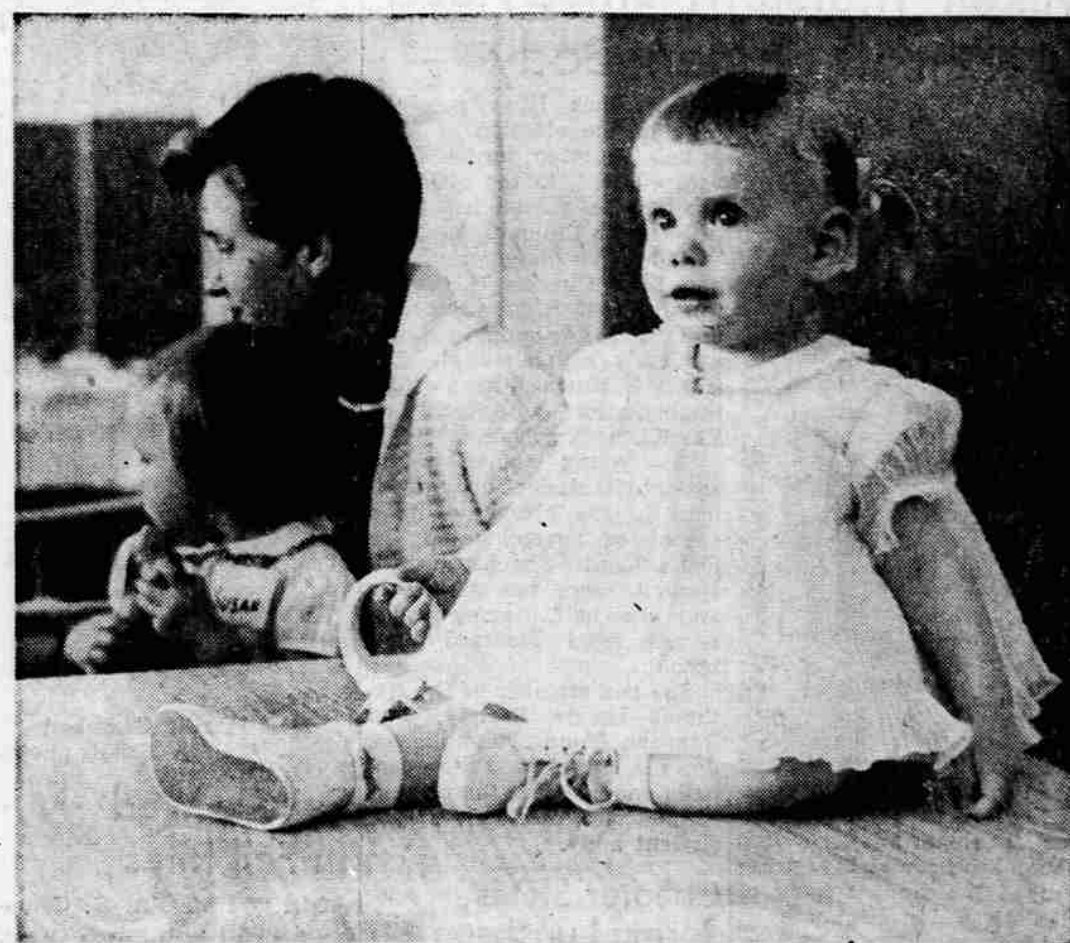


MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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It was party and anniversary day at Rogue Valley Memorial hospital Tuesday, May 5. Eleven of the 17 babies born at the hospital during the first two weeks in May, 1958, just after the new building was occupied, were present for a birthday party given by the public relations committee of the board of directors and the Women's auxiliary. Each baby received a stuffed toy, and was served a little cake. Pictured around the birthday table are (at back, left to right) Mrs. LeRoy E. Nogle and Brenda Bea; Mrs. Carl E. Vogel and Susan Ann; Mrs. Louis R. Walch, Eagle Point, and Norman Monroe; Mrs. Donald L. Pearson, Ashland, and Kathie Ann; Mrs. James Smith, Central Point, and her granddaughter, Deborah Lynn, daughter of the Doyle Smiths; (front, left to right) Mrs. Donald E. Warwick and Kathleen Ann; Mrs. David D. Baylor, Talent, and her mother, Mrs. Eva Taylor, Talent, holding the Baylor twins, Sharon Dee and Karen Lee; Mrs. Dwaine Smith and Susan Kay; Mrs. Donald L. Stathos and Jenny Lin; Mrs. James Nunes and Robert Gregory.



Kathie Ann Pearson, first baby born in the new Rogue Valley hospital and who was a year old May 2, wore a ruffled pink frock for the party Tuesday. The auxiliary members made blonde Kathie a tiny silver crown which she swept off her head with an impatient hand the minute it was put on. The Pearsons have moved from Medford to Ashland since the baby's birth. Mrs. Carl E. Vogel and Susan Ann are in the background.



Tiny Susan Kay Smith seemed to enjoy the entire party. After she had sampled her birthday cake, Susan's mother put the baby on the floor and she toured the room, finally concentrated on the shiny metal legs of the cafeteria chairs.



This stuff looks good enough to eat, decided Norman Walch, one of only two boys at the party. He grasped a spoon and went to work on frosting without help from his mother.



Becoming impatient for the food to be served, Robert Nunes tried out the taste of his mother's handbag. The knitted suits worn by husky Robert, and the other boy at the party, Norman Walch, were in contrast to the ruffles and frills of the little girls. In addition to celebrating the first anniversary of Rogue Valley hospital and the birthdays of the babies, the party served to call attention to National Hospital week which opens today.



When Photographer Robert Vroman turned his camera on the Baylor twins, Karen Lee was undecided whether she was having a good time at the party, or not. Sister Sharon, however, took one look and immediately started to show her disapproval of the whole idea. When mother and grandmother took the twins to the party table, both were interested in the pretty decorated cakes with one candle which the hospital prepared for each baby.



With an "I love you mama" expression on her face, Kathleen Ann Warwick posed agreeably for the photographer. The hospital party proved a real workout for Tribune Photographer Vroman, who used up two rolls of film and the entire time of the party in an effort to take candid shots of the small guests.



Little Jenny Stathos opened her big brown eyes wide at the sight of the pretty colored balloons which floated from the light fixtures over the birthday table at the hospital party. Bright balloons were also party favors.