

Providence Guild



Providence Guild of Sacred Heart hospital, formed in 1948 by a group of 20 women, is an organization through which women of the Rogue valley may "serve humanity". The guild, which now numbers more than 80 women, has a program of sewing, operates a hospitality cart and keeps two gift display cases filled with merchandise. Mrs. J. R. O'Connor, (at left) and Mrs. Charles Lasher, are among the members who wheel the cart from room to room as a service to patients in the hospital.



On the third Thursday of every month, women of Providence Guild assemble at Sacred Heart hospital to sew. Mrs. Angeline V. Larch, sewing chairman, does much of the cutting for the group and is shown here during a recent work session cutting out a pair of pajamas. The garments made by the volunteers are usually given to the needy.



Mrs. George Kaiser (at left) president of Providence Guild, is shown with Mrs. Alvy (Helen) Bowman, one of the staff nurses, examining a new Sanborn electro-cardiograph machine. The machine, said to be in constant use, cost more than \$800.



Mrs. Fred Burgman's assignment with Providence Guild is visiting the hospital patients, those who are ill at home, or in need. Mrs. Burgman is shown here with Sister Peter Francis, RN, who often accompanies Mrs. Burgman on her rounds. Sister Peter Francis will soon observe her 50th anniversary as a religious.



Their work done for another Thursday, three members of Providence Guild pause at the entrance for a parting word. Mrs. Robert A. Duff (at left) was president of the organization last year and Mrs. Geary Garrett (center) is vice-president this year. Mrs. Julius Shasky, long-time worker with the group, was sewing chairman for six years.



On a recent Thursday Mrs. C. E. Brown (at left) and Mrs. Olean Dailey spent the morning sewing at Sacred Heart hospital. Working for Providence Guild, the two women were making pajamas for patients in the pediatrics wards. The guild owns some machines, and members who own portables bring their own. Guild members make house slippers, gowns, infants wear and bathrobes, one of which Mrs. Dailey holds. Since the women sew at the hospital but one day a month, many of them also take guild sewing home. Some of the articles are sold in order to earn money for hospital equipment, others are given away if there is need.



About 15 members of Providence Guild assist at the chest x-ray clinic maintained at Sacred Heart hospital by Jackson County Tuberculosis and Health association. The clinic, now in its sixth year, is open each Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. and the first Wednesday evening of each month, from 7 to 9 p.m. Shown at the clinic are (left to right) Mrs. L. E. Duff, co-chairman in charge of volunteers, Mrs. Vernon Thorpe, guild member about to have an x-ray made, and Gordon Smith, x-ray technician.