

Go to the hospital — and learn a lesson

It is amazing at times the things a fellow learns while strolling along life's highway. And, often, he learns them in the most unexpected places.

For example, through a queer moment in life, The Stroller found himself in the hospital the other day.

It was a rather odd place to be, but he was there when he was asked what was wrong, the doctor and the nurses explained that because he was getting older his heart was tiring. As a result it wasn't strong enough to push the liquid out of his lungs.

To relieve any fear the doctor said, even though The Stroller was in intensive care, it would be just a matter of time until the liquid would be removed.

That was a fine thing to learn — even though he was in the room for those in so-called poor shape. But from then on, it was a lesson.

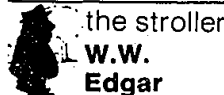
THE DOCTOR, a kind fellow, had me playing a game with my condition. Each time the medical personnel took my pulse, heart beat or blood pressure, they showed me the figures. It became a very interesting game.

Each time someone came into the room he or she asked, with a smile, "How many points are you going to pick up today?" And little by little, enough points were picked up so that all danger was removed.

With that change The Stroller was taken from intensive care to a regular room with a great view of the countryside.

The grades kept getting better and the doctor passed the word that the stay in the hospital would be short.

Day after day, from 4 o'clock in the morning until darkness fell in the evening we looked at the



instrument and made note of the increase in points. The Stroller had been in the hospital before, but never to play games and count the numbers in heart beats, blood pressure and the like.

Meantime the food was good, the nurses were friendly, the doctors were co-operative and hospital officials were pleasant visitors.

So, all in all, The Stroller learned some important things about his body and its reaction to unruhing years.

IT WAS a lesson greater than he ever learned in school. And he enjoyed it even though it was advancing years that brought on the trouble.

Once before advancing years brought on a queer twist. It so happened the eye lashes on his lower lid curled and scratched his eye ball.

The doctor explained, "when a fellow gets old, the muscles on your lower lid soften, the lid curls and the lashes scratch. So, we're going to do a bit of surgery. We'll cut the lower lid, tighten the muscle and the lid no longer will curl."

And that is exactly what happened — just another unusual lesson you learn as the years come rolling along.

Special haunted house at OCC

A special haunted house event is being scheduled by Oakland Community College, Highland Lakes Campus, on Monday, Oct. 21, at 141 Cass Lake Rd., across from the 300 Bowl in Waterford Township.

The 7 to 9 p.m. haunted house is strictly for youngsters 12 years old and younger. No adults will be admitted unless accompanied by a child.

Children's night special activities will include: a less scary house with friendly monsters, Count Spooky Magic and music show at 7:30 p.m., picture night (bring your own camera and have your picture taken in a coffin with count spooky), free door prizes and a coloring contest.

Oakland Community College's Halloween fundraiser, "The Haunted House Experience," will be open from 7-10 p.m. Oct. 18, 19, and 22-31.

Count Spooky will be on hand for the grand opening party on Saturday, Oct. 19. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. Door prizes will be given. Admission is \$3 and group rates are available.

A costume contest is scheduled for Nov. 2, with

judging at 9 a.m. For further information, call 360-3041 or 360-3185.

Malpractice seminar

Area health care providers have a unique opportunity to learn how to avoid potential malpractice suits.

Central Michigan University's Detroit office is offering a one-day seminar on malpractice on Friday, Oct. 25, at the Hilton Airport Inn in Romulus, 31500 Wick Road.

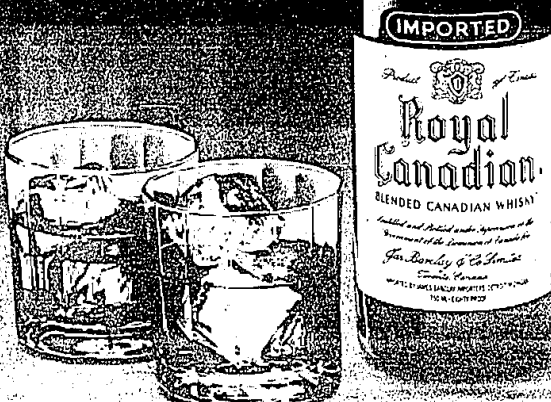
The seminar to be conducted by Carol Pillsbury Patton, a lawyer and registered nurse from Ann Arbor, will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Lunch and seminar materials are included in the registration fee. Interested individuals may call the CMU/Detroit office, 643-6997, for more information.

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