 1959 Annual Meeting 28 January 1959 that a Resolution was passed to be spread on the Records concerning the passing on 22 December 1958 of Mr. Eugene P. Whittier who was the prime mover in 1921 to form the Winthrop Community Hospital and continue the hospital services that Dr. Metcalf's declining health had forced him to give up. Mr. Whittier was the first President of the Hospital corporation from its inception in 1921 until 1931 and in-

defatigable thereafter in its interest. The Trustees Resolve said that they "found it impossible to express adequately the loss" and went on at length to try to so express it. That Resolution is contained in full in the Hospital's Annual Report of 1958.

In 1959 an addition of a Pediatric Ward in the Annex was made and completed in August. This with other improvements came to \$27,500. A new fire alarm system was installed and some new flooring costing \$12,500 -- a total of \$40,000.

This year salaries were increased generally. Two more resignations were reported -- that of Mrs. Olivia Blazo as chief Record Librarian in May and Mrs. Marion Rivette in the accounting department, both after fourteen years of service.

The Treasurer announced the receipt of a gift of \$500 from a Pro-Football game at Lynn together with a letter of transmittal from His Eminence Richard Cardinal Cushing. The expenses of the game were contributed by the Hon. Joseph P. Kennedy, a former resident of Winthrop and a Life Member of the Hospital. Credit for the sale of tickets, etc., belong to Fred A. Baumeister.

The year of 1960 had its highlights in casualties as well as happy events -- as have other years. How an institution as well as an individual responds to these events is the real measure of worth.

During the Summer, Hurricane "Donna" was experienced. With due warning the Hospital was prepared for an event which fortunately was of only slight damage when it arrived.

Then again, on 4 October 1960 at 5:45 P.M. without warning there

was an Airline crash in the Bay adjacent to Johnson Avenue area, and emergency plans were promptly put into effect. The Hospital was first notified as the X-Ray Technician arrived at 5:50 -- Police were called to alert all Doctors and Nurses at 5:53 and the nursing staff was mobilized. Extra beds were prepared, operating rooms staffed, Laboratory and X-Ray covered and all other emergency needs attended to. At 6:30 ambulance arrived with three survivors, two of whom were dead on arrival (D.O.A.) and others came later. The result was that seven had died before reaching the Hospital and eight survivors were cared for by 8:05 P.M. Success with this first major disaster can be laid to the Disaster Plan invoked-- Physical set-up of the Hospital and the Response of Doctors and Nurses all of which were mutually beneficial to patients and the Hospital.

A happy event occurred the following month of November when at a Special Meeting of the Trustees the announcement was made that the Davison Estate at 26 Ingleside Avenue consisting of a house, barn and 32,400 sq. ft. of land running from Ingleside Avenue through to Lincoln Street had been obtained for \$16,000. from Mr. Roland E. Davison. Mr. Bentley, the President, had been active in the transaction and it was largely through him that title was passed to the Hospital on 22 December 1960. This property had been acquired in order to carry through the contemplated plan to provide a nurses' home and training school in a new large building at some future time when the necessary finances permitted. "Hope springs eternal in the

human breast" and that hope was not far in the years ahead from being fulfilled.

A testimony of the constant endeavor to improve the Hospital's facilities with new modern equipment and renovations of its other properties is the fact that the Trustees arranged for such betterments to the extent of some \$20,000. in 1960. The following year about \$43,000. was invested in other new equipment and improvements, of which \$20,000. was for the installation of a new X-Ray table.

At the January 1961 Annual Meeting there was one change of Officers -- Mr. H. D. Hall retired with the title of Honorary Clerk. He was followed by Mr. John J. McCarthy. Unexpectedly, on the 16th March Mr. McCarthy died. Mr. Edw. L. Lane became Acting Clerk, resigning in April and on 27 April Mr. Martin J. Cain was elected Clerk. This left the officers of 1961 as

President	Ernest Bentley
1st Vice President	Kenneth S. Magoon
2nd Vice President	Fred A. Baumeister
Treasurer	Harry F. Burroughs
Clerk	Martin J. Cain

Early in the year the subject of a new home for nurses and a School for Student nurses came in for review and discussion. In June 1961 the following Committee was appointed to investigate and report on the matter:-

Ernest Bentley, Arthur Soper, Kenneth S. Magoon,
Fred A. Baumeister, George H. Hill, Miss Price,
Mrs. Remby, Dr. D. T. Staffier, Mrs. A. E. Keane.

Mr. Bentley was Chairman of the Committee, which contacted Donaldson R. McMullin Associates, the architects. In November plans were

approved for \$320,000. with the hope that Grants could be obtained from the State and also U. S. Government.

There were some severe blizzards in the Winter months of December 1960 and January and February of 1961 and the Hospital managed to keep going without undue handicaps.

There were a number of gifts and bequests this year. The net receipts of a Hospital Ball in May were nearly \$2,000. -- a bequest from the Estate of Mrs. Mary H. Walker in Memory of Frank B. Walker -- \$500. donation from Mr. Baumeister for the cost of an automatic heated Bassinette, the excess to go to a new Nurses' Home fund -- \$814. as a final payment of the Bequest of the Estate of W. S. Hibbard -- \$700. toward endowment of Hospital Room from Harold A. Budreau -- Mrs. John J. McCarthy gave \$1,000. to furnish a room in Memory of her husband -- \$2500. was received in full for the Bequest from the Estate of Charles H. Whitney -- John P. Clancy gave \$1,000. as an addition to the Memorial of his son Pvt. J. P. Clancy Jr., total \$4,486. -- and a gift of \$10,000 from the G.M.Hyams Trust toward the cost of X-Ray Equipment which had been installed at a cost of over \$20,000. Such welcome Gifts and Bequests are what gives the inspiration to those who have the responsibility of administering the Hospital to "carry on".

The Davison home and barn on Ingleside Avenue was razed in October 1961 at a cost of \$1980. by the Central Building Wrecking Co. -- and Bituminous concrete was laid in the driveway of the Hospital and the nurses' home on Lincoln Street.

The installation of an Auxiliary Power Plant to serve in emergencies was considered, the value^{of which} in such cases was later demonstrated.

The resignation of School Principal Mrs. Mildred H. Goodale, R.N. in September 1961 was received with regret and Mrs. Marion S. Remby, R.N. was then appointed as Principal 1 October. Mrs. Goodale had served since the inception of the School 1944, a great contribution to its success.

The above recounts the principal events of 1961, the matter of erecting a new building for a School being on the minds of many people -- the Officers as well as informed citizens.

In January 1962 the officers, shown on page 56, were re-elected. Much attention was given to considering the report of the "Building Comm." concerning the proposed new Nurses' Home & School to be erected on the Davison site. Estimated cost of \$320,000. Application was filed for a Federal Grant under the Hill-Burton Act. That Act provided that an Applicant could have assistance under the Act provided the Applicant could show they had 60% of the cost available in cash, pledges or mortgages. The 60% of estimated cost of \$320,000. was \$192,000, made up of \$112,000. in cash or pledges and could obtain a mortgage of \$80,000. For the balance of 40% (\$128,000.) the Federal Government gave provisional approval for the Grant.

As of that date -- January 1962 -- the Treasurer said there was \$103,000. in the Nurses Home fund and the Finance Committee (K. S. Magoon, Chm., and H. F. Burroughs, G. H. Hill) expressed the opinion

that they had faith that the residents of the Town would give substantial support, since the Hospital had qualified for a Grant under the Hill-Burton Act and recommended undertaking construction as soon as possible.

Later, in June, the architect reported to the Trustees that changes and expansion of plans may run estimated costs to \$350,000. and felt that the Government would go along with the increase and the Trustees so voted.

The Building & Grounds Committee reported in April 1962 that the Auxiliary Power Plant had been ordered in Summer of 1961, had arrived in October and was being installed, cost about \$15,000. An Auxiliary Power Plant is an accepted need for Hospitals in order to continue its functions in case of emergencies by failure of regular outside sources of supply. (Witness the Black Out two years later in November 1965. Plant worked well.)

Mr. Magoon, Chairman of Finance Committee, reported that rates in Winthrop are lower than other North Shore Hospitals and that costs of operations in general are going up about 7% for salaries and supplies. Hence, the Winthrop Community Hospital rates will have to be increased accordingly as of October 1st 1962. This question was debated fully and the Trustees voted the increases according to the schedules shown to them.

In November 1962 Miss Gladys M. Sylvester, the head Dietitian, resigned as of 6 December after twenty-two years of service. The Trustees appropriated \$200. in appreciation for her service and

the nursing staff held a party for her 6 December. Service of the unsung beyond the eye of the general public.

In accordance with good practice in preparation for an emergency a "Disaster Drill" was held 9 November which the Administrator, Miss Price, termed a success through the prompt response of Doctors, Police, Firemen, Civilian Defence and the submission of ten "mock" patients. These and other unseen services are things for which citizens should be grateful. Preparation before an unexpected event is so important to the prompt efforts in saving life.

The erection of the nurses' home and school on the Davison site on Lincoln Street opposite the Hospital was the major accomplishment of the Hospital Corporation in 1963. It represented the fruition of a dream of many years in planning, negotiating, financing, letting contracts. This was accomplished through the diligent labors of various Committees involved who after intensive study made a final report in February 1963 and was discharged as having completed their assigned task. Their recommendations were followed and a new committee of five was appointed with full authority -- "School and Home Construction Committee" under Chairmanship of Mr. Bentley, who gave a clear and comprehensive projection of what the ultimate costs of financing might be, thus:-

<u>Cost</u>			<u>Financing</u>	
Land		\$ 16,000.	Land	\$ 16,000.
Architect	\$ 45,000.		Arch. Pd. on Acct.	37,000.
Low Bid	\$291,000.		H-B 40%	152,800.
+ 5%	<u>15,000.</u>	306,000.	Avail. funds	123,145.
Furnishings	30,000.		Sale of houses	35,000.
Clerk of works	<u>6,000.</u>	<u>387,000.</u> ✓		
		\$403,000. ✓	Def. to Finance	<u>39,055.</u>
				<u>\$403,000.</u> ✓

This picture seemed to justify proceeding.

After many meetings with the architects and others a contract was ultimately signed with Kay-Locke, Inc. to be the builders, and ground was broken 30 March 1963.

The final and happy occasion for the completion of the Home and School for Practical Nurses on Lincoln Street was on Sunday 10 November 1963 when it was dedicated as Lincoln House.

Reporting now to items of very much less cost than erecting Lincoln House, it had been noticed in the Hospital that something was amiss in the partition wall of the dining room. Investigation by experts confirmed the belief that termites were doing a job. They were speedily eliminated at a cost of \$385. which can be viewed as a drop in the bucket compared to outlays of thousands spent for facilities and other repairs in 1963.

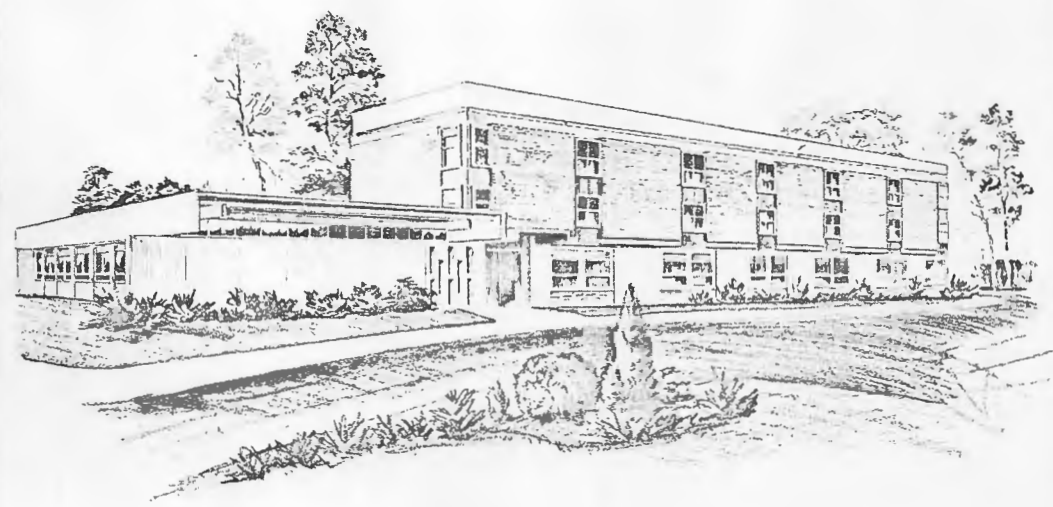
Greater space was needed for parking and so the area in the rear of the Hospital was enlarged by taking down half of the apple trees and moving the fence further east in July.

In September it was voted to repair the brick work on the north

LINCOLN HOUSE

THE FRUITION OF MANY YEARS EFFORTS

WINTHROP COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
LINCOLN HOUSE
NEW NURSES' SCHOOL & RESIDENCE



DEDICATION EXERCISES

TWO - THIRTY TO THREE - THIRTY

AND

OPEN HOUSE

THREE - THIRTY TO FIVE - THIRTY

IN THE AFTERNOON

OF

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER TENTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY - THREE

BOORUM & PEASE "NOIFART" ®

"NOIFART" ®

OPEN HOUSE VISITORS

DURING THE DEDICATION EXERCISES & OPEN HOUSE FESTIVITIES SEVERAL HUNDRED RESIDENTS AND OTHERS VISITED THIS NEW LINCOLN HOUSE & EXPRESSED APPROVAL OF THE FACILITY FOR THE NURSES.



LINCOLN HOUSE
WINTHROP COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

OPEN HOUSE

1963

COST OF FURNISHING AND EQUIPPINGLINCOLN HOUSE

The New Nurses' Home and School of
The Winthrop Community Hospital

DORMITORY

35 Students and Instructors' Bedrooms @ \$500.00 each	\$ 16,500.00
House Mother's Suite - (Bedroom, Living room & Bath)	1,500.00
Small Lounge Rooms on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd floors \$250.00 each	750.00
Main Lounge on 1st floor (to be furnished by Hospital League)	4,000.00
Laundry - Washer, Dryer and Ironing equipment	500.00
Snack Bar - Range, Refrigerator and equipment	500.00
Library	800.00
Recreation Room - (Television set donated)	250.00
House Mother's Office (estimated)	250.00
Total	<u>\$ 25,050.00</u>

SCHOOL

Nursing Arts Laboratory	\$ 5,750.00
Instructors' Offices	2,000.00
Lecture Room	2,750.00
Diet Laboratory	1,250.00
Class Room	800.00
Total	<u>\$ 12,550.00</u>

Total for Dormitory	\$ 25,050.00
" " School	<u>12,550.00</u>
Total for Entire Facility	<u>\$ 37,600.00</u>

Contributions toward the cost of the facilities listed above will be gratefully received. Units underwritten by donors will be marked with suitably inscribed brass plates.

side of the Hospital. That brick work had deteriorated greatly. At the cost of \$7500. the work was completed in October.

With the erection of Lincoln House there was no further need for the dwelling 29 Ingleside Avenue which had been used for some of the students, so an offer was accepted and sold for \$18,500.

In January 1964 Mr. Harold A. Budreau became Treasurer following the retirement after eleven years of Mr. Burroughs, the other officers remaining the same. Dr. John F. Collins was elected to the Board of Trustees representing the Medical Staff.

In May it was voted to utilize the roof of the nurses' home -- Lincoln House -- as a sunny resting spot for the nurses by installing a wooden deck with a fence around it. Mr. Thompson was the low bidder at \$595.

Mrs. Marion S. Remby, R.N., Principal of the School, resigned after eleven years of service -- 2½ as the Principal and 8½ as Instructor -- as of 29 May. Mrs. Lorraine P. Dibble, R.N., to take over, and on 14 June 1964 a Tea was tendered Mrs. Remby.

It was suggested that a tentative plan be made for adding a one story addition to the Hospital for about half the front length of the building, at the front entrance and an architect was asked to make preliminary drawings for such a possible event.

During the Summer several well-known persons were visitors at the Hospital --

Governor Endicott Peabody in August

Lt. Gov. Francis X. Bellotti who came in July to see his twelfth child.

Dr. Paul Dudley White who was at the Hospital as a consultant, on Labor Day.

A chain link fence around the lot on which stands Lincoln House was installed in the Fall of 1964, necessary to preserve the lot against encroachment.

In November it was voted to employ the firm of "Servend" -- commercial dietary food purveyors -- to manage the dietary department of the Hospital, to assume charge in January 1965.

A new Board of Trustees and Officers was elected for the year at the January 1965 meeting, the following Officers being installed:-

- President - Peter W. Princi
- 1st Vice President - Fred A. Baumeister
- 2nd Vice President - Arthur J. Soper
- Treasurer - Harold A. Budreau
- Clerk - (Mrs.) Anna E. Keane

Mr. Bentley had retired as President and Mr. Magoon as 1st Vice President amid the regrets of the Trustees, and their places taken as shown above. After elections Edward L. Lane paid tribute to Mr. Bentley for his fourteen years of service as President and then presented a portrait of Mr. Bentley to be hung in the foyer of Lincoln House.

Dr. Charles Meloni, representing the Medical Staff, handed Mr. Bentley a walnut plaque with mounted gavel.

Peter W. Princi presented Mrs. Bentley a Vase of Flowers.

Miss Edna D. Price, representing the personnel, and especially the nurses, presented Mr. Bentley a foot high doll dressed in a colorful Student Nurses' uniform.

Mr. Bentley expressed his happiness for the gifts and for the very evident warm regards shown to him. He thanked all who had aided him during his term of office. That he was particularly glad to have had the opportunity to see the fruition of the hopes for the building of a Home and School for Practical Nurses in his time everyone can now understand, since Ernest Bentley was outstanding in his leadership. The Nurses' Home will be forever identified with the name of Bentley.

At this same meeting in January 1965 there was a less happy event in the minds of those present. Mr. H. Dwight Hall who retired as Clerk in 1962 had passed away on 6 January. He had been a resident citizen of Winthrop for over half a century, active in its affairs, for years had served as Treasurer of St. John's Episcopal Church and was respected throughout the Town. He had been identified in one way or another with the Hospital since its inception in 1922. His "Team", of which he was the largest part, raised the biggest amount of any Team for the fund to build what ultimately became the present Hospital. Even in his Sunset Days of life Mr. Hall retained his interest in the Hospital. The Trustees passed a Resolution on his passing in tribute to him which may be seen in the Annual Report issued in January 1965.

"Servend", managers of the Hospital's dietary department, changed its name to "Seiler's-Dining and Dietary Service".

Mrs. Lorraine P. Dibble, R.N., who was appointed Principal of the School for Practical Nurses following the resignation of Mrs. Marian S. Remby in May 1964 reported at the Annual Meeting in January 1965, that as of 30 September 1964 there were thirty-four Students in the School.

June 1965 Miss Edna D. Price said that the shortage of nurses had been a bit relieved and that the situation was the best since 1953.

23 R.N.'s Registered Nurses
 19 L.P.N. Licensed Practical Nurses
 11 Aids
 27 Students

a total of 80, plus some Part-time R.N.'s and L.P.N.'s To a layman outside the Hospital, that seems to indicate Miss Price had the situation pretty well in hand. At that time there were signs she might resign shortly -- but more of that later.

At Trustees' meetings there were discussions about the lack of an adequate Pension Plan for the Hospital personnel. The subject was then referred to Mr. Baumeister to investigate -- possibly with a ten year qualification.

The Treasurer reported the receipt in September of \$22,511.33 being the final payment of the U. S. Government's 40% share of the cost of the new Lincoln House -- nearly two years after the Home was built, which inspires the quotation "one should not look a gift

horse in the mouth" even after waiting two years!

Some of Winthrop's streets are every bit as crooked as are the proverbial "cow paths" of Boston, so it is understandable that out-of-towners -- including Dr. Paul Dudley White and some other Doctors who had trouble finding the way to the Hospital, on account of the lack of street signs and sometimes street repairs. So at a meeting of Hospital Trustees in September 1965 the complaint was put in the hands of the reliable Mr. Baumeister to handle through the Building & Grounds Comm.

(As of the writing of this chronicle in March)
 (1967, Lincoln Street is nicely paved but)
 (elsewhere in the town the past Winter has)
 (left a host of "pot holes".)

In a previous paragraph it is indicated that Miss Edna Dorothea Price might resign. In a note she set the date as 31 October 1965, or not later than 1 December. Commenting as a matter of record Miss Price said she had worked in health care vocations for forty-five years, in over thirty-six in Hospital Administration -- thirteen of them at Winthrop Community Hospital. She was born in Nova Scotia where she received her early education and came to Boston later where she trained at the New England Baptist Hospital and received Registered Nurse degree there in 1924. From there Miss Price went to the Faulkner Hospital and three others before coming to Winthrop in 1953. She has studied at Harvard, Brown, Boston University and the University of Chicago in supplement of her vocation, and has been a member or officer in fourteen Medical organizations.

In September 1965 the Trustees with sincere regret accepted the intentions of Miss Price and at the October meeting she voiced her appreciation for all the help given her throughout all the years she had been in Winthrop.

On 18 November at the Trustees Meeting it was Voted that, in consideration of thirteen years of faithful service and the lack of a Pension Plan for retiring employees that Miss Price be given severance pay of \$2,000. A Resolution was also passed in recognition of that service, the text of which is on the next page.

Pending the appointment of a new Administrator Miss Elizabeth F. Penney was designated ~~Acting~~ Administrator until that time.

There had been numerous interviews with several applicants and final decision was not made until December 1965 when it was voted to appoint

Earle S. Wilks, Administrator

as of 1 February 1966 at \$8,000. plus living quarters at 54 Lincoln Street plus meals at the Hospital.

Since this chronicle now comes close to the present time it ceases to be "history" in the usual sense "years ago", so the following is more or less abbreviated just to maintain continuity to bring it up to date.

At the Annual Meeting of Members of the Hospital Corporation 26 January 1966 it was voted that the schedule of dues should be

Full membership	\$10.)	
Contributing membership	15.)	annually
Sustaining membership	25.)	
Life membership	\$300.	

7)

Resolve passed at Trustees Meeting 18 November 1965

"Be it Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Winthrop Community Hospital expresses in this Resolution appreciation for the contributions made by Miss Edna D. Price who retired as Administrator of the Hospital in October 1965.

Miss Price became Administrator of the Hospital in February 1953 and during the years of her service was faced with the difficult problems of a period of rapidly changing Hospital policies and practices, compounded by the complexities of the economic conditions of a troubled era. It is a tribute to her guidance that the Hospital has maintained its accreditation; that it has expanded its facilities and its ability to better serve the community; and that it is a better Hospital today than the day on which she first assumed the duties of Administrator. Miss Price must be forever numbered among the many who have been responsible for the high status of the Winthrop Community Hospital and its rank as a leader in Hospitals of its size and nature.

Be it Resolved that this Resolution be entered in the Minutes of this Meeting and a copy sent to Miss Price."

Miss Elizabeth F. Penney, R.N., resigned effective 12 February 1966 as Asst. Administrator and as Director of Nursing Service & Education. Mr. Princi thanked her for work and congratulated her for her coming association with the Department of Health and Service of the State of Massachusetts.

Mr. Princi announced that as of February 1st the new Administrator would be Mr. Earle S. Wilks.

The Annual Meeting then elected the Treasurer, Harold A. Budreau and the Clerk, Mrs. Anna E. Keane -- and the Trustees.

Following this, Trustees were elected, thus:-

3 yrs. Felix Albano, Fred H. Cheeseman, Anna E. Keane,
Melvin A. Mael, Ernest Bentley, H. F. Burroughs,
J. M. Milne, Jr., Edward A. Montone, Esther W.
Nelson, Howard S. Reynolds, Peter W. Princi and
Samuel H. Wingersky

1 yr. Vacancy, John Biggio

Then the reports for the fiscal year ending 30 Sept. 1965 were received and filed, from the various departments and committees -- Miss Penney, Mrs. Remby, Mrs. Dibble and others. The Treasurer's report showing the receipts and expenditures of services for patients of \$836,398. is an indication of the extent and labors needed to serve a Town of the size of Winthrop. The Hospital plant and other assets makes it a million dollar institution.

The Annual Meeting of Members then adjourned and the Trustees then assembled and elected the President with the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents thus:-

Peter W. Princi, Fred A. Baumeister and Arthur
J. Soper respectively.

The Trustees voted that the President have full authority to appoint committees.

To the Trustees were rendered reports from the

Joint Conf. Comm.	Furniture & Equipment
Building & Grounds	By-Laws
Finance	Treasurer -- as above
Mrs. Dibble for School	Miss Penney -- Nurses Service

It was stated that the Salary Adjustments had been a great boost to the morale of the employees. The total cost would be \$42,000. which would be partly offset by an increase in rates of about \$41,000.

A ten year comparison of)	\$22.31 in 1955
costs per patient day)	44.08 in 1965

and Jim Ahearn is listed as an Asset!!

Miss Penney and Mrs. Richter were commended for their help and cooperation in connection with adjusting Rates and Salaries.

Miss Penney made the comment regarding her leaving the Hospital 12 February 1966 that since the new Administrator will assume his duties 1 February she would be willing to stay on for his first two weeks to assist him. Mr. Princi spoke highly of her work and Mr. Bentley added that she had been a tower of strength as Assistant Administrator during the building of Lincoln House. In making her report she used this sentence -- "I can only say -- listen carefully and hear what is not being said."

In other words, read between the lines so that the real import of the words will sink in!

Mrs. Lorraine P. Dibble said that on 1 September last Mrs. Hope Herlihy, R.N. had joined the Faculty of the School of Practical Nursing -- Mrs. Dibble resigned as Principal 11 February.

"Bread spread on the waters" is more than a quotation when the Treasurer reported in February that the Hospital had received a check for \$1,000. from a survivor of the Air crash of October 1960 who was ministered to at the Hospital, this to be used for equipment.

The Trustees voted to allow Miss Penney a vacation with pay plus a gift of \$200. for services.

The dwelling at 54 Lincoln Street being remodelled for a home for Mr. Wilks was nearly done by April.

The Trustees received a letter of appreciation from G. Wallace Tibbetts thanking them for voting him an Honorary membership. He wrote he was 86 and blind. This is another one who in 1922 helped to revive Dr. Metcalf's Hospital -- the fast vanishing number of those who laid the foundation for what we have today.

In March 1966 the Treasurer reported the receipt by the Hospital as a residuary legatee of a Bequest from the Estate of Eli B. Tasker who died 1944. This came at a time when the Trustees contemplated conducting a campaign for funds to enlarge and improve the Hospital.

Mr. Wilks made a suggestion that High School Senior girls might be useful as Assistants at the Hospital between the hours of 5 and 7 P.M. -- girls with high marks.

Regarding a prospective addition to the Hospital and the possible participation in the cost, under the Hill-Burton Act it was agreed by

the Trustees that a figure of \$500,000. would be needed. For the Federal Government to be interested it was recognized that they must know exactly what purpose and projects for which the money was wanted.

Concerning the renovating or relocating of the laundry it was decided to keep it as it now is, unless at some time there is a better plan.

Sometimes what may seem minor matters can assume proportions beyond the immediate concern -- witness the unnecessary annoyance caused by some one climbing the fire escape to enter the Hospital!

The Trustees learned in June that the Greater Boston Hospital Council is considering the matter of salaries for Registered Nurses this year and notes comparisons as below:-

	In 1955	salaries	were	\$2912.
	1960	"	"	3900.
	1964	"	"	4600.
	1965	"	"	5000.
	Proposed 1966	"	"	5300.

In July the Trustees were shown two possible plans for Hospital enlargement -- one for \$802,000. and one for \$1,012,000. No definite action and still under study. May give up Maternity Unit.

Mrs. Hope Herlihy, R.N. Principal of School said there were thirty-one students enrolled and that nine seniors would be graduated soon, 23 September 1966 at Memorial Auditorium on Pauline Street.

In September 1966, Hospital Ball was planned to be on Saturday 5 November at Temple Tifereth Israel. It was later reported that about 220 couples attended and that some \$1500. was donated to the Hospital, a testimony of the good efforts of the Hospital Ball Committee.

At the 22 December 1966 meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees, the writer was introduced as a "Guest" and the author of the "Pictorial History of Winthrop". Mr. Princi had previously suggested to the "Guest" that he write a History of the Hospital and invited him to discuss the matter with the Executive Committee. The question of raising a large sum of money to enlarge the Hospital was also discussed and how a History could be used for that purpose. The writer agreed to write a history and commented that it would be exactly that -- not a fund raising brochure -- and that it would be for the Executive Committee to decide themselves whether a History, much abbreviated and shorn of its warm human interest would serve a Fund Raising purpose. It was the opinion of those present to let the matter of raising funds rest for the time being.

Before closing this human interest record it is needful to recall that in preparing this recitation and having visited the Hospital many times during the past forty years or more and "living with it" all that time, so to speak, the writer became aware that nurses, doctors, trustees, personnel and all who are closely connected with the Hospital face the same hazards of life as the rest of us. For instance, of the nursing staff Mrs. Dibble found it necessary to take a leave of absence in 1965; Miss Fussell became ill in 1946 and died later; Mrs. Goodale had three months' leave in 1958; Mrs. Merrill had six months' leave in 1962; Miss Price's doctor told her to "slow down and rest" and "follow the doctor's orders" which she did in 1965; of others Jim Ahearn broke a leg in 1957; Mr. Wilks was laid up

temporarily in 1966; Mr. K. Magoon had to "take it easy" for a while in April 1965 and Mrs. Anna Keane was out for a time with a painful fracture. There have been other instances in the past but these will suffice to illustrate the point. So the writer, as an interested citizen, extends his appreciation for the contribution of their services, and especially to those who give voluntarily of their time and abilities so generously without a dollar sign.

The following two pages showing summaries of the Treasurer's Report as of 31 December 1966 concludes this history at an appropriate point, as 1967 has barely started. This chronicle has been gathered from many sources and the writer donates it with the hope it will prove of pleasure and informative satisfaction to all who have played a part -- large or small -- in establishing and aiding so worthy an institution as the

Winthrop Community Hospital 1922

as a gift of his researches from the days of its predecessor in
Dr. Ben Hicks

Metcalf Hospital 1904

Presented in gratefulness to the Hospital by its

First Clerk, Sidvin Frank Tucker

Sidvin Frank Tucker
27 April 1967

30 SEPTEMBER 1966

Balance Sheet - 31 December 1966

Assets

Cash	\$ 16,295.	
Accounts Rec. - Net	162,983.	
Inventories	39,335.	
Prepaid expenses	<u>2,716.</u>	\$ 221,329.

* Endowment Funds - see below 132,732.

Plant Accounts

Buildings and Equipment	\$687,778.	
Land & Moveable Equipment	37,304.	
Reserve for Plant items	43,534.	
Trustees' Funds	<u>24,710.</u>	<u>793,326.</u>

\$1,147,387.

Liabilities

Accounts Pay.	\$ 33,526.	
Accrued Payroll	20,670.	
" Radiology	15,660.	
" Taxes	685.	
Other items	<u>1,526.</u>	

General Fund & Net Worth	<u>\$ 72,067.</u> ✓	\$221,329.
Endowment Funds	<u>149,262.</u>	132,732.
Equity in Plant Funds		<u>793,326.</u>

\$1,147,387.

See * above	(Fanny Bates	\$5435.	Waldo Dodge	\$ 4,892.
	(Helen E. Gardner	7022.	Eli Tasker	106,038.
	(H. Adams Mem.	1904.	H. Leviston	2,038.
	(Win. Womens Club	284.	Win. Nurses Sch.	1,754.
	(Catherine Downs	2242.	Undetermined	2.
	(Harriet A'Hearn	<u>1121.</u>		<u>18,008.</u> ✓
		<u>18,008.</u>		<u>\$132,732.</u> ✓

Summary of Income & Expenses
Fiscal Year Ending 30 September 1966

Income

In Patients

Routine	\$516,036.	
Oper. & Del. Rm.	57,952.	
Rad. & Laboratory	115,994.	
Pharmacy, Supply, etc.	<u>92,999.</u>	\$782,981. ✓

Out Patients

Emerg. & Oper. Rm.	\$ 10,053.	
Rad. & Laboratory	93,398.	
All other	<u>4,213.</u>	107,664. ✓
		<u>\$890,645.</u> ✓

Less Contr. Adjust., etc.) and Provision for Bad Debts)		<u>51,342.</u> ✓ \$839,303. ✓
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Expenses

Administration	\$112,606.	
Dietary	87,632.	
Housekeeping	52,375.	
Laundry, Oper. of Plant, etc.	63,687.	
Nursing Service & Educ.	231,414.	
Pharm., Oper. & Del. Rm., etc.	81,136.	
Rad. & Laboratory	139,820.	
Nursery, Med. Supply, etc.	84,230.	
Depreciation	<u>40,390.</u>	<u>893,290.</u> ✓

Loss		53,987. ✓
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Less other income from Purchase) Discounts, Supplies sold, etc.)		<u>9,997.</u>
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Net Loss		<u><u>\$43,990.</u></u> ✓
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NURSES HOMES
52 LINCOLN ST. - 1934
54 LINCOLN ST. - 1941

TOCKER FARM LOT - 1924
WINTHROP COMMUNITY HOSPITAL 1932
ANNEX BUILT 1944

OSTON

B O S T O N

SHAY'S HILL

Site of Annex



METCALF HOSPITAL-1904
WINTHROP COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
1922
170-174 WINTHROP STREET
(SOLD 1932-34)

NURSES HOME
68 FREMONT ST.
1924
(SOLD 1932)

FUSSELL
NURSES HOME-1946
(SOLD 1963)

DAVISON LOT-26/INGLESIDE AVE-1960
LINCOLN HOUSE
1963

1932

BOSTON HARBOR

On the following six pages are copies
of several pieces of literature issued
during the

1925 CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS

to erect the original building on
Lincoln Street for the

WINTHROP COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

the ground-breaking ceremony for which
occurred later, in May 1930.

(So far as known these are the only)
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WINTHROP, MASS., JUNE, 1925

No. 1

INFORMING THE PUBLIC OF THE SERVICE RENDERED BY THE WINTHROP COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Strange at it may seem the people, constituting the general public of most every community, are lamentably lacking in their understanding and recognition of the many problems, social, administrative and financial, which face those institutions within their communities to which they so readily turn for assistance when sickness or accident direct their steps toward the hospital.

Without its hospital the people of every community are waging a battle for community health against tremendous odds.

Every hour of each day throughout the years, the community without its own hospital or with inadequate hospital facilities are facing a never increasing danger which may mean serious loss of life.

Year by year the people of this Country are turning more and more to the hospitals when the hand of fate deals the blow which makes necessary highly skilled medical, surgical or nursing service.

In spite of this fact the general public is astonishingly ignorant of the great work which the hospitals of their towns and cities are rendering, day after day, month after month, and year after year, and it is quite as true that the problem of adequate

community hospitalization is one of the civic problems which receive only belated attention perhaps not until an epidemic or terrible catastrophe has swept the community.

Winthrop is no different in these respects than any other community in the United States. The Winthrop Community Hospital is rendering a notable service in behalf of suffering humanity regarding which many, many persons are uninformed.

So it is in the hope of creating a closer contact between the people of Winthrop and community with the Winthrop Community Hospital, that the first issue of this little publication is presented to the people of the community.

The members of the Board of Trustees fully realize the large number of friends which this hospital may claim. They also fully appreciate that these friends in the main are to be numbered among those who have come in close contact with the hospital and its activities, and they feel confident that with the widening of contacts will come a far greater appreciation of what the hospital has done and is yet doing for those who are so unfortunate as to require hospital treatment.

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WINTHROP, MASS., JULY, 1925

No. 2

TRUSTEES TO ASK PUBLIC FOR FUNDS TO BUILD MUCH NEEDED NEW HOSPITAL

Winthrop is very much in need of a new and larger hospital if the Winthrop Community Hospital is to continue to function to the best advantage in serving the sick and injured and to provide facilities to accommodate the continually increasing demands for maternity ward accommodations.

This fact has been realized for a long period of time by the members of the board of trustees of the institution and by a large number of Winthrop residents who have through their personal interests in the hospital kept in close touch with its progress in rendering hospital service to the unfortunate sick and injured of the community.

During a more recent period the conviction of the need of a new institution has been growing among the rank and file of the citizens of Winthrop and vicinity until this conviction has almost reached the point of becoming a public demand.

Realizing more and more the need for a new hospital as month after month the demands for service increased, the trustees took the first step a little over a year ago when the Tocker farm on Lincoln street was acquired as a site for the new hospital which was some day to come.

It was a most fortunate move on the part of the men and women charged with the

responsibilities of administering the affairs of the hospital. The site is high and sightly and constituted practically the only available vacant tract of land within the town limits which would in any way be suitable for the purpose it was desired for.

During the thirty months the hospital has been in operation since January 1923, this



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EUGENE P. WHITTIER
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WINTHROP WOMEN'S CLUB OFFERS PRIZE FOR HOSPITAL "SLOGAN"

The Winthrop Community Hospital wants a slogan to be used in the coming campaign to be launched early in the fall to raise sufficient money to erect the much-needed new hospital building.

It is desired to secure as many ideas for a slogan as possible, and it is proposed to give every man, woman and child in the town an opportunity to submit ideas.

To this end and to stimulate interest in the project the directors of the Winthrop Women's Club have authorized Mrs. Ethel E. Waddell, the new president of the Club, to offer a prize of ten dollars in gold for the most appropriate catch phrase which can be adapted to the needs of the campaign.

There are absolutely no conditions attached to this contest, other than the suggestions for a slogan must be submitted on or before 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, August 15.

For the guidance of those who will participate in this novel contest it should be stated that the slogan should be short and very much to the point. It should not exceed five or six words, and three or four words would be much better, providing they carry the punch necessary to get the big idea over to the people of the community.

The winning slogan will be picked by a committee of representative citizens, including a member of the Winthrop Women's Club, and the winner will be announced as soon as possible after the closing date of the contest.

In the language of the old-time ballyhoo artist at the county fair: "Come one, come all. One hundred can enter as well as one."

Here is ten dollars in gold awaiting the claim of some sharp-witted individual. Get your thinking caps on and help the hospital campaign along by writing the best slogan.

Write your suggestion for a slogan and mail or deliver it in person to the Winthrop Community Hospital Campaign Headquarters, Legion Building, Fremont St. Remember, all answers must be received not later than 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, August 15.

TINIEST PATIENT EVER ADMITTED

Miss Ruth Myrtle Olson, aged two years and three months, has the distinction of having been the tiniest patient ever admitted to the Winthrop Community Hospital, and this does not except any of the more than 300 babies who have been born at the hospital since it was opened in January, 1923.

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\$125,000 SET AS GOAL FOR HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN

ELMER E. DAWSON CITES LACK OF SUFFICIENT HOSPITAL BEDS

The lack of adequate hospitalization in the Town of Winthrop was brought strongly to our attention by Mr. Elmer E. Dawson, who cites the fact that Winthrop is lamentably lax in providing a sufficient number of hospital beds. Mr. Dawson calls attention to the fact that the population of Winthrop is now in excess of 16,000; that the community our hospital serves numbers approximately 25,000; that, figured on the basis of Winthrop alone, the number of beds per thousand is 1.5, a figure far below any other New England community of comparative size.

Going into the matter of community hospitalization, Mr. Dawson finds that the American College of Surgeons states that every city and town should provide at the least four hospital beds to each 1,000, and they further set the safety mark at a minimum of five beds per thousand.

"It is, of course," Mr. Dawson says, "impossible for Winthrop to provide adequate hospitalization at once. For more than two and one-half years, we have been going along with a small hospital of 24 beds, and a nursery of 11 bassinets. Based upon figures determined at the close of our last fiscal year, 77% of the persons treated at our hospital were Winthrop residents, 15% residents of Revere, and 5% residents of East Boston. It requires only very simple figuring to arrive at the conclusion that our hospitalization is woefully inadequate. During the thirty-two months since our hospital opened, it has served nearly 2,000 sick, injured and expectant mothers, and the aggregate number of hospital days' service rendered these persons, is, to say the least, amazing, when one takes into consideration the restricted facilities.

"Thirty-two months ago, when the Winthrop Community Hospital was organized and opened, a great many of us looked upon it as an experiment. We were not sure that Winthrop needed a hospital. During the past two and one-half years, it has been vividly and practically demonstrated to us that the community needs a hospital.

"During the month of July of this year, the records show that 105 persons, men, women and children, were treated and cared for at the Winthrop Community Hospital. Ordinarily, the demand for hospital service is light during the summer months. Peak periods usually occur during the winter months, but, in spite of this fact, both in 1924 and 25, demands upon our hospital have far exceeded its capacity, even during the summer months.

"Too few of us think of hospital service until we, or our loved ones, need it, and we then expect to find a hospital bed ready for us. This expectation is often unfulfilled because we have given neither thought nor consideration to the thousands of others who may need hospital ministrations. The result is that when our demand calls for a private room or even a bed in the ward, it must be met with refusal, because every available bed is occupied. If any of us expect to find hospital service ready for us when we need it, we must certainly do our part toward providing a larger hospital. Even though it is impossible at the present time to provide a sufficient number of beds (minimum of 5 beds to every 1,000) we can go a long way toward correcting our present lack of hospitalization.

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SEPT. 28 TO OCT. 7 DATES SET FOR CAMPAIGN

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Winthrop Community Hospital have decided that the long contemplated Building Fund Campaign to secure money for the new hospital buildings will be launched during the ten days from Monday, September 28, to and including Wednesday, October 7.

These days have been selected as the best in as much as it will permit getting the campaign out of the way without serious conflict with early fall social events and the opening fall meetings of the various Fraternal organizations in Winthrop.

Although it was desired to stage the campaign even earlier, this was found to be absolutely impossible because of the tremendous amount of preliminary work necessary in order to get the campaign thoroughly organized and prepare every last detail so that the work which will be demanded of the solicitors should be reduced to a minimum.

With the fixing of the campaign dates comes the further announcement that the goal has been set at \$125,000.

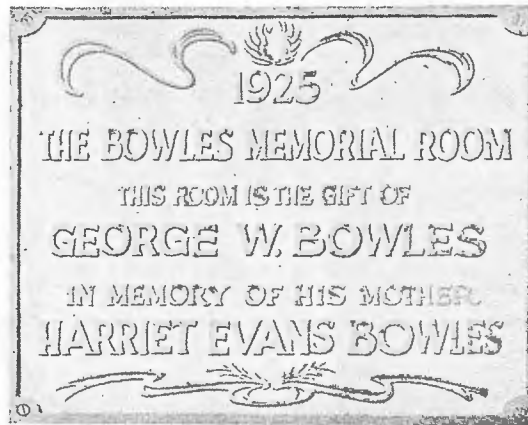
In naming this sum as the goal the members of the Executive Committee lay great stress on the fact that this is the minimum needed and to make the campaign the greatest possible success this mark must be well over subscribed.

No doubt exists in the minds of the hospital officials and a large number of staunch supporters of the institution, but what the residents of Winthrop and community are thoroughly capable of providing a much greater sum than \$125,000 for this most worthy cause, and it is confidently expected that when the bell rings down the curtain

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"HELP US TO HELP OTHERS"

Names That Will Live



This simple tablet tells the story of how some generous hearted individual may do honor to a loved one and at the same time express consideration for suffering humanity.

PAGES 6 TO 10 SHOW SKETCH AND PLANS OF HOSPITAL AS
ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED AND LATER CHANGED.

I LOST MY LEG BUT THEY
SAVED MY LIFE AT

Winthrop Community Hospital



PHOTO BY GODFREY STUDIO
SALVATORE VITALE

\$125,000

Is the Minimum Needed

"HELP US TO HELP OTHERS"

Campaign Sept. 28 to Oct. 7 - 1925

137911

This Salvatore Vitale is
still active at age 51
and as of 1967 lives at
89 Marshall St, Winthrop!

TO THE PUBLIC

Last December your trustees purchased the property on Lincoln Street and Lincoln Terrace for a nurses' home, and since that time the rehabilitating of the property has been going on.

Some have asked why this was done.

Since the opening of the Hospital three years ago we have operated two nurses' homes. The old Tocker farm buildings have been used to house the maids, cook, and those nurses who are on call for emergency cases, and the balance of our personnel has been housed in the Home on Winthrop Street.

The operation of the two homes has been expensive and in addition we have maintained an automobile which cost during 1934, \$433.25.

The new Home will have ample room to take care of our entire personnel and will enable us to get along without the automobile, and we believe will result in a reduction in costs of operation equal to interest charges and amortization of a reasonable mortgage.

The cost of the new property will be about \$8500.00. During 1933 and 1934 our receipts from less than one hundred individuals and organizations, excepting the Hospital Aid, totaled \$4360.41, and during this period we gave free service and canceled or reduced charges totaling \$4501.71.

With the helpful cooperation of the personnel and growing everything possible in the garden we show a loss for the two years ending December 31st, 1934, of \$2190.39, after reasonable reserve for bad bills and depreciation of property.

We need contributions as follows:

To make up loss to 12-1-34	\$2190.39
For equity in new Nurses' Home	\$3500.00

In addition, something for free services during 1935, or about \$7500 is needed. This represents less than \$2.00 for each home in Winthrop.

If any person or organization desires to furnish a room, or any part of the equipment, in the new nurses' home, kindly notify the Board of Trustees.

Following are the classes of Memberships:

Associate Member	\$ 2.00
Member	5.00
Contributing Member	10.00
Sustaining Member	25.00
Life Member	250.00

Contributions, donations and memberships may be left with Mr. Preston B. Churchill at the Winthrop Savings Bank.

Help us as you can.

WINTHROP COMMUNITY HOSPITAL.

31 March 1935

A Word About the Writer

Born Plymouth, England, 1888. Arrived with parents and family in Canada 1892 and Winthrop in 1900. Lived in Winthrop ever since. All his schooling at Winthrop Beach School where he was graduated from 9th Grade in 1904. Went to work in Boston five days later -- still working. Never went to High School. Naturalized citizen since 1910. In 1910 married Ruby Gillmore, a native of Winthrop born 1890 and schooled in Winthrop. Four sons and one daughter -- Robert, now a retired U. S. Army Colonel after 30 years active service; Richard; Frederick Elston; Elizabeth; Ralph -- all went to and were graduated from Winthrop High School and all went to and graduated from College. All are married and there are fifteen grandchildren, eldest of whom is a Lt. in U. S. Navy Air Force and another a Pvt. in U. S. Army in Korea, three others in college. There are now seven great grandchildren.

The writer has been interested and active in the affairs of Winthrop for years -- Liberty Loan Drives, Welcome Home for Servicemen - Pageants - Library - Town's 100th Anniversary 1952 and always in the Hospital since its early days and other activities, to justify having lived. None of this could have been done without the patience of Ruby Gillmore Tucker and the use of her dining room table as a desk!! She has been as active in her own sphere in the Town as has the writer in his.

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SIDVIN FRANK TUCKER
RUBY GILLMORE TUCKER

IN RESPONSE TO A LATER REQUEST AFTER THIS HISTORY WAS PRESENTED TO THE TRUSTEES, MR. PRINCI ASKED THAT A PICTURE BE INCLUDED. THE ABOVE IS A PHOTO OF THE WRITER TAKEN SEVERAL YEARS AGO WITH HIS DEVOTED WIFE

RUBY GILLMORE TUCKER

AND IS ADDED HERE IN ANSWER TO THAT REQUEST. I ADD THIS AS A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO RUBY WHO WAS A PATIENT IN THE HOSPITAL THE DAY THIS HISTORY WAS GIVEN TO THE TRUSTEES 27 APRIL 1967. THAT SAME DAY SHE UNDERWENT A VERY SERIOUS OPERATION. SHE SURVIVED UNTIL 4 JULY 1967 WHEN SHE LEFT THIS WORLD FOR GREAT BEYOND, LEAVING A LOVING FAMILY, THE WRITER HEART BROKEN AFTER FIFTY SEVEN YEARS OF DEVOTION TO EACH OTHER.

Sidvin Frank Tucker
20 September 1967

"MEMENTO MORI"

The Board of Trustees
of the
Winthrop Community Hospital
is pleased to invite you
to an

OPEN HOUSE

so that you can see at first-hand the exciting renovation and expansion of the Hospital which community support has made possible.

Sunday, April 18, 1971

2 to 5 p.m.

TOURS of the Hospital's facilities will be conducted by members of the Board of Trustees.

REFRESHMENTS will be served by members of the Hospital League.

FREE PUPPET SHOWS will be presented at regular intervals throughout the afternoon at Lincoln House, the Nurse's Residence, directly across the street from the Hospital. Parents may leave their children for forty-five minutes at the "Puppet Theatre" where they will be entertained and supervised while the adults attend the Open House.

MINI SCIENCE FAIR presented by students from Winthrop High School.

LIFT
UP

COMPLETED NEW CONSTRUCTION

VIEW OF FRONT

BOORUM & PEASE "NELEAR" ©



BOORUM & PEASE "NELEAR" ©



MRS MADELINE TOWNSEND

of the

HOSPITAL PERSONNEL

(GIVING OUT PROGRAMS
IN THE LOBBY)

THREE VIEWS
OF
LOBBY

(TAKEN
FROM
ENTRANCE)

IDENTITIES
UNKNOWN

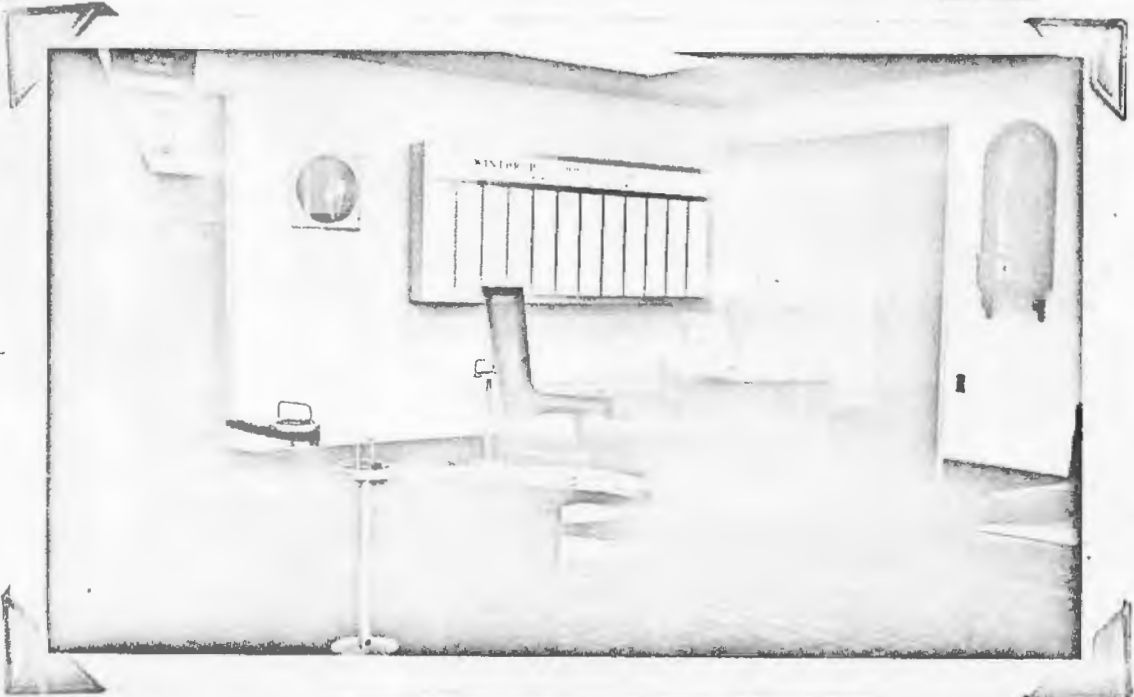


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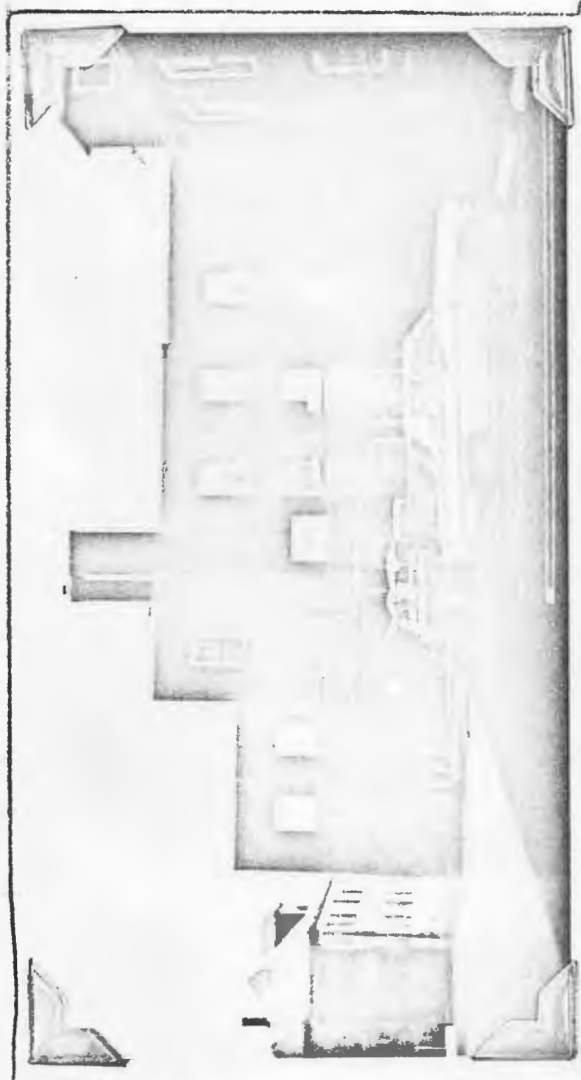
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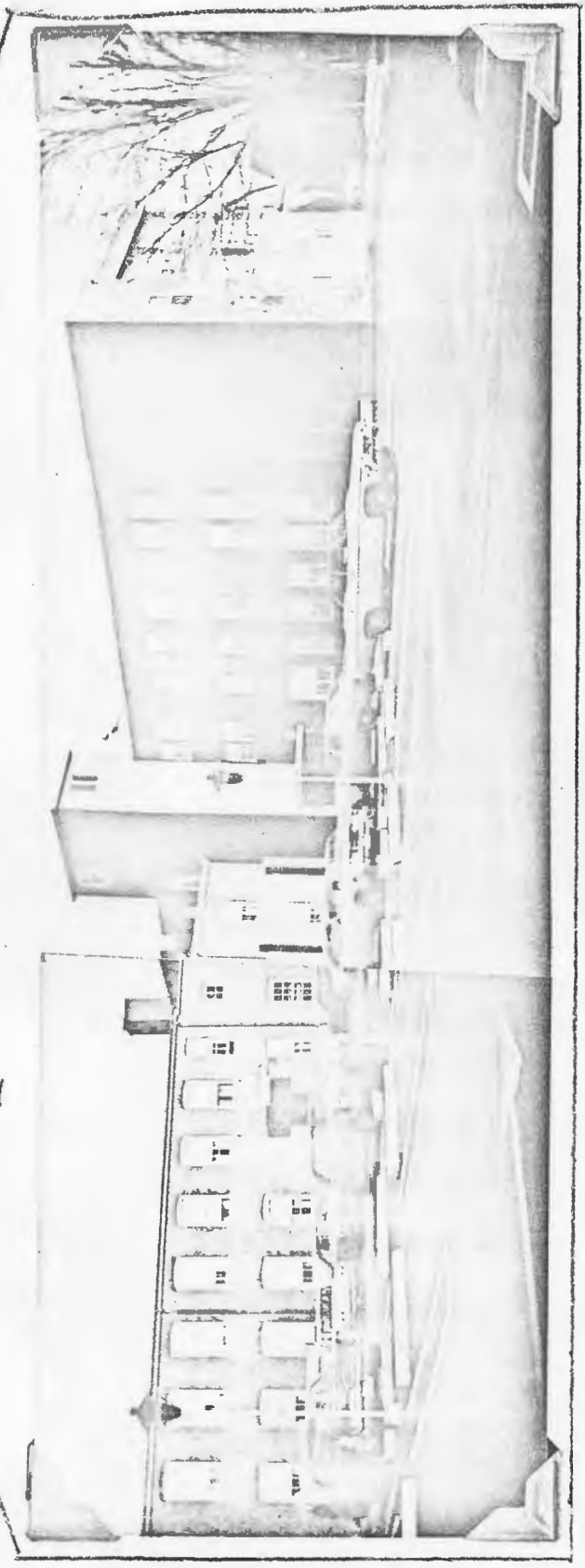
THESE THREE
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THE DAY
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TO GET A
CLEAR VIEW

BOORUM & PEASE "REGISTERED" BOORUM & PEASE "REGISTERED"

NEW SECTION REAR



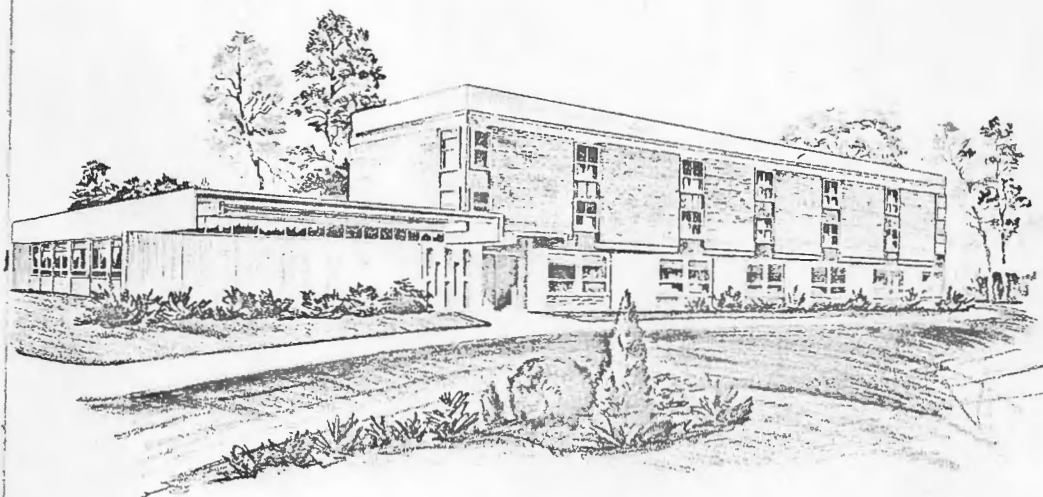
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REAR OF HOSPITAL, WITH PARKING & LOT

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Winthrop Community Hospital
School of Practical Nursing



Graduating Exercises

TWO O'CLOCK
SUNDAY AFTERNOON, MAY SECOND
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-ONE

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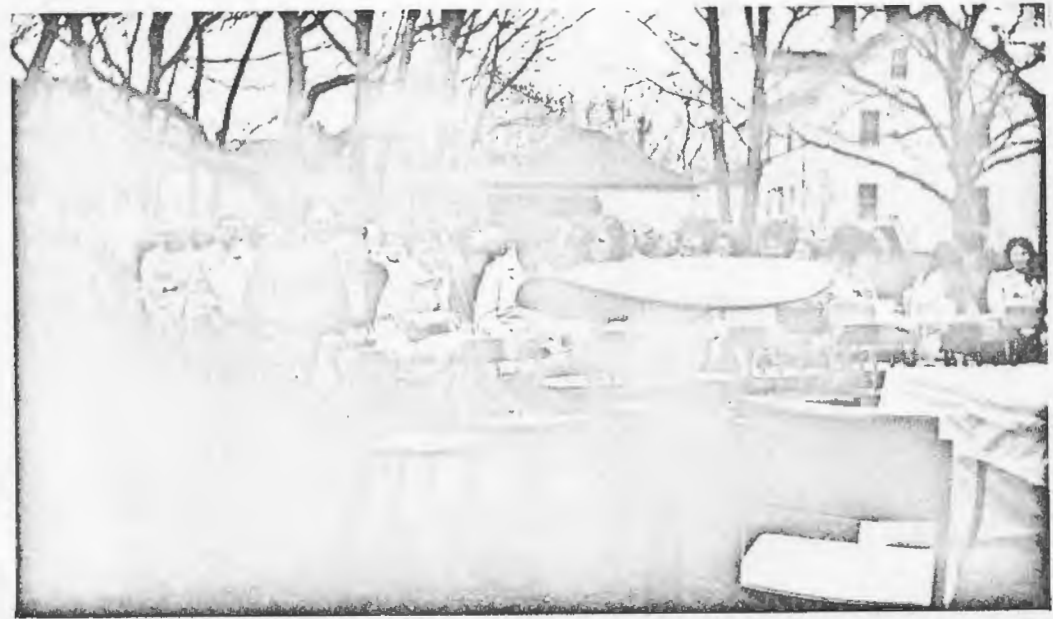
GRADUATING EXERCISES
OF STUDENTS AT THE

SCHOOL FOR PRACTICAL NURSING

SUNDAY AFTERNOON - 2ND MAY 1971

HELD IN THE REAR OF THE NURSES HOME LAWN ON LINCOLN ST.

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THESE
2 VIEWS
SHOW
SOME OF THE
ATTENDING
VISITORS
AND
FRIENDS



VICE PRESIDENT OF THE HOSPITAL
ARTHUR SOPER
ADDRESSES STUDENTS

LIGHT
RAIN
STARTED
AND
MOVED
INSIDE
TO
SCHOOL
ROOM



TWO GRADUATES IN NEW UNIFORMS
BOTH L.T.O.R. MURIEL LANGLAIS, MAINE LINDA GALLO, EAST BOSTON

DR. MAURICE TRAUENSTEIN M.D.
PRESIDENT OF STAFF



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