

Hospital Here Gives Service For 41 Years

Institution, Operated By Sisters of Mercy, Keeps Pace With Modern Needs

Mercy Hospital, located in park-like surroundings overlooking the South Umpqua River in Laurelwood, has been a Roseburg institution for the past 41 years. The hospital was established here in 1907 by the Catholic order of Sisters of Mercy.

Enlarged in 1934 and again in 1940, the original 20-bed hospital now has beds for 50 patients. Expenditures totalling \$70,000 went for new equipment and building

improvement during the years 1940-48. The nursery has been enlarged and operating room and delivery room facilities increased.

Now plans are being prepared, states Sister Mary Austin, superintendent, for a further expansion of hospital facilities. The con-

Open House to be Held

National Hospital Day, May 12, will be observed by Mercy Hospital with an open house, it was announced by Sister Mary Austin, superintendent. The public is invited.

structure of a new wing is being considered. It is hoped, she said, that funds for the project may be obtained locally and through federal assistance.

New Equipment Bought

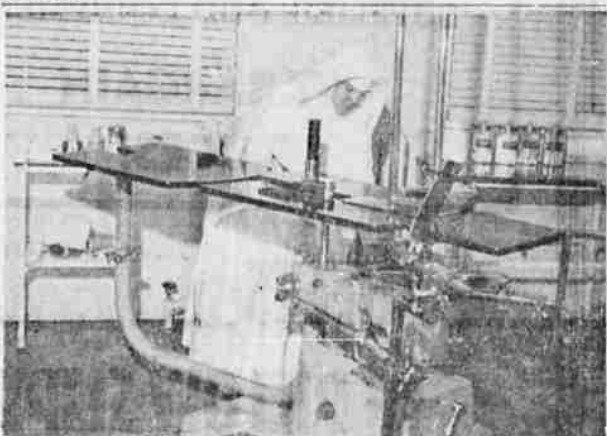
During the past year a new orthopedic table costing \$1,400 has been added to the hospital's equipment. Other new equipment includes an operating table costing \$1,200 and a delivery room table priced at \$1,000. Four new incubators, a cardiotron, and a



NEW BABIES—Sister Mary Austin, superintendent of Mercy Hospital, inspects a new incubator recently purchased for use in the nursery. Last year, more than 700 babies greeted the world here. Premature babies were placed in this and three other incubators used by the hospital.



SURGICAL EQUIPMENT—Sister Mary Kevin, surgical supervisor and anesthetist, demonstrates the duties of a nurse at Mercy Hospital's \$1,200-operating table, installed last year in the surgery. The table can be adjusted to many positions by quick, smooth mechanism which permits change to exact degree desired.



FRACTURE TABLE—Sister Mary Kevin inspects the hospital's new \$1,400 fracture table, used for surgical operations in fracture and orthopedic work. The table may be used in connection with x-ray examinations before, during, and after operations. The table is a mobile, compact unit.



X-RAY UNIT—Sister Mary Joachim, x-ray electric x-ray unit at Mercy Hospital, operates this General Electric x-ray unit. The x-ray table sets new standards for flexibility, convenience, and compactness. The unit utilizes a single x-ray tube for both fluoroscopy (examination through x-ray screen) and radiography (use of x-ray photographs).

took her nurse's training at Council Bluffs.

With one of the most varied programs of any order within the Catholic Church, the Sisters of Mercy conduct colleges, schools, hospitals, and homes for business women, orphans, and the aged. The order was founded at Dublin, Ireland, by Miss Catherine McAuley in December, 1831. From the first convent, the order spread throughout the world.

Work of the order was first brought to the United States in 1843 by a band of seven sisters, and to Portland, Oregon in 1896 by Mother Joseph Lynch, who previously had nursed in the Crimea.

At present, jurisdiction of the Sisters of Mercy in the United States is divided into nine provinces with a membership of more than 6,000. The order is directed by a mother general and her council, who reside in Washington, D. C. Oregon is included in the province headquartered at Omaha, Neb.

"During the 41 years that Mercy Hospital has been in Roseburg, and during the times of depression," Sister Austin pointed out, the sisters have given services and extended courtesy to all, and have spent their lives in the interest of the community without receiving any personal remuneration whatever."

Other institutions of the order include McAuley Hospital at Coos Bay; Mercy Home for the Aged at North Bend; Joan of Arc Residential Home for Business Girls and St. Joseph's Home for the Aged, both at Portland; St. Agnes' Home for the Aged at Park Place, Ore., and St. Joseph's School in Roseburg.

Society

By LOTUS KNIGHT PORTER

MID-WEEK BIBLE CLASS TO MEET ON THURSDAY
Mid-Week Bible Class of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will meet Thursday afternoon at two o'clock at the home of Mrs. Andy Schlick, 108 West Mosher street. All members and friends are most cordially invited to be present.

AZALEA EXTENSION UNIT TO MEET
Azalea Home Extension Unit has announced a meeting to be held at ten-thirty Thursday morning at the hall. A potluck breakfast will be served at noon. The topic will be "Cousage and Floral Arrangement." All homemakers in the community are invited.

ALPHA THETA CHAPTER TO MEET THIS EVENING
Alpha Theta Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi will meet at eight o'clock tonight at the home of Mrs. Ted Wirak at 1231 Chatham street. All members are urged to be present.

PENNY SUPPER TO BE HELD FRIDAY EVENING
Sutherland Grange will sponsor

a penny supper, Friday night, April 16, at the hall, beginning at six-thirty o'clock. The public is cordially invited to enjoy the affair.

TRIANGLE CLUB TO MEET WEDNESDAY

Triangle Club will meet at eight o'clock Wednesday evening, April 14, at the home of Mrs. George Jackson, 1147 Corey Avenue with Doris Lauer as co-hostess. All Pythian Sisters are most cordially invited to be present.

All snakes shed their skins regularly.

More War-Looted Gold To be Returned to Italy

WASHINGTON, April 13—(AP)

—The State Department said yesterday \$31,000,000 in looted gold will be returned to Italy soon by the French-British-American Gold Commission.

The announcement came six days before the critical elections in Italy.

This is the second distribution of gold to Italy. About \$4,000,000 was allocated to the Italian government last Oct. 17. The people of the United States, world's telephones, made more

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resuscitator and metabolism machine also have been purchased.

Although Mercy Hospital is under the jurisdiction of the Sisters of Mercy, it is an "independent unit" so far as management and finances are concerned. All money coming into the hospital stays in Roseburg, to be used for the upkeep and improvement of the institution," it was explained. Three sisters of the order are assigned to the hospital, while four others teach at St. Joseph's School.

Mercy Hospital is under the direct supervision of Sister Austin, who also is sister superior here. Sister Mary Kevin is the surgical supervisor and anesthetist, and Sister Mary Joachim is the X-ray laboratory technician. The hospital also employs 19 graduate nurses, seven undergraduate nurses, four nurse aides, and other employees.

Order founded in 1831

Sister Austin, who has an Irish charm, has been superintendent of the hospital since 1944. She was assigned here in 1938 from Des Moines, Ia., following a post-graduate course in obstetrics. Coming from her native Ireland in 1923 to join the order, she

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