

The Candy Stripers



One of the newest service organizations in Jackson county is the Candy Stripers, a junior auxiliary working at Rogue Valley Memorial hospital. These Medford High school girls, most of whom are interested in nursing or hospital careers, were organized last spring and since that time each has worked a minimum of two hours each week. One of their tasks in the future will be making surgical dressings and their instructor will be Mrs. Mary A. Vanderlin, director of nursing, who is shown here with volunteers Anne Matthews (center) and Ruth Covert, Striper president, having their first instruction in the new work.



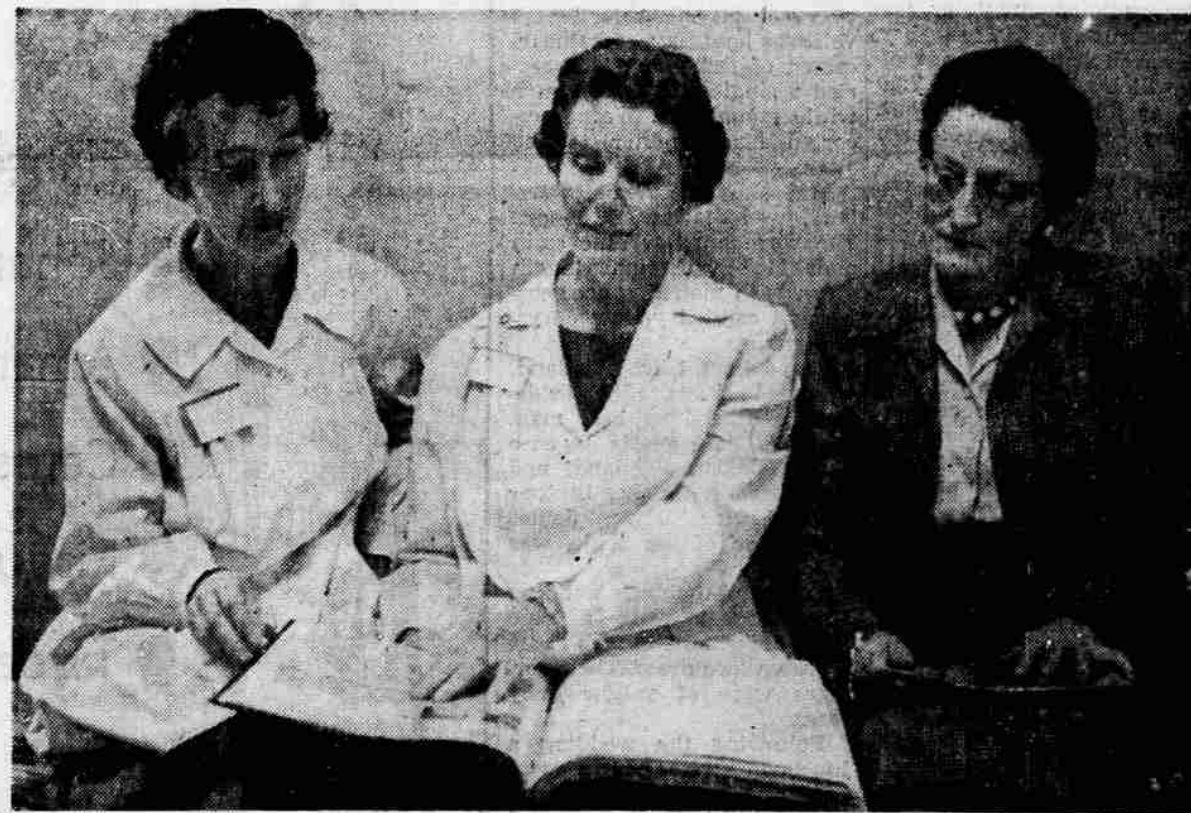
Candy Striper Mickey Darras has been assigned to office work at the hospital and spends her volunteer time filing cards, running errands, answering the information desk telephone and otherwise making herself useful. The junior auxiliary is supervised by Rogue Valley Memorial Hospital auxiliary, the "senior group" and applicants for membership are carefully screened before being accepted. The name "Candy Stripers" was chosen because the volunteers wear pink and white striped jumpers with white blouses.



Operating the big elevators is one way the Candy Stripers find of helping both patients and regular staff members at Rogue Valley hospital. Here Jan Everham is at the "controls" and Sherry Funk, carries a telephone for use in one of the upper floor rooms. The girls must be at least 16 years of age and have completed Medford High School's home nursing course before being eligible for membership.



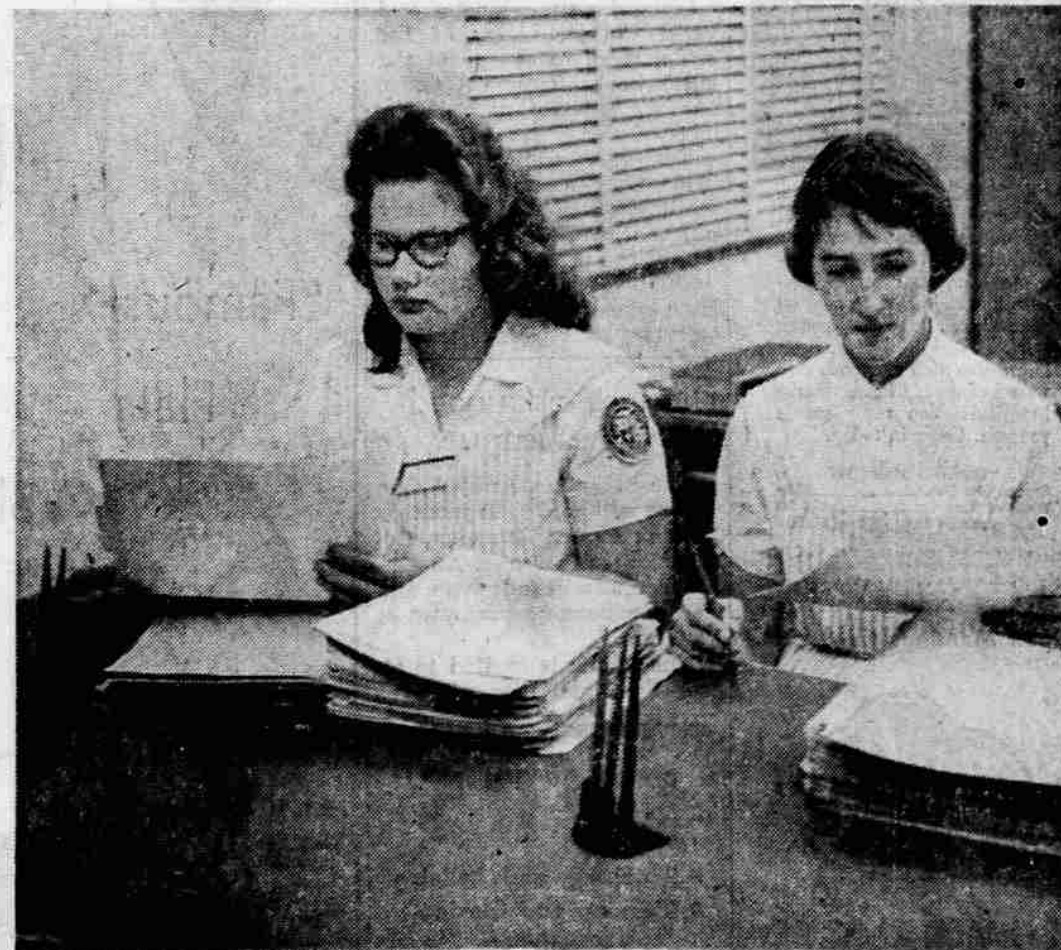
Miss Martha Casad, shown studying at Medford's public library, worked as a volunteer during the spring and summer but is being forced to resign from the auxiliary because of her heavy schedule as a freshman at Southern Oregon college.



Adult supervision for the service group is provided by (left to right) Mrs. Otto Frohnmayer, advisor from the senior auxiliary, Mrs. Glen O. Bessonnnette, president of the senior group and Mrs. Clark Anderson, who instructs home nursing classes at Medford High school. Mrs. Vanderlin, the nursing director, reports that "the Candy Stripers really work—there is no nonsense and they are performing a real service."



The record for the largest number of volunteer hours has been earned by Susan Fontaine, who works for the most part in the pediatrics department. Miss Fontaine reads to the patients, watches television with the youngsters and in other ways helps to keep them entertained during convalescence. She is pictured with Daniel Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Roberts, 143 Nutley street, Ashland.



Keeping of records is an endless task in a hospital, and pictured in the records room of Rogue Valley hospital are (at left) Donna Dell and Eloise Harbert. Both of these young women, interested in nursing careers, are working to carry out the purpose of the organization which is to be of service to the community and the hospital and to provide the "plus services" of kindness and courtesy to patients.