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August 1, 1948

Appointments were received from Adrian. The following were assigned to Rose de Lima Hospital:

Sister M. Carolyn, Superior
 Sister Marie Daniel, First Councillor
 Sister M. Madonna, Second Councillor
 Sister M. Felicia, Bursar
 Sister Marie Augustine
 Sister Marie Angelita
 Sister Magdalene Grace

Sister Marie Augustine replaced Sister Daniel Therese who was appointed to the Infirmary in Adrian.

August 9, 1948

Sister Marie Joyce and Sister Daniel Therese left for Chicago. Sister Rose Xavier and Ann de Lourdes returned to Kingman.

August 17, 1948

Senator Pat McCarron visited the Hospital. He expressed his desire to be of assistance to the Sisters at any time.

August 18, 1948

Mr. John Mueller, manager of the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, brought a party of chemists representing companies soon to start operations at the BMI Plant. The visitors were interested in inspecting the Hospital and its facilities.

August 20, 1948

Sister Gervase arrived to await the arrival of the other Sisters who were to staff the new school at Las Vegas.

August 21, 1948

Sister Marie Agnes, Superioress and Sister Norita arrived from Chicago. They stayed at the Hospital until St. Joseph's convent was ready for occupancy. Sister Lorraine accompanied them. She later continued on her way to St. Raphael's in Los Angeles.

August 22, 1948

Father Kenney, Administrator of St. Ann's Parish, Las Vegas, brought two visiting priests from Toledo, Ohio to visit the Hospital.

August 23, 1948

Mr. John Mueller brought Mr. Jess Larson, National Administrator for WAA to meet the Sisters and see the Hospital. Mr. Larson was instrumental in having the Deed to the Hospital drawn up eliminating the need for

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having a Nurses Training School. This clause was in the first draft and local authorities had insisted upon the necessity of carrying out the stipulation.

August 31, 1948

Feast of St. Rose of Lima. High Mass was celebrated by Father Edward Heffernon, O.P. The Sisters from Las Vegas were invited for the day. Sister Ann de Lourdes stopped on her way to Kingman.

September 3, 1948

Sister Francis Xavier arrived accompanied by Sister Grace Immaculata and Sister Pauline Mary. Sister Francis Xavier was admitted as a patient.

September 6, 1948

Sister Grace Immaculata and Sister Pauline Mary left for Hayward.

September 7, 1948

Saint Joseph School in Las Vegas opened for registration. Sisters were taken into Las Vegas by Father Bourrie.

October 12, 1948

Mother Gerald Arrived for Visitation. She was accompanied by Sister Urban, Sister Francis Joseph and Charles Thomas. Father Moran drove them from Adrian. He had stopped in Adrian on his way home from Ireland. He had completed a six month's vacation in Ireland.

October 13, 1948

We drove Mother Gerald into Las Vegas to see the new school and convent.

October 14, 1948

Mother Gerald and companions were taken to Kingman and boarded the train for Santa Cruz.

October 24, 1948

Sister Carolyn and Sister Felicia left for Los Angeles to attend a five day Institute for Medical Record Librarians.

November 1, 1948

Sisters returned from Medical Record Librarian's Institute bringing Mother Gerald with them. Mother was on her way to make visitation at the Western missions.

November 3, 1948

Mother Gerald accompanied by Sister Carolyn and Sister Felicia started on a trip through Arizona and New Mexico to make visitation.

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November 9, 1948

Sister Carolyn and Sister Felicia returned from trip with Mother Gerald.

November 21, 1948

Father Walter Farrell arrived to convalesce for several weeks after a prolonged illness in the East.

December 7, 1948

The Annual Staff Dinner took place. Father Farrell and Father Edward Heffernon were the guests of honor. Father Farrell gave an inspiring talk on MEDICINE AND MEN in which he stressed the dignity of man. Eighteen members of the active and courtesy staff were present. They were much impressed and took part in an active discussion proposing many interesting questions.

December 8, 1948

Father Farrell left for Chicago. We were all sorry to see him go as he had aroused great interest among the doctors.

December 11, 1948

Sister Marie Daniel returned from Chicago. She had been called home by the sudden death of her brother.

December 13, 1948

Bishop Gorman arrived. He came to dedicate St. Joseph's School and lay the corner stone for St. Ann's Church. He stayed two days.

December 23, 1948

The Sisters gave a Christmas Party for the nurses and other employees. We received a beautiful sunbeam coffee pot as a token of appreciation from them.

December 24, 1948

Midnight Mass was sung by the Sisters. Father Edward Heffernon was the celebrant.

December 25, 1948

The doctors and other friends stopped in to greet the Sisters. Many remembered them with gifts. Mother Gerald sent a beautiful lace table cloth and other fancy pieces for the Bishop's room.

January 1, 1949

Rose de Lima was drawn as House Patron.

January 21, 1949

Sister Helen Margaret, Sister Pius and Sister Raymonda were driven to Henderson by Father Merron, assistant at Holy Cross Parish in Santa Cruz.

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January 23, 1949

Sister Francis Xavier was anointed after taking a sudden and unexpected turn for the worse. Mother Gerald and Sister Grace Immaculata notified.

January 24, 1949

Sisters Helen Margaret, Raymonda and Pius returned to Santa Cruz.

January 25, 1949

Sister Grace Immaculata arrived accompanied by her sister Mrs. Margaret Falls. They found Sister Francis Xavier in a very critical condition.

February 3, 1949

Sister Grace Immaculata and Mrs. Falls left for Los Angeles as Sister Francis Xavier seemed to have improved slightly.

February 13, 1949

Dinner served in honor of Father Moran's birthday. The local clergy attended.

February 22, 1949

Word was received that Mother Gerald was to have conferred on her the honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the University of Santo Domingo.

February 26, 1949

Sister Grace Albert arrived from Albuquerque accompanied by Sister Rosamund and Sister Irene Marie. She was admitted as a patient to the Hospital.

March 27, 1949

Bishop Gorman spent two days with us. He came to Las Vegas to dedicate the new St. Bridget's Church and administer Confirmation at the parishes in the area.

April 3, 1949

Father Edward Heffernon, O.P. left for New York after having spent about a year with us. He had been sent West in order to regain his health. He did much for the Hospital as he was very attentive to the patients. He did a great deal toward breaking down the anti-Catholic prejudice among the doctors. He was a genial friend to all.

April 11, 1949

The statue of the Pilgrim Virgin was brought by Father Moore and Father Kenney and was enshrined in our chapel for two days. Father Moore carried the statue through the hospital stopping in the surgery department, laboratory and x-ray for special prayers. He left the statue in Sister Grace Albert's room for two hours.

April 21, 1949

Father Moore left to continue the Pilgrimage with the Pilgrim Virgin. He was very grateful for our hospitality.

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April 27, 1949

Father Hefferon who is in charge of the parish at Davis Dam spent the night at the hospital.

April 29, 1949

Mother Gerald Arrived from Kingman for a very short visit. Sister Ann Joachim and Sister Coleman accompanied her.

May 1, 1949

We had the opening of Forty Hours Devotion. Father Brill of St. Mary's Parish, Milton Jct., Wisconsin sang the Mass. Father Brill was touring the West and stopped in for one night.

May 2, 1949

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day. Many parishioners visited the chapel.

May 3, 1949

Closing of Forty Hours Devotion. Father Moran sang the Mass.

May 5, 1949

Doctor Blankenship of Carson City and Dr. Edith Sapington of San Francisco visited the Hospital. They were attending a meeting of the Public Health Department in Las Vegas.

May 6, 1949

Dr. Parsons, pathologist from St. Mary's Hospital in Reno visited the Hospital. He was very interested in the growth of our institution.

May 26, 1949

Three Seton Hill Sisters stopped overnight. They were from Ajo, Arizona. The Pastor, Father Plourde accompanied them.

May 28, 1949

Father J. J. Walsh, O.P. arrived to give the annual Retreat. He is a member of the Western Province.

The Sisters from Arizona and New Mexico arrived for Retreat.

May 29, 1949

Opening of Retreat. Thirty Sisters in attendance. The large ward, 106, was converted into a chapel and found to be very devotional and convenient. The entire East wing of the Hospital was used by the Sisters.

May 31, 1949

Father McNicholas, O.P., Chaplain at the Air Base in Las Vegas, and Father Van Skee stopped in for dinner.

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June 5, 1949

Retreat closed. Father Walsh left for San Francisco. Monsignor Devlin stopped at the hospital and stayed overnight on his way to Salt Lake.

June 7, 1949

Annual Staff elections took place following a dinner served by the Sisters. Dr. Ralph Hemington was unanimously elected chief of staff succeeding Dr. Harry Fightlin, who served during the 1948-49 fiscal year. Dr. Z. M. Starzynski was re-elected secretary of the staff for the third successive year. Among those who attended the monthly meeting and elections were: Drs. Ralph Hemington and David Hemington, Fightlin and Starzynski, E. L. Compton, J. L. Swank, E. A. MacCornack, Chester Lockwood and J. B. Demmon. The Courtesy staff consists of Drs. Wilmer Allen, Gerald Sylvain, Roy Ecklund, Stanley Hardy, E. B. Wallace, W. Harper, K. Kraus, J. McDaniel, Ray Nelson, G. Rasqui, F. Meroshek, G. Lund, C. W. Woodbury.

June 8, 1949

Six of the Retreatants left to teach catechism in Arizona.

June 10, 1949

Father Driscoll arrived from Clarksdale to take five sisters who are to teach catechism in that area.

Sister Theodosia remained to have a physical check-up.

June 14, 1949

Sister Theodosia was operated on by Dr. David Hemington. Recovery uneventful.

June 13, 1949

Father Moran left to attend the priests' Retreat. Father Mee, Columban Father, who is the temporary assistant at St. Bridget's spent the week at the Hospital. He said Mass and gave Benediction for the Sisters.

June 16, 1949

Father Gabriel Brenkus, C.P.S., of Whiting, Indiana stopped overnight.

June 17, 1949

Feast of Corpus Christi. Father Brenkus celebrated Mass as Father Mee had to officiate at a Wedding at St. Bridget's.

June 22, 1949

Father Neil Parsons of Chicago accompanied by Brother Luke stopped to say Mass and visit Sister Francis Xavier.

June 27, 1949

Anniversary of our acquisition of the Hospital. High Mass of thanksgiving was offered by Father Moran. Dinner was served for Father in the evening. Friends sent flowers and many called to congratulate the Sisters on the progress noted through the two years of operation.