

Courier Journal

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1939

Infant of Prague Rites Slated At St. Anthony

The annual Novena in honor of the Infant of Prague will begin in St. Anthony's Church, Elmira, on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. The Novena will end at the Masses on Christmas Day.

Dansville K. C. Auxiliary To Aid Vets At Bath

Dansville — Monday night the K. of C. Clubroom at Dansville were beautifully decorated in keeping with the Holiday Season for the annual Christmas Party held by the Auxiliary. Amid the strains of Christmas music and candlelight, supper was served to approximately 50 members. Following the supper, songs were sung and gifts were exchanged with the aid of Santa Claus. Each member also brought a gift of food to be presented to the Veterans at Villa Marie in Wayland.

Mr. Martha Holmes, President, called a short business meeting. It was decided that each member of the Auxiliary would be asked to contribute money to be sent to the Veterans at the Bath Hospital. Miss Emily Rauber will collect the donations at the meetings.

The president named the following committees for the year: House Committee, Mrs. Eva McCovick and Mrs. Edwin Lauffer; II. Publicity, Miss Rita Rauber; Sick Committee, Mrs. Charlotte Simons and Teen Age Dance, Mrs. Evelyn Thompson.

Miss Norma Lemen and Mrs. Casimir Krochmal are co-chairmen for the meeting on Jan. 8. Their committee is composed of: Mesdames William Kelly, John Kelly, James Kelly, Robert Kuhn, Gerald Leibenguth, William Last, Harold Lindsay, Edwin Lauffer, II. Otto Leiders, Anthony Lima, Carl Leven, Fred Lemen, Lou Lehrer and Hanley Larkin.

Following the meeting, cards were played.

Wanda Circle Slates Dinner

Annual Christmas Party and Dinner of the Wanda Circle Ladies of St. Casimir's Church, Elmira, will be held Sunday, Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. in the school hall.

Gifts will be exchanged. New officers of the Circle are: Mrs. John Lepkowski, president; Mrs. John Cloke, vice president; and Mrs. Edward Lepkowski, secretary-treasurer.

Area Hospitals Assured Added Funds 2 Years

By CARVIN MAYNE

Rochester Times-Union
A unique experiment in promoting better health in and around Rochester has been assured of two more years duration.

Now nearing a successful conclusion, the work of the five-year experiment, the Council of Rochester Regional Hospitals, has convinced its sponsors that funds for its continuance should be granted, the Council has disclosed.

In the words of its busy administrative director, Charles M. Royle, the Council is "a voluntary association of hospitals and their medical staffs in the interests of good hospital and medical care."

The Council's 23 non-governmental, non-profit member hospitals and seven associate member hospitals serve an 11-county area around Rochester with a population of about 800,000. The hospitals' bed complements total more than 5,500.

IN ITS FIVE-YEAR history, the Council has improved the standards of its members, saved them money and instructed their doctors on methods of improving medical care.

The council was established in April, 1946, by a grant of the Commonwealth Fund, a New York City charitable foundation with worldwide activities carried on through the philanthropy of the late Mrs. Edward S. Harkness.

The fund's grant to the Rochester Council, to be used over a five-year experimental period, was in three parts:

1.—One million dollars for capital improvements on rural hospitals outside Rochester, Elmira and Clifton Springs.

2.—Twenty-five thousand dollars annually for educational and statistical projects.

3.—Seventy-five thousand dollars annually for Council administration and for educational and advisory services.

The fund's directors have recently voted a total of \$80,000 to be used to extend the Council's activities through 1951 and 1952. It has been announced.

The Council, like the Biblical prophets, is more honored elsewhere than in Rochester, Royle says. Hospital representatives from the Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Mich., Syracuse, Minneapolis, California and several foreign countries have visited Rochester since 1946 to learn the Council's methods with a view toward setting up similar projects in their own communities.

Under the leadership of Royle, Dr. Albert D. Kaiser, executive director, and George J. Hucker, president of the board of Geneva General Hospital and president of the Council's board of directors, the Council has sponsored about 200 clinical conferences in 12 rural hospitals.

IN THESE DOCTORS from larger hospitals have visited smaller hospitals to instruct doctors on the scene in better hospital and medical methods. A rotating internship program has been established.

More than 200 doctors have attended postgraduate courses sponsored by the Council in such fields as diagnostic procedures, pediatrics, the use of the new wonder drugs ACTH and cortisone and the treatment of common diseases.

The Council has awarded 10 two-week fellowships in varied fields and pioneered in the establishment of the Rochester Regional Blood Bank in cooperation with the Red Cross.

The Council's advisory activities, carried on by a staff of 10 paid employees with the aid of literature and medical experts, has ranged from a survey of facilities and methods for care of premature infants in member hospitals to the relative merits of shades and Venetian blinds.

Large savings for the member hospitals, vital in a time of rapidly rising costs, have been made by a joint purchasing and accounting system. The mass purchasing has resulted in savings of 6 to 18 per cent in the cost of supplies by the member hospitals, Royle says.

A STANDARDIZED medical records program has permitted hospitals to determine if their (Continued on Page 8)

Five Safety Patrol Members Get Badges

Badges of office were presented to five members of St. Cecilia's school safety patrol at a recent gathering of the student body in Elmira.

Lt. Thomas G. Whitford, supervisor of the Traffic Bureau of the Elmira Police Department made the presentation and spoke to the assemblage on the importance and safety and obedience to all traffic regulations.

Those receiving badges were: Ann Michalke, Mary Ellen Conklin, David Grosvenor, James Maher and John Gough. Gough was designated Captain of the Patrol.

Sodality Ceremony Held In Hospital



Students of St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, Elmira, are shown being received into Our Lady of Lourdes Sodality at a ceremony on the floor of the hospital.

Nurse Sodality Received In Rite At Mercy Hospital

Elmira — In impressive ceremonies on Friday, Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, eight student nurses of St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing were received into Our Lady of Lourdes Sodality.

The young women, dressed in their hospital uniforms and wearing deep blue berets, approached the chapel altar in twos and then signified their wish to become members of the Sodality. Miraculous medals were presented to the girls at the conclusion of the prescribed prayers and responses.

THE REV. JOHN HEALY, moderator, conducted the reception ceremonies. In his brief talk he stressed the necessity of practical application of Sodality rules, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, concluded the ceremonies. Music was by members of the student body and nursing staff.

The new Sodality members are the Misses Patricia Cregan, Katherine Egmond, Patricia O'Hearn and Mary Shum of Hornell; Patricia Barrett, Cameron Miller, Catherine Carey, Painted Post; Mary Ellen Connor, Andover; Rita Bulkeley, Corning.

Installation of officers was held at the business and social session following the reception. Miss Janice McKevitt was installed prefect of the Sodality; Miss Theresa Farie, vice prefect; Miss Mary Ann Cosgrove, treasurer and Miss Rosemarie Hauber, secretary.

Our Lady of Lourdes Sodality was formed nearly 10 years ago at St. James Mercy Hospital. Sister Miriam Joseph is advisor. The present membership is 25. Meetings are held twice monthly at which professional and inspirational lectures are alternated with social gatherings.

Party Will Follow Auxiliary 262 Meet

Monthly business meeting of Holy Rosary Auxiliary 262, Knights of St. John, will be held in the school hall Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m. followed by a Christmas party.

President Margaret Hull has appointed Maude Murphy, Mary Guerin, Helen Young and Alice Reiter to serve on committee.

Hospital Course To Open For Expectant Mothers

Elmira — St. James Mercy Hospital tonight will initiate a program for expectant mothers. The course will be an educational program designed to allay fear and tension, to promote physical relaxation and, by a series of exercises, condition the muscles for physical labor involved in normal birth.

THE PROGRAM will consist of two lectures and four demonstrations. Three classes will be held within the first three months of pregnancy and the remainder of classes will be given in the ninth month. The course will be repeated every two months.

Tonight's class will be only for those patients whose confinement date is within the month of January. Patients who are within their first three months of pregnancy will attend their first lecture on January 5.

This type of program has become known rather widely in lay and professional circles and has been successfully carried on in the larger city hospitals.

Holiday Party Set By Elmira Group

Annual Christmas party of the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Mary's parish, Elmira, was held last Tuesday evening and included a program of entertainment, exchange of gifts and a social hour.

Mrs. John J. Murphy headed a committee serving refreshments. Assisting were: Mesdames Charles E. Stevens, John E. Murphy, Jeremiah E. Keefe, Joseph P. Milliken, Francis P. Golden, John J. Sullivan and Mrs. Marie Gaiser.

New Pamphlet Index Published

Washington — (NC) — A new volume of the Index to Catholic Pamphlets in the English Language, compiled by Eugene P. Willing, director of the Catholic University Library, has been published by the Catholic University of America, here.

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