

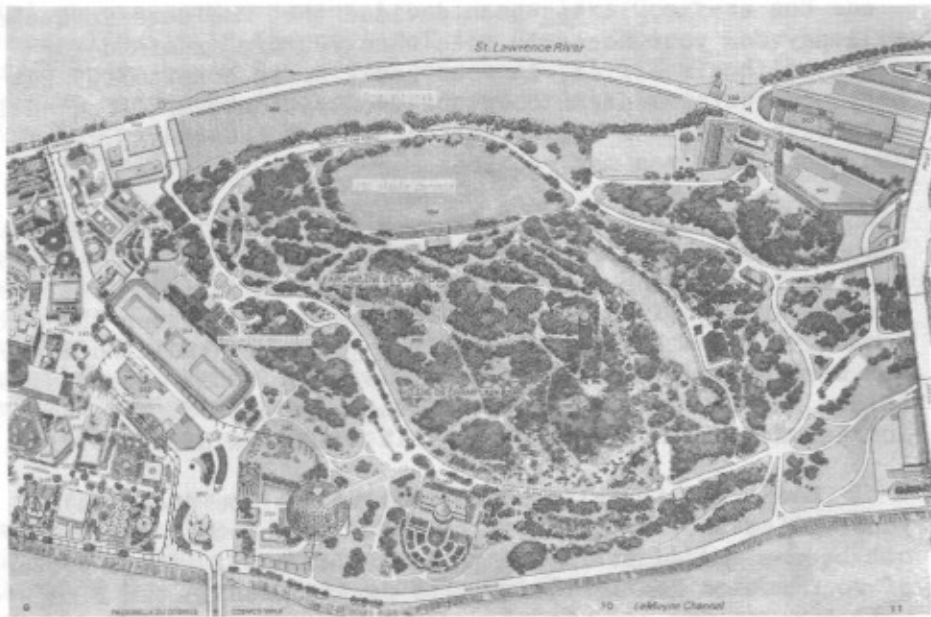
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**JGH STAFF PICNIC:** Above is a map of Ste. Helen's Island where the Hospital's first staff picnic will be held September 20th from 10 am to 6 pm.

Note the location of the Picnic Grounds, the free car park, the Metro station, and the Jacques Cartier Bridge.

For more details, see pages 5 and 8.

## MEDICARE IN QUEBEC: PART II

Quebec's law proclaiming the coming of Medicare was passed in July and will probably take effect before the end of this year. Before then, however, the government and medical professionals have to work out certain details regarding the application of this law.

But so far, it has been decided that Medicare in Quebec will pay for your doctor's fees when you are examined for sickness in his office, in your home, or in hospital... but not for routine medical checkups when patients are frequently in good health. It will also pay for all the tests, x-rays and operations you may require.

Medicare in Quebec will cover everyone living in Quebec Province for which every Quebec household (excepting those of the poor and senior citizens) will be taxed according to their annual earnings. The higher the earnings, the higher the tax. Consequently, all quebeckers will have to pay their Medicare tax whether they want to or not. Note too, that each household's rate of Medicare tax will increase according to the increased frequency with which that household uses the Plan.

Medicare will also permit you to see the doctor(s) of your choice but, as the Plan stands now (and this may or may not be changed -- it is being negotiated now), if the doctor of your choice has decided not to participate in the Plan, you will have to pay him out of your own pockets in addition to paying the tax. If, however, your doctor has decided to participate in the Plan, all you'll be required to do to pay him for the treatment outlined above is to lend him your Medicare card so he can bill the government for his work, and the government will pay him.

Dr. Morris Solomon, Director,  
Health Service.

## JGH VISITOR TO ARGENTINA SEES MILITARY COUP

During June and July, I accompanied my husband on a business trip to Argentina. Going via Mexico City, Lima-Peru, Santiago-Chile, to Buenos Aires, the trip took seventeen hours' flying time.

Buenos Aires is a beautiful city. It and its suburbs account for seven million people, about one third of the Argentine total. The city's elegant streets contain luxurious boutiques as up-to-date as those in New York or Paris (with prices about the same), homes and apartment buildings for rich and poor made of concrete, brick, wood, and corrugated metal sheets, and monumental buildings like Congress and the cathedral built in the style of the Roman Empire. Many theatres and an opera house reflect a good cultural life, and there are also many good, inexpensive restaurants there which specialize in "parilla", the famous dish of grilled filet of beef. It is very good.

"Buenos Aires" means "good air" but the climate does not equal the name. During the months we were there, temperatures averaged 30° to 55°F while in the summers -- lasting from December to February -- temperatures rise to 100°F while the humidity hovers around 95% the year 'round. Because of this, Argentinians like to live outside their homes, in contrast to the way Canadians live. The people in B.A. are friendly, proud of their nation, and content with their style of life.

Argentinians are fascinated with politics. Only two elections have been held there in twenty years -- the first being after Dictator Peron was ousted by a military coup, and following the provisional presidency of General Aramburu when the civilian, Frondisi, was elected. But after two years, he, too, was ousted by a military coup. Then Ilya, another civilian was elected -- and he, also, was removed by a military coup organized by Commander of the Army, General Ongania. He was President until this last July when other army commanders replaced him with General Levingstone.

My husband and I witnessed this last so-called revolution and observed that the populace remained patient... aware that they could do nothing but continue business as usual, hear the rumours that were spreading, and enjoy the jokes. All the stores, movie houses, theatres remained open and, although the military are the true rulers of the country, the press is not oppressed and people can express their opinions.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

BON VOYAGE to Mrs. E. Goodwill, Psychiatry, who leaves the end of August for three weeks in England, France and Rome... to Miss Barbara Moscovitch, ECG, who leaves August 22nd for a vacation in Florida... to Mrs. Tashian, Dietary, who is spending August in Turkey... to Miss Alice Stange, Institute for Community and Family Psychiatry, who flew August 16th to Paris to begin her holiday... to the Misses Dorothy Butler and Sarah Sperry, RNs with In-Service Education and Health Service, respectively, who left August 16th for Atlantic City... to Miss A. Samuels, Psychiatry, who left August 15th for Los Angeles and Mexico... to Mr. Mark Silverman, Plant Operation, who, with his family and slipped disc, went August 1st on a bus tour of Florida...

BEST WISHES to Miss Rhona Singer, Cardio-Thoracic Surgery, who will wed September 27th then go to live in New York... to M. Michel Julien, Lady Davis Institute, who will marry August 22nd ... to Miss P. Rawlings, RN, Nursing Office, who weds Mr. L. Butcher the same day... to Miss Rose Kilcan, Accounts, who became Mrs. R. Chanoglu July 14th... to Miss N. Rettig, Physiotherapy, who became Mrs. Gary Gross June 16th and honeymooned in Bermuda...

WELCOME BACK to Miss M. Rose, Psychiatry, who returned August 17th from a Cape Cod holiday... to Mrs. Susan Roxburgh, OR, who returned from the Muskoka Lakes August 16th... to Mrs. Rene Lipsett, Social Service, who returned August 11th from four weeks in the U.K... to Mrs. F. Silverstone, Psychiatry, who spent three weeks in Israel... to Miss Fay Kraut, Dietary, who returned from Scandinavia and other parts of Europe August 2nd.. to Mr. John Hendricks, Inhalation Therapy, who's back from the beaches of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia...to Mr. H. Schoppeh, Dietary, who spent the first two weeks in August in his Rawdon chalet... to Mrs. Zafirapoulous, Mrs. Giantou, and Mrs. Grilaki, all of Dietary, who spent much of the summer in Greece... to Miss Rhona Stern, Psychiatry, who returned July 16th from a month touring Europe... to Miss E. Cohen, Psychiatry, who holidayed in Western Canada and California in July... to Mrs. Carol Chase, Dietary, who went July 14th for a month in Barbados... to Mrs. Sibilis, Dietary, who spent three June weeks in Jamaica ... to Mrs. V. McKenzie, Dietary, who returned June 26th from a European tour.... to Miss A. Rojas, RN, 4W, who is back from her Philippines vacation... to Miss M. Friendly, NA, 4W, who was in California in June... to Miss C. Gallant, RN, 4W, who spent two weeks in her native P.E.I...to Miss M. Greene, RN, 4W, who was in New York for two weeks...

MORE PEOPLE IN MORE NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Gail Healey, NA, OR, who gave birth to a baby girl early in August... to Mrs. Joan Segal, Accounts, who became a grandmother June 18th... to Mr. David Littman, Accounts who completed a two-year course in Hospital Organization and Management in June when he was also elected Treasurer of the Jewish Peoples' Schools...

DID YOU KNOW that the U.S. government's recent survey of 300,000 American scientists shows that sexism (discrimination against women) is rampant in science? that in 1968, the average pay for Ph.D. chemists was \$15,600 while for women Ph.D. chemists it was \$11,500? that in private, non-profit organizations like foundations, the disparity is 47%? that the JGH's Miss Helen Taylor, Nursing Service, was one of several women executives interviewed in May by the Montreal Star for a series of articles on women's rights? that a typical heading of these articles was "Not much 'equal' opportunity"? that beginning mid-September, the Catholic School Commission will offer French conversation courses to JGH staffers two nights a week? that the cost of these courses will be only \$12 (yes, \$12) per 90-hour session? that persons wanting further information should call Miss Masters, In-Service Education, Local 649?

AND DID YOU KNOW that the Hospital's first staff picnic will be held on Ste. Helen's Island September 20th? that men and women wishing to make up soft-ball teams or become cheer leaders for the event should call (girls) Mrs. J. LeBlanc, Local 651, or (boys) Mr. Anthony, Local 569? that those willing to play a portable musical instrument should call Mr. Lennox Charles Local 569? that more details about the picnic are on the back cover of this Pulse? that for further information later, watch for posters around the Hospital? that Mrs. Elaine Brome, Dietary donated that new watercolour and frame now hanging in Health Service? that the Bell Telephone Company's new 20-minute film, "If an elephant answers" will be shown in the Nurses' Lecture Hall at 11 am and 2 pm, September 9th and 10th? that beginning September '70, the University of Toronto will offer a two-year master of nursing science degree course -- the first to be offered in Canada? that in New York City, the chief killer in the 15-35 year age group is narcotics, chiefly heroin? that in the same city, just breathing the air is said to be the equivalent of smoking 38 cigarettes a day? that almost every other day, public schools in Los Angeles forbid children from exercising outdoors lest they breathe too deeply that city's air?

A sad event occurred during this summer's coup. The ex-provisional President, General Aramburu -- 70 years old and fifteen years retired from political and military life was kidnapped. For a month no one knew his whereabouts. Contradictory rumours spread, and the press ran editorials against the incident. Then Aramburu was found murdered. But during that month, the murderers were undiscovered and President Onganía was replaced. Was this just coincidence, or was it because the previous government couldn't find the murderers?

From Argentina, we visited Santiago, Chile, to visit my daughter and friends -- and found the people there nervous about the September 4th presidential election. Some European immigrants were even trying to leave the country. But after that, we visited more family members in Los Angeles, and then returned home feeling that while travelling is wonderful, coming home is best.



Mrs. Eva Sebastien, technician,  
E.C.G.

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MORE KUDOS

August 13, 1970.

Central Nursing Station,  
2nd Floor,  
Jewish General Hospital.

Dear Miss Taylor:

In our day to day life we are confronted with trials, tribulations, general turmoil, and, of course, gripes. I wish to go on record and say, as a patient recently discharged from your well-run ward, I can offer nothing but praise to the complete staff for the excellent care and treatment accorded me.

Thanks a million. It's a wonderful floor and I am truly grateful.

Sincerely yours,  
(signed) Roy T. Grant.



## PULSE PROFILES

Elsie Peskett Weatherhead, Sewing Room, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, the daughter of Sgt. Major Peskett, a career guardsman then stationed in Edinburgh Castle where she was baptized. Two years later, the Sgt. Major was ordered to Barbados where, over the years, his seven daughters attended private school until he was transferred to England. After completing Chingford high school at seventeen, Elsie trained and worked as a certified "nerve trainer" in the Hartfordshire nursing home owned by Mrs. William Archer, wife of the playwright (author of "The Green Goddess") whom George Bernard Shaw visited frequently. "But from the age of eight," says Elsie with girlish enthusiasm, "I'd loved to do needlework and made hats and clothes for dolls." So off she went to London to get her diploma in dressmaking and upholstery at West Hampstead College. Eventually, doing just that and piecework for big London stores, she returned to Barbados in '31... and soon re-met and married her old school chum, Austin Weatherhead, himself a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, whose family of five had emigrated to the Island soon after he was born. Austin, all this time, had attended Combermere School until age sixteen when he'd started working for a lumber company -- as a clerk first, then as credit manager.

The Weatherheads raised four strapping boys in the next 24 years. Then in 1955, the two oldest emigrated to Montreal so that Austin and the third son followed in '57. "Winters are hard in Canada," explains the soft-spoken, easy-going Austin, "but there are more opportunities here." And since he found work immediately in the JGH's Housekeeping Department, Elsie rented the house in Barbados and moved north with the youngest boy. Soon, she, too, became a Hospital staffer by joining the Sewing Room. Then in '62, Austin transferred to the Radiology Department to become an orderly.

Five years ago, the Weatherheads' youngest son was killed accidentally. But with their whole family -- and two grandchildren -- in Montreal now, they're going to vacation in Barbados in September. There, in their beloved Island, they'll enjoy their hobbies of cricket, swimming, and watching sports on TV.

PLAN NOW

to come to

THE HOSPITAL'S FIRST STAFF PICNIC

-- free admission to you and your immediate family only --  
to be held

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM

on

Ste. Helen's Island

next to the swimming pool pavilion

(which, unfortunately, will be closed then)

but near the bleachers and baseball diamond

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IN CASE OF RAIN, THE PICNIC WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 27th INSTEAD

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- o Get off the Metro at Ste. Helen's Island
- o Free parking nearby
- o Snack bar will be open to sell sandwiches, hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks, etc.
- o Goddes of picnic tables
- o But there are only 6-7 fireplaces so bring your own b-b-q's, hibachis, charcoal, firewood, etc.
- o Ladies' and gentlemen's WCs will be open too
- o And the JGH flag (?) will fly from a first aid station

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PROGRAM

- 10 am - Come and cheer a JGH boys vs. girls softball game complete with cheer leaderettes
- noon - Enjoy a do-it (and pay-for-it) yourself picnic lunch in one of Montreal's most scenic spots
- 2 pm - Play team games for wet prizes (?)
- 4 pm - Enjoy music, a sing-a-long, and dancing on the grass

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LOOK OUT! A CANDID CAMERA WILL BE WATCHING YOU!

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for further details, watch for posters around the Hospital or call Miss Draper, Public Relations Officer, Local 653.