

St. James Hospital Opens New Wing

Hornell—Seventy-eight years of continuous service were noted last Sunday when St. James Mercy Hospital's new west wing was opened for inspection prior to admittance of patients.

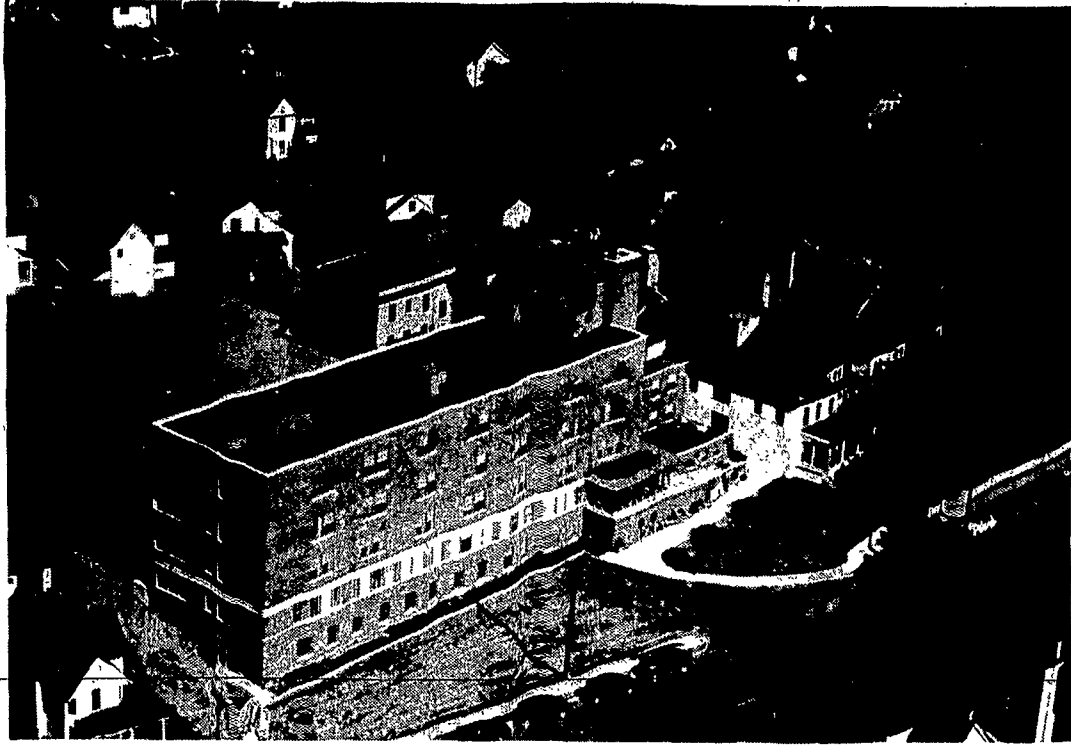
More than 700 persons were conducted on tours by Sisters, members of the Women's Board and hospital personnel.

Sister Mary Rene, administrator, said that only the third floor will be opened to patients this week, but that other areas will be pressed into service as soon as completed.

"We are expanding to meet the community's needs and we must alleviate the crowded conditions in our north and east wings as quickly as possible," she declared. "We've been operating to overflow capacity, many times being forced to admit patients to beds in the halls.

"The availability of 44 extra beds in the new wing will help us provide better patient care. The third floor is finished and all systems are 'go'. Our dispatch center, the core-of-services connecting the hospital by conveyors, pneumatic tubes and a cart system, is operating, as well as the central supply department."

The third floor extended care rehabilitation area has 44 beds for patients who no longer need specialized care but are provided round-the-clock nursing care. This unit has a lounge



ST. JAMES MERCY HOSPITAL IN HORSELL. The new wing extends westward (to left in above photo) from the rear of the main building pictured above.

and central dining facilities.

Equipment includes a nurse-call system, telephones, television and wheel-chair tubs and showers. The decor is pleasing to the eye — patient rooms are designed in soft shades of yellow, green, blue and beige, accented by deeper shades of corresponding colors.

in the bedsprings, drapes and furniture.

Each room is equipped with a nurse-server, which is actually a closet opening both from within the room and the corridor. Patient needs, linens, utensils etc., will be placed in the closet from the hall daily without disturbing the patient

and be ready for use by the nurse inside the room when needed.

The dispatch center on the ground floor is in operation. Here the decontamination and sterilization area is located. Soiled items will be dispatched here by conveyor for cleaning and sterilization, and passed

through to central supply ready for use. A high-powered "cart wash" will completely clean large items such as carts, wheelchairs, stretchers, etc. They will enter a large wash room, be thoroughly cleaned and steam-dry and dispatched to central supply.

The first floor will house the maternity suite with 12 beds, two delivery rooms, two nurseries, two isolation nurseries and a premature nursery, as well as a lounge for visitors and fathers. The emergency room on this floor will be equipped with two treatment rooms, three examining rooms, a waiting room and work areas.

The second floor will provide beds for 44 medical patients. All rooms will be equipped with lavatory, shower, television, phone and nurse call system. This floor will also have treatment and conference rooms, patient and visitors' lounges.

The entire wing will be air conditioned, have radiant heating, humidity control and an alarm system. Three elevators will serve the wing and there will be closed circuit television for in-hospital programs.

Groundbreaking for the wing occurred Dec. 12, 1965, during celebration of the hospital's diamond anniversary. The hospital is a voluntary non-profit institution staffed by the Sisters of Mercy of the Rochester Diocese.

Cardinal Heenan Defends Statement by Bishops

By JOHN GREAVES (NC News Service)

London — John Cardinal Heenan of Westminster has strongly rejected charges that the recent instruction of the English and Welsh bishops on Pope Paul VI's encyclical on birth control is an attempt to water down or compromise the Pope's ruling on contraception.

"The bishops were not concerned to explain away, still less to contradict, the teaching of the vicar of Christ," the cardinal declared in his sermon in Westminster Cathedral at the annual Red Mass for the Catholic members of the legal profession at the opening of the new law term.

"We had to consider not the doctrine laid down but its application in difficult circumstances. I want you to notice that we were not advocating situation ethics nor saying that morality is subjective. On the contrary we specifically pointed out that this could be disastrous."

Cardinal Heenan, who was addressing a congregation of judges, barristers and lawyers, all wearing their robes of office, continued:

"What then were we saying? As lawyers you are familiar with the question of diminished responsibility. If a person has been repeatedly assured that a course of action is right he may have become virtually unable speedily to reassess his judgment or suddenly to alter his moral habits. Until such time as he is able by God's grace to do one or the other his responsibility is diminished."

"It was in this context that the bishops reminded the faithful that neither the encyclical nor any other document of the Church denied the primacy of conscience. This is not at all the same as asserting that private judgment is a safer guide than the voice of the Vicar of Christ."

"There is no time here to develop this point. It is sufficient for the moment to assure you that in the land of Saints Thomas More (who was

professionally a lawyer) and John Fisher — there have not arisen bishops preaching defiance to the Pope."

Private Schools Get Details on Applying for Aid

Harrisburg, Pa. — (NC) — Approximately 1,500 private schools throughout Pennsylvania have been given details of how to apply for shares of \$4.3 million in state funds under this year's legislation authorizing the purpose of secular education services. The money will be for this school year.

A timetable for application, processing and payment of the funds has been sent to every nonpublic elementary and secondary school which meets compulsory attendance laws, according to Vincent J. McCool, coordinator of the program for the State Department of Public Instruction.

Auburn Pays Tribute to Bishop Byrne

Auburn—This community paid tribute Wednesday to one of its former illustrious residents — Bishop Patrick J. Byrne, M.M., who lost his life through Communist cruelty in Korea on Nov. 25, 1950.

Bishop Byrne spent 10 boyhood years here from 1895 to 1906, attending Holy Family School and two years at Auburn High School.

Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, acting for the Diocese and Holy Family parishioners, celebrated a Memorial Mass and placed a commemorative plaque in the parish school.

Father William R. Booth, M.M., former secretary to Bishop Byrne, recalled during the Mass homily that he had given the last rites to the Bishop as he was dying after a long "death

march" ordered by the Communists.

Very Rev. John J. McCormick, M.M., superior general of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America (Maryknoll Missionaries) praised Auburn and the parish for honoring the former Maryknoller Bishop.

Auburn's mayor proclaimed Wednesday as "Bishop Byrne

Day" and radio station WAUB broadcast the Mass. Two hundred persons attended a dinner at Springside Inn following the ceremonies.

Bishop Byrne, born in Washington, D.C., lived in Auburn with an aunt, Mrs. Henry O'Neill, before returning to the nation's capital. Ordained a priest in Washington in 1915, he joined the Maryknoll Fathers seven days later.

He served in Korea and in Japan. In 1949 he was named titular Bishop of Gazera and first apostolic delegate to Korea.

During the Korea war the Bishop and Father Booth were seized by North Koreans, along with 700 others, who were forced to march 100 miles across rough and frigid country. Bishop Byrne came down with a cold which turned into pneumonia and resulted in his death.

Parochial Schools To Participate in Federal Program

Washington—(NC)—Children in parochial schools will be able to participate in three sections of the federal-state vocational education program for the first time when the 1968 Vocational Education Amendments are enacted.

A key provision in the new legislation is an amendment by Rep. Lloyd Meeds of Washington which calls for authorization of a \$40 million special program to upgrade the vocational education of deprived students in economically depressed areas.

The new amendments call for federal grants to areas of high youth unemployment and school dropouts, with ample provision for participation by youngsters in non-public schools.



"Thou Shalt Not"

When parking in downtown San Antonio reached the point where the average motorist was ready to steal car-space, St. Joseph's church was forced to protect its parking lot with this commandment.

Detroit Housing Plan Lauded by Official

Detroit—(RNS)—The Archdiocese of Detroit has joined with a Negro neighborhood group to launch what Federal Housing Secretary Robert C. Weaver calls a new hope for inner-city poor to receive low cost housing they need and can afford.

Project Phoenix—its first 17 units of hundreds planned are now under construction in Detroit's East Side Negro ghetto—is a joint project of the Catholic archdiocese and the Positive Neighborhood Action Committee.

Secretary Weaver said: "The test here will be of a new construction method that can cut costs, give variety and individuality and provide housing that people cannot only afford but housing they really want."

The secretary noted that the project has had the "active, interested and wholehearted concern of the neighborhood residents," adding: "We have here one of the first cases of important and active citizen participation in a novel, technical, urban experiment."

A planned price of \$7,000 — exclusive of land — has been wiped out by inflation in the year that the project has been in the planning stages, but it is hoped the price will be "well under \$10,000 a unit."

The basis of the new system is the Mitchell Framing

System, developed by Neal Mitchell, professor of construction at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design.

The prefabricated lightweight structural components can be assembled to form either single small units, single multi-bedroom units, or multi-unit buildings up to three stories high.

The frames form bays, or modules, which can be added horizontally or vertically. Frames are made from precast, reinforced "cellular" concrete. Walls, designed to be mass-produced, are attached at the site.

ENGINEER NOW PRIEST

Goa, India — (NC) — Father Miguel Falcao, who left his native village of Talogoa near here to become a professional engineer and work in Portugal, has now returned as a priest. He completed his seminary studies in Rome and was ordained in Spain.

Work Harder, Fight Less, Chileans Told

Santiago, Chile — (NC) — "What Chile needs is fewer fighters and harder workers," the Chilean bishops said in a joint letter announcing the implementation of guidelines outlined by the Latin American bishops at Medellin, Colombia, in September.

"There is a strong temptation to violence throughout the continent, as it were the only workable solution," the pastoral document said.

"But down deep in this trend toward violent change there is more hate than love, more passion than reason, more willingness to see evil and destroy it, than to build for the future, which to many militants is often ambiguous and remote."

"We will rather stand alone in our empty churches than to give in on principles, because the greatest service we can render to men is this: to deliver to them the full, total deposit of the faith revealed by Christ."

"A man cannot call himself a Catholic and at the same time advocate premarital relations, or openly oppose a papal encyclical such as 'The Development of Peoples or Humanae Vitae.'"

Christians, the document added, must give a testimony of Christian living. Particularly when attempting to change old structures, austerity must prevail, as must also respect for authority and traditional teachings, the letter declared.

CONSECRATION SET Birmingham, Ala. — (NC) — Msgr. Joseph Raya, pastor of St. George's Melkite Byzantine Church here, will be consecrated archbishop by the Melkite Patriarch Maximus V. Hakim, on Oct. 20.

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