

## Hospital History

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of 1934. In the following years the building service is a constant source of gratification to the hospital management.

The most recent addition to the hospital was a Central Supply Room in 1955 located on the ground floor. With its frequent deliveries of needed equipment and collection of used supplies for sterilization, it has proven to be a great time saver for the personnel.

The constant replacement of old equipment with the latest and most efficient facilities available has enabled St. Joseph's to maintain its high level of care among the modern hospitals of today.

THIRTY SIX SISTERS of St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, N. Y., are currently constituting the staff of the hospital.

Many of these nuns have devoted their entire lives to the service of the sick in the Elmira hospital. An additional fifty-eight nuns, now in other assignments or already called to their eternal reward, also served at St. Joseph's.

Four nuns have held the responsible post of administrator to chart the hospital's course during its first fifty years.

Sister Rose Alice, the pioneer who launched the hospital program in 1868 in a remodeled school house, served as administrator for thirty-one years until her death in 1939. Her successor, Mother Rose Miriam was administrator for only thirteen months when she was elected to head the department of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Sister M. Joseph then held the administrator's position from 1939 to 1942.

Sister Margaret Adelaide has been administrator since 1942.

### THE SPIRITUAL LIFE of the staff sisters was guided at first by the

### Communication

THE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION is the nerve center of St. Joseph's Hospital. It is here that all incoming, outgoing and interdepartmental calls are relayed. In addition to the rapid, courteous and accurate handling of all calls, it is the center of the hospital's public relations. Without delay, the wishes of the hospital's staff, a file of patients' names with assigned room numbers is maintained to expedite relaying calls and for use in pending toll charges to patients' accounts.

This division is staffed with four full-time operators and one relief operator and a full-time telephonist. Volunteer workers from the Ladies of Charity and Women's Auxiliary assist the telephonist. The staff is under the supervision of the Business Manager.

### SISTERS WHO SERVED on the hospital staff and have passed into eternity are

Miss Margaret Lynch, Miss Mary Murphy and Miss Lillian McVie headed the nurses' school from 1905 to 1916 when Sister Anastasia was appointed to that position. She was succeeded by Sister Mary Robert in 1922 and Sister Margaret Mary became director in 1932. In 1937, Sister Lorna was named director. Sister Anne Shaver headed the nursing school since 1951.

Sister Joseph's School of Nursing for its first eight years was under the direction of lay nurses but since 1946 has had a nun director.

Sister Joseph's School of Nursing for the community since 1933.

Sisters formerly stationed at St. Joseph's Hospital include: Sister Ruth, Sister Rose, Sister Anna Patricia, Sister Teresa and Mary Rose.

Sisters Ernest Xavier, Mary Walter, Lorna, Margaret Mary, Isabel, Maude, St. Joseph, Josephine, Sister Grace Marie, Louis Bertrand, Agnes, Helen Cecilia, Leonora, St. Catherine, Mary Audrey, St. Teresa.

Sisters Catherine Ann, Margaret Isabelle, Dolores Anne, Michael Ann, Hilary and Josephine.

Sisters presently assigned to St. Joseph's Hospital are: Sisters Alonza, Margaret Adelaide, St. Jude, Margaret, Marie, Wilhelmina, St. Benedict, Antonella, Madeline, Gregory and Eustace.

Sisters Vincent Joseph, Rose Perle, Rose Clare, Borromeo, Lilian, St. Mary's M. Regina, Rose Agnes, William Andrew, Ann Loreta, St. Edward, Ignatia, Julia Francis, Anne Shaver.

Sisters Patricia Ann, Joan Francis, Pioneer Karen, Paul Martin, Sisters Marie Gregory, Juliana (Christopher), Marie Michael, Bernard Marie and Anselme.

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Sister Marie Michael shows child patient the fish bowl in pediatric section of St. Joseph's Hospital.



Sister Anne Maurice, Director of Nursing, has personal acquaintance with each staff nurse.

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