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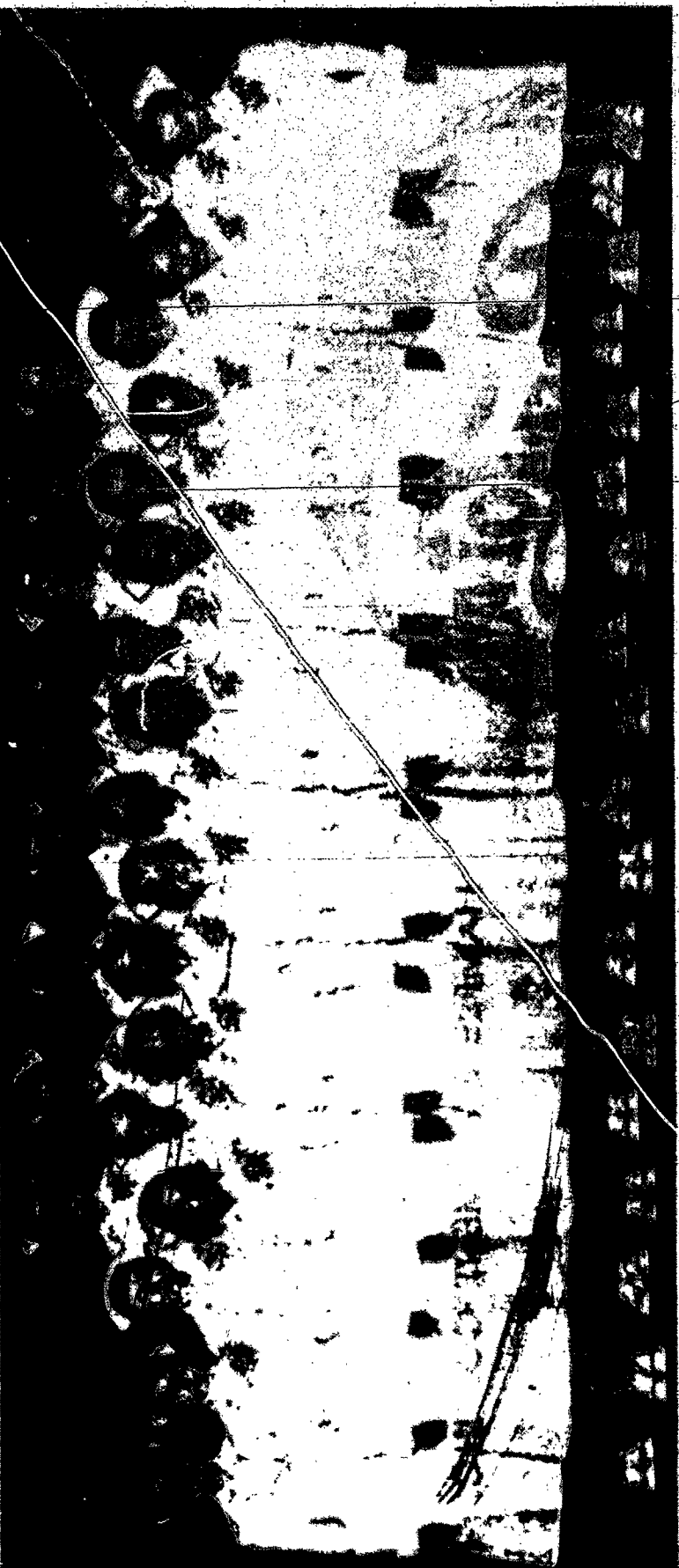
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Graduates of 1958 in crisp white uniforms are ready to provide skilled service for care of sick.

### Nursing School

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ly was organized, and since that time has been the spiritual power house of the students. During Sister Margaret Mary's time, the first school newspaper was published. At the close of 1936, all departments in the hospital had an eight-hour day for the students.

Sister Margaret Mary was succeeded by Sister St. Leonie, who during the year 1937-1938, had the commendable task of supervising the inauguration of regular faculty meetings, two important steps conducive to improved educational advantages for the students.

The student health program was also organized at this time.

**AN AFFILIATION IN PSYCHIA-TRIC nursing** and one in tubercu-losis nursing were arranged during Sister Leonie's term of office. In 1938 the number of hours each week for the students was decreased to forty-four. This included both theory and practice.

Since Sister Anna Maurice assumed the duties of Director of Nursing in 1939, the school's facilities have been expanded and a periodical room has been added. A kitchenette for the use of students in off-duty hours has been equipped. The Student Govern-ment Association has become an agency member of the Student Nurses' Association of New York State. Another achievement was the publishing of a Student Handbook for the direction and guidance of stu-dents.

In 1943, a regular student health medical director was appointed to the school, and a room was equipped as a Health Service Unit on the first floor of the Nurses' Residence.

In 1955, experience in post-anes-thesia room care was introduced into the curriculum, and a two-week ex-perience in the Department of Phy-sical Therapy was established.

In 1957, clinical teaching and ex-perience were planned in block rota-tion in medical, surgical, obstetric and pediatric nursing. The number of duty hours each week, including theory and practice, was reduced to forty.

A two-week experience in the Cen-tral Service Department was intro-duced at this time and the Emer-gency Nursing experience was ex-tended from two to four weeks.

In 1957, the School of Nursing was granted full accreditation by the Ac-crediting Service of the National League for Nursing. The year 1958 has been marked by expansion of educational facilities in the Nursing Arts and Sciences laboratories, while the nutrition laboratory was re-modelled with new equipment. Equip-ment worth units for 28 students.

**TODAY, RECOGNITION IS GIVEN** to the fact that a nurse's job in theory is absolutely identical in its nature to that of a doctor. The nurse is to be an equally sound application of principles in caring for patients in the hospital. Classroom learning is emphasized by such means as doctors' lectures, panel discussions, movies, and similar audio-visual aids. Experi-ence in psychiatric nursing is provid-ed at Utica State Hospital and that in obstetrics and gynecology at the West-ern Psychiatric Hospital. A well-kept li-brary furnishes an abundance of re-ference and reading material.

To most people, however, the idea of a nurse is much more closely con-nected with her work in the hospital itself.

The first picture that usually en-ters the mind is that of a young nursing student caring for the new-born or talking and playing with a small child. This is a true picture, but it is only one aspect of the whole picture.

**THIS IMPRESSIVE ARRAY OF** theory and practice might convey the idea to the nursing student of the im-portance of the nurse's job. It is but one picture, however, is but one facet of a well-balanced scheme of daily living. Outside of her eight hours of class and duty, the nurse of today finds ample opportunity for spiritual and social activities.

The privilege of growing spiritual-ly is an advantage inherent in the life of a nurse. All students may assist at daily Mass in the Little Flower Chapel. Each student not at Mass re-ports to the chapel for morning prayers before going on duty at seven o'clock, and throughout the day there are many opportunities for a brief visit to the chapel.

Special occasions such as capping anniversaries, important feasts of the liturgical year are celebrated with a Mass sung by the entire stu-dent body. Forty-hour devotions are held in the chapel each Novem-ber. Students are free from class, treat, and hospital duty so that they may spend their time in prayer.

For those who wish to do more than the ordinary, the Sodality of Our Lady provide the opportunity for both personal sanctification and Catholic action. The Sodality makes available miraculous medals to be worn on the wrist of any patient going to surgery. On designated days, the Sodality accompany the Chaplain as he distributes Holy Sacraments to the hospital patients. Re-cently the Sodality has been re-plenished by the sodalists.

Weekly meetings, days of recollec-tion, practices of the Holy Sacraments, daily devotions pledged by the Sodality all aid these young women to live the full life of a Christian. The photo — 25 years through Mary.

**ON THE SOCIAL SIDE** there are all the activities which find a place in the life of anyone of college age. Their "big sisters," the juniors, have loved to bring the freshmen in charge of a party for the faculty and entire student body. Thanksgiving is the time for sharing the material bless-ings with needy families in the form of food baskets. Christmas time brings a Nativity play with Mary and Joseph chosen by the student body and a most interesting and un-derprivileged children and a semi-formal dance.

Basketball games followed by stiff joints and aching muscles brighten dark winter evenings. Throughout the year, work progresses on the phases of a nurse's life.

### Nurse Nuns

**A TOTAL OF FORTY NUNS** serve in the Rochester and other dioceses' School of Nursing. Twenty-three of these forty completed their nurse training as young lay women and later entered the veil of a nun.

Sisters of St. Joseph of the Roch-ester Diocese who graduated from the Elmira hospital are the Rever-end Sisters St. Ann, Anastasia, Ruth, Madeline Sophia, Everilda, Mary Rosse, Wilhelmina, Antonella.

Sisters Mary Robert, Regina Clare, Agne Marice, Marie Gregory, and Joseph Clare.

The following graduated as lay women and subsequently entered the St. Joseph's community of nuns. The Reverend Sisters Francis Xavier, Vir-cent Joseph, Elnor Veressa, Isabel, Maurice, Louis, Bertrand, Liguori, Mary Roch, St. Joseph, St. Edward, Florence.

Sisters Margaret Isabelle, Michael

"Allician," the school yearbook, which is ready for distribution in May.

Spring is highlighted by May Day exercises including a living Rosary, crowning of a May queen and crown- ing of a statue of the Blessed Moth-er by the Queen. First in a series of pre-graduation events is the "big sis-ter" camp given by the juniors for the seniors.

Plenets, parties, teas and class meetings keep the life of a nursing student vibrant and interesting. Un-der the sponsorship of the Student Government Association directed by the Student Council, these activities are planned and arranged to provide a happy balance for the various phases of a nurse's life.

Ann, Renilda, Hilary, Bernard Marie, Marcella, and Lois.

**THREE SISTERS OF St. Joseph of** the Diocese of Elmira, also trained at Elmira's St. Joseph Hospital. Sisters St. Magdalene and Elizabeth. Sisters St. Therese and Elizabeth. Sister St. Therese for Thomas Anthony obtained her nurse diploma as a lay woman and then became a nun.

Two Sisters of St. Joseph of Buf-falo are listed as alumnae: Sister Carmel and Sister Marie Rene.

The Maryknoll Sisters of Ossining count two graduates of St. Joseph's: Sister Mary Augusta and Sister Camilla Marie, both of whom trained there as lay students.

Sister Marie Elena, a Dominican nun of Sparkill, N. Y., and Sister Teresa of the Cross, a member of the Daughters of Wisdom at Port-mouth, Virginia, also made their stud-ies at St. Joseph's School of Nursing before entering their religious com-munities.



Class of 1911, first graduates of nursing school, Lena MacInerney, Catherine Sullivan, Harriet Keavin and Josephine Tyrczynski.