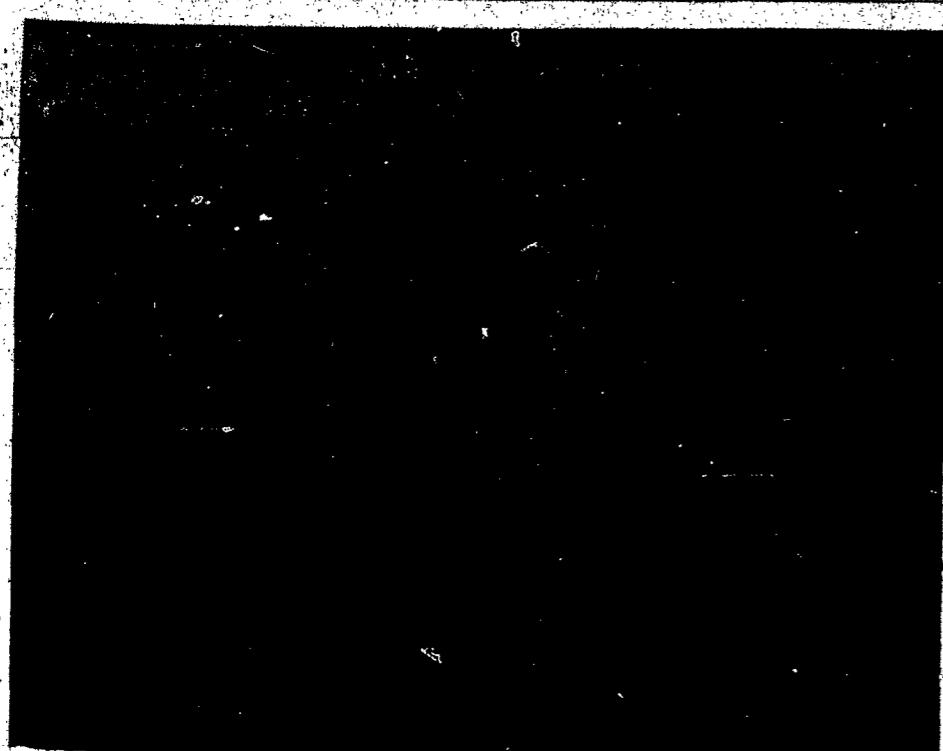


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Surgery preparation room is located between two operating rooms.

New Surgical Division Completed At St. Joseph's

Construction is completed on the new Surgical Division at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira. The unit occupies the space of both Surgical 6 and Medical 6 as well as the entire outside corridor between the two units. It is a modernization and expansion program.

In the modernization plan, the seventh floor of the surgical building provides storage space for equipment essential in the air conditioning and air cooling of the sixth floor.

Friends are invited to visit the new facilities at open house planned from August 8 through August 13. Members of the Hospital's Women's Auxiliary will serve as hostesses each of these days from two to four in the afternoon and from seven to nine in the evening.

A NEW OPERATING ROOM, complete with three major rooms, three minor rooms, a bronchoscopy room, cystoscopy room, scrub-up and sub-sterilizing rooms between every two operating rooms, "doctor" and "nurses" lounge, and a nurses' station is located in the newly constructed division.

Each operating room has piped-in oxygen and suction, conductive ceramic tile floors, and tile on the walls, extending from the floor to the ceiling. Various colors of tile have been selected for the rooms — green, peach, jocquill pink, spruce, and gray. The entire operating room suite is air-conditioned.

A nine-bed recovery room is located adjacent to the Operating Room Suite. An isolation unit is provided in this attractive, red-and-green, air cooled room. Piped-in oxygen and suction is also an added feature.

All the existing rooms on Medical six have been renovated, and new rooms have been added to make a total of twenty-eight beds for this Surgical Unit. Each room is equipped with piped-in oxygen and suction, built-in closets and dressers, new heating system, locked

in acoustical ceilings, telephone and television sets with cable.

THE NURSES' station has a seating capacity of twelve. A seating area for visitors is located next to the nurses' station.

The visitors' waiting room, near the Intensive Care Unit, has a television, telephone and coffee canteen. A conference room for doctors and patients' relatives is located near the entrance.

Two additional recovery rooms are located next to the nurses' station. A new clean and soiled utility room adjacent to the nurses' station will save many steps.

The ultra-modern, ten-bed Intensive Care Unit, located at the north end of the Medical building, provides a private room with piped-in oxygen and suction for each patient. A new type light, mounted on the ceiling over each patient's bed, extends from the head of the bed. The entire unit is air-conditioned.

DURING THIS week of August 14, the operating room personnel will move equipment and supplies to the sixth floor. The operating rooms are now located on the fifth floor of the Surgical building. Present plans include the opening of the new Intensive Care Unit during the same week. On or about September 6, patients will begin to be admitted to the Surgical Patient Area in the newly constructed division.

Leo E. Conidine of the firm of Conidine and Haskell was the architect for the construction. The firm of Anthony J. Rourke, M.D., Hospital Consultants of New Rochelle, New York, assisted with technological details.

Benedictine Nun, Elmira Given Perpetual Vows

Rev. Mother Miriam, O.S.B. (Miss Mary Benedict) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford C. Benedict of 801 West Hill Street, Elmira, pronounced her perpetual vows and received the Consecration of a Virgin at Regina Laudis Monastery, Bethlehem, Connecticut, on July 2.

THE CEREMONY of the Consecration of a Virgin is one of the most ancient rites of the entire liturgy of the Church. The rite is both Roman and primitive in its origin, and was first used in the United States in 1948 by the same community of contemplative Benedictine Nuns.

Presiding at the ceremony was the Right Rev. John F. Hackett, auxiliary Bishop of Hartford, Conn.

Among the assisting clergy were Very Rev. Msgr. James

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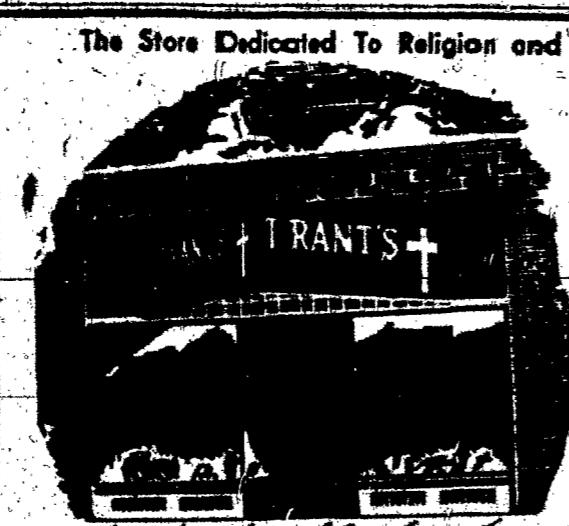
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KC To Meet In Atlanta

New Haven — (WCN) — The 76th annual International convention of the Knights of Columbus will be held in Atlanta, Ga., August 16 to 18.

Councils of the order operate in various sections of the Diocese of Rochester.

Representatives of the Knights will be held at the national headquarters here that the meeting will be designated the "million dollar convention" because this society passed the billion-dollar mark for the first time last June in the amount of insurance held by members.

Membership in the Catholic men's External and Insurance society is at an all-time high of 1,381,137, distributed throughout all the states, all the provinces of Canada, and in Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines.

THE CONVENTION will open with a Solemn Pontifical Mass offered by Bishop Francis E. Ryland of Atlanta. Bishop Vincent J. Waters of Raleigh, N.C., will preside.

Seven new members will be elected to the Knights' 21-man board of directors at a meeting August 17. The closing session August 18 will act on recommendations of the resolutions committee.

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney. Current insurance assets amount to \$162,000,000. The total of benefits paid to members and their beneficiaries is \$142,700,000.

The class of 1910 was chosen to be particularly honored in recognition of 50 years of nursing. Present from that class were Miss Catherine McAuley, Heister of Oswego, a third member; Miss Edith Murray, a patient at St. Mary's Hospital. Sister Maria read excerpts from the school records of Miss McAuley and Miss Heister, which showed they were prominent young students.

A corsage and gift were presented to each by the president of the Class of 1910, and later to Miss Murray in the hospital still living.

MISS MARY GERTRUDE MURRAY of 132 Lenox Street was the oldest graduate present, having been a member of the class of 1906.

Approximately one half of the guests are still in active nursing either in hospitals or doctors' offices or in industrial nursing. The remainder are taking care of families and a few have retired.

In the conversations of many groups from 1912 upward, fre-

St. Mary's Open House Draws 238 Graduates

There was apparently no shortage of nurses at the Open House and Homecoming of St. Mary's School of Nursing Alumnae, held last Sunday at St. Mary's Hospital.

Over 238 nurses registered and they represented every class from 1908 to 1960, excepting 1908. They came from all over New York State as well as Pennsylvania and Michigan.

The Nurses' auditorium was decorated with pictures of each graduating class since 1912.

Guests were greeted at the door of the Nurses' Home by Miss Patricia Lewandowski, class of 1962 who was dressed in one of the original uniforms of the school, blue and white with stripes with stiff white collar and cuffs and a white apron.

MISTER MARIA, director of nursing welcomed the guests and introduced Sister Teresa, administrator, herself an alumna of the school. Sister Teresa stated that this celebration was one of the special efforts of the Daughters of Charity at St. Mary's to honor the 200th anniversary of the death of their founder, St. Vincent de Paul.

There will be Baked Goods and Candy Stands, and the Bazaar hand made items and articles, rosaries, statues, books and cards will be available in the Mt. Saviour shop.

There will be portrait sketches, games of all kinds, pony rides and conducted tours of the Chapel of Our Lady Queen of Peace.

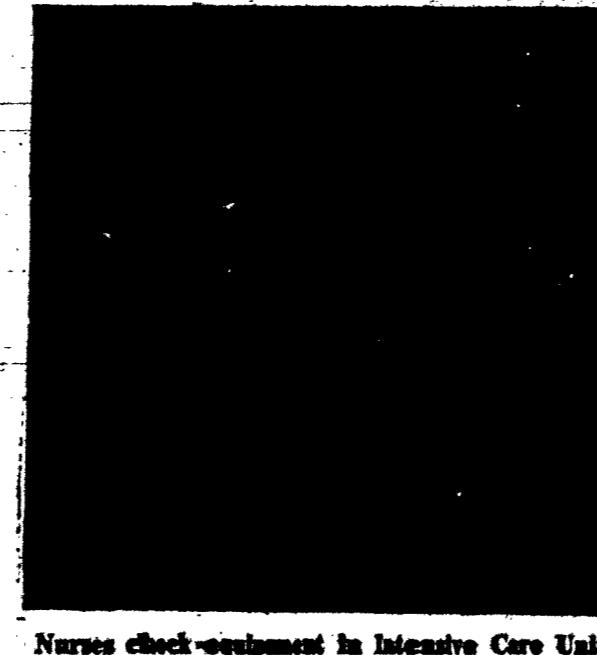
Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at 4:30 p.m.

quent mention of the names of Sister Gertrude and Sister Mary Gertrude were heard. Each of these Sisters had been returned to duty at the hospital at three different times. Both are still living.

On display with other interesting books and photos was the memoirs of a student of the class of 1903. Miss Longfellow had written the definition of nursing as follows: "Nursing is an intelligent effort to coax nature to bring health back to a patient."

THE MODERN definitions and trends of nursing were discussed over refreshments served by the student nurses who also conducted tours through the hospital and nurses home. Open House lasted from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Typical cubicles for patients in new division.



Nurses check equipment in Intensive Care Unit.

Unwed Mothers Receive Aid At Family Center

By AUDREY LINKE

Since 1930, Catholic Family Service, of Elmira, has given aid to girls and women who are pregnant out of wedlock.

Miss Mary K. Fitzgerald, executive director of the agency, reports that this problem has increased by 30% in the past year.

The services begin at the moment she comes to the agency. They give her confidential protection of the type which she could not ordinarily obtain through a well-meaning relative, friend, doctor or legal advisor.

Usually something in the home background such as rejection by one parent or the other causes the girl to look for love elsewhere.

MRS. JOHN McCarthy, caseworker for unwed mothers, receives these girls who are recommended by clergy, doctors, relatives and voluntary.

The help given the expectant mother often includes shelter, assistance and confinement plans. They do not try to make up her mind about her unborn child, but they give her a choice of solutions to the problem, which is so much her girl.

The solutions are: she can have her child at home, go to friends or relatives out of town or go to a maternity home. Most of the girls go to maternity homes located in Buffalo, Syracuse or Scranton. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester does not have its own home, but they do have the cooperation of such homes in nearby cities.

If there are several local girls they are placed in separate homes.

The need for information about the father's history such as his health and nationality for future adoptive placement is met.

When the child is born, the agency takes the baby from the home or hospital and places it in a foster home. The foster parents are paid for the period that the child is in their care. Supervision is maintained on the baby while it is in the foster home.

The case worker will go to the home and talk to the parents and the girl trying to straighten out any arrangements. She will also talk to the putative father unless the girl requests her not to. He may be asked for financial assistance or be persuaded to marry the girl.

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