

Expansion Includes 28 Beds

# St. Mary Hospital Opens New Addition

Quietly and without fanfare that generally goes with such things, the Felician Sisters, who operate St. Mary Hospital, opened a new 34,000 square foot, three-story addition earlier in the week and already have patients quartered in the much needed section.

"The need for the new addition was so great that we decided we couldn't wait for an open house or any kind of ceremony," said Sister Mary Calasantis, Associate Administrator, in telling why the \$725,000 addition was placed in operation just as soon as work was completed.

The three-level expansion includes a new mechanical room, an auditorium with a seating capacity of 300 for weekly medical and nursing meetings and space for clinical and pathological conferences of the medical staff.

The first floor is the expanded emergency department and includes two examining rooms which take

care of three patients each, an additional four beds with six additional carts and a holdover room with four beds.

In addition, there are seven four-bed rooms for patients, boosting the total beds at the hospital to 212.

The shell is completed on the second floor for new operating rooms as soon as funds are available and the shell is completed on the third floor for expansion of delivery rooms.

The hospital administrators aren't talking but they are thinking of starting a drive in the near future to raise funds to complete the work on the second and third floors.

The hospital, as erected in 1960, was geared to handle 6,000 emergency patients but the total soared to 8,237 in the first year and reached a high of 18,529 in 1964 when the facilities were overcrowded from the beginning of one day to the start of another.

Sister Mary Calasantis, who

is serving as administrator in the absence of Sister Mary Columbine, who is in Rome attending meetings of the Order, was happy to tell of the improvements and the impact it will have on the public.

"We have had numerous instances in recent months where we have had to keep patients waiting because no beds were available, even though we had made firm commitments. It was almost impossible to keep beds open due to the tremendous demand for services," she said.

"However, with the additional 28 beds, we hope to be able to take care of all needs for the immediate period but we know that we will face overcrowding within a comparatively short time again. The demands are that great."

She pointed to the statistical data on the operation of the hospital for the past five years which show St. Mary took care of 1,853 admissions and 8,237 emergency cases in 1960. This contrasts with 9,744 admissions in 1964, 2,631 births and 18,529 emergencies.

"It was in the emergency ward that the situation was most acute," she points out. "Understand, we were geared to handle 6,000 emergency cases but that total climbed to more than 18,000 last year and will go even higher this year."

"The tremendous population outburst in the area has created this problem and we plan to do

everything we can to take care of the situation. The expansion will answer some of the needs but the case load keeps climbing and we know we'll be feeling the pressure again within a comparatively short time."

St. Mary is fortunate in having Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vander Kloot, of 1200 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills, take an interest in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Vander Kloot donated one of the new emergency rooms with all of its facilities and Mrs. Vander Kloot is almost a daily visitor to lend a hand wherever she can.

The Livonia Soroptimist Club has pledged to cover the complete cost of one of the new four-bed rooms. It is the first community service group in the area to make such a contribution to the hospital.

St. Mary does have an impact on the economics of the area since it has a staff of 525 full and part-time workers and at the moment has a nursing situation with Madonna College and course under the supervision of it is expected that the new Director of Nurses Rita Radzialsowski, at Schoolcraft College will have some of its courses at the Hospital.



CHECKING IN with her daughter at the new emergency room admission office is an anxious mother who gives details of the illness to the nurse-secretary.



PREPARING one of the seven new four-bed rooms at St. Mary Hospital are two attendants. The rooms were placed in use Monday for the first time after workers completed the installation on Saturday.

## MSU Honorary Admits Five From Suburbs

Five local residents were among the nearly 200 freshman men recently initiated into Michigan State University chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, the national freshman men's honorary.

Local residents honored were: From Redford Township: David R. Mortimer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Mortimer of 14102 Farley and George T. Speri, son of P. T. Speri of 9183 Sarasota Court.

Farmington residents: Douglas J. Bacon, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Bacon of 25445 Power Rd. and Stephen J. Rossiter, son of I. J. Rossiter of 28335 Kendallwood Drive; and Richard A. Goebel, son of William J. Goebel of 14010 Berwick, Livonia.

To be initiated, students must have a 2.0 plus scholastic average for at least one term during their freshman year.

DISPLAYING FACILITIES of one of the new emergency rooms to Mrs. Robert Vander Kloot, who with her husband donated the room and all equipment, are (from left) Sister Mary Calasantis, Sister Mary Symphorose, supervisor of the emergency rooms, and Director of Nurses Rita Radzialsowski.



CARDIAC PATIENTS will be quartered in this room off the new emergency room at St. Mary. The room has been specially equipped to handle heart cases which will be moved away from the excitement of the activities in the two new emergency rooms.

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NEW MAINTENANCE ROOM has the attention of Sister Mary Calasantis as she escorts addition to St. Mary Hospital.

## Seniors Have Memories

By Joanne Wye

As the class of '65 enters into its final countdown at THS the Seniors have many fond memories to look back on and they also have some wonderful activities to look forward to in their final days before graduation.

Among the remaining events is the Junior-Senior Prom, which is scheduled for June 4. This dance, which is the social highlight of the year, is sponsored by the junior class.

This year the setting for the Prom is going to be in the Veterans Memorial Building. The class of '66 has selected "Moon River" as the theme for this year's Prom. The dance is going to last from 9 p.m. to 12 p.m. and the tickets are only \$5. The price includes a special favor for the girls and a nice keepsake ticket.

The festivities of this year's Prom are not going to end at 12 p.m. This year something special is being planned. At midnight the scene of the Prom is going to be moved from the Veterans Memorial Building to Roma Hall. A group of parents have gotten together and made arrangements for a Post-Prom Party. The arrangements are being made by Mr. and Mrs. Julian Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mutch, and Mr. and Mrs. John Hay. The Post-Prom Party is going to follow the theme of the Junior-Senior Prom. The price of the tickets is a mere

\$6 for each couple. This includes all the food you can eat and music to dance by. The party will last until 4 a.m. This will give the students a few hours to rest before they head out to the lake.

The members of the class of '65 returned to school from their Senior Trip last week with sunburns, aching muscles, sore throats, and laryngitis. All of the Seniors agreed that it was well worth it and they would go through it all again if they were given an opportunity. The students left for Gaylord at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 21 and arrived at Gay El Rancho that afternoon. There was a hayride scheduled for them that evening but because of rain it was postponed until Saturday. Friday night the Seniors danced had a splash party, and a booty-canny.

Saturday the weather was nice and the group was able to take advantage of all the activities that were offered. That night they had their hayride and a bonfire. They returned to the lodge for an all night party. Every hour the students voted on whether they wanted to stay up or go to sleep. Whatever the majority wanted everyone did. Well—Thurston set a new record by being the first school to stay up all night.

On Sunday morning a relay boat race was held across the lake. The team of Jeff Lock, Rick Murphy, Bob Lloyd, and Rick Donley won the contest. The students left the ranch about 1 p.m.

After four days of hard practicing, constant drilling, sleepless nights, aching muscles, and hoarse throats the cheerleaders for next year were selected. The judges had a very difficult time choosing the squad members from the girls that were trying out. Any of the girls would have made good cheerleaders. The judges selected eight cheerleaders veterans for the varsity squad. The varsity cheerleaders are: Linda West, Mary Jane Jerleicki,

Linda Bennett, Janis Pettit, Ellen Robinson, Jan Claus, Mag Louvet, and Marlene Neagos, who was selected to be the captain.

The reserve cheerleading squad is composed of all sophomores. Cheerleading at the reserve games next year will be Carol Alberti, Levon Leis, Linda Bradley, Kay Serbay, Mary Hertel, and Deb Cuffe.

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