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June 15, 1956

Sister Jane de Chantal came from St. Peter's to stay until she left for the East.

June 16, 1956

Sisters Francesca and Agnes James arrived in Henderson from Retreat.

June 18, 1956

Sister Jane de Chantal left for the East.

June 19, 1956

Mrs. Margaret Murphy, Mrs. Felice Stewart and J. J. Effie, friends of Sr. Charlyn, were here to visit the Hospital.

Sister Georgina Marie came to Henderson.

June 21, 1956

Sister Roseen arrived from Oakland.

June 22, 1956

Father Ryan, pastor of St. Anne's, was the Celebrant at the Funeral Mass of the Angels for Baby Boy Foley in the Hospital Chapel. The immediate family and relatives attended. Fathers Carmody and Righini were present.

Sister Agnes James was admitted as a patient to the Hospital.

June 23, 1956

Sisters Robert Joseph, Therese Johannes and Paul Augusta returned from Retreat in L. A.

June 24, 1956

Sister Felicia received word of her Mother's critical condition. She left for Detroit that night.

June 26, 1956

Sisters Rose Xavier, Madonna, Marie Joyce and Charlyn returned from Retreat.

June 27, 1956

Father Moran was Celebrant of the High Mass on the Anniversary of the Hospital under the sponsorship of the Dominican Community since 1947. Father Moran stayed for breakfast.

June 27, 1956

Fathers Camen, Newport and Morse, three Jesuits of the Western Province stopped enroute to California. After saying Mass in our Chapel they were served breakfast.

June 29, 1956

Sister Agnes James went to Surgery

June 30, 1956

Sister Felicia returned to Henderson

July 6, 1956

The Cancer Tumor Board held its first meeting in the Hospital Parlor. Doctors French, Kazan, O'Donnell, Demman, Logan, Miners and members of the Cancer Society were present. The Board will meet at 11 o'clock on the First Friday of each month.

July 7, 1956

Father Reilly of House of Studies in Washington stopped for a very short visit, while enroute to San Francisco.

July 9, 1956

The Reverend Gene Braun of the Reno Diocese was a guest of Father Carmody at the hospital.

July 10, 1956

Sister Felicia received word of her mother's death and left that night for Gaytown, Mich. The Conventual Mass was offered that morning for Sister's mother.

July 12, 1956

Sister Georgina Marie went to Phoenix to be with Sr. John Vianney.

July 13, 1956

Many of the employees attended the Requiem High Mass offered for Sister's mother.

July 14, 1956

Father Clement Haggeman, Pastor of St. Mary's, Kingman was admitted to the Hospital for Surgery.

July 15, 1956

Father Faustina of Williams, Arizona brought Sisters Marie Vera and Francis Augustine to the Hospital.

July 16, 1956

Sister Georgina Marie returned to Henderson.
Sister Agnes James was discharged as a patient.

July 17, 1956

Sister Felicia returned to Henderson

July 19, 1956

Father Haggeman went to Surgery

July 23, 1956

Father Eagleton of Boulder City was admitted for emergency surgery.

July 28, 1956

Bishop Dwyer stopped at the Hospital and saw Father Eagleton.

July 31, 1956

Bishop Gorman of Dallas, Texas, was an overnight guest.

Sister Theresa Johanna's parents came to visit.

Father Shiebel, Passionist, was a guest.

August 1, 1956

Appointments were given out after breakfast.

Father Stittmatter left Rose de Lima. Sisters Francesca and Marie Vera returned to Winslow. Sisters Rose Xavier and Roseen returned to their respective missions. Srs. Paul Augusta, Robert Joseph and Frances Augustine returned to St. Peter's.

August 2, 1956

Father Leo Shiebel left for Fallen, Nevada

August 3, 1956

Sister Marie Joyce left for Oakland.

News of Fathers Moran and Carmody's elevation to the rank of Monsignor was received.

August 4, 1956

Father Paris of St. Bridget waid a Dominican High Mass in the Chapel.

August 5, 1956

Mr. & Mrs. Shiebel left Henderson

August 6, 1956

Sister Therese Johannes returned to St. Peter's

Fathers Bernard J. LeFrois, S.V.D. and John A. Beewiter, S.V.D. of Techny, Ill. were overnight guests. Both Priests said early Masses and after breakfast traveled by jeep. They were enrout to the Phillipines.

August 10, 1956

Sister Charles Anthony of Santa Cruz came for a short visit to the Hospital.

August 11, 1956

Sisters Daria, Matthew Mary, her mother drove in from Kingman.

August 12, 1956

Sister Mary Jude arrived on Sunday for the coming year.

August 14, 1956

Sister Charles Anthony returned to Santa Cruz.

August 23, 1956

The Sisters from St. Peter's, St. Joseph's and the Hospital attended the open meeting of the Planning Board in Henderson

to oppose the building of a Mortuary across from the Hospital. Many of the employees and friends of Rose de Lima were in attendance. Attorney John Mowbray represented the Sisters. Mr. Mowbray refuted all the statements of the Bunker Bros. Representative, and after listening to reasons for opposition from those who attended the members of the Planning Board voted unanimously that the permission be rejected.

Aug. 27

Sr. Marie Carolyn made a short visit to the Hospital.

Aug. 29

A steak dinner was furnished by Sr. Marie Angelita to the employees at noon and in the evening. The proceeds were to obtain new dishes for the Private Wing patients.

Aug. 30

The Feast of St. Rose de Lima was fittingly celebrated with a High Mass by Father LeVoy and sung by the Sisters' choir. The patients' trays were appropriately decorated with rose menus and pink rose nut baskets.

Sept. 9

Sr. Giovanni from Las Vegas brought her mother, Mrs. Robino, to see the Hospital.

Sept. 10

Mr. Wiley Barry from Winthrop Stearns presented the film "Preparation for Surgery" at the Nurses' monthly meeting. Rev. Eric Tampe, a Franciscan of the Atonement, spent the night and said Mass the next morning. He is on leave from Japan to recruit vocations, but will return in six months, March '57, as Novice Master.

Sept. 13

Sr. Ida Joseph from Kingman stopped off to await her plane to take her to Detroit because of the death of her mother.

Sept. 17

The Most Rev. Robert J. Dwyer, D.D., Ph.D. visited Saturday evening with the Sisters. Fr. Carmody accompanied him to the Hospital. Sunday morning the Bishop said the Community Mass after which he distributed Communion to the patients. At five o'clock the Sisters were present at St. Bridget's Church, Las Vegas for the Investiture Ceremony of the Very Reverend Msgr. Donald F. Carmody, our confessor, by His Excellency.

Sept. 18

Sister Felicia left with the other Superiors from the Las Vegas area to attend the Silver Jubilee Mass of the Diocese at the Cathedral in Reno.

Sept. 20

Sr. Felicia returned from her visit to the Hospital in Reno.

Sept. 22

Fr. Charles Paris had a farewell dinner here before leaving for Reno.

Sept. 27

Our permanent Chaplain and former interpreter for Cardinal Mindzenty arrived around 9 P.M. coming directly from Europe via New York and Chicago. He is

The Rev. Dr. Istvan Jesse Mayo Kemenes
Postfach 153, Innsbruck 1, Tyrol, Austria

To prove how humble he is, this is a copy of his letter of acceptance to Bishop Dwyer.

J. M. J. Innsbruck, Tyrol, Austria
Aug. 30, 1956

St. Rose & Mary de Lima

Most Excellent and Reverend Bishop:

Taking our recent correspondence in the matter as seriously as I took it, especially your gracious rescript that reached me here on the heavenly birthday of St. Rose, most gratefully, it is but logical that I am celebrating this Feast (privately) as a Double of the First Class. Whilst bodily as yet in Europe, "In spirit and truth" I said Holy Mass this morning beginning at 6 A. M. (Innsbruck Time - 9 P. M. Reno Time) already in the Henderson Hospital Chapel. Dutifully including a sermonette of ten minutes on "our" Titular Patron Saint: -----

I beg to remain kissing your Excellency's consecrated hands,
Most respectfully and gratefully yours in J. M. J.

Sept. 28

Fr. Cornelius Strittmatter came to pick up his volumes of books from the Chaplains quarters.

Oct. 1

Father Peter Moran paid us a short call after returning from Ireland the day previous.

Oct. 2-4

Sister Marie Angelita's sister and brother-in-law, Sophie and Cliff Marquardt visited.

Oct. 3

The Atomic Cocktail Party at the Thunderbird sponsored by Mrs. Lucy French for the benefit of The Rose de Lima Cancer Clinic netted \$4,1330.00.

Oct. 4

The Nevada Association of Nurse Anesthetists of which Sister Madonna is a member held its third meeting since it was founded. The second meeting was also held at the Hospital.

Oct. 5

Sister Monica Mary was admitted for observation as a patient.

Oct. 7

Sisters Marie Martin and Marie Rita brought their mother^{to} the Hospital. Mrs. McDonough just lost her husband and the Sisters returned from St. Rits's Chicago with her after the funeral.

Oct. 13

Sister Mary Zoe, C.S.C. from St. Anne's, Las Vegas, was an overnight patient.

Oct. 14

Sr. Monica Mary returned to St. Joseph's, Las Vegas.

Oct. 19

Mr. Bernard Harrison, accountant, and son Paul, spent the day at the Hospital. Mr. Harrison compiled statistical information for the increase in per diem rates for crippled children Association.

Oct. 20

The Nevada Hospital Council of Las Vegas (four Hospitals) of which Russell N. Tucker is President met in the Canary Room of the New Frontier Hotel at 1 P. M. to hear Dr. James Herz of Reno speak on the part Nevada Hospitals should prepare for in Civilian Defense. Sister Felicia and Marie Daniel attended.

Sister Mary Jude received word of the sudden death of her brother, Fred. She left that night for Chicago.

Oct. 25

Magr. Ryan brought the Republican Senator, Senior Member of the State, George W. Malone of Nevada, to visit Rose de Lima.

Oct. 26

Dr. I. Kazan with the Henderson Chief of Police, George Crisler, met with the Sisters to set up a Defense Program in order that the Hospital might coordinate with the City in any major catastrophe: train or bus, accident or bombing.

Nov. 2

Emblem Club of Henderson staged a Style Show for the benefit of The Tumor Clinic netting \$113.

Nov. 5

The Sisters attended the Program in honor of Father Peter Moran who this week is to be invested in the robes of a Monsignor, Domestic Prelate. At Basic High School the school children of St. Peter's showed their sincere appreciation of their Pastor with beautiful numbers.

Nov. 7

Investiture of the Rt. Rev. Monsignor John J. Ryan, Pastor of St. Anne's Church, with the robes of a Domestic Prelate was a gathering of many Priests and Sisters. The Most Rev. Robert J. Dwyer, Bishop of Reno, officiated after which Monsignor said a Mass of Thanksgiving. A dinner was served at 5 P. M. before the services.

Nov. 8

Investiture of the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Peter Moran, Pastor of St. Peter's Church, Henderson, with the robes of a Domestic Prelate, was followed by Solemn Benediction with Bishop Dwyer

officiating. A dinner was served after the Ceremonies. Rev. Clement Hagemann of Kingman stopped for a visit at the Hospital.

Nov. 11

Sister Marie Angelita left to attend the Dietetics Institute in Denver conducted by The American Hospital Association.

Nov. 16

Sr. Marie Angelita returned.

Nov. 25

Father George Eagleton from St. Bridget's, Las Vegas, was admitted for a cold and Surgery.

Nov. 27

The Jack Kogan Show KSHO-TV, Channel 13, Hotel Fremont from 12 to 1 P.M. invited Rose de Lima Hospital Personnel to be interviewed.

Mrs. Bettylou Hildebrand of the Business Office told of the Sisters taking over the Hospital from the Government June 27, '47. There were 8 patients and now there are 62 and 85 employees.

Mrs. Edith de Montague who has been with us since the beginning mentioned the increase of 3 to 28 Registered Nurses.

Mrs. Lea Wolfe brought out the fact that the 8 bassinets normally in the Nursery had to be augmented to 15 at times, and the need for expansion. So far this year there were 530 Infants and 8 sets of twins.

Mrs. Kay Gilfallon told of the Surgery Census from 663 to 6,531.

Mrs. Viola Trick, Medical Record Librarian, told that the 7 regular Staff Doctors now numbered 22 with 44 on the Courtesy Staff. She mentioned that the Tumor Board Clinic opened last June.

Mrs. Jerry Sawyer related about the type of meals she serves, the number served to patients and staff, the new dishes and the Employees' projects.

Mrs. Laura Lory, the Night Supervisor, was asked about her many duties. She brought out the good feeling in the Hospital, the Christmas Party and bonus check.

Jack Kogan put them all at their ease and they performed beautifully.

Dec. 4

Marian Keele and Mrs. Martha Miller presented check for a Croupette for Pediatrics as a Christmas gift.

Father Eagleton was dismissed as was Fr. Richard A. Crowley of St. Viator's, a Viatorian Priest. The latter was in for a kidney checkup.

Dec. 5

The three Priests from the Las Vegas area who were recently honored by the Pope as Domestic Prelates were given a testimonial dinner at the Hospital with Father Kemenes, our Chaplain, as Host. They were Monsignors Ryan, Moran and Carmody.

Dec. 6

Sister Charlyn's brother, William, drove in from an Army Air Corps Base in Red Bluffs, California with two friends.

Dec. 7

His Excellency, Bishop Robert Dwyer came out from Las Vegas to have dinner at the Hospital with Monsignors Carmody and Moran and Father Kemenes.

While a photographer was present in the afternoon John De Luca of the DeLuca Importing Co., Inc. 723 N. Main St. presented a check for \$3500 from the customers of their organization. R. J. McElhone is Vice-President. The donation is being used to purchase new equipment for the Delivery Room.

Dec. 8

Feast of Immaculate Conception. At 4:30 Bishop Dwyer assisted by Msgr. Moran baptized two babies: Kevin Peter Moran, son of Patrick and Bernadette Moran and Rory Vincent, son of Harry and Maura Dwyer. Patrick is Msgr. Moran's nephew. Bishop called the newly christened "two stalwart Irishmea." A photographer was present. Then the Bishop gave us Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Sister Charlyn's brother, Bill Landon, flew to Michigan from McCarron Field.

Dec. 14

Msgr. J. Lambe was admitted as a patient for a few days.

Mr. Schafer, Representative of Mapractice Insurance inspected the Hospital.

Dec. 17

Msgr. John Ryan came in shortly after Msgr. Lambe was dismissed. His eyes were burned and he had inhaled much smoke.

Dec. 20

The Christmas Party for all the employees about 85 was started around the huge tree in the Circle at 3o'clock with Carols. Exchanging of gifts which had been accumulating under the tree for days, was next. Bunker Bros. sent Hand Lotion for all. Then the photographer took a group picture after which Sister Felicia gave each employee a bonus check. They finished with a buffet party in the Convent hallway and Community Room. The silver cross and chain given to the girls seemed to be treasured by all.

Dec. 25

Rev. Dr. István J. M. Kemenes sang a High Mass at midnight followed by 2 Low Masses at which carols were sung. Lay people attended.

Dec. 27

Sr. Mary Georgina, C.S.J. a St. Joseph Nun from L.A., while visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Gleason who operates the Brimmies Store in Boulder City, spent the afternoon at the Hospital.

Dec. 28

Renewal of Vows for Sister Mary Charlyn after High Mass to Sr. Mary Felicia was witnessed by Father Kemenes.

The Pastor of St. Patrick's Church, L. A., a Salesian Father, said Mass in our Chapel.

Jan. 3, 1957

Father Banfield, O.P. stopped off for a few minutes.

Jan. 4

Sisters Madonna and Charlyn left for Retreat at Mountain View, Santa Cruz, Calif. St. Clare Retreat House.

Jan. 6

His Excellency, Bishop Dwyer, came late and left after 8 o'clock Mass on Jan. 7. Father Kemenes served his Mass while Msgr. Moran drove him back to Las Vegas for a meeting and flight back to Reno.

Jan. 9

Msgr. Carmody and Fr. Devereaux had dinner with Fr. Kemenes this evening, after which they visited with Fr. Richard Crowley, C.S.V., a patient who is to undergo Surgery.

Msgr. Lambe was admitted for a rest.

Jan. 16

Boiler failed to operate - no heat or laundry facilities.

Jan. 19

Heat came on during the night. Patients were much happier.

Srs. Madonna and Charlyn returned.

Jan. 23

Mrs. Donald Baker, Federal inspector, went through the building this morning.

Jan. 25

New dining room and living room furniture, a Christmas gift from the Doctors, was delivered and beautifully arranged.

Jan. 26

Dr. & Mrs. Donald Alcott, Campbell, Calif. and Santa Cruz Hospitals Pathologist, paid us a visit.

Dr. Clyde Emery of Emery Tumor Clinic of L.A., interested in our Tumor Clinic met in conference with Dr. James French.

Jan. 27

Father Crowley was dismissed at noon by Dr. Watkins.

Jan. 30

Doctors from the Clinic and the Surgery Nurses returned on full duty to take care of the 15 emergencies from the explosion at the Titanium Plant. It was all efficiently handled and bed patients were hospitalized within and under and a half hour.

Feb. 1, 1957

Msgr. Lambe was discharged from the Hospital by Dr. Watkins.

First Friday Holy Hour, 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. Fr. Kemenes while speaking on Devotion to the Sacred Heart experienced a palpitation, breaking out in perspiration. He finished the Hour, but was greatly weakened. Sister told him not to give a sermon at the next one.

Feb. 3

Mr. Robert Ritter, critically burned melting operator, explosion victim, was finally moved by Army Transport to L.A. after waiting since early last evening. He is to be given artificial kidney treatment.

Feb. 5

Robert Ritter, 33, who walked from the car to the Emergency Room, the morning of the Explosion, died today in L.A. (Lord, rest his soul.)

Mr. & Mrs. John LaGina, Mrs. Norman Pine, Unionville, Mich. were visitors to see Sister Felicia from home.

Dr. Harold Miller, Chief of Staff, at the Doctors Monthly Meeting commended Dr. I. Kazan who outlined the Disaster Program, and Sr. Felicia with her staff for the able charge of the 15 disaster patients treated in the Emergency Room. With extra Nurses called back to duty and 6 Suture Trays in readiness, the patients were channeled into beds in record time.

Feb. 6

Ground breaking and beginning of construction of Combination cinder block building for Workshop and auxiliary Laundry Boiler.

Feb. 17

American Cancer Society on TV Panel was represented by Alvin Wortman, Campaign Chairman, Dr. James French, Dr. Boyer of Southern Nevada, Mr. Morse (Desert Inn), Mr. Eugene Murphy of Damon Runyan Fund, Local Chapter. Dr. French invited doctors and cancer patients to be present at the First Friday Tumor Board Meeting when Dr. Clyde Emery, Head of one of the largest groups, and Physician for the late Damon Runyan, would act as Consultant.

Feb. 22

The Sisters from Kingman brought Sister Andrew for Visitation and stayed for dinner. Having been here during the pioneer days she was enthusiastic about the Convent and Hospital improvements, especially the Rooms and Corridor painting scheme of colors, the work of Mr. Hays. After meeting Father Kemenes and Benediction at 5:30 she was driven to St. Peter's Convent. The next day we saw her off at the Airport.

Feb. 23

Msgr. Commings, St. Brendan, San Francisco, and Father Riley stopped off for a short while.

Feb. 24

Sr. Bernadine and the Sisters of Wihslow had dinner with us and a tour of the Hospital.

March 1, 1957

At the First Friday Meeting of the Tumor Board Dr. Clyde Emery and Mr. Paul Adams, Physicist from L.A. came to talk about setting up Isotrope equipment.

Rev. Joseph Donnellan was transferred from Boulder City to St. Peter Apostle Parish.

Rev. William Gannon from St. Peter's was sent as Asst. Pastor to St. Joseph's, Elko.

Mar. 4

Bishop Dwyer, Msgr. Carmody, Msgr. Moran, Fathers Donnellan and Kemenes all had dinner here. The Bishop came quite unexpectedly. Afterwards he saw our new furniture and visited with the Sisters.

Mar. 6

Sr. Ellen Stephanie from Sisters Hospital and Sr. Joseph Eugene from Santa Cruz Hospital arrived to spend a few days.

Mar. 10

Sisters returned to Santa Cruz

Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Roney from Mercy Hospital, Detroit, and her mother, Mrs. Loretto Ladouceur, spent the afternoon with Sister Charlyn.

Mar. 15th

Sister Charlyn on the Subject of "Dominican Nursing" together with Sister Gervase on the Subject of "Dominican History of Our Order" represented the Hospital and St. Peter School during Vocation Week at Gorman High. They addressed about 120 girls.

Mar. 20

Fathers Wm. Irwin and J.E. Crough from St. Edmonton, Alberta stopped off to say Mass.

Mar. 21

From the Ford Grant, the Hospital received its second \$10,850 which completes the sum of \$21,700.

Mar. 25

After Vespers took place the voting for Delegates to the General Chapter at the Motherhouse to be held June 13.

Mar. 27

Sister Charlyn underwent Minor Surgery

April 1

Word came that Sister Felicia is the Superior Delegate by Profession to the General Chapter and Sister Marie Daniel is the Alternate Delegate. We voted with Sacred Heart Convent, Pensacola, Fla.

April 5

The Nominating Committee under the leadership of Mrs. Betty Lockitch met in the Convent to organize a Hospital Auxiliary.

Apr. 9, 1957

Dr. & Mrs. Markser, Pediatrician, from Portland, Oregon while attending the International College of Surgeons Convention at Las Vegas, visited the Hospital.

Dr. Hansen came from the East to investigate the set-up for becoming a full time Pathologist at Rose de Lima

Dr. Murata took sick while at TICS at Las Vegas and was hospitalized as a patient of Dr. Lockitch.

Apr. 10

Some twenty women were present in the Convent for the first meeting of the Auxiliary, a National Organization.

Election results:

Pres.	Mrs. Betty Lockitch
Vice. Pres. -	Mrs. Martha Miller
Corres. Sec.	Mrs. P. McEvoy
Rec. Sec. -	Mrs. Oliver Yavener
Treas.	- Mrs. Alice Glaser

Board of Directors

Mrs. Cleo Harmon
Mrs. Betty Kazan
Mrs. Prima Sinatra
Mrs. Peggy Turner
Mrs. Marie Simms

Life Members

Dorothy Culley
Ruth Portnay

Apr. 18

Dr. James French presented Sister Felicia with a check for \$10,000 from the Damon Runyan Fund to be used for a Research Bed for the Tumor Board Clinic. The check was given to him the night before at a Dinner.

Dr. L. D. Hansen returned to arrange with the Hospital about a permanent position.

Apr. 21

Easter Sunday. The High Mass was sung in our Chapel fragrant with the odor of Easter lilies. The Sisters were also present at the 9 o'clock Mass sung by the children at St. Peter's Church.

No Easter Egg Hunt on our front grounds for the town children, as there was a steady slow downpour all day. About 7:30 P.M. the electric power went off and the standby generator took over, a very adequate substitute.

Apr. 25

Dr. Carr, State Health Inspector, made a tour of the Hospital.

Apr. 29

The newly organized Auxiliary Members started working on the Floor and in the Office. They will wear the National Uniform, cherry red pinafore aprons with white blouses.

May 3, 1957

Sr. Ida Joseph, Kingman, was admitted for a physical check-up.
Sr. Daria accompanied her.

May 5

Sister Felicia left for L.A. to be present at the Western Hospital Convention.

May 9

Sister Felicia Returned with Sisters Mary Pius and Georganne from the Meeting. They stayed overnight.

Sister Antoinette, Holy Family Superior, was admitted as a patient, as was Sr. Francis Augustine from St. Joseph's.

May 13

Sr. Francis Augustine returned to her Convent.