



SOMEHOW, SISTER LOUIS BERTRAND managed to get the elephant from the visiting circus to entertain the children from the pediatric ward.

SANTA'S LITTLE HELPER was always Sister Louis Bertrand at the annual Christmas Party in the children's ward.

SISTER ALWAYS HAS TIME to give a "lift" to one of the children.

Sister Louis Bertrand

She Shared All her Dreams



ONE OF THE FIRST RESIDENTS in the Good Samaritan Hospital Nursing Home being helped to his room by Sister Louis Bertrand.



THE FLOW OF BLOOD into this little patient is personally checked by Sister Louis Bertrand.

By JOHN L. WRIGHT, JR. (Special to the Courier Journal)

Selma, Ala.—As the opening of the new Good Samaritan Hospital here draws closer, memories of a remarkable nun who worked tirelessly as administrator of the hospital for almost twenty years fill the hearts of everyone in Selma who ever knew Sister Louis Bertrand, S.S.J.

The new hospital was the dream of many years, since she first came to devote her life to the poor Negro sick in and around this Central Alabama town.

A NATIVE of Corning, New York, Sister Louis Bertrand arrived in Selma in the late Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dixon. Her love for the sick was evident even before she became a nun. After graduating from St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing, Elmira, in 1925, she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester, N.Y., in 1926. Except for the period from 1933 to 1935, when she earned a B.S. degree in Nursing Education at Catholic University, Washington, D.C., Sister Louis Bertrand was assigned to St. Joseph Hospital and St. Joseph School of Nursing until 1945.

She paused and recalled some memorable period that left her forgetful of my duty.

ONE WHO HAD served Good Samaritan as housekeeper for many years, Mrs. LeGrande Lamar, says, "Sister Louis Bertrand was devoted exclusively to her patients. Every morning she would go from ward to ward to see how they were resting. She was nice to all employees, always cheerful and willing to help you."

Mrs. Paralee Murray, L.N., was a member of the first class in the Good Samaritan Hospital School of Practical Nursing, organized in 1950 by Sister Louis Bertrand. Mrs. Murray speaks of Sister in this way: "I don't have words in my vocabulary to express the good things she has done. I must say, she was one of the most outstanding and most straightforward Sisters I've ever met."

Mrs. Ruby Fuller, a former hospital kitchen worker who is now store room manager, describes Sister Louis Bertrand in these words: "Sister Louis Bertrand is gone from Good Samaritan to the Infirmary. But she is not forgotten in the minds of both races, black and white — far and near."

She has done wonderful things for the sick, both young and old. She is like a Good Shepherd to many; to myself, a mother. When something happened in my life, she was always willing to lend a hand and offer advice. Sister was good to everyone and very understanding. Her work here is like a flower which shall never fade. Here at Good Samaritan there is a vacant space which shall never be filled.

BUGS, RATS and filth were a constant source of worry in the early days of the original Good Samaritan Hospital where Sister Louis Bertrand began her nineteen years as administrator. These plus the heartaches of insufficient linen, dishes, medicine and bed space demanded patience and confidence in God required of saints.

But with a combination of sales ability, budget balancing and old-fashioned Yankee ingenuity, Sister Louis Bertrand managed to build a respectable hospital on a meager financial foundation. She established contact with sisters in other hospitals throughout the country and with doctors who, to this day, send Good Samaritan hospital medicines and other supplies. Sister succeeded in getting many of Selma's finest doctors to join the hospital medical staff.

In 1947 the first of Sister Louis Bertrand's dreams came true. The Fathers of St. Edmund acquired more land adjacent to the old hospital where they built a beautiful two-story hospital, new and modern in every way.

In 1950 Sister founded the Good Samaritan Hospital School of Practical Nursing. It was the first such school for Negroes in Alabama. Nearly three-hundred and fifty young men and women are numbered among its graduates. They have received high praise for their efficiency and dedication from officials of hospitals where they have been employed.

In 1957 another of Sister Louis Bertrand's dreams came true with the building of the Good Samaritan Hospital Nursing Home. This one-story red brick building houses a twenty-bed home for the sick and disabled.

The new Good Samaritan Hospital, begun in August of 1955, is the result of five years of planning. The four-story hospital will feature the most modern equipment in every department. It embodies many of Sister Louis Bertrand's ideas and suggestions.

THE NEW hospital will be a living monument to Sister Louis Bertrand who, in her almost twenty years in Selma, embodied the characteristics of the first Good Samaritan. She weathered the hardships of the early years to improve Negro health standards and to foster better relations between the races. Sister Louis Bertrand helped the unfortunate not once but endless times. She shared not a little but all of her talents. . . all her dreams.

Her spirit will live on in the New Good Samaritan Hospital where the sick will be served in the name of Christ.

Mass Changes Talk Slated

Corning—The Rev. Benedict E. Mann will speak on "Liturgical Renewal" Sunday, Nov. 14, 8 p.m., at St. Vincent's school hall, Corning. His talk will explain the changes in the Mass which will go into effect on the first Sunday in Advent.

Father E. Mann is pastor of St. Michael's parish, Rochester, and a member of the diocesan liturgy commission. His field of special interest is Church music.

This talk is the second in a series sponsored by the Christian Family Movement (CFM) group of Corning. On Oct. 4, Father Benedict T. G. of Mount Saviour Monastery spoke on "Pope Paul and the Ecumenical Movement."

Women Plan Sale, Party

Members of the Immaculate Heart Society of St. Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira, heard guest speaker Mrs. Charles J. Kromer give a talk and show slides of her trips to Ireland and Rome at a recent meeting.

Plans were made for a picnic to be held in the gymnasium on Friday, Nov. 20.

Annual Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. A wrapped gift is to be brought for exchange and another one to be placed in the Christmas baskets.

Adult Socialists Services Listed

Rev. Hugh Brady, spiritual director at St. Bernard's Seminary will conduct an Evening of Reflection for the Adult Socialists of the Diocese of Rochester, Monday, Nov. 14.

Services at Holy Family Parish Hall will start at 7:45 p.m. All adult Socialists and interested persons are invited.

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Retreat House Campaign Reaches 88 Per Cent

A total of \$444,675.50 was reported last Monday evening as clean up efforts continue in the drive to raise a minimum of \$500,000 for the new Notre Dame Retreat House. This new total approximates 88 per cent of the minimum goal and 59 per cent of the challenging goal of \$780,000.

"As our campaign for a new retreat house draws to a close, I am filled with a strong sense of gratitude to the many hundreds of men from all around the diocese who have worked on the various committees," stated the Very Rev. Michael G. Downing, C.S.S.R., rector. "Thanks to the dedication of the more than 1,500 workers, this campaign will surely culminate in success once the final reports are in and we have accounted for all cards."

In view of the number of reports still outstanding, retreat meetings will continue in the various regions throughout the diocese this coming week.

Notre Dame High Nine Years Old

Nine years ago, Notre Dame High School opened its doors to 340 students and a faculty of 14. Today, its student body numbers 716, with a faculty of 36. This week, which is being celebrated as American Education Week and Catholic Education Week, ND honors its pioneer staff members, eight of whom are still on the faculty:

- Sister Mary Hilary, veteran Latin teacher beginning her tenth year at Notre Dame, taught for 20 years at Holy Family School in Auburn and for seven years at St. Ann's Junior High School in Hornell before coming to Elmira.
- Sister Mary Jeanne, chairman of the Art Department, has taught previously in Watkins Glen, Elmira, Albany and at Our Lady of Mercy High School in Rochester.
- Sister Mary Carmela, chairman of the Science Department, taught at Mercy High School, Elmira Catholic High School and Holy Family High School in Auburn.
- Sister Mary Joachim, math department head, was formerly on the faculty of Aquinas Institute of Rochester and Our Lady of Mercy High School.
- Sister Mary Edmond, former librarian (1955-62), now librarian at Cardinal Mooney High School; Sister Mary Beatrice, former Student Council moderator, (1955-59), now chairman of the social studies department at Our Lady of Mercy High School; Sister Mary Patrick, former cafeteria manager and chairman of the home economics department (1955-1963), now head dietitian at St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell.
- Rev. Joseph F. Hogan, first chaplain of Notre Dame (1955-61), is now pastor of St. Vincent's Church, Corning.

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