

St. Mary's Centenary

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Workers numbered as one of their original members Mrs. Richard T. Ford still active in the society's program.

Highlight of the 1957 program is the formal Seton Charity Ball.

Besides rendering service to the hospital, the Seton groups sponsor various fund raising projects to aid hospital finances.

ALSO ORGANIZED in 1905 was the nurses Alumnae Association still an active aid in St. Mary's program of service to the sick.

PRESENT DAY hospital aides are an efficient, uniformed group of volunteer women who assist visitors in finding their way to a patient's room, deliver gifts and mail to patients, render services which thereby leave nurses and nurses free for more technical duties.

Other lay groups associated with the hospital include the Men's Advisory Board organized in 1928, and the Women's Board (1933).

Today's nurse training program which graduates up to 50 nurses each year was first organized in 1892.

First graduates in 1894 were Mary Donoghue, Delta Goodison and Mary Alexis Wilbur. Early classes numbered as low as four or five graduates-but

built up in impressive size as St. Mary's reputation for nurse training attracted more and more students.

St. Mary's School of Nursing, now in its 65th year, counts a total of 1453 graduates. Currently enrolled in the school are 169 student nurses.

St. Mary's School of Nursing won accreditation from the National League of Nursing Education in 1944 and has been listed as an approved school since 1950.

The school is affiliated with Rochester State Hospital and Binghamton State Hospital for training nurses in psychiatric treatment, with Mt. Morris Tuberculosis Sanitarium for tuberculosis nursing, and with the Visiting Nurse Association of Rochester for public health services.

St. Mary's receives affiliates from Mercy Hospital, Hornell, for pediatrics training and from St. Jerome Hospital, Batavia, for pediatrics, medical and surgical nursing.

EXPANSION of facilities continued at St. Mary's during the 1940's with construction of an ambulance barn (ambulances were horse drawn then), a 24 room unit for patients with contagious diseases constructed in 1948, and an operating pavilion also erected the same year.

A separate maternity wing was built in 1903 and three years later the still standing



Dr. John J. Butler, medical education director at St. Mary's, does research in hospital's laboratory to discover better ways to care for patients.

Gothic chapel was completed.

In 1915, a new powerhouse replaced an obsolete "furnace building."

BATTLEFIELDS of the first World War found doctors and nurses trained at St. Mary's tending the wounded dough-boys. Aftermath of the war was the tragic flu epidemic which swept across the nation and taxed St. Mary's as all hospitals beyond its capacity.

In the postwar era, St

Mary's, than in its 65th year, launched its first major appeal for funds. A ten-day drive in March, 1922, headed by J. Adam Kregg, brought in \$334,028 an enthusiastic \$109,028 above the original goal.

The drive's success enabled the hospital to erect the nurses' residence building adjacent to the present hospital structure. Nurses previously lived on the top floor of the old gray buildings of the hospital.

The building was dedicated in December, 1923, and stands as a tribute to the generosity of Rochesterians of all ranks and creeds who contributed to the fund drive as "friends of St. Mary's."

THE OUT PATIENT Department at St. Mary's was formally licensed in 1922 using the first floor of the chapel building.

The hospital today averages over 15,000 persons cared for annually in its Out Patient Department.

Supreme Court Judge William F. Love headed a committee in 1928 which recommended construction of an entirely new hospital structure to replace the existing 60-year-old buildings. Depression years delayed beginning of the Sisters' plans until 1940 when architect Joseph P. Flynn designed today's ultra-modern St. Mary's hospital, first "Double-Y" type structure in the Rochester area. This design permits efficient, centrally located base of operations, and sunshine some time each day in each room.

Daniel Meagher was contractor for the \$1,300,000 new Hospital Ground was broken June 26, 1941, even before funds were at hand to finance the new building.

BISHOP KEARNEY launched and personally directed a drive in 1942 to raise sufficient funds to finance the hospital's building program. Community leaders including Harper Sibley and Sol Heumann enthusiastically aided Bishop Kearney in his appeal to the public.

Result of the drive was a total of \$313,150 pledged, a striking



Hospital chaplain Father Paul Wohlrab visits men's ward patient Robert Kinsella.

ing success way over the original \$200,000 goal.

The Sisters of Charity accepted responsibility for the staggering balance of one million dollars to complete their hospital which opened in 1943.

IN THE SWEEP of a hundred years, names deserving of tribute became lost or obscured but certainly demanding mention are the administrators who piloted St. Mary's through its century of charity:

First of the fourteen Sisters of Charity to hold the post as head of the hospital is the almost legendary figure of early Rochester, Mother Hieronymo O'Brien, foundress and for thirteen years St. Mary's indefatigable superior. Following in her footsteps were:

Sister Stella Mullen, 1870 to 1873.

Sister Mary Joseph Harris, 1873 to 1874.

Sister Ella Rose Dougherty, 1874 to 1887.

Sister Frances Karrer, 1887 to 1890.

Sister Marianno Carney, 1890 to 1893.

Sister Marie Smith, 1893 to 1910.

Sister Clementine McGuire, 1910 to 1920.

Sister Gertrude Elsie, 1920 to 1925.

Sister Catherine Gardner, 1925 to 1926.

Sister Gertrude Kelley, 1926 to 1935, and 1944 to 1947.



Sister Leo checks trays for patients' dinners.

Sister Martina Murray, 1935 to 1944.

Sister Inez Oiler, 1947 to 1952.

In 1952, Sister Martina was again appointed to head St. Mary's and serves today as administrator of the centenary institution.

As a Catholic hospital, St. Mary's has always provided spiritual aid as well as medical for its patients.

Patients who are not Catholic are visited by chaplains of their own denomination.

Catholics have a resident chaplain, a priest of the Rochester Diocese, to assure all the consolations of the faith to those in sickness and sorrow.

FATHER PAUL WOHLRAB, chaplain at the hospital, is the high priest to serve in this capacity. Originally, priests from St. Patrick's parish called at St. Mary's until Rev. Thomas E. Rositter was trained in 1894 to head the institution. He served his chaplaincy

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