By CLEORAL LOVELL

Elmira - Switchboard oper ators perform a vital function in every hospital. Telephone lines are a network which ties the departments together, saving precious time, St. Joseph's Hospital pays tribute to two operators whose service records are outstanding.

Miss Catherine Powers began wearing headphones at the hospital in September 1937. In those days the operators alternated shifts. Sister Joan Francis, Sister M. Regina and Sister Rose Clare served as relief operators on Sundays and holidays and when the regular operators were ill. Miss Powers is now one of the 73 switchboard operators.

On May 27, 1947, when the Chemung River began rising rapidly to flood stage, the pharmacy department, physical therapy department and dietary kitchen were located below ground level. By the following morning valuable stores of food and medical supplies were lost because all six elevators were inoperable.



WHAT'S MY LINE? — Pictured are veteran telephone switchboard operators at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elm ira, whose combined service totals nearlya half-century. Mrs. Louise Lown (left) is ready to relieve Miss Catherine Powers.

was able to make it only as far tors, priests and patients arrivas the County Buildings. Tele- ed by row boats and motor



H-E-E-R-E'S BONNIE!—Members of Ladies Guild of St. Louis Parish, Pittsford, ready props for their "Bonnie Carson Show," slated at 8:15 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, April 21-22, at Pittsford Junior High School. Pictured from left are Mrs. Peter Crerand, Mrs. Raymond Blum, Mrs. Alex Bochetto, Mrs. John E. McCarthy (seated) and Mrs. John H. Coleman. Mrs. Paul Kircher is the director.

#### Club for 'Singles' CFM Official Schedules Dance To Give Talk

encourage Christian companionship — will be entertained at a social and dance at 8 p.m. Sunday, April 20, at the Downtowner Motor Inn, Broad Street

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in the Archdio Father Kolhler Minneapolis.

A concellebrated Mass will

CFM has nearly, 25 parish Shannon said the club is groups in the diocese. Founded planning a Memorial Day week- in the mid-west 20 years ago, i end in New York City, leaving enrolls husbands and wives for Thursday and returning Sun-discussion of issues of neighborhood, family and marital life

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tor of the CFM mc.-in Corning. Those who will movement a t lead in recitation of the Rosary

Friday, April 18 — Dominic Critelli of St. Theodore's

Saturday, April 19—Mass will be celebrated. Sunday, April 20 - Fred J. Wolff of St. Thomas More.

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work before the telephone ser life is to be saved. vice was restored. She recalls

during Miss Powers' 311/2 years of service. The present board ief operator at all times except cept the main entrance are locked, the operator has an addi-

water in the Dunn Memorial trols the button that opens the were real surprises. People call Auditorium swirled three feet ambulance entrance door. sometimes asking the Mass

supplies. Rallying to the aid of through the switchboard, but ply give their children's symp-St. Joseph's were the Arnot-Og. ring a special phone on the wall toms and want advice. Patientden Memorial Hospital and the nearby. When this "Hot Line" ly, Mrs. Lown tries to connect rings, it takes priority. It is them with someone who can be offered their laundry facilities. The kitchens of both were made cardiac arrest. When the operavailable for preparing meals ator receives such a call, she to be served at St. Joseph's. immediately announces the code Mrs. Lown's recollections. She call and room number. Minutes was on duty when a hurricane

that anyone who could be spar Paging persons and relaying through. She had burned her ed carried messages to all parts messages is daily routine. Con- fingers and nearly ran out of tacting necessary personnel dur-matches before she found some ing fires, fire drills, disasters There have been two new and disaster drills is another candle.

morning, when all the doors ex- is now on a regular 3-1 shift. patients began arriving. These

tional responsibility. She con-questions she has been asked ing and became victims of food

sometimes asking the Mass deep.

The most important part of the switchboard is the "Hot cutting off heat and hot water cutting off heat and hot water supplies. Rallying to the aid of through the switchboard. but something asking the mass schedule for St. John's Church on Lake Street. A hysterical cazette, Tom Page nominated mother once called asking what though the switchboard. but swallowed perfume others similarly to the aid of through the switchboard. but the switchboard is the "Hot mother once called asking the mass schedule for St. John's Church on Lake Street. A hysterical cazette, Tom Page nominated mother once called asking what pleasantest voice on the telestic shallowed perfume others similarly to the aid of through the switchboard.

One incident stands out in

Miss Powers reported for count in this emergency if a knocked out the electric power. She stayed at her post, striking matches to see to put calls one who would bring her a

Probably the most excitement Mrs. Louise Lown joined the requires two persons and a re staff of St. Joseph's in Septem. during her service happened ber 1951. She, too, alternated the afternoon of Aug. 24, 1968, the 11-7 shift. From 4:30 until shifts early in her career, but when the first of more than 80 She told us that some of the persons were attending an out-

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Mrs. Lown was also on duty vhen there was a fire in a nurs ing home and several badly burned patients wer admitted.

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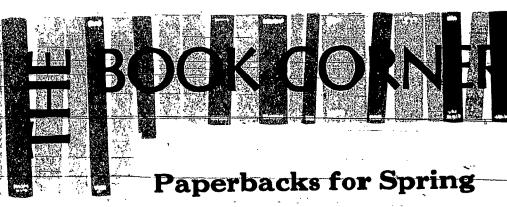
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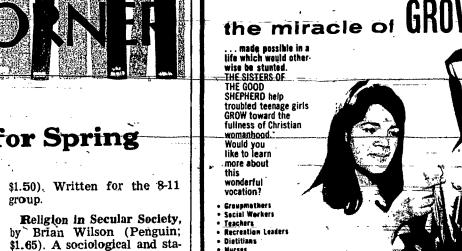
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thy will rely on a bevy perienced seniors and crop of enthusiastic juni Heading the list of re

are seniors John Brop Jim Becker, sprint spe They will be supported running of juniors Rick Dave Riley and John M along with Mike Palu promising sophomore. Neil Duffy, the team ing quarter miler last looking for another top

Tom LeBeau and Dan I a pair of speedy soph have been outstanding tice in the middle event. The Irish will be ful in the 880 with Jim and Mike Maginn carry scoring load and backed Outstanding distance include Paul Ford, Jin

ford, Tom Bachman a Cramer, all returning siderable experience. Pr sophomores are Jack Chuck Bachmann and J

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