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Technicians Instructed At St. James

PREPARING FOR OPERATION — Sister Mary Thomas, operating room clinical supervisor, of St. James Mercy Hospital instructs the surgical technicians in method of preparing the instrument table and operative area for eye surgery. Participating in the demonstration-observation are from left, Miss Mary Margaret Pollinger and Miss Rose Sciotto, assist-

ing at the instrument table; Sister Mary Thomas, Mrs. Mary Jane Ott and Mrs. Flossie Wood at the linen table observe the technique. Certificates indicating successful completion of a surgical technicians course were awarded last week by Sister Mary Scholastica, administrator of St. James Mercy Hospital. (Hornell Evening Tribune photo)

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St. James Mercy

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Hornell — Twenty-four students of St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing and X-Ray Technology.

The week of Orientation commenced on Monday afternoon, Sept. 12, with Registration of the Class of 1963. Parents of the Freshmen were welcomed by members of the faculty of the School of Nursing at the Nurses' Residence. Junior and Senior students escorted parents and friends through the residence.

Monday evening the entire student body was entertained at a welcome party in the recreation hall of the Nurses' Residence.

THE OFFICIAL opening of the school year started on Tuesday morning at 8:15 a.m. at St. Ignace's Church. The Mass of the Holy Spirit was offered by Rev. William H. Hickey, hospital chaplain and instructor. Students, Sisters of Mercy and other members of the faculty were present at this Mass. A breakfast followed at the hospital.

On Tuesday, at 3 p.m., an informal "Faculty-Student-Get-Together" sponsored by the Student Council was held at the

hospital. This social hour provided introductions, entertainment and refreshments.

The program of studies for nursing at St. James covers a three-year period during which time the student is prepared theoretically in the biological, physical sciences; medical sciences; nursing and allied arts. The clinical period covers 156 weeks of experience in medical-surgical nursing, obstetrics, operating room, emergency and special nursing at the home school.

Further studies in pediatric, psychiatric and tuberculous nursing are obtained at affiliated hospitals in Rochester and Mt. Morris.

Semester work for students in the School of X-Ray commenced on Sept. 1.

Doctrinal Talks

Set To Begin

Next week the Saint Thomas Institute will open two ten-week courses of doctrinal lectures for adult Catholics. Both courses will be conducted at Cutler Union, 360 University Ave., under the direction of the Rev. William M. Hart of St. Bernard's Seminary faculty.

The first, Father Hart, titled "God, the Creator" will run on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9 o'clock beginning Sept. 20.

The second course of lectures, "Fundamentals of Christian Morality," will run Thursday evenings, 7:30 to 9, beginning Sept. 22.

Registration fee is \$10.00, or \$12.00 for husband and wife together.

Inquiries may be sent to the Saint Thomas Institute in care of St. Bernard's Seminary, 2260 Lake Ave., Rochester.

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Purtell At

Barry Dinner

Elmira — Martin T. Purtell, Elmira assessor, will be the main speaker at the second annual Commodore John Barry dinner which will be held at the Bus Horgan restaurant, Sunday, September 18, at 6:30 p.m.

THE DINNER is sponsored by the Mgr. Lee Division and ladies' auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and honors the memory of Commodore Barry, an Irishman who was one of the founders and leading figures in the United States Navy.

Purtell will speak on Barry's life. John P. Sullivan will serve as toastmaster. Co-chairmen for the event are Mr. and Mrs. Bart J. Maloney and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ryan.

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Editor Misses 'Donna'
— By 42 Years!

By THOMAS H. O'CONNOR

The map in the daily newspaper showing the destructive path of Donna, the destroying hurricane, early this week, covers an area that this writer well remembers as an Air Force sergeant in World War I.

Many draft eligible Rochester area young men in early 1918 joined up to become stationed at the newly opened Aerial School of Photography at Eastman Kodak Park, next to what is now the softball diamond on Lake Ave.

The School was under the Signal Corps at the time. Classes were conducted in the newly erected building and meals were served at the former cafeteria on Ridge Road West.

While at the school the Catholics men attended a retreat, Dr. Raymond J. Brown who was the medical officer at the school, recalled recently. The group received Holy Communion in a body at Sacred Heart Church where the late Rt. Rev. Sigis George V. Burns was pastor. Attending in his uniform as an Army Chaplain was the present Rt. Rev. Msgr. Frank W. Mason.

ABOUT MAY of that eventful year the various groups at the school were sent out to airfields across the nation and even in Europe. Our assignment was Carlstrom Field, Arcadia, Fla. It was a small detachment and when we arrived at the field the reason for our being there was not yet fully understood.

We had a headquarters with darkroom and cameras and after the air force became a separate unit of the Army taking aerial pictures was started on a small scale.

Weekends were spent by taking a rickety taxicab to Arcadia, riding flat cars or renting an auto or taking a train to Fort Myers. I took part in conferring three degrees of the Knights of Columbus in Tampa all on a hot Sunday.

Assisting at Mass was difficult. In Arcadia was a fine little church but the Jesuit missionary, old in service, could not cover all the mission posts weekly. We went to Fort Myers church one Sunday and found it closed. In Lakeland there was not even a church.

Effort was made to take care of the Catholics at the camp and it is recalled that Confessions were heard through a screen door in the YMCA recreation hall.

OUR COMMANDING officer, Lt. Walter L. G. Smith, was what was known as a bird, (bird without wings) but was granted permission to take flying lessons. He told me on Sept. 19, 1918, to get the aerial camera ready, we were going to map the area from Carlstrom field to Fort Myers.

In one of those open planes of the day with an Hispano-Suiza motor, we took off. A storm was encountered and climbing to 8,000 feet the ship rode out the storm but the pilot must have misjudged his destination because after two and a half hours flying, we were soon on our way earthward. A three-point landing in the water-covered earth tipped the ship over but both of us were able to get out.

Then we started to walk—and I'm sure that it was across the open spaces that Donna dispersed, this week. From Thursday afternoon until Saturday morning, we sloshed along water some times to our knees, the earth soft and tiring underneath. At night Thursday and Friday we tried to sleep on high ground, known there as "hammocks." With no sign of human existence until Saturday, the sight of a small white flag over a clump of trees gave hope.

NEARING it we noticed footprints and following them found a Seminole Indian camp. Here was a straw-thatched habitation with no sides on it. Could not help thinking this served as a poor shelter against the hurricane blasts this week.

The Seminoles brought us out in a glade-boat into Miami. At Miami I lived with the Marines for eight days and was able to attend Sunday Mass with M. H. Elliott and his family at the large Jesuit Church in the city.

Ordered back to camp, the route took me by train to Orlando, then New Smyrna and Lakeland. The map shows these places in the path of Donna. I have never been back to see the site of the camp or the Everglades, now better known, than then, but I certainly would not want to be there this week.

THE BOOKS are geared for the superior high school student, but all pupils are encouraged to make use of these at \$1.00, will afford science and educational aids.

During a one-year period the Elmira school will receive an up-to-date science collection of 200 books. These books, valued at \$1,000, will afford science and educational aids.

THE NATIONAL Science Foundation—mathematic teachers an opportunity has selected Notre Dame tunity for collateral reading and High School, Elmira, as one of, will also develop the interest of the 1600 secondary schools in high school students in reading the United States to participate such books and choosing a career in the Traveling High School Library Science Program.

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SISTER M. BEATRICE MRS. SARA FISHER

2 Diocesan Teachers
Take Valley Forge Awards

Sister Mary Beatrice, teacher of American history at Our Lady of Mercy High School, Rochester, and Mrs. Sara Fisher, world history teacher at Notre Dame High School in Elmira, have been named recipients of the 1959 Valley Forge Classroom Teachers' Medal Award. They are among 32 New York State teachers sharing this honor.

THE AWARDS were given to the teachers for their "exceptional service in furthering the cause of responsible citizenship, patriotism, and a greater understanding and appreciation of the American way of life." They were selected by the Freedom Foundation's Independent National and School Awards Jury.

Sister Mary Beatrice is currently teaching at Our Lady of Mercy High School. Sister is head of the citizenship education department and moderator of the junior class. She formerly taught at Notre Dame High School. Mrs. Fisher has taught history at Notre Dame for the past five years and is audiovisual coordinator at the school.

Both teachers were nominated for the award by Notre Dame principal, Sister M. Raphael.

THE NOVENA will close with a service at 4 p.m. on Sunday with Rev. Roger Switzer, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, Horseheads, giving the Benediction.

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