

Negro Physicians
(Mizell)

Provident Hospital

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

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A general view of the campus of the Provident Hospital, which consists of four separate buildings, conveniently arranged on a 200 foot frontage, landscaped by a licensed landscape architect.

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This bulletin is dedicated to the two years of service rendered the Provident Hospital. I wish to express my deepest appreciation for the wonderful spirit and cooperation given me by the Board of Trustees and the many friends of the institution, which was responsible for our success.

Yours for a healthier community,

VON D. MIZELL, M. D.

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HISTORY OF THE PROVIDENT HOSPITAL



The history of Provident Hospital is briefly that of an actual development of a much needed institution in keeping with the rapid growth of the city, sponsored by the better thinking and progressive citizens of Broward county. The beginning dates several years previous to the actual construction of buildings and grounds as they are today. The present hospital had its birth in very poor surroundings and buildings with practically no equipment. It had to be closed several weeks prior to the opening of the present building because the place place was not, in many instances, equal to the convenience of the poorest home for the sick.

A small band of poor but Christian hearted Negroes, encouraged in many ways by a small group of white people, who were big-hearted enough and humanitarian enough to see the great need of such an effort, began raising funds to build and operate a hospital for the Negroes of Broward county.

There are enumerable persons listed among the one whose efforts were spent in making the various stages of the progress possible. Among those who played a great role in bringing about our hospital but have passed from this life are the late Messrs Frank Balch, Rev. Tole N. Worthy and Henry Nance, our first President.

The hospital has had a very hazardous struggle in its effort to reach its present state of development. The community owes the existence of the hospital to a few loyal, steady, hard workers who held fast to their posts during the stormy period of development when many fell by the wayside. Mrs. F. A. Balch is the one person whos untiring, persistence and invaluable efforts will stand alone in the hospital's history.

Thus Provident Hospital had its beginning. Today we find that it is a small, well equipped and regulated institution, completely staffed and manned by Negro doctors and nurses and accredited by the hospital division of the American Medical Association.



THE AIM AND SCOPE OF THE WORK OF PROVIDENT HOSPITAL



Provident Hospital is a non-profit sharing institution, chartered under the commonwealth of the State of Florida and incorporated under the laws of the same State. It serves the fifteen thousand Negroes of Broward county as a complete unit, operating under its supervision, all departments of general medicine and surgery. Its educational program extends its influence into the homes of many of the people by removing the many superstitions and pagan ideas that haunt so many of the poor Negroes of the low levels of intelligence, caused by such poor educational facilities in this section of the country.

The hospital has done more than its share in cooperating with the County Health Department in training midwifery to the yet existing midwives of this section. It has hospitalized, without exception, all cases that were problems to the department. Almost all instances, except drastic emergencies, were without hospital fees. The county accepted the obligation of the emergencies for deliveries or otherwise.

In a general way, it may be said that the whole purpose of Provident Hospital is: (1) To alleviate as much of the suffering caused by the malady of diseases among the Negroes: (2) To keep our community healthy by stopping the would-be epidemics that would be spread by the Negro domestic help among the white people: (3) To supply a nucleus around which the whole Negro health program may be sponsored.

HOW PROVIDENT HOSPITAL IS SUPPORTED



It is a benevolent institution, supported by the donations from generous friends, of money and articles of various kinds supplemented by the meagre amount that we are able to collect from patients. The county allots to us, a certain proportion of their work, for which we are paid. Recently the City Commission voted a monthly appropriation for our emergency department. The most substantial means of support is that of the Broward Hospital League, which does the bulk of the fund raising that carries on the work.



MEDICAL DIRECTOR



V. D. MIZELL, M. D.

Dr. Von D. Mizell, a native of Broward county, was appointed by the Board of Trustees as Medical Director on January 1, 1938. He did not take office until March of the same year.

He was educated at Florida Normal and Industrial Institute Morehouse College and graduated from Meharry Medical College in 1936. He is a member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

After an internship, he spent a short period in Provident Hospital in Chicago, where he gained a great insight on the field of medicine and hospitalization. He attributes his success as surgeon to the vast experience and unlimited opportunities afforded him by the staff during an eight-month period at Grady Hospital, Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Von D. Mizell wishes to thank the following friends for encouragement both spiritual and financial, making it possible for him to enter and complete his medical career: Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Harris; Mr. Kendell Weisiger, both of Atlanta; Miss Caroline B. Chapin of Englewood, N. J. and Mrs. Ethel Davis of Institute, W. Va.

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THE BROWARD HOSPITAL LEAGUE



Because one woman saw the dire need that existed in Fort Lauderdale for a place where colored people could go and have adequate care when sick, and because this woman possessed undaunted courage in the face of almost overwhelming obstacles, the Broward Hospital League was formed.

Mrs. F. A. Balch was the woman. She brought her problem to the women of the Presbyterian Church and they were quick to grasp the opportunity for service. Encouraged by the wholehearted response of the Presbyterian women, Mrs. Balch made an appeal to every church and organization in the city to send delegates to a mass meeting to be held in the Women's Club building on April 27, 1937. On the afternoon appointed, twenty-seven women and a half dozen men gathered together and discussed the need and the possibility of giving aid, and as a result of this meeting, the Broward Hospital League was formed with Mrs. Balch as its first president. The sole purpose and aim of this organization was, and is, to help in the raising of funds for the building and operation of a hospital that would be exclusively for colored people and operated by colored people.

Plans were immediately made for the raising of money and from that time on, step by step, the project grew until there was sufficient money in the treasury to warrant breaking of ground for the new hospital building. Little more than one year after the organization of the Broward Hospital League, Provident Hospital was dedicated and ready to receive its first patient.

The Broward Hospital League is still cooperating with the colored people in the operating and maintaining of Provident Hospital and it is hoped that, as time goes on, additions may be made and the usefulness of the hospital increased.

Officers of the Broward Hospital League at the present time are Mrs. W. D. Hildreth, President; Mrs. R. G. Coleman, Vice-President; Miss Winifred Talbot, Secretary; Mrs. Frank Strachan, Treasurer.



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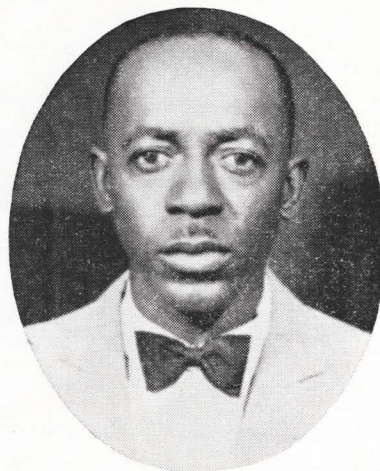
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All moneys are acknowledged to the Board of Trustees at the regular bi-monthly meeting when taken in and the same is done before it is allowed to be paid out. Our books are open to friends who might be interested in the financial welfare of the institution and who might wish to make some definite contribution to help relieve the strain of any of the departments.

Monthly expenses:

1. Three graduate nurses at \$50.00 and maintenance (\$20.00 each)	\$ 210.00
2. One cook	30.00
3. One nurse attendant	26.00
4. Laundry (approximately)	30.00
5. Office clerk (to be employed soon)	25.00
6. Grocery bill (approximately)	75.00
7. Drugs	90.00
8. Electric bill	23.50
9. Yard man	6.00
10. Water bill	City
11. Miscellaneous (printing, oil, postage, etc.)	10.00
12. Note on improvements (modernization loan)	23.50
13. Repairs and replacement of instruments	8.00
14. Note on sterilizing unit	67.00
15. Note on X-Ray machine	51.51
Total monthly expenses	675.51
The annual cost of operating the hospital (approximately)	8,106.12



STAFF OFFICERS



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Superintendent



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Dentist



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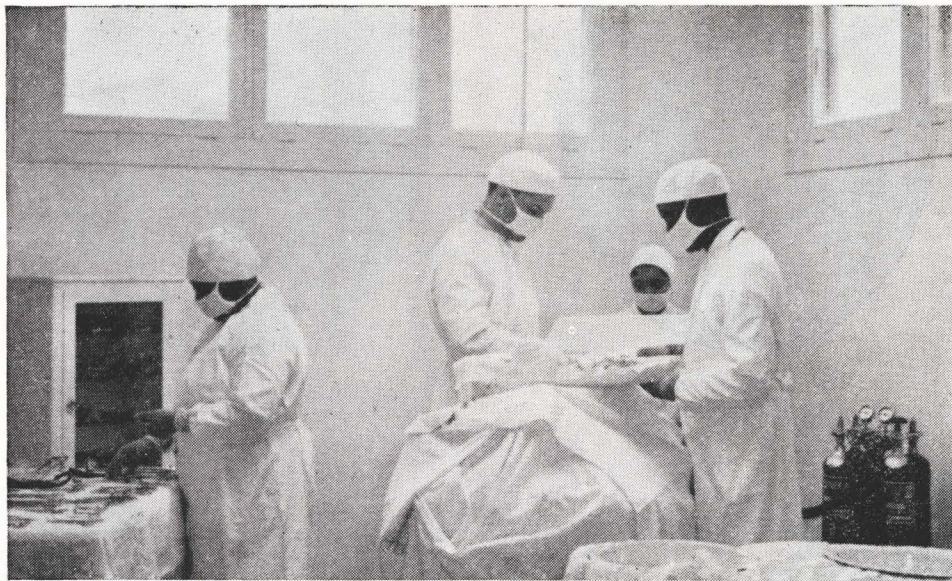
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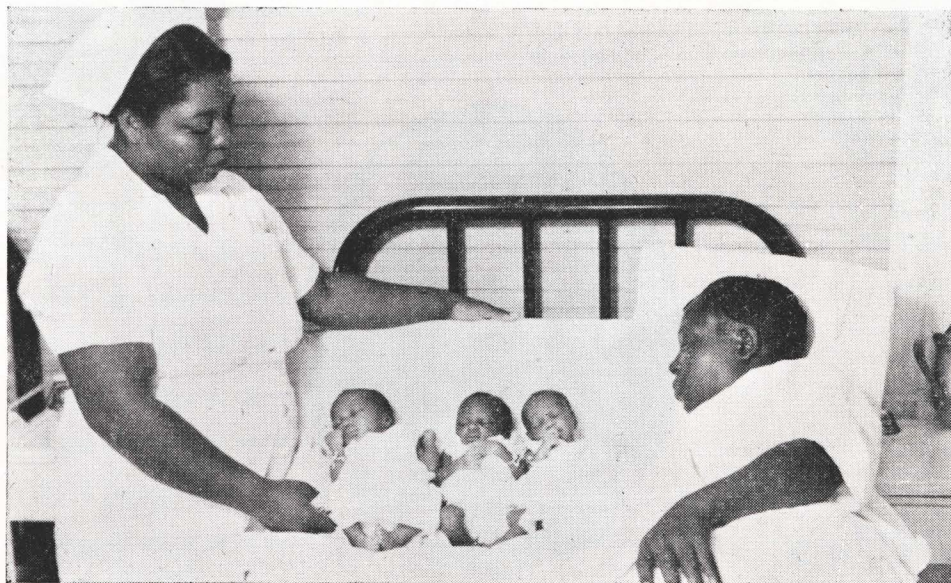
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ACTIVITIES AT PROVIDENT HOSPITAL



OPERATING ROOM



TRIPLETS BORN AT PROVIDENT HOSPITAL

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CENSUS OF THE YEAR

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The total number of cases admitted to the hospital consisted of all types of cases, both medical and surgical. Contagious diseases were not admitted. A plan is on foot to establish a separate institute to take care of all such cases.

1. Total admissions to hospital	514
2. Total treated in the emergency service	340
3. Total treated in the out patient department	641
4. Total number of hospital days	4626
5. Total number of cases classified:	

	Performed	Deaths
(a) Major operations	174	3
(b) Minor operations	116	3
(c) Medical cases, including all	131	25
(d) Obstetrical cases	71	1
(e) New borns	59	9
(f) There were five successful caesarean section performed.		

All operations were performed by Dr. V. D. Mizell with Dr. C. M. Smith as his assistant in many cases. The staff is open to any qualified physician. Many thanks for the wonderful way in which the physicians have cooperated with Dr. V. D. Mizell in putting over such a successful year.

SOURCES OF INCOME ON AN ANNUAL BASIS

Sept. 1, 1938 to Sept 1, 1939

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There are a large number of cases that are charity cases, depending solely upon charity for aid but do not come under the requirements necessary to be county cases, for which the hospital would be paid. The county admits only emergency cases to our hospital, but there are many invalids who could be made healthy and useful who can not be classed as emergencies. The hospital has taken from the tax-payers shoulders, many cases that were on relief because they had ailments that needed treatment, but because of lack of funds were not able to get same.

Income for coming year year as previously compared:

1. Private cases	\$1540.49
2. County cases	600.00
(A balance is due from the county account)	
3. Donations from the public	810.00
4. City of Fort Lauderdale	1200.00
5. Emergency cases	150.00
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Total income for year (approximately)	4300.49

Balancing the books as follows:

Total expenses for year	\$8106.12
Total income for year	4300.49
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Deficit for year	\$3795.63

N. B. A firm of Certified Public Accountants will audit our books in the near future and a report will be available to the public.

Our deficit is paid from funds raised in our annual hospital rally. This rally is being held from the fifteenth of January to the fifteenth of February, inclusive. All who feel the desire to help carry on the great work are urged to send or bring their donations to the hospital at this time. You may be approached by an authorized worker. In any event, make your check payable to the Provident Hospital.

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MOUNT HERMAN METHODIST CHURCH, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

FEBRUARY 22, 1940



1. Interlude Pianist
2. Song Choir
3. Invocation Rev. Collins
4. History of Hospital Representative of Broward Hospital League
5. Spiritual Chorus Dillard High School
6. Remarks of Master of Cermonies Dr. V. D. Mizell
7. Address Lewis Moore, Mayor of Fort Lauderdale
8. Solo Edgar Wilson
9. Remarks Representative of Broward Hospital League
10. Address Captain Scott, Liberty City, Miami, Florida
11. Response T. S. Cobb
12.  Remarks Prof. C. C. Walker

