

The program for the ambulatory patients is much wider in scope, and the majority of these entertainment features are held in the Red Cross Recreation Hall, where there is a stage and dance floor and the facilities are naturally much better than in the wards.

In the recreation hall appear name bands and guest stars, and stage shows of various kinds are presented.

About the most popular and best attended events are the regular Wednesday night dances, with music furnished by the 336th Army Services Band. Girls from neighboring towns are invited to serve as dancing partners at these affairs.

There are numerous stage shows including USO shows, soldier shows staged by Lieutenant Gurian's personnel and occasionally shows presented by the patients themselves.

An important regular feature is the program of band music for patients presented three times a week in the recreation hall. At these events music of a light, soothing nature is played.

Arrangements are also made to transport ambulatory patients to baseball games and other athletic events both on and off the post.

Scope of the work of Special Services at the hospital is being constantly expanded. For example, plans are now underway for a daily outdoor show of popular music to be held out on the hospital lawn, including a full band concert every Thursday. These shows will be one hour in length, from 12 noon to 1, and will commence as soon as weather permits.

In addition to assuring that good, regular entertainment is provided for all patients, Special Services also takes on many lesser jobs. There are such items as helping with music for weddings when patients are married while in the hospital, and furnishing music for parties given for patients. Then there is the responsibility of taking charge and care of such equipment as musical instruments and motion picture projection machines.

While the entertainment provided by Special Services at the general hospital is primarily for the benefit of the patients, army personnel working in the hospital are also invited and welcome to attend the various shows, dances and other affairs.

At the Camp Butner hospital, the officials of the three agencies that furnish entertainment from time to time in one form or other—namely Special Services, the Reconditioning Section and Red Cross—constitutes a recreation council which