

### In Heartfelt Appreciation

The Priests and Laity of this Parish have full cause for thanksgiving in the continuous operation of St. Joseph's Hospital for so many years. The devoted Sisters of St. Joseph, in their ministry to the sick and the education of young ladies in nursing careers, have made a tremendous contribution to the welfare of our community and to the propagation of our faith under the kindly guidance of their beloved Patron.

### St. Patrick's Parish

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## Women's Auxiliary Aids Patients, Staff At Hospital

Volunteers Fill Important Hospital Roles In Serving Patients At St. Joseph's

JUST A LITTLE OVER four years ago, the Women's Auxiliary of St. Joseph's Hospital existed only in the minds and hearts of a few interested women, urged on by our hospital administrator.

On May 21, 1951, a meeting was held to establish the framework.

Leading the group of twenty women was Mrs. Leon C. Hogg as chairman. Mrs. Hogg, an early graduate of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, has always been interested in the progress of the hospital and its nursing school.

At a later meeting in June, Sister Madeline Adelaide outlined the purposes of the organization and in explaining her welcome in the group said, "I welcome the formation of a large and strong auxiliary in connection with St. Joseph's Hospital. Our is a great work, but you'll sharing the burden with us will make it lighter."

Following the adoption of a constitution and by-laws at the July meeting the following first slate of officers was elected: Mrs. Leon C. Hogg, president; Sister Margaret Adelaide, honorary president; Mrs. Henry B. Marshall, first vice-president; Mrs. David Wilkins, second vice-president; Miss Alice Byrne, recording secretary; Mrs. Mildred V. Taylor, financial secretary; Sister Rose Alice, treasurer; and Sister M. Ignatius, chairman of volunteer service.

Application was immediately made for T. Y. P. S. Membership in the Women's Auxiliary of the American Hospital Association. The certificate was received shortly after and is still proudly displayed in the hospital lobby.

Before the end of the first year the organization numbered 422 members.

**HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL** projects were sponsored by the Auxiliary and in the past year several have received prizes and commendations. By means of these projects a substantial sum was realized, enabling the Auxiliary to provide needed equipment for the hospital.

Gifts to the hospital included, among other items, four electric sewing machines, a complete first-aid kit, a beautiful cherry top auxiliary cart, complete electric ironing board, a beautiful electric iron, a wringer, a washer and two completely furnished hospital rooms featuring Milow electric beds.



Sister Liguori studies program of hospital's women's auxiliary with Miss Rose DeSocio, auxiliary president.

\$5,000 to the hospital toward its expansion program.

On June 4, 1953 the Auxiliary, now numbering 538 members, held its annual meeting at Harts Hall, the event including a picnic supper to which the hospital Sisters were invited. At the hospital Sisters were Sister Rose DeSocio, suspended Mrs. Robinson as president.

Sister Margaret Adelaide, in greeting the new officers of the Auxiliary, made the following pertinent comment: "I wish to thank the members and officers of the auxiliary for the untiring and conscientious carrying on of their duties and their progress of our hospital's service to the sick in the Elmira area."

"Our Lady, Mother Most Pure, who in a recent talk to a group of women stressed the importance of women in the apostolate of charity and health, the apostolate of action. Today, in the name of the Sisters and auxiliary members, I wish to thank the members and officers of the auxiliary for the untiring and conscientious carrying on of their duties and their progress of our hospital's service to the sick in the Elmira area."



SISTER ROSE ALICE Founder

(The following tribute to Sister Rose Alice, foundress of St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, was written by a nun companion.)

SINCE THE 'DAWN' of time, God has created countless women of different types and varying degrees of virtue and sanctity. Occasions have arisen when God has endowed with moral integrity, strength and courage, because He looks down the centuries. He does the need at a particular time and place for a leader with nobility of character, to guide other human beings in a way no one else could do.

Such a person was Sister Rose Alice, who in God's design was to found St. Joseph's Hospital in 1898 and direct its destinies until 1939.

Because He knew the thousands of thousands would influence and bring about the world to give her an only the most exemplary of saints, He made her the most humble, with the radiance of the Heart of Jesus, charitable with the love of Christ for His sick poor, modesty with the loving devotion and solicitude of Our Lady and just with the wisdom and prudence of St. Joseph.

He who lived and worked with Sister Rose Alice will always thank God for the privilege of knowing her as our superior and administrator, our friend and confessor, our model and our guide. The Jesuits Sister thought and the principles of conduct she followed still form the spirit that dominates all who serve God at St. Joseph's.

The generosity of the service she rendered for the thousands of ill religious through many years.

We believe that when God called Sister Rose Alice home, she had attained to the perfection. He had in His mind when He created her so that that when she died she was heard overjoying with the joy of heaven for all eternity. She will enjoy in heaven for all eternity.

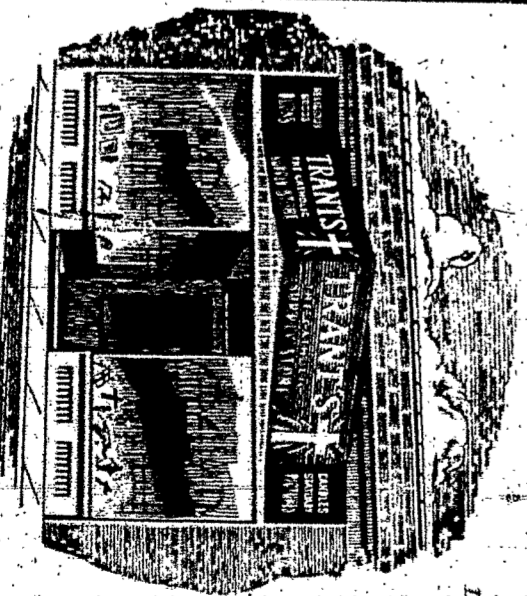
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