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June 8, 1952

Reverend Carl Gerken of St. Vibiana Cathedral in Los Angeles visited the Hospital accompanied by his parents and brother.

June 10, 1952

Father Moran celebrated High Mass in the hospital chapel on the occasion of the sixteenth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The Sisters sang the Mass.

Father Driscoll of Arizona offered Mass also. He stayed overnight before continuing his trip to Las Vegas.

June 13, 1952

The Hess family from St. Theresa's Parish in Detroit visited the hospital while vacationing in the West.

Sisters Jane de Chantal, Gervase, Marie Celestine, Angela Mary and Rose Xavier went to St. Joseph's Convent in Las Vegas to attend the retreat.

June 14, 1952

The Annual Retreat opened by Father Damian, C.P. began this morning. The Sisters from the hospital attended the retreat.

June 17, 1952

Four Jesuits and two scholastics from Europe were given hospitality before continuing their tour through the United States. They visited Boulder Dam as a main point of interest on their journey.

June 20, 1952

The Annual Retreat closed this evening with conference, Papal blessing and Benediction.

June 21, 1952

Sister Louis was admitted to the hospital to Dr. Damman's service.

June 27, 1952

In thanksgiving for five years of successful operation Father Moran offered a High Mass on the occasion of the Fifth Anniversary of the transfer of the Hospital from the Government of the United States to the Sisters of St. Dominic.

A lawn supper was served by the hospital Sisters for the Sisters residing at St. Joseph's Convent for the summer. Father Moran and Father Carmody were also present.

July 6, 1952

Father G. Brenkus and Father Angelo, Precious Blood Fathers offered Mass in the Hospital chapel.

July 9, 1952

Sister Marie Daniel received word that her mother was critically ill. Sister left by plane for Florida immediately.

July 16, 1952

Sister Marie Daniel returned from visiting her mother.

July 19, 1952

The first of a series of Clinical Pathological Conferences was conducted by Dr. Foutz, the hospital pathologist. Doctors French, Phillips, Lockitch, Coogan and Howells attended. A breakfast was served before the discussions began.

July 19, 1952

The water softener was installed and put into operation.

July 26, 1952

Reverend Matthew Hanley, O.P. stopped to visit the hospital on his way to California.

July 26, 1952

A new operating room table and light were installed in the surgery. With this new equipment another Major Surgery was able to be set up. The money for this installation was obtained through a Drive conducted by the Young Catholic Club of Las Vegas.

July 31, 1952

The appointments for the year were received. The Hospital Staff was unchanged and was listed as follows:

Sister M. Carolyn, O.P., Superioress

Sister Marie Daniel, O.P.

Sister Madonna, O.P.

Sister M. Felicia, O.P.

Sister Marie Angelita, O.P.

Sister Magdalen Grace, O.P.

The following Sisters were assigned to St. Peter's School:

Sister Jane de Chantal, O.P., Principal

Sister M. Gervase, O.P.

Sister Marie Celestine, O.P.

Sister Angela Mary, O.P.

Sister Rose Xavier was assigned to All Saints Convent in Hayward, California and Sister Roseen was assigned to St. Brendon's in San Francisco.

August 1, 1952

Sister Rose Xavier and Sister Roseen left for their respective missions.

August 3, 1952

Sister Felicia and Sister Marie Angelita left via Union Pacific for their home visits.

August 4, 1952

Father Carmody offered high Mass in honor of St. Dominic.

Father Baldus arrived enroute to Salt Lake City. Father Moran, Father Carmody and Father Baldus were joined by Father Donnellon and left together for Salt Lake City to attend the consecration of the newly-appointed Bishop of Reno, Bishop Dwyer.

August 6, 1952

Father Moran, Father Carmody, Father Baldus, Father Donnellon and Monsignor Brennon of Los Angeles returned to the hospital. After a rest and breakfast they left for their respective parishes.

August 7, 1952

Sister Louis was discharged from the hospital and returned to St. Joseph Convent in Las Vegas.

August 10, 1952

Sister M. Christa left Henderson.

August 12, 1952

Sister Marie Celestine renewed her vows after Mass. Father Carmody offered High Mass to mark the occasion.

August 14, 1952

Sister Magdalen Grace and Sister Daniel Patrice made final profession. Father Moran offered High Mass and officiated at the ceremony.

August 15, 1952

A High Mass was offered in honor of the Feast of the Assumption.

August 17, 1952

Sister M. Carolyn left for Boulder, Colorado to attend an Institute for Hospital Administrators which was held at the University of Colorado.

August 19, 1952

Sister Felicia and Sister Marie Angelita were welcomed back after having enjoyed their home visit.

August 20, 1952

Sister Jane de Chantal returned to Henderson from Adrian, to resume her duties as Principal of St. Peter's School.

August 21, 1952

The hospital was the recipient of a gift of an Air Lock for premature babies which was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cragin of Las Vegas in memory of their son who was killed in the War. The \$1,100 air lock is a new development of the older type incubators. It has been highly successful where it has been used.

August 25, 1952

Father Moran drove Father Carmody, Father Donnellon, Sister Carolyn, Sister Jane de Chantal, Sister Marie Agnes and Sister Marie Olive to Reno to attend the Installation of Bishop Robert Dwyer.

August 30, 1952

A High Mass was sung in honor of St. Rose of Lima. Father D. Carmody was celebrant. The feast was fittingly celebrated.

September 11, 1952

Virginia Rostine, bookkeeper, represented Sister Carolyn at the Rotary Club as a guest of Mr. Les Edwards, Superintendent of the Las Vegas Hospital. Mr. Edwards is also President of the Rotary.

Bishop Dwyer wrote to Sister Carolyn asking for hospitality at Rose de Lima Hospital for ten days.

September 17, 1952

The Bishop's suite was redecorated in anticipation of his visit.

September 21, 1952

Father Carmody left for his retreat.

September 27, 1952

Bishop Dwyer made his first visit to Henderson. Father Moran and Carmody had supper with the Bishop at the hospital. After supper His Excellency visited with the Sisters.

September 28, 1952

A dinner was served in honor of the Bishop and the local clergy were invited. Among those present were Monsignor Sibon, Monsignor Empey, Monsignor Smith, Fathers Moran, Carmody, Towne, Donnellon and Father Shaughnessey from the Nellis Air Force Base.

October 1, 1952

Bishop Dwyer gave Benediction in the Hospital Chapel assisted by Fathers Moran and Carmody.

October 3, 1952

Bishop Dwyer offered the Community Mass.

October 7, 1952

The Bishop left for Tonapah where he was scheduled to administer Confirmation.

October 12, 1952

Sister Carolyn and Sister Gervase drove to Kingman to meet Sister Andrew and Sister Claire Cecile.

October 14, 1952

After visiting the hospital and St. Peter and St. Joseph Schools, the supervisors returned to Kingman accompanied by Sister Carolyn and Sister Marie Agnes.

October 15, 1952

Father Stopar a priest newly arrived from Yugoslavia was appointed as assistant to Father Moran at St. Peter Church. Father arrived today and had dinner at the hospital.

An anesthesia machine was presented to the hospital by a friend of Dr. Ruben Lockitch who had just recently arrived from Oregon.

October 29, 1952

The school Sisters moved from the Clinic building to the new house at 79 Church St. located behind the hospital. The house is used as sleeping quarters. The Sisters continue to pray, eat and recreate at the Hospital.

October 30, 1952

The hospital Sisters moved into the dormitory #106 in the Hospital. The adjoining porch was converted into a refectory and recreation room for both hospital and school Sisters.

November 4, 1952

A high Mass was sung by the sisters for Sister Carolyn's intentions on the occasion of her feast day.

November 11, 1952

The Veterans of the Foreign Wars presented the hospital with a new surgical cart.

November 19, 1952

Sister Francis Xavier was admitted as a patient to Dr. Compton's Service.

December 2, 1952

The Sixth annual banquet for the Rose de Lima Hospital Medical Staff was served. Twenty-five doctors attended. Father MacAniff of St. Ann's Parish was guest and Dr. James B. French, Chief of Staff, was Master of Ceremonies. Father Moran was the guest of honor.

December 4, 1952

Sister Francis Xavier was discharged from the hospital. Her condition was much improved.

December 5, 1952

Sister Jane de Chantal went to Los Angeles as companion to Sister Marie Agnes.

December 21, 1952

The students of St. Peter's School sang carols through the Hospital and entertained the patients.

December 24, 1952

Father Carmody offered the Midnight Mass.  
Father Moran offered two masses Christmas morning.

December 26, 1952

Sister Jane de Chantal and Sister Marie Celestine went to Winslow, Arizona.

December 31, 1952

Father Carmody conducted a Holy Hour at Midnight.

January 1, 1952

The house Patron, Our Lady of the Rosary, was selected. The Sisters drew their intercessors for the year.

January 6, 1953

The regular monthly staff meeting was held. Dr. Travis Winsor a noted heart specialist and internist from Los Angeles gave a very interesting lecture.

January 8, 1953

Notification was received from the Federal Security Agency that we were violating our Deed in renting office space to doctors for private practice. We were informed that all rental received should be remitted to the Government. A letter was sent justifying our interpretation of the Deed. We appealed to Senator McCarron to look into the matter and have it properly settled.

January 22, 1953

Sister Carolyn and Sister Jane de Chantal went to Las Vegas to meet Mother Gerald and Sister Richardine. They arrived in time for the Community Mass. Mother held visitation with the Sisters.

January 23, 1953

Mother Gerald visited St. Peter's School in the morning and continued on to visit St. Joseph's School in Las Vegas in the afternoon.

January 24, 1953

Mother Gerald visited some of the patients and met several of the doctors.

January 25, 1953

Father Moran drove Mother Gerald, Sister Carolyn, Sister Richardine and Sister Marie Angelita to Kingman and on to Winslow.

January 27, 1953

Sister Carolyn and Sister Marie Angelita returned to Henderson.

February 2, 1953

Dr. Steven Stempian was the guest speaker at the regular monthly staff meeting. Dr. Stempian is an outstanding surgeon from the Veterans Hospital in Long Beach, California.

February 2, 1953

Father Schlauffer, chaplain of St. Mary's Hospital, Milwaukee came for a short visit. He had recently undergone surgery and was recuperating.

February 3, 1953

Bishop Dwyer and Father Anderson arrived in Henderson for a six week stay to start a campaign for funds to build a grade and high school in Las Vegas.

February 6, 1953

Mr. Hamms of Kankakee, Illinois presented a check to Bishop Dwyer to be used for the purchase of the land.

February 7, 1953

Mr. and Mrs. Hamms attended the Bishop's Mass and were served breakfast with His Excellency.

February 15, 1953

Father Benevenigue from Salt Lake City came to discuss the procedure used by Father Anderson and the Bishop during the Fund Campaign. Father stayed at the hospital several days.

February 15, 1953

His Excellency gave Benediction each Wednesday and Friday evening for the Sisters during Lent.

March 3, 1953

The medical staff at its regular monthly meeting heard a distinguished California pathologist, Dr. Irving Reingold in a clinic on bronchial cancer.

March 10, 1953

Sister Andrew and Sister Clair Cecile returned to Henderson to visit St. Peter's.

March 11, 1953

Sister Felicia and Sister Francis Xavier drove the supervisors to Kingman and on to Winslow.

March 15, 1953

His Eminence, Francis Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles arrived in Las Vegas to inaugurate the Fund Drive for the new Catholic Schools. He was the principal speaker at the meeting held at the Flamingo hotel. After the meeting His Eminence arrived at the Hospital and dinner was served in his honor. The local clergy attended. After the dinner he visited with the Sisters.

March 22, 1953

Bishop Dwyer left for Salt Lake City to fulfill a speaking engagement. He returned the following day.

March 27, 1953

Sisters Carolyn, Felicia and Marie Angelita attended the Pontifical Mass at St. Joan of Arc Church in Las Vegas. This Mass brought the school drive to a close. The school Sisters also attended with their pupils.

March 28, 1953

Bishop Dwyer and Father Anderson left after breakfast.

March 28, 1953

Mr. Gifford of General Services Administration arrived from San Francisco to discuss our "violation" of the Deed. He inspected the Clinic with Sister Carolyn. Father Moran arrived and a discussion followed during which it became evident that the copy of the Deed held by GSA was different from that on file at the Hospital. Mr. Gifford borrowed our copy to have it interpreted by his legal department.

March 31, 1953

Miss Mary Claire Hogan, assistant director of Nurses at St. Mary's School of Nursing in Milwaukee, arrived for a short visit.



April 2, 1953

The Sisters attended Holy Week services at St. Peter's Church.

April 5, 1953

Father Carmody celebrated a high Mass which was sung by the Sisters.

April 5, 1953

Sisters Frances Xavier and Madonna left for Hayward, California.

April 7, 1953

The regular monthly staff meeting was held. Dr. Clarence J. Movius, chief of heart and blood vessel surgery at the veterans hospital in Long Beach was guest speaker.

April 7, 1953

Miss Hogan returned to Milwaukee.

April 8, 1953

A telegram was received from Senator McCarron in which he advised us that after a conference with the Federal Security officials our interpretation of the Deed was declared authentic and was filed with the Federal District Court Clerk in Washington making it binding. It permitted our renting of offices without remittance to the Government.

April 19, 1953

Fourty Hours Devotion opened after the Community Mass. Father Kenney, Pastor of St. James Church in North Las Vegas gave a conference in the evening.

April 20, 1953

Father Buehl, our confessor and assistant at St. Joan of Arc Church in Las Vegas gave a conference and Benediction.

April 21, 1953

Father Carmody closed Fourty Hours Devotion this evening.

April 24, 1953

Sisters Jane de Chantal and Marie Daniel left for Hayward.

April 25, 1953

Bishop Dwyar returned to Henderson to discuss the plans for the new schools with the architects.

April 30, 1953

Sister Theresa Joannes was admitted to the hospital under Dr. Demmans' care. Sister had been hospitalized at the Sanitarium in New Mexico.

May 3, 1953

Monsignor Sibon gave a conference at the closing of our Retreat Sunday.

May 5, 1953

Sisters Jane de Chantal and Marie Daniel returned to Henderson.



May 5, 1953

Dr. Herbert D. Krieger, consulting pediatrician of the Children's Hospital Los Angeles was the guest speaker at the regular monthly medical staff meeting.

May 8, 1953

Sister Francis Xavier was admitted to the hospital after having had a serious asthmatic attack.

May 9, 1953

The Clinic Lobby and Corridors were redecorated.

May 10, 1953

Father Carmody offered High Mass in the hospital chapel. The Sisters also attended the First Communion Mass at St. Peter's Church.

May 15, 1953

Senator McCarron Stopped in to visit the Sisters. He was in the area to witness the testing of the new atom boom.

May 22, 1953

Sister Carolyn, Sister Marie Daniel, Sister Felicia and Sister Marie Angelita attended the high Mass offered by Father Moran and sung by the pupils of St. Peter's for Sister Carolyn's intentions.

May 22, 1953

Mr. Arthur Newell, President of the Basic Management Incorporated underwent an emergency appendectomy.

May 23, 1953

Dr. James B. French, chief of Staff, was elected Mayor of the newly incorporated city of Henderson.

May 27, 1953

Father Joseph Donnellon of Boulder City and Father G. Fanning of Las Vegas attended a Farwell Dinner given in honor of Father Moran who is leaving for a short visit in Ireland.

May 29, 1953

Sister Francis Xavier was discharged from the Hospital. Her condition was somewhat improved.

May 31, 1953

Father Moran visited with the Sisters and bid them farwell before leaving for Ireland.

June 2, 1953

The annual dinner meeting for the members of the active medical staff was attended by Dr. French, Dr. Starzynski, Dr. Phillips, Dr. Coogan, Dr. Demman, Dr. Foutz, Dr. Lockwood and Dr. Howells. After the dinner the

election took place. Dr. Loren Phillips was chosen Chief of Staff, Dr. J. Coogan was elected Secretary for the coming year. Dr. Howell and Dr. Starzynski were appointed to the Executive Committee; Dr. Demman, Library Committee, and Dr. Miners, Record Committee. Dr. French, outgoing Chief of Staff, thanked the doctors for their cooperation and congratulated the Sisters on the work accomplished in the Hospital.

June 13, 1953

Father Carmody offered High Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart.

Four subdeacons from the Seminary in Canada were given hospitality for the night.

His Excellency, Bishop Dwyer arrived to attend the Convention of Catholic Women.

June 14, 1953

The following Sisters went to St. Joseph Convent in Las Vegas for retreat: Sister Rose Xavier, Sister Roseen, Sister Jane de Chantal, Sister Gervase, Sister Marie Celestine, Sister Angela Mary.

Father Richard Hodge, O.F.M. arrived from Oregon to conduct the retreat for the Sisters at Las Vegas.

Retreat opened at 8:00 P.M.

June 15, 1953

Father Hodge, O.F.M., had dinner at the hospital with the Bishop, Father Carmody and Father Stopar.

June 16, 1953

Sister Celenia, a social worker from Los Angeles and a lay companion stayed at the Hospital during the Convention. Sister Celinia was invited as guest speaker.

June 18, 1953

His Excellency, Bishop Dwyer, left for Denver. He plans on returning to Henderson sometime next month.

June 22, 1953

A High Mass was offered by Father Carmody and sung by the Sisters for Mother Gerald's intentions.

June 27, 1953

A High Mass of thanksgiving was sung by Father Carmody on the occasion of the Sixth Anniversary of the transfer of the Hospital. A lawn supper was served for all the Dominican Sisters from Las Vegas.

June 27 marks the Fifth Anniversary of the transfer of Rose de Lima Hospital to the Sisters of St. Dominic. The Hospital was built by the Defense Plant Corporation in 1942 and was transferred to the Sisters under the Surplus Property Act in 1947. Father Peter V. Moran, Pastor of St. Peter's Parish in Henderson acted as intermediary for the Sisters. He realized the advantage of keeping the hospital in operation and worked for almost a year negotiating for the transfer and in locating a group of Sisters to staff the Hospital.

The Sisters are members of the Dominican Order from Adrian, Michigan. The Community operates hospitals, academies and schools in the United States, Puerto Rico and South America. Sister M. Carolyn, O.P., Administrator, is assisted by Sister Marie Daniel, O.P., Sister M. Madonna, O.P., Sister M. Felicia, O.P., Sister Marie Angelita, O.P., Sister Magdalen Grace, O.P., and Sister M. Christa, O.P.

Working in conjunction with the Sisters are fifteen Registered Nurses and five Aides. Among this group Mrs. Edith de Montague, R.N., Mrs. Hilda Muelheisen, R.N., Mrs. Beatrice Zimmerman, Mrs. Dora McNally and Mrs. Ada Newton have been employed through the five years. Mrs. B'lou Hildebrand, bookkeeper and secretary holds the record for long service in the business office. She worked under the employ of EMI and continued on with the new administration.

Steady progress has been made during the past five years. More than 8600 patients have been cared for. Peter LaPorta, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lou LaPorta of 123 Water Street was the first of 988 babies to be born at the hospital since June of 1947. The emergency rooms have been in constant operation caring for numberless accidents both industrial, from the nearby Chemical Plants and those from the neighborhood and highway.

The Active Medical Staff consists of twelve of the outstanding doctors of the area who recently chose as their Chief of Staff James B. French, M.D. Dr. Kenneth Smith, M.D., F.A.C.S. was the first Chief of Staff chosen in 1947, he was followed by Harry Fightlin, M.D. in 1948, Ralph Hemington, M.D. in 1949, Chester Lockwood, M.D. in 1950 and D.M. MacCornack, M.D. in 1951. Twenty-six doctors and dentists of Las Vegas hold Courtesy Membership. The Hospital is registered with the American Medical Association, is a member of the American Hospital Association, the Association of Western Hospitals, and the Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada.

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