

Ford Hospital honors volunteers

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A dedicated group of 125 volunteers are working in more than 10 departments of the 1,000-bed Henry Ford Hospital. The volunteers and their families were honored this past month at the hospital's volunteer recognition day. The day's activities included the distribution of awards for 50 hours or more of service, a brunch, a demonstration of the hospital and a demonstration of life-saving cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Recognition day is an annual tribute to the volunteers for their many hours of service, over 8,000 hours during the first three months of 1975 alone. These hours are the equivalent of over 400 working hours.

But for the volunteers at Henry Ford Hospital these days are special. They are time given for that "extra caring" ... for talking with a patient's relative...for making sure small and flowers reach a bedside...for being a partner in a card game. The volunteers are here to stay at Henry Ford Hospital.

They're in the gift shop, admitting and discharge, pediatrics and behind the book cart. They're just about everywhere. And from everywhere.

At the head of all this activity is Mrs. Betty Vanderfrost, director of the newly established Volunteer Service Program. She seeks out, coordinates, and trains the volunteers for particular areas considering their requests and availability.

Mrs. Vanderfrost's responsibilities include volunteer staffing of not only the Detroit campuses of HPH, but also the new satellite outpatient clinics due to open this fall in West Bloomfield and Fairlane-Dearborn.

Who are the volunteers? They're college students. They're housewives, former patients, staff wives.

They're men and women from the many corners and industries of metropolitan Detroit. But the important thing about the "people" behind the volunteers is that they care.

Personalized plate sales end June 30

How can you, as a Michigan car owner, order your license plates for next year now, put on your own message, and at the same time get a priceless memento of the country's 200th birthday?

Easy. It will cost you \$25, but you still have a few weeks left to purchase last year's 1974 Bicentennial license plates. Deadline for ordering this message is June 30. All plates must be confined to six letters or numbers without hyphens or dashes.

Personalized license plate applications blanks are available at all secretary of State field offices for those who did not have personalized plates last year. For those who had them for 1975, prepared applications have been mailed, but reservations seem to be coming in slower than new applications, said Richard Austin, secretary of state.

As of mid-June, 8,000 sets of personalized bimetallic plates have been sold, exceeding last year's total of 6,000. Austin said that even with economic hard times for many persons, he was hopeful of selling at least 10,000 sets of personalized plates.

"It looks like we'll make our goal of turning over the revenue to the Department of State Highways and Transportation for litter control on our roads and highways," he said. A sale of 10,000 personalized license plates would net the state about a quarter of a million dollars, all earmarked for keeping highway areas clean.

'Space-age' banking here

Detroit Bank & Trust has instituted a newsletter on electronic funds transfer systems (EFTS) which will present information on developments concerning these systems as they might affect the bank, its commercial customers and consumers.

The newsletter will be published periodically by the recently established EFT planning department directed by Thomas J. Winn, manager, and other vice-chairs of that activity.

"We are moving towards a 'space-age' banking society where persons will have their pay deposited directly to their bank account and bills could be paid for them automatically," says Winn.

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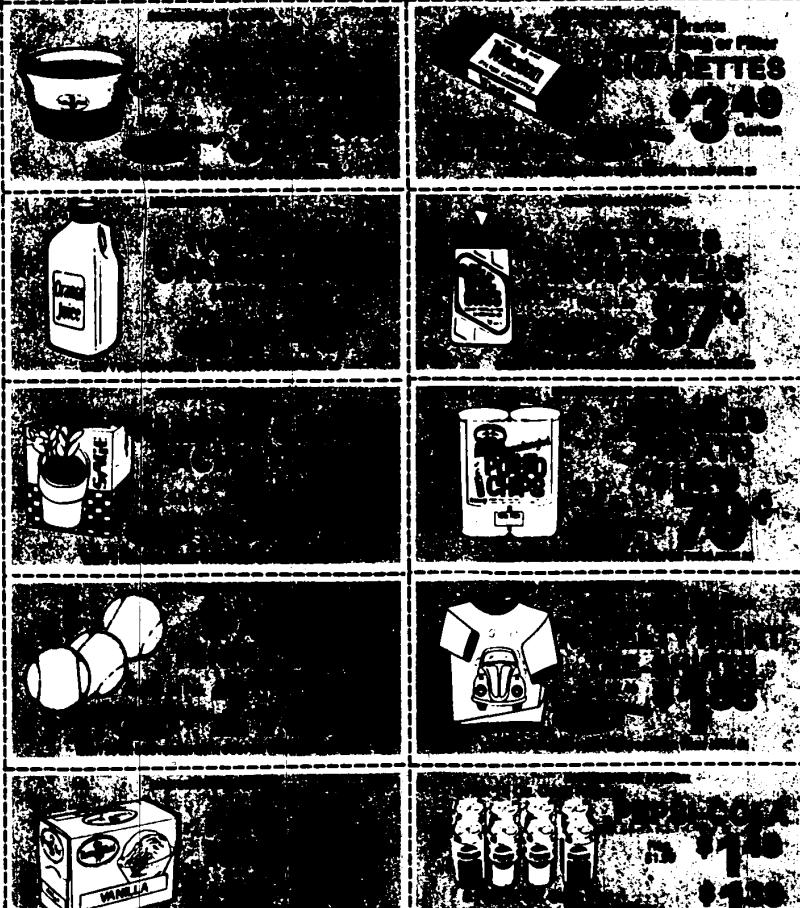
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