

## Seattle Children's Hospital Makes Hospital Visit Fun

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Seattle — For most children, an operation can be a terrifying ordeal. At the children's Orthopedic hospital here, the experience is fun because it simply means a trip to the Peter Rabbit room.

An anesthesia room has been designed especially to quiet the fears of children about to undergo surgery. While waiting for the doctor, the pre-school set can play with any size and shape of toy animal. There are Peter Rabbits, Mopias, Flopsies, Cotton-tails, toy lambs, dogs, and a variety of unnamed other animals and music boxes.

None of these was even remotely imagined 50 years ago when 24 women held a tea party and organized a seven-bed ward in a Seattle hospital to care for crippled children. Since then, the institution has become a modern, 200-bed general hospital.

**Endowed**  
No child is turned away regardless of his parents' ability to pay. In 1955, 61 per cent of the children were given free care.

The hospital is financed by private endowments, and full or partial endowments, and full or partial hospital guilds and auxiliary organizations provide the rest of the money. Staff doctors and members of the courtesy staff donate time and skill.

In a hospital for children, a child's fears are matters of primary consideration. The Peter Rabbit room was begun in an attempt to alleviate some of the shock of an operation.

"We bring a child here under mild sedation just before surgery," explained Dr. K. F. Eather, the hospital's director of anesthesiology, "and let him play with the toys. We read him stories and tell him he'll be going to sleep soon."

Surrounded by friends and cuddly stuffed animals, the child usually drops off to sleep without fussing. Deeper anesthesia can be administered later.

**Cowboy Room**  
"Lots of the boys and girls demand that we put their favorite bunnies to sleep first," Dr. Eather said, "and we do. I don't know how many toys I've anesthetized."

Physicians are convinced the few extra minutes required to give anesthesia using the "bunny" system are time well-spent. Some youngsters require a series of operations. After falling asleep in the Peter Rabbit room, they seldom protest the next trip to surgery.

One boy complained mildly during the process that the doctor seemed to have two heads, but then he took a tighter grip on his favorite animal and went peacefully to sleep.

The bunnies were so successful that the hospital recently added the Cowboy room for old-

### Rebekahs Vote To Hold Dinner

Olive Rebekah lodge voted at its last session to visit Weeks and Orr furniture store on a date to be set later. The lodge also decided to hold a no-host dinner, Monday, July 15 in honor of the lodge president's visit.

The lodge voted to help sponsor a student delegate to the United Nations assembly. Mrs. F. A. Daugherty resigned as three-year trustee and was replaced by Mrs. Ed Pease. Mrs. Joe Gregory resigned as two-year trustee and Mrs. Lewis Thompson was elected to fill the remainder of the term.

Mrs. J. D. Brummond was appointed publicity chairman, Mrs. Floyd Murry, community service chairman, Mrs. Minnie Bryant, good of the order chairman, and Mrs. Mabel F. Fraternal press chairman.

Friendship Beehive club recessed for the summer. The next meeting will be in October at the home of Mrs. Homer Vincent.

### Gourmet Picnic

Cheaper and more fun than restaurant lunching on vacation drives are gourmet picnics. Purchase cans of specialties such as boned chicken, liver pate, ripe olives. A few rolls from a bakery, some fresh summer fruit, and feast like royalty at the loveliest spot on the roadside.

### Canned Meat on Parade

Spread applesauce between layers of sliced canned luncheon meat... stud the top piece of luncheon meat with whole cloves. Place canned meat-applesauce sandwiches on cookie sheet and bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) for 15 minutes or until heated through.

### Phoenix Garden Club To Hold Picnic Meet

Phoenix—The Phoenix garden club will hold a picnic lunch in Hawthorne park, Medford, Friday, July 12. Members will meet at the Community club in Phoenix at 11:30 a.m. and cars will leave from there for Medford. Those attending are to bring sack lunch and beverage.

A business session will follow the picnic. Members will then visit the lily gardens of Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Smith, Central Point. Mr. Smith will give a lecture on lily raising.

### Shortcakes

Peach puff shortcakes are easy to make for an elegant party. Bake large cream puffs, using packaged mix if desired. Cool, and fill with well-drained canned cling peach slices and vanilla ice cream. Top with favorite sundae sauce — chocolate, butter scotch or strawberry are good.

### No Cook Prunes

For hot summer weather, here's a no-cook way with prunes. Pour boiling water over rinsed prunes, cover and store in refrigerator 2 or 3 days, until plump and soft.

### BRUNCH

Scrambled eggs and avocado make an interesting brunch. Stir cubed cream cheese and avocado balls into semi-cooked scrambled eggs. Finish cooking and spoon into hollowed toast. Garnish with crumbled crisp cooked bacon.

### Snack

Mix apricot whole fruit nectar, ripe banana and ice cream to frothy smoothness in an electric blender. It's an exciting between-meal snack for children to sip through gaily colored straws.

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