

Bishop Kearney Urges Samaritan Example In Hospital Drive

Patients are now being admitted into St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira at the rate of 9,000 per year, Attorney John E. Sullivan, chairman of the board of directors said at the campaign dinner opening the \$1,000,000 fund campaign in Mark Twain Hotel.

Atty. Sullivan outlined the hospital's history together with Sister Margaret Adelaide, hospital administrator whose address appears in another column, this page.

St. Joseph's Hospital, the board chairman said, has grown since its founding in 1908 to the point where its annual admissions equal almost one-fifth the population of Elmira.

Atty. Sullivan started with the founding of St. Joseph's in 1908 and outlined the history until 1935.

Sullivan said the idea for the hospital was broached by a group of medical men who presented the plan to the Most Rev. Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, then bishop of the Rochester Diocese.

IN 1908, THE hospital was founded by the Order of St. Joseph in the old Academy of Our Angels. The first administrator was Sister Rose Alice, who had a staff of six other sisters of the order.

The hospital annex was built on High St. in 1913 and the Surgical Bldg., added in 1921. In 1927, a campaign was launched to raise \$350,000 to build the nurses' home.

The drive was successful, Sullivan said, with the help of a \$100,000 grant by the late Edward J. Dunn, who later left one-tenth of his estate to the institution.

THE NURSES' building today is still the highest in Elmira — nine stories. The main hospital building was erected in 1932 and X-ray therapy was added in 1935. It then was the only such facility between New York City and Buffalo.

However, the hospital went \$200,000 into debt, which was not liquidated until 1946. That year a flood caused extensive damage to the hospital, but the efforts of Elmira area residents put it back into business, Sullivan said.



IMPETUS TO CAMPAIGN for \$1,000,000 to improve St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira was given by these principals at formal opening in Mark Twain Hotel. They are, seated, Sister Margaret Adelaide, administrator and His Excellency Bishop James E. Kearney; standing, Atty. John E. Sullivan, Judge Daniel J. Donahoe and Dr. William M. Kelly.

Improvement Planned For Hospital To Meet Growing Needs, Nun Declares

Improvements planned in St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, were outlined in the address by Sister Margaret Adelaide, hospital administrator, at the \$1,000,000 campaign opening in Mark Twain Hotel.

(The chronological review cited in Sister's address appears in adjoining columns).

Sister Margaret Adelaide said: "Tonight I am happy to be able

to express thanks to His Excellency and other notables and friends for their very real encouragement to us in this, our latest undertaking.

"My public appearances, outside the hospital, are so rare that I am sure you will sympathize with my trepidation in addressing so many. But my timidity must not stand in the way of helping St. Joseph's and those who depend upon it for service.

"IT SHOULD be an easy task for me to tell the hospital story from 1935 to the present time since my membership in the hospital family began in the late summer of that year. I shall always happily remember the poise, the dignity, and the graciousness of Sister Rose Alice as she welcomed me to the family circles of the people of the southern tier.

"Nursing assignments brought me into close and gratifying association with the members of the medical staff. These physicians deserved their excellent and community-wide reputation. My associates and I felt privileged to be their co-workers. Frequently, those days we prayed the same as we do now. God bless them.

"The perennial problem, adequate nursing personnel, confronted us then as now, and probably as it will in the future. When Sister Rose Alice secured for each head nurse the assistance of one registered professional nurse, we were duly grateful, but, of course, each of us begged for more. The total number of graduate nurses other than sisters employed at this time numbered 12.

"PROUDLY IN 1935 we could boast of the services of a roentgenologist and a pathologist.

Their assistant technologists numbered not more than one or two qualified workers.

"Often, these days, one marvels at the work accomplished by the non-professional workers. Even then, we were advised that better utilization of hospital workers would result in proportionate financial savings and quality patient care.

"Rightly: quality patient care was our goal, and financial savings, our potent means to achieving our goal. Sister Rose Alice's major worry at this time and at the time of her death in 1939 was the hospital's \$200,000 indebtedness, a burden which retarded for years needed changes and improvements.

"Mr. Sullivan clearly depicted our financial condition in his fluent and factual story of St. Joseph's.

"The chronological review indicates the hospital's effort to keep pace with phenomenal health-care developments. A part of the responsibility of the Board of Directors and myself is to tell the public the conditions we face now, and in the future, in the operation of St. Joseph's.

"Our situation resembles an industrial plant, whose business has increased 12% in the past 25 years with virtually no enlargement of facilities. Back in 1937, when our last wing was erected, we had 4,344 patients. This year, admissions are running at a rate of 9,000.

"We are concerned not merely about additional beds, but space to house the tremendously increased volume in emergency facilities, medical records work, and dietary services. We have had to give up needed rooms to provide space for growing professional services.

"For some time we have real-

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The \$1,000,000 campaign for St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, is in full progress after workers were spurred on to victory by His Excellency Bishop Kearney speaking in Mark Twain Hotel at the formal opening, last week.

At a dinner attended by about 500 guests the Bishop of Rochester likened the drive workers to the Good Samaritan.

The Bishop said the pouring of oil and wine into the wounds of the man by the wayside by the Good Samaritan was like the work in the hospital today, which pours "oil and wine with 20 centuries of technology behind it into the wounds of the sick."

Christ "The Great Healer" was "touched with compassion" at the spirit shown by the Samaritan, he said.

DRIVE WORKERS thus may please the Sisters of St. Joseph and medical men of the hospital and "those bound to the hospital with debts of gratitude, he said, but "what is this to pleasing Almighty God?"

Referring to the trouble in the Holy Land today, the Bishop said, "It is sad to think that in this day human life is so cheap and human suffering so common because of man's inhumanity to man."

He explained that Christ was always nailed at the sight of human suffering and used the parable of the Good Samaritan to answer the question, "Who is my neighbor?"

At the conclusion of the story, Christ added, "Go thou and do likewise," the Bishop said, and he also appealed to the group to go and do likewise.

THE BISHOP was escorted into and out of the hotel by the color corps of Elmira Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

Judge Daniel J. Donahoe, general chairman of the drive and master of ceremonies at the dinner, said the last fund drive for St. Joseph's Hospital was in 1927. Since then, he said, most of the expansion at the hospital has been financed by "the benevolence of a few, most notably the late Edward J. Dunn."

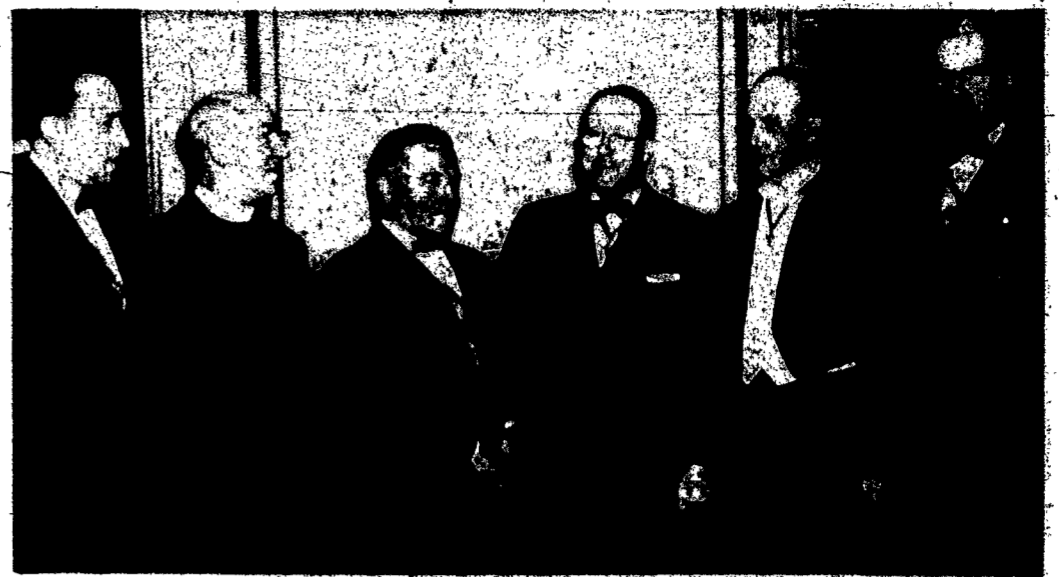
A \$200,000 mortgage was paid off, he added, and "today there is no red ink on the books, although the margin of profit is slim." But, he said, no hospital can finance expansion by its profits and outside help is necessary.

THE HISTORY of the hospital was outlined by Atty. John E. Sullivan, chairman of the hospital's board of directors and by Sister Margaret Adelaide, hospital administrator. The administrator also detailed the construction planned if the drive is successful.

Dr. William M. Kelly, president of the hospital's medical staff, said expanded facilities are needed to take advantage of the "tremendous advances in medicine" in the past 30 years.

He said the obstetric, pediatric, laboratory, X-ray and dietary departments must be expanded and sections added for the care of those with prolonged or chronic illness of old age.

The invocation was given by the Rev. Philip E. McGhan, hospital chaplain and member of the hospital's church cooperation committee. The Rev. Waldo H. Kihlstrom, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Horseheads, pronounced the benediction.



GUESTS AT TESTIMONIAL DINNER for Basil J. Vaillancourt last Sunday night at Elmira's Mark Twain Hotel included: (from left) Joseph T. Lamocelli, Grand Knight of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus; Rev. Leo G. Schwab, speaker; Edward A. Clauss, Faithful Navigator of Elmira Assembly Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus; Vaillancourt; Raymond L. Nary of Rochester, Master of the Fifth New York District, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, and Michael J. Leary of Ithaca.

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Hornell CDA Unit Sends Religious Items To Missions

Hornell — A letter from Mrs. Margaret Lanco, state regent of the Catholic Daughters of America was read as the feature of a meeting of Court St. Ann, No. 194 held Nov. 12 here.

Mrs. Lanco wished the Court success and suggested new projects in the fields of education, world missions and charity.

TENTATIVE plans for a Day of Recollection during Advent were announced by Miss Josephine Plano, chairman of vocations and retreats.

Annual donation to the Mobile Chapel Maintenance was made and a donation of \$5 voted to the Red Cross Christmas Stocking Fund. The Court re-affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women for another year.

Mrs. Mary Acker, chairman of trustees, read the semi-annual report of the trustees as submitted by the Financial Secretary, Miss Nora Heffernan.

A public spaghetti dinner in October netted \$73.22, Mrs. Florence Randazzo, chairman reported. Co-chairmen were Mrs. Caroline Giglio, Mrs. Teresa Dessena and Mrs. Edith D. Lorenza.

Social for November will be a card party and luncheon to be held Nov. 26. Co-chairman will be Mrs. Francis Ordway and Mrs. Ann Rusk.

A COLLECTION of old rosaries, prayer books, medals, holy cards and other religious articles will be taken up at this time. Articles will be sent to missions to be repaired and re-distributed.

250 Attend Diocesan-wide Tribute To Vaillancourt

More than 250 persons attended a Testimonial dinner given by Basil J. Vaillancourt last Sunday night at the Mark Twain Hotel, Elmira marking his retirement as Master of the Fifth New York District, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

Vaillancourt served in the office of Master for 10 years and has been prominently identified with the work of the Knights of Columbus for many years. He is a Past Grand Knight of Elmira Council, K. of C., a former District Deputy of the 56th New York District, and a member of St. Patrick's Parish and the Holy Name Society.

REV. LEO G. SCHWAB, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes church and Faithful Friar of Elmira Assembly was principal speaker.

He paid tribute to Vaillancourt as an outstanding Catholic layman and cited the many activities that the honored guest had participated in during the long years of his services to the Order.

Additional tributes were paid by Rev. William A. Burns, pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Elmira; Rev. Joseph F. Hogan, chaplain at Notre Dame High School, Elmira; Raymond L. Nary, Master of the Fourth Degree of the Fifth District, Rochester; and Michael J. Leary who served as toastmaster.

Leary, a Past Grand Knight of Ithaca Council and Past Faithful Navigator of Ithaca Assembly has served on the Degree Corps in the District for 19 years.

St. Anthony Group Sponsors Breakfast

Members of the Sacred Heart Ladies Society of St. Anthony Parish, Elmira will sponsor a Communion breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 25. The group will receive Holy Communion at the 7:45 a.m. Mass and the breakfast will follow in the Annex.

The committee on arrangements includes: Stella D'Alaisio, Mary Quatrano, Lena Cambio, Frances Cesare, Gertrude Mast, Lena Maddalena, Mary Casco, Lena DiOrto, Julia Arico, Grace D'Alaisio, Lena Bernabed, Beatrice DeSocio.

St. Monica's To Conduct Thanksgiving Festival

The annual Thanksgiving festival of St. Monica Parish will be held in the parish hall on Saturday evening Nov. 17.

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Hospital History Traced From 1939 To Present

A review of chronological events at St. Joseph's Hospital as cited from 1939 to present in the address of Sister Margaret Adelaide, administrator, follows:

1940 — Transfer of mortgage indebtedness to another holder; Central Purchasing policies formulated and adopted.

1942 — Blood Bank program launched; Cystoscopy Room modernized.

1943 — Introduction of Cadet Nurses Program.

1946 — A memorable year — the Elmira flood; Final payment of mortgage indebtedness; Enlarging of X-ray and Laboratory facilities; Opening of Pharmacy in Medical Building basement.

1948 — Opening of Coffee Shoppe; Construction of 10 rooms on the 9th floor in the Nurses' Residence.

1949 — Construction of new laundry building.

1950 — Renovation of 2 elevators in Nurses' Residence; Purchasing of new X-ray equipment; Installation of Chest Survey X-ray Equipment.

1951 — Transfer of Emergency Department to the basement of the Medical Building; Transfer of storeroom to 2d floor; Installation

of laboratory equipment on Medical 5; Providing of lavatory facilities in the Maternity Annex.

1952 — Purchase of modern business office equipment.

1953 — Opening of Medical Library on Surgical 6; Installation of new elevator in the Maternity Annex Building; Purchase of needed dietary equipment; New Recovery Room adjacent to Operating Rooms air-conditioned.

1954 — Installation of new boiler; Organization of Women's Auxiliary; Purchase of Operating Room Equipment.

1955 — Purchase of Tray Room Equipment; Radiology Department enlarged; Surgical 3 Nursing Unit remodeled and refurbished; Purchase of equipment for Medical Records Department; Providing of Central Sterile Supply Service in Basement of Medical Building.

1956 — Purchase of new elevator — Surgical Building; Installation of Public Address System; Installation of Dial Telephone equipment.

Bazaar Opens In Prattsburg

Prattsburg — St. Patrick's Parish of Prattsburg is sponsoring a bazaar in the Parish Hall on November 16 and 17.

Mrs. Frank Bergman and Mrs. Mary Pastor are co-chairmen. They are assisted by Mrs. Jacob Schuck, Mrs. Pauline Wawrzyk, Mrs. Lloyd Finley, Mrs. William Dupont, Miss Hermena Pindjak, Mrs. O'Neil Roy, Mrs. Theresa Ferguson, Mrs. Merlin Drumm, Mrs. Joseph Kopylozak, Mrs. Anthony Wojdyla, Mrs. Rene St. Pierre, Mrs. Joseph Senay, Mrs. Albert Dyduck and Mrs. Patrick Musso.

The bazaar will open at 6 p. m. on Friday and at 2 p. m. on Saturday and will continue on through the evening.

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