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July 1, 1954

Father Kelleher from Salt Lake City visited.

July 18, 1954

Mrs. Rose Richardson, a Sister of Sisters Rose Xavier, Madonna and Roseen, was a weekend visitor at the hospital.

July 22, 1954

Vivian H. Scholl, an anesthetist, was a guest of Father Banfield at the hospital.

July 25, 1954

Father de Jardin of Portland, Oregon, was an overnight guest.

July 31, 1954

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

Sister M. Felicia, O.P., Superioress  
Sister Marie Daniel, O.P.  
Sister Madonna, O.P.  
Sister Marie Angelita, O.P.  
Sister M. Charlyn, 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 Robert Joseph, O.P.  
Sister Therese Johanna, O.P.  
Sister Francis Alice, O.P.  
Sister Paul Augusta, O.P.

August 1, 1954

Sister Rose Xavier and Sister Roseen returned to their missions.

August 2, 1954

Sister Jane de Chantal returned from Oakland.  
Bishop Gorman was an overnight guest at the hospital. He said Mass the following morning and then left for Reno.

August 3, 1954

Bernard Harrison, brother of Sister Carolyn, was an overnight guest at the hospital.

August 8, 1954

Sister M. Lourdes, of Albuquerque, and Sister Alice Patricia, of Winslow, were guests at the hospital.

August 9, 1954

Mrs. James Donohue of Homestead, Florida, paid a short visit to the hospital.

August 11, 1954

Father Teofil Reber paid a short visit to the hospital. Sisters Mary Athanasius, Loyola, Augusta, Ambrose, de Montefort, and Mary Xavier, Irish Sisters in Norwalk, California, were visitors at the hospital. The Reverend Cornelius Robic, driver of the Sisters, spent a short time with us also.

August 12, 1954

Sister M. Brigid and Sister Philippa, B.V.M., sisters of Dr. Coogan, visited at the hospital accompanied by Mrs. Coogan.

August 15, 1954

Father Zackman and Father Datke, O.M.I., from Carthage, Missouri, were traveling through and stopped to say late Mass at the hospital Chapel.

Sisters Helena, Odette, and Juliana, S.S.S., from Kansas City, Missouri, were overnight guests at the hospital. -

August 17, 1954

Sister Charlyn returned from her home visit and Sister Francis Alice and Sister Paul Augusta arrived as the new teachers at St. Peter's School.

August 19, 1954

Sister Mary George and Sister de Paul from Siena Heights College were weekend guests at the hospital.

August 24, 1954

Sister Felicia and Sister Gervase drove Sister Mary George and Sister de Paul to California.

August 30, 1954

A High Mass in honor of the feast of St. Rose was sung in the Chapel by the Sisters.

Sister Felicia and Sister Gervase returned to Henderson.

September 7, 1954

The school Sisters opened classes for the coming year.

September 25, 1954

The school Sisters moved from the Church Street and the hospital Sisters moved from the dormitory to the new convent.

October 7, 1954

The Altar was moved to the new Chapel and Benediction was given that evening.

October 8, 1954

Mass was celebrated in the new Chapel.

October 10, 1954

Father Ryan from St. Brendon's in San Francisco visited the hospital for one week.

October 22, 1954

Bishops Dwyer and Gorman arrived for Dedication ceremonies. Bishop Gorman stayed at the hospital. Bishop Dwyer went to the Penthouse at St. Peter's.

October 23, 1954

The new convent and Chapel were dedicated by Bishop Dwyer. Guests for that day included Bishop Gorman, Father Moran, and Pastors of the neighboring parishes. The nurses formed a guard of honor for the Bishops and clergy. Mayor French gave the opening address in which he thanked the community for their work and service in the area. He gave a fitting tribute to our Community for all the accomplishments made to this time. Bishop Dwyer gave a short resume of what a convent means to Sisters. Bishop Gorman paid a personal tribute to Mother Mary Gerald for her achievements at the hospital and in Southern Nevada. He gave a beautiful picture of what a Chapel means to every Sister. Doctor Kazan, Chief of Staff, and Mr. Muehleisen, City Inspector, both paid great tribute to the Sisters and to Father Moran. Father Moran, the Master of Ceremonies, presented a Chalice from the Knights of Columbus in memory of Ed Joyce, a deceased Knight.

The clergy and guest speakers were honored at a banquet served in the hospital by the office girls. The visitors attending the Dedication were taken on a tour of the new convent and were served punch and cookies in the main corridor of the convent before leaving. The visiting Sisters were served in the new dining room after the last tour was made.

That evening the Sisters attended the solemn blessing of the new Grotto at St. Peter's.

October 24, 1954

The Sisters attended the Dedication of Gorman High School.

November 22, 1954

Sister Felicia went to Kingman to bring Mother Gerald and Sister Hilda Marie to Henderson.

November 23, 1954

Mother Gerald and Sister Hilda Marie visited St. Peter's School.

November 24, 1954

Mother Gerald and Sister Hilda Marie visited St. Joseph's.

November 24, 1954

Mother Gerald held visitation with the hospital Sisters.

November 25, 1954

The Sisters from St. Joseph and Kingman were here for Thanksgiving Day and dinner. Father Cassidy arrived that evening and talked for some time with Mother and the Sisters.

November 27, 1954

Sister Felicia drove Mother Gerald to Kingman and then to Winslow.

November 28, 1954

Sister Felicia returned to the hospital.

December 7, 1954

The Doctors' Annual Christmas Party was attended by the Active and Courtesy Staff members. The office girls and technician served for the occasion.

December 11, 1954

Bishop Dwyer was an overnight guest at the hospital.

December 12, 1954

The Sisters attended the Marian Year Celebration held in Cashman Field.

December 13, 1954

Bishop Dwyer left Henderson.

December 17, 1954 to December 23, 1954

Carolers from the Basic High School, the Brownies Club, and the Elementary schools caroled at the hospital.

December 21, 1954

The employees' Christmas Party was held. Exchanging of gifts took place under the tree in the front lobby, after which they went to the dining room and lobby of the convent for refreshments.

December 23, 1954

The children from St. Peter's School caroled for the patients.

December 24, 1954

A High Mass was sung at midnight in the convent Chapel. Several patients and nurses attended the Mass. The school Sisters attended Midnight Mass at St. Peter's.

January 1, 1955

House Patron and intercessors for the year were chosen, with Blessed Martin de Porres our new house patron.

Sister Robert and Sister Francis Alice went to Los Angeles for a week.

January 8, 1955

Sister Marie Daniel and Sister Marie Angelita went to Santa Cruz for retreat. Sister Robert Joseph and Sister Francis Alice returned from Los Angeles.

January 20, 1955

Sister Marie Daniel and Sister Marie Angelita returned from Santa Cruz.

January 22, 1955

Sister Madonna flew to Portland to attend an anesthetist convention.

January 30, 1955

Sister Madonna returned from the convention.

February 2, 1955

Doctor E. A. Mac Cornack, a former Staff member visiting from Vermont, paid his respects and was pleasantly surprised at the improvements in the hospital.

February 4, 1955

Sister Madonna went to Hayward, California, to attend the Jubilee celebration of Sister Rose Xavier.

February 6, 1955

Sister Madonna returned to Henderson.

February 15, 1955

Father James Connelly, O.P., from the U.S. Naval Hospital in Oakland, California, said Mass in Chapel and that evening showed slides of the Naval fleet en route to Rome.

March 12, 1955

Julian Moore, B.M.I. Manager, made an appointment to discuss rates in the hospital and promised support in all undertakings. He promised the use of a bull dozer when ready to level the area by the hospital.

April 4, 1955

The new altar was installed in the convent Chapel.

April 5, 1955

Father Gannon offered Mass on the new altar.

Sister Felicia flew to San Francisco to attend retreat at Oakland.

April 7 through 9, 1955

Sisters attended the Holy Week services at St. Peter's.

April 10, 1955

A High Mass was sung in Chapel on Easter Sunday by the Sisters.

April 13, 1955

Sister Felicia returned from Oakland.

April 14, 1955

St. Peter's Choir sang a High Mass in the Chapel for Sister Felicia's intentions.

April 18, 1955

Sister M. James and Sister Caroline, S.C.M.M., spent a week at the hospital while they visited nearby schools to show slides of their missionary work in the far east.

April 20, 1955

Sister Felicia left for San Francisco to attend the Convention for Western Hospitals.

April 21, 1955

Hartford Steam Boiler passed approval for the conversion of the oil boiler to gas, which they considered much safer and economical.

April 22, 1955

Bishop Dwyer accompanied by Father Carmody stopped in to see the new altar in Chapel. They had luncheon and returned to Las Vegas.

April 24, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Scherer, benefactors of the Community, were honored at a breakfast after their Silver Jubilee Mass.

May 8, 1955

The Sisters attended the First Communion Mass at St. Peter's. On Mother's Day a High Mass was sung in the Chapel for Sister Felicia's intentions.

The hospital celebrated National Hospital Day with Open House from one to four in the afternoon. All departments were opened to the visitors. Nurses conducted tours, starting from the front office and ending with refreshments served in the corridor of the convent.

May 18, 1955

Mr. J. Flynn of the War Assets Administration made his yearly survey of the hospital. He was very pleased with the utilization of the hospital.

May 29, 1955

John Moine was terminated as maintenance man.

May 26, 1955

Bishop Dwyer and priests of the area were served a dinner, after which the clergy went to St. Peter's for the Graduation ceremony. Sisters from St. Joseph and the hospital attended the graduation.

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May 16 through 27, 1955

Workmen overhauled and replaced parts for the cooling units of the hospital. A new cooler was put in the clinic.

June 5, 1955

Sister Jane de Chantal left Henderson for Adrian.

Father Sherry, a Jesuit, was an overnight guest at the hospital and said the Community Mass in the morning.

June 6, 1955

The Annual June dinner and election for Active members of the Staff was held. Doctor Coogan was elected Chief of Staff.

June 7, 1955

Sister Madonna left for Adrian.

Father Pelligren, a Holy Cross Father soliciting funds for the Indian Missions, was a guest of the hospital.

June 9, 1955

A High Mass for the Feast of Corpus Christi was offered by Father Pelligren.

June 13, 1955

The water line was increased by B.M.I. to care for added needs.

June 21, 1955

Word was received that the survey for accreditation will take place August 1st.

June 22, 1955

Operations for installing the new burner changing from oil to gas, which began June 13, were completed.

Father Peter Newport, Father William Corvin, and Father James Mocos from Bellarmine Prep. in San Jose said Mass at the Convent Chapel.

June 26, 1955

Sisters Rose Xavier, Madonna, and Roseen returned from Adrian to resume duties for the summer.

June 27, 1955

The Eighth Anniversary of Rose de Lima Hospital was celebrated with High Mass, Father Pelligren officiating. Telegrams and flowers were received on this occasion.

June 28, 1955

A small building to shelter the heater was completed by Bill Martin.