

# Keynote of St. James Hospital's 1969: Expansion

## Museum Schedules Open House, Party

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**Hornell**—The year 1969 was a busy one for St. James Mercy Hospital, now in its 80th year of service.

Foremost among changes was completion of the multi-million dollar west wing. Early last year the obstetrical department with accommodations for 12 patients and nurseries was opened.

A totally new physical therapy and rehabilitation department housing a hydrotherapy room, diathermy room, gym, or-

thotic-prosthetic fitting room and pulmonary function testing unit swung into action early in January.

These units rounded out the west wing addition, containing 44 beds for medical patients, 44 beds for extended care rehabilitation, emergency room, supply, process and distribution department, pharmacy and purchasing department.

Construction of the Hornell Medical Center also was completed. The center provides

suites for seven physicians, a care center and a drug store. Dedication of the West Wing Medical Center and DeSales Hall, the education center of the School of Nursing, were observed in September.

During the year the pediatric department and the pre- and post-operation unit were relocated. Both units were completely modernized and all patient rooms equipped with television, phone and nurse call system, wall units housing reading lights, examination lights and piped-in oxygen. The nursing stations were remodeled.

The X-ray department's special procedure room was completed, and the laboratory was remodeled and enlarged. The year 1969 saw enlargement of administrative offices and the doctors' lounge. The gift shop was renovated and a canteen, serving employees and visitors,

was installed. The kitchen also was modernized.

A television-type image amplifier fluoroscopy machine, costing \$58,570, was added to the X-Ray department. The sum of \$9,000 was spent for microscopes and a new laboratory refrigerator was purchased. The addition of ice makers and new wall units for patient rooms totaled approximately \$8,000. The dish-washing machine which sterilizes dishes for approximately 800 persons a day, cost \$8,500.

Nursing education shared an important role in patient care and for the first time in the School of Nursing three male students were admitted. Also involved in patient care were students from the hospital's School of X-Ray Technology, and students from Alfred University, Alfred Ag Tech, DOCE Nurse Aide course, and Hornell Practical Nurse School.

Supervisory changes during the year included the appointment of Paul Shephard as assistant administrator. Miss Frances Woods was named director of Nursing; Stephen Blakeslee head of the pharmacy; Sister Mary Scholastica, director of in-service education, and Sister Mary Alphonsus was named head of purchasing.

To assist the patient with personal problems resulting from illness or disability, Mrs. Nancy Bartell joined the staff, heading the Social Services department.

Dr. Harko Kylastra, surgeon, and Dr. Ronald Bruce, orthopedic surgeon, joined the hospital medical staff. Dr. Marsden Fox, consulting pediatrician, returned.

Meals-on-Wheels, a service designed for adults who live at home who are convalescing from an illness, or who are aged or infirm, and who need nutritional assistance was initiated.

Auxiliary units, the Women's Board, Mercy Guild and Candy-strippers contributed many hours

of volunteer service and financial contributions. The pledge of \$50,000 for the building and development fund was fulfilled, made possible by income from the gift shop, Resale Shop and other fund raising activities. In the fall of '69, the Kieran Guild was organized.

Various civic clubs and youth organizations contributed equipment and gifts. Contributions to the memorial fund were used to aid hospital projects of service to patients. Inservice volunteer hours totaled 6,991, an increase over the 5,470 hours of 1968.

Additional personnel, physical plant expansion and new services reflected the expanding need for health care services in the area. More than 100 presently employed were added in the past year. The 1969 payroll was \$1,964,787 as compared to \$1,430,931 of '68, and the average cost of operating the hospital for one day went from \$5,546 to \$8,508.

During the year St. James cared for the health of 4,896 in-patients. There were 52,587 patient days as compared to 41,894 the previous year.

The Rochester Museum will hold open house Wednesday, Feb. 4, even in areas usually closed to the public.

Visitors will be able to inspect the laboratories and studios, watch artists at work and talk with department curators. There will be special exhibits, slide presentations and informal talks. The program for adults, from 7 until 9 p.m., will end with refreshments in the library.

At 4 p.m., there will be an Indian party for children, with games and crafts and a collection of Indian objects to play with and use. Arleigh Hill, curator of Indian arts, will be there in the costume of his Seneca forebears.

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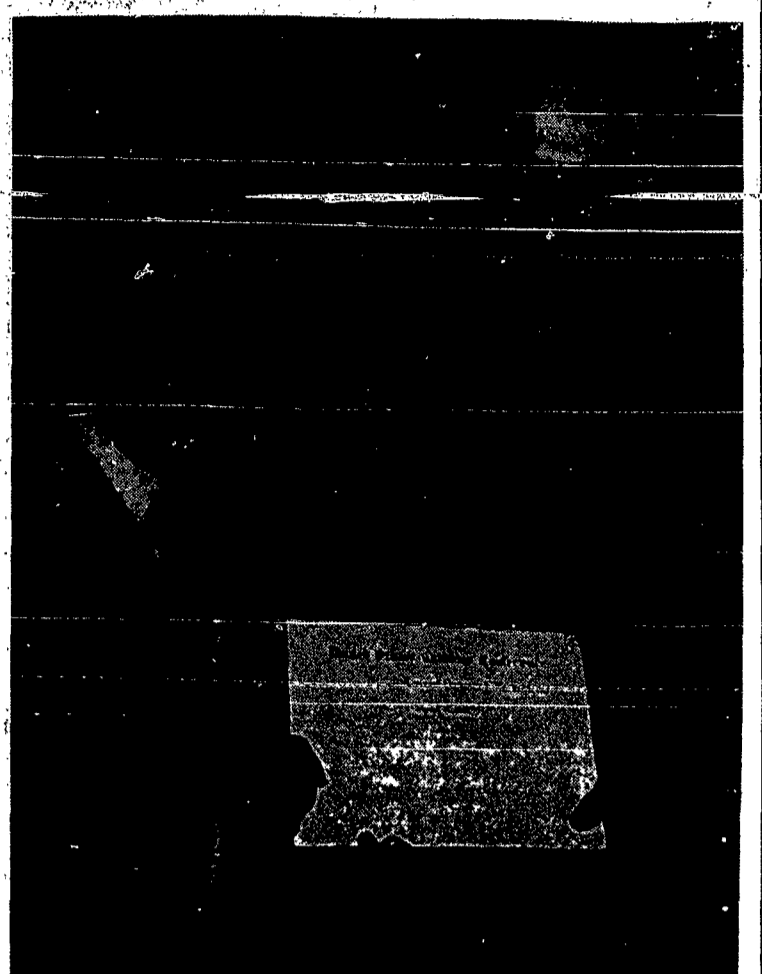
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### Bishop Speaks At Auburn Unity Service

Auburn — Ecumenism will continue to progress toward Christian unity, Bishop Hogan predicted here at Auburn's fifth ecumenical service Jan. 18 in St. Mary's Church.

Msgr. James D. Cuffney, pastor of St. Mary's, read the Introit at the service, and Father William M. Barrett, assistant at St. Alphonsus Church, led recitation of the Apostles Creed.

Combined Catholic and Protestant choirs sang hymns. The congregation of nearly 500 said together the following commitment:

"We accept anew our calling to make visible our unity in Christ. We commit ourselves to serve one another in love, not only in word but in deed. In the coming year we will strengthen our efforts for common action, prayer and worship. Come, Holy Spirit, help us in this task."

### Ch. 21, Cancer Society Join for Smoking Survey

"Why You Smoke", a National Education Television series on cigarette smoking, will be presented over Channel 21 in cooperation with the Monroe County Unit, American Cancer Society. Beginning March 2, the half-hour programs will be broadcast at 7:30 and 10:30, for five consecutive nights.

American Cancer Society is interested in determining the effectiveness of the series, and Rochester has been included among 11 cities selected for a followup study. The others are Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Seattle, and St. Louis.

The American Cancer Society's Monroe County Unit will coordinate the local study, reporting results to Lieberman Research, Inc. of New York City, nationwide project coordinator. Surveys in the Rochester area will be conducted by groups of Jay-N-Cees.

From March 9 to 13 volunteers will survey area people on the series to determine how effective the programs were in helping viewers cut down on cigarette consumption.

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