

**Profile: ROSE HOPKINS**

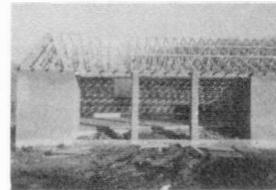
A rose by any other name would cook as sweet...Rose Hopkins, head of RMH Dietary Department, has been interested in cooking since she was six years old when her grandmother began teaching her.

Born Rose Anthony in Minersville, Pa. (that's near Pottsville!) she was raised by her grandparents from an early age. When the time came she enrolled at Penn State taking Dietary Science. From school she went to work first at Jefferson Hospital and then to the University of Pa. Graduate Hospital. She came to Riddle in February 11, 1963 when the hospital opened. This was also when she met Kersey ("Jim") Hopkins, head chef in Dietary. In December, 1966 she and Jim were married. When asked how Jim likes working for his wife, Rose looked surprised that anyone would believe there could be any problems arising from such an arrangement. "It works out well," she said. "I'm his boss at the hospital, and he's my boss at home." Rose is a born hostess. She and Jim live in Swarthmore where they both enjoy entertaining, especially dinner parties. This past Christmas they had 65 people in at one time. The house affords them room for their hobbies which are cats and cut glass collecting for Rose and

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RMH MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING

Preliminary planning is underway at this time to determine the best site for a Medical Office Building. The structure would be connected to the main building and would be another step in our plans of becoming the true health center of the community. For the first time in this geographic area we will bring together on an out-patient basis the treatment and diagnostic facilities of the hospital, the patient, and his physician. This should be a great convenience to all. We will keep you advised of the progress of this important project.

**THRIFT SHOP PROGRESS REPORT...**

"Due date" for occupancy is early spring. Now that it's under roof things are really looking up! Quite an attractive addition to the hospital grounds.

NEW PARENT CLASS TEACHER

Mrs. Mary Sisung, taking over the Parent Classes at RMH, trained and received her RN and Midwife status in London, England. Her experience as a Public Health District Midwife in England, and as an obstetric nurse in Philadelphia, Boston, and Chicago make her an extremely able teacher of this class. At present she is working in Maternity at Riddle on the Post Partum floor.

OFF TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC

Louise Armstrong, Chief Lab Technician, and her husband Jim left Jan. 12 for a 6-week tour of the South Pacific. They are retracing some of Jim's steps during World War II, including Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, and Hawaii. Jim was stationed in Brisbane for a time during the war. They should have much to tell us when they return.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WINNERS

In the non-nursing area, Purchasing won first prize, with the theme "Santa's Workshop." Pharmacy won second prize, with the theme "Apollo 17 Christmas."

In the nursing area, Nursery won first prize and Pediatrics won second prize.

Judges were Mrs. Jack Carbutt, Fox Valley; Ruth Wimble, R.N.; and Joseph D. Calhoun, Esq., Media.

TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Mrs. Betty Childs, Nurses Aide, 4S, practices the true spirit of Christmas giving. For the past 5 years, Betty has been taking gifts to the children at Childrens' Cottage, a home for those who are wards of the court. Christmas, 1972 Betty took gifts to the home for 20 teenagers. She purchases the gifts with her own funds and, she said, some merchants give her a discount since they know what she is doing.

Christmas, 1972 no children were allowed to leave to be guests in the homes of more fortunate people. However, twice in the 5 years Betty has participated, she was allowed to take 2 children home with her on Christmas Eve and to spend Christmas Day. Betty has a teenage son at home who enjoys entertaining their guests.

Preparations for the Christmas visits are begun in September by Betty and she has to request by Thanksgiving that she be allowed to take children home for Christmas. On her trips to the Childrens' Cottage Betty takes some neighborhood children with her to show them how fortunate they are to have loving parents. Some have responded by giving some of their own Christmas gifts to the Cottage Children. Betty, we admire you!

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model trains for Jim. He's got an intricate track set-up in their recreation room and he actually runs the trains in his spare time.

They both bowl in the Riddle League and Rose is captain of their team which was runner-up 2 years in a row.

Rose loves to spend money, she says honestly, especially on clothes for Jim, who, as a result, is probably the best dressed man at RMH.

But her greatest interest is the patients and anyone who has been close enough to see her work, knows this has got to be true. The first impression this writer had of Rose was of her with her hands in a huge metal bowl of tomatoes making her own barbeque sauce for the patients' lunch that day, because she doesn't like the kind you get in cans.

At the time we interviewed her for this article, she had just finished breading 100 orders of meat. She made the Thanksgiving pumpkin menus, the hat menus for New Year's Day, and the Christmas star menus which shared the tray with the little candles donated by Mary Mallon's daughter, Nina.

What would Rose like to do more than anything else? Her answer is typical. Cater to old people. She worries about the helpless old folks in homes and institutions, and would like to give them some of her tender loving care.

WELCOME NEW RMH EMPLOYEES!

Jacqueline Boughner, Acctg. Clerk
Harriet Gelston, R.N.
Catherine Kain, Rad. Tech.
Jeanne Morrison, R.N.
Gail Neubauer, Rad. Tech.
Patricia Parent, Unit Clerk
Leo Newcomer, Pharmacist
Marianne Schwalbe, L.P.N.
Mary Sisung, R.N.
Donna Williams, EKG Tech.
Denise Ardes, Rad. Tech.
Marie Kiefer, R.N.
Catherine Kitchen, R.N.
Marian Sherrod, N.A.
Salli Worth, L.P.N.

MERRY TOKEN RECEIVES GIFT

The new carpeting in Merry Token is a gift from Jeanette Pappas' father, Mr. Chris New. Mr. New, an RMH co-founder, died last fall.



Serving 2 student nurses from Presbyterian Hospital are l/r: Ruth Gauza, Betty Griffiths, and Marge Miller, at Christmas Open House in the lobby. Dorett Cook also served.



Santa (Edward J. Miller) hands first prize to Mrs. Edna Krudener of Nursery for their Christmas decorations. Mr. Miller is the father of Mary Mallon, Director of Volunteers.

The KEY WORD for February is:

CONTENTMENT

It's right to be contented with what you have but never with what you are. Striving for what is just one step above is what makes getting up in the morning worthwhile.

February RIDDLE-GIGGLE

After the doctor checked the patient over, the physician asked, "Have you been living a normal life?"

"Yes, doctor," replied the patient.

"Well, you'll have to cut it out for a while."



R E M I N D E R S

Moylan-Rose Valley - Monte Carlo, Feb. 17. Old Mill, Rose Valley. 6:30 cocktails (BYO), 7:30 dinner (spaghetti with wine), 9 p.m. gambling. \$12 per couple, includes \$1 worth of chips per couple. Tickets may be obtained from any Moylan-Rose Valley Auxilian.

Employe Recognition Dinner and 10th Anniversary of RMH - Friday, Feb. 16 at Holiday Inn, next to hospital. 6:30 cocktails, 7:30 dinner. Dancing 'til midnight. Tickets \$5 per person, avail. through Pub. Rel. Office at hospital. All are invited to help observe our 10th Anniv.!

Nether Providence - Don't forget the Wine Tasting Party, Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m. Old Mill in Rose Valley. Supper served at 8:30. Tickets \$10 per couple. Entertainment. Call Chris Bosma for information. LO 6-5190.

Concord Auxiliary - realized \$194.00 on their "Do Your Won Thing" project. This was determined at the annual Christmas party, held at the home of Katherine Hill. This was a lovely party with carol singing, gift giving, refreshments.

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Another dinner-theater party is in the process of being planned for May. Further news later.

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A spaghetti dinner for March, at St. John's, Concord, in Concordville. More details to come.

Dinner-Fashion Show sponsored by RMH Nurses. Alpine Inn, Springfield, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. No host bar but dinner does include an after-dinner drink. Tickets \$6.50. Available through Miss Kearny, Chairman or Miss Livingston, co-Chairman or at the Nursing Office. Fashions by Darnell.

Beatty Hills - Bake Sale, hospital lobby, Friday, February 23.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Many employes, by virtue of their job locations are very seldom seen during their work hours by anyone but their co-workers in their respective departments. In recognition of this we are beginning a series of snapshots to acknowledge them and the important work they perform.



Charlie Johnson
Dietary



Peg Gore
Switchboard



Bob Rizzo
Power Plant

Dee McElvarr, head of Switchboard, was recently hospitalized at RMH.

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Donnie Wilbur is home from Fitzgerald Mercy and doing fine.

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REMEMBER WHEN?

In May, 1959 we were making money for the hospital by selling chances for a Thunderbird car.

Marion Weathers got wind of two auxiliary ladies selling their chances in front of a bank in Marcus Hook. Eager to make a sale one of the ladies approached an elderly gentleman.

"Care to buy a chance on a T-Bird, sir?" she asked.

"Oh, no thank you," the man said quite seriously. "My wife and I already have some canaries."

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