



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 5 and Medical 6 as well as the entire outside of the building.

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 13 through August 15. 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 SUITE, consisting of three main rooms, three minor rooms, a bronchoscopy room, cystoscopy room, scrub-up and sub-sterilizing rooms between every two operating rooms, doctors' and nurses' lounges, and a nurse station is located on Surgical six.

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—peach, linoleum, 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, restful-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 located

in acoustical ceilings, telephone and television sets with cable.

THE NURSES' station has a seating capacity of twelve. A waiting room for patients is located next to the nurses' station. A new clean and solid 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 to the foot of the bed. The entire unit is air-conditioned.

The intensive care unit also includes in this unit viewing windows are located between each patient's room, from the nurses' station and from the diet kitchen.

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 waiting room.

DURING THE 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. Conditine of the firm of Conditine and Haskell was the architect for the construction. The firm of Anthony J. J. Bourke, 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 601 West Hill Street, Elmira, vows and received the consecration of a virgin at Regina Laudis Monastery, Bethlehem, Connecticut, on July 2.

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Typical cubicle for patients in new division.



Nurses check equipment in intensive care unit.

Unwed Mothers Receive Aid At Family Center

By AUDREY LINK

Since 1930, Catholic Family Service, of Elmira, has given help to girls and women who are pregnant out of wedlock. Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, executive director of the agency, reports that this problem has increased by 30% in the past year.

The services begin at the moment the women 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 adviser.

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

MISS JOHN McCarthy, case worker for unwed mothers, receives these girls who are recommended by clergy, doctors, relatives and voluntary mother after includes shelter, financial 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 better.

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 a maternity home of its own but they do have the cooperation of such homes in nearby dioceses.

If there are several local girls they are placed in separate homes so they won't be embarrassed at meeting each other.

Catholic Family Service helps them to finance their own way and explains what is to be expected of them in the maternity home during their confinement period. An attempt to arrange a marriage will be made if the girl is desirous but generally by the time she goes to the agency this possibility has already been decided.

THE POLICY of placing the baby in temporary or long-term foster care is suggested until she is able to make her own decisions, or if she chooses, place her baby in a carefully selected home for adoption. The agency will also assist her in arranging to keep her child if she wants it.

Surrender is encouraged if it is thought best for the girl and if she decides to give up her child, the surrender of the baby is not asked for until several weeks after birth.

The case worker will go to the home and talk to the parents and the girl trying to straighten out any circumstances. 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.

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

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.

KC To Meet In Atlanta

New Haven — (NC) — The 75th 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. The Supreme Knight, Luke E. Hart, said at a meeting of the headquarters here that the meeting will be designated the "billion dollar convention" because the society passed the billion-dollar mark for the first time last year in the amount of life insurance held by members.

Membership in the Catholic men's fraternal and insurance society is at an all-time high of 1,234,127, distributed throughout all 48 states, all the provinces of Canada, and in Mexico, Central America, Cuba and the Philippines.

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

Seven new members will be elected to the Knights' 11-man board of directors at a meeting Aug. 17. The closing session Aug. 18 will set out recommendations of the resolutions committee.

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1825 by Father Michael J. McGivney. Current income totals \$100,000,000. The total of beneficiaries is said to number and their beneficiaries is \$142,738,973.

Bishop Boylan School Skated

A new Central Catholic High School may finish in Rochester, Ill. will be named after the late Bishop John J. Boylan, Ordinary of the diocese until his death on July 19, 1953.

Bishop Boylan was a member of the 19th class of St. Bernard's Seminary. He became third Bishop of Rochester in 1945.

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 1906 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' Homecoming class of 1961 who was dressed in one of the original uniforms of the school, blue and white with a white collar and white apron.

SISTER 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 50th anniversary of the death of their founder, St. Vincent de Paul.

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 of Rochester and Miss Florence Heister of Oswego. A third member, Miss Edith Murray is 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 promoting young students.

A courage and gift were presented to each by the president of the class of 1960, and later to Miss Murray in the hospital.

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 of the graduates from 1912 upward, from

Dedication Day Bazaar Listed At Monastery

Mt. Saviour Monastery, Elmira, will celebrate its annual Dedication Day with a Bazaar on Sunday, August 14. A meeting of the committee was held on August 3.

PROGRAM FOR Sunday, August 14 begins with High Mass at 11 a.m. After Mass, the booths will be open and lunches and snacks will be served all day at the Tea Room.

There will be Baked Goods and Candy Stands, and the Bazaar hand made items and favors of all kinds. Religious 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 in

On display with other interesting books and photos was the notebook of a student of the class of 1901, Miss Longway, 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 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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