Meeting of Members, October 20, 1965

Nursing

Mrs. Adele C. Miller, Chairman of the Nursing Committee, reported that at the last meeting of the membership, Mrs. Jean Gray of the U.S. Public Health Service, Division of Occupational Health, indicated that the Foundation's experimental course entitled: "Employee Mental Health and Industrial Nursing Practices", which had begun in June, 1964 would end the following day, i.e., the 22nd of October. Mrs. Gray was the Course Director and it was with considerable enthusiasm that she described the progress of this program, sponsored by the newly-formed Foundation's Nursing Committee.

Mrs. Miller announced that in the period since then, there has been no diminution in the Foundation's activities in this area. On April 8, 1965, at the American Industrial Health Conference in Miami, at the Nursing Committee breakfast attended by representatives of the Industrial Medical Association and American Association of Industrial Nurses Boards of Directors, a report of the experimental course was presented as a means of aiding professional liaison. Now available as Industrial Hygiene Foundation's Nursing Bulletin No. 1, this report was written by Mr. Harris H. Shettel, Assistant Program Director, American Institute for Research, with the assistance of the Foundation's Nursing Committee. A measure of the course's effectiveness is presented with suggestions for future improvements. Based in large measure on the Foundation's 1964 experience, the Foundation proposed to undertake a 5-year training program. Several companies in the Foundation's membership will serve as a pilot plant in which to develop a system of continuing education for occupational health personnel in employee mental health. The educational tools developed should benefit all industrial employees. Industrial management and medical directors have shown great interest in obtaining better assistance in this pressing health problem from the Occupational Medical Service representative who is most accessible to the troubled employee, the Occupational Health Nurse. If all goes well, the Foundation hopes to be able to announce initiation of a program, under a National Institutes of Mental Health Training grant at the next meeting. The Nursing Committee is extremely gratified by the Foundation's progress to date and will continue to offer whatever assistance and guidance possible to insure the success of the program and the applicability of its results in the practical situation in industry.

Alda Sica, U.S. Steel Corporation, is the Co-Chairman and Secretary of the Nursing Committee. Other members are:

Dorothy Dean
Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.
Jean W. Gray
U.S. Public Health Service
Vivian Hatfield
Trans World Airlines, Inc.
Helen Kunzler
U.S. Steel Corp.
Winifred McLanahan
University of Pittsburgh, GSPH

Bedonna Jacobs has moved to California and her place on the Committee will be filled in the near future. At the Committee luncheon, plans for 1966 were discussed.