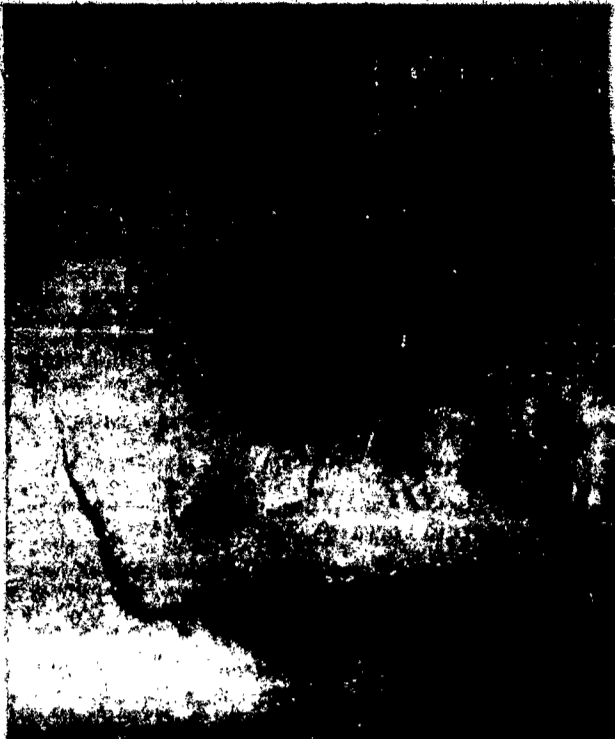


A Day in the Life of a Student Nurse



Sister M. Marcelle supervises class study at the conclusion of a lecture. In front row from left are Theresa, Mary Sax of Blount, Patricia Riley of

Parish. Back row from left are Magda Webster, Catherine Ross, both of Elmira; Rose Walrath, Rochester and Florence Wolverton, Trumansburg.



When day is done it's time for review of the day's lectures and bringing notes up to date. Theresa is then ready for a good night's rest.



Three year old Daniel Wilson tells Theresa he feels better today after a tonsillectomy performed the day before.

By BASIL J. VALLANCOURT

A day in the life of a student nurse is filled with a varied and well-balanced program of classroom lectures, hospital duty, caring for the needs of the sick, social activities and study. Such a routine is maintained by Theresa Billik, a senior at St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Elmira, who will graduate next September following a three year course.

Theresa, very responsible, well-spoken and dedicated to a course of study that will bring her to a career as a registered nurse, ordinarily plans at 6 o'clock each morning and proceeds to the Pediatric Unit of the Hospital to assist the little patients physically and psychologically, helping them with their meals and in general bringing comfort to the children, often away from home for the first time.

Theresa then attends lectures in a classroom with other students of the 25 seniors who are currently studying child care. Three hours of each day are spent at these lectures.

Following a short lunch break, Theresa returns to Pediatric to assist with feeding the children, then to additional lectures until 3 p.m.

Theresa then finds time to relax with her classmates in social activities or to spend her time as she chooses until time for dinner.

A quiet hour is observed by the students from 8:30 to 9 in the evening, affording them an opportunity for review of their classroom lectures, research in a well-stocked school library or for correspondence with relatives or friends.

Throughout each year proper emphasis is placed on the need of group recreation for the students. School parties, dances, movies, athletic events, area Student Nursing Association meetings and musical get-togethers are all part of the activities program designed to help make each student a well-adjusted member of society upon graduation.

The Nurses residence in Elmira, known as the Edward J. Dunn Memorial, is an outstanding home for the students, with every facility for the comfort, convenience and social life of the residents.

A well appointed lounge with piano and television, a guests lounge and an auditorium with full stage is available for all programs sponsored by the group.

Theresa spends a maximum of forty hours each week as a student nurse. This includes class time and practice in the clinical area.

EACH STUDENT enjoys the benefit of two full days free time every week, frequently used to make overnight trips to their homes in Elmira or elsewhere.

At the present time there are 121 students in the School of Nursing, including five Sisters of St. Joseph, comprising 64 freshmen, 21 juniors and 36 seniors. The 64 freshmen represent the largest class in the

50 year history of the school that opened in October of 1908.

The school is staffed by three priests, Father Philip E. McGhan, Hospital Chaplain, Father John J. Leary and Father Michael C. Hogan. They instruct the students in religion, ethics and a course of marriage and the family.

Also on the faculty are five Sisters of St. Joseph, eleven lay instructors, a full time librarian and two secretaries.

A full time health counselor and a school physician are available to care for the needs of the students.

Theresa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Billik, 2325 English Road, Rochester. She is a graduate of St. John the Evangelist school and Nazareth Academy and with her

family is a member of St. Lawrence parish in Rochester.

Despite the exacting duties as a student nurse, Theresa finds time to serve as secretary of Area 11, Student Nurses Association of New York State; she is also a member of the Sodality of Our Lady at the Hospital, is piano accompanist for school music classes, and has held other class offices.

Theresa, told of her plans following graduation that include working at her profession and attending evening classes to attain her objective, a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

St. Joseph's School of Nursing is directed by Sister Marie Michael and Sister M. Juliana is assistant director of nursing education.

Retreat House Drive Underway

Faced with a \$500,000 minimum goal toward proposed construction of a permanent retreat center, nearly 1500 members of the Lynch Retreat League began a campaign (yellow ribbons) last week.

Pledges are being sought for a new Notre Dame Retreat House overlooking Campagna Lake, to replace facilities at 246 Alexander St., Rochester.

Campaign kickoff meetings for general solicitation committee were held the week in Elmira, Canastota, and Canastota.

Very Rev. Michael Downing, C.S.B., retreat house rector, said construction of the new retreat center to be erected on a 55-acre hilltop in West Lake Road, five miles south of Canastota, is scheduled in Spring, with completion expected late next year.

Featuring plans for the new center, Father Downing's retreats will be previous to the present retreats. Besides the main and five side altars in the chapel, there will be arrangements for 14 portable altars along the promenade leading to the chapel.

Expansion of the three-day retreat movement to include retreats for married couples, and eventually for families, also is forecast for the new center.

Father Downing also indicated a growing interest in mid-week retreats for special groups.

He added that facilities of the

new edifice also will be available for various diocesan-wide functions, such as Catechist conferences, special religious observances, organizational workshops, etc.

Disseminating campaign results to date as "very encouraging," the Redemptorist priest declared that "the success of the campaign, however, depends on the cooperation of each of the thousands of individual retreatants whose support will be solicited within the next ten days."

The drive coincides with the 50th anniversary of the laymen's retreat movement in the Diocese. The first group of nearly 100 men assembled for a weekend retreat at St. Bernard's Seminary in 1914.

Lynch received his Bachelor's degree from St. Michael's College, Vermont, and his M.A. degree in English from Boston College. He has pursued graduate studies toward the doctorate at Cornell University.

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Active in drama groups and committees in the Elmira area, Lynch has also taught drama composition at Cortland Community College, and has taught for the American Institute of Banking, Elmira Chapter; the University of the State of New York Vocational Educational Program, and the Elmira Evening School.

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Theresa accompanies three of her classmates in a song fest. They are from left, Kathryn Newell and Rose Marie Lynch, Elmira and Marilee Jorgensen, Penn Yan.

Pope's Role In Council Discussed By Benedictine

Cornell — A discussion of Pope Paul VI's role in the current Ecumenical Council was held for 70 persons at an open meeting in St. Mary's School Hall.

Addressing the inter-denominational gathering was the Rev. Benedict Tighe of Mount Saviour Monastery at Pine City.

Father Benedict's talk was held under the sponsorship of the Christian Family Movement (CFM) of Cornell.

The unity of Christianity, the Benedictine stated, is the dominant theme of Pope Paul VI in his Council. Father Benedict added that the Pope is stressing this aspect even more vigorously than any of his predecessors.

Father Benedict also emphasized the Ecumenical Council's recurring stresses on the importance and need for dialogue between the Christian Churches of the world. "It is this dialogue," he said, "which can ultimately

lead to the goal of 'one flock and one shepherd.'

A second discussion has been planned by the CFM for Nov. 15 in St. Vincent's School Hall. The speaker will be the Rev. Benedict Kimmann of Rochester.

Immaculate CDA Honor Sisters

Immaculate — Cozart Santa Maria No. 240, Catholic Daughters of America, served approximately 100 members and guests at a dinner honoring the Sisters of St. Joseph, Tuesday, Oct. 13, in the Knights of Columbus Home.

Lay teachers of Immaculate Conception School and priests of the parish were also guests at were 15 members of a block rotary group who help the CDA roll donations each year.

THE SISTERS were presented with gifts of canned goods. Mrs. Mary McCarthy and Mrs. Margaret Copeland will hostess the coffee hour.

Both Lynch and Mrs. Williams are parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Elmira.

Sister Marie Jose of the Notre Dame High School faculty is moderator of the Juglers, ND's dramatic club. The Juglers sponsor two plays each year.

Archbishop Louis Mathias of Madras, India at Mission Sunday Mass declared: "We are the 'Infantry'. You must be the 'Artillery' to destroy with your prayers, the power of Satan over pagan people."

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25 Years Ago

(From files of Catholic Courier, Oct. 24, 1939)

A group of 360 new citizens heard Bishop Kearney declare that "A man will not fulfill the measure of his citizenship, he will not live as a worthy member of the state, unless he prays."

A total of 26,285 pupils in elementary and secondary schools in the Diocese of Rochester, a decrease of 362 pupils since 1938 was reported by the schools office. Rev. John M. Dearly, superintendent in the report cited the saving of more than \$3,000,000 in area taxes through existence of the parochial schools.

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