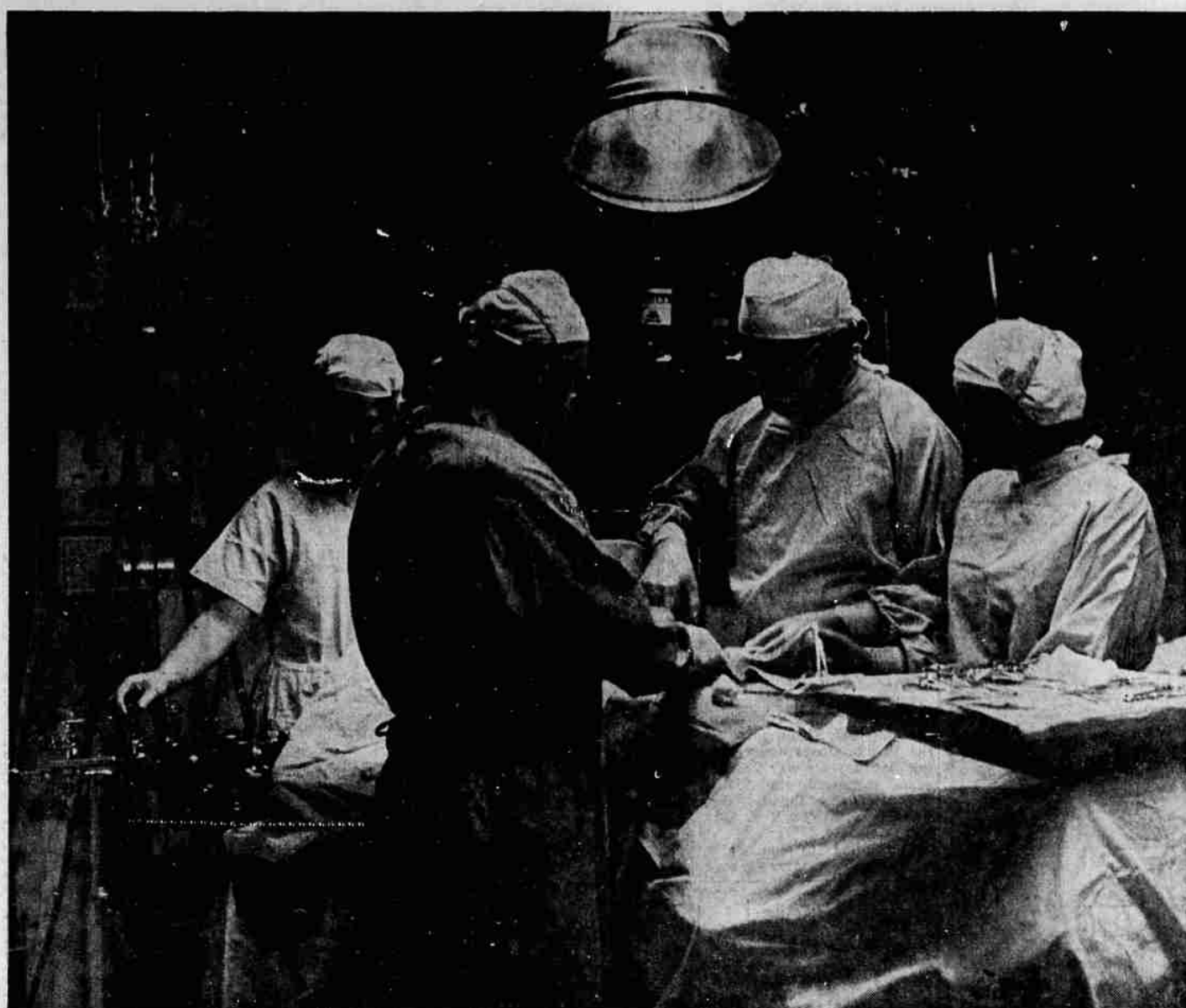


National Hospital Week



Each year National Hospital week brings into focus the service to humanity performed by the hospitals of this nation, as well as the needs and problems of these institutions of mercy. This dramatic picture of an operating team, posed by osteopathic physicians and nurses at Crater Osteopathic hospital, Central Point, is typical of those to be seen in thousands of hospitals throughout the United States. To these operating rooms come the ill and the injured to put their lives in the hands of the doctors and nurses of America.



This year Sacred Heart hospital is combining observance of National Hospital week with a celebration of the institution's 50th anniversary. Invited to share in the festivities are women who were graduated from the Sacred Heart hospital school of nursing, operated from 1912 until 1933. Pictured here are members of the class graduated in 1916.



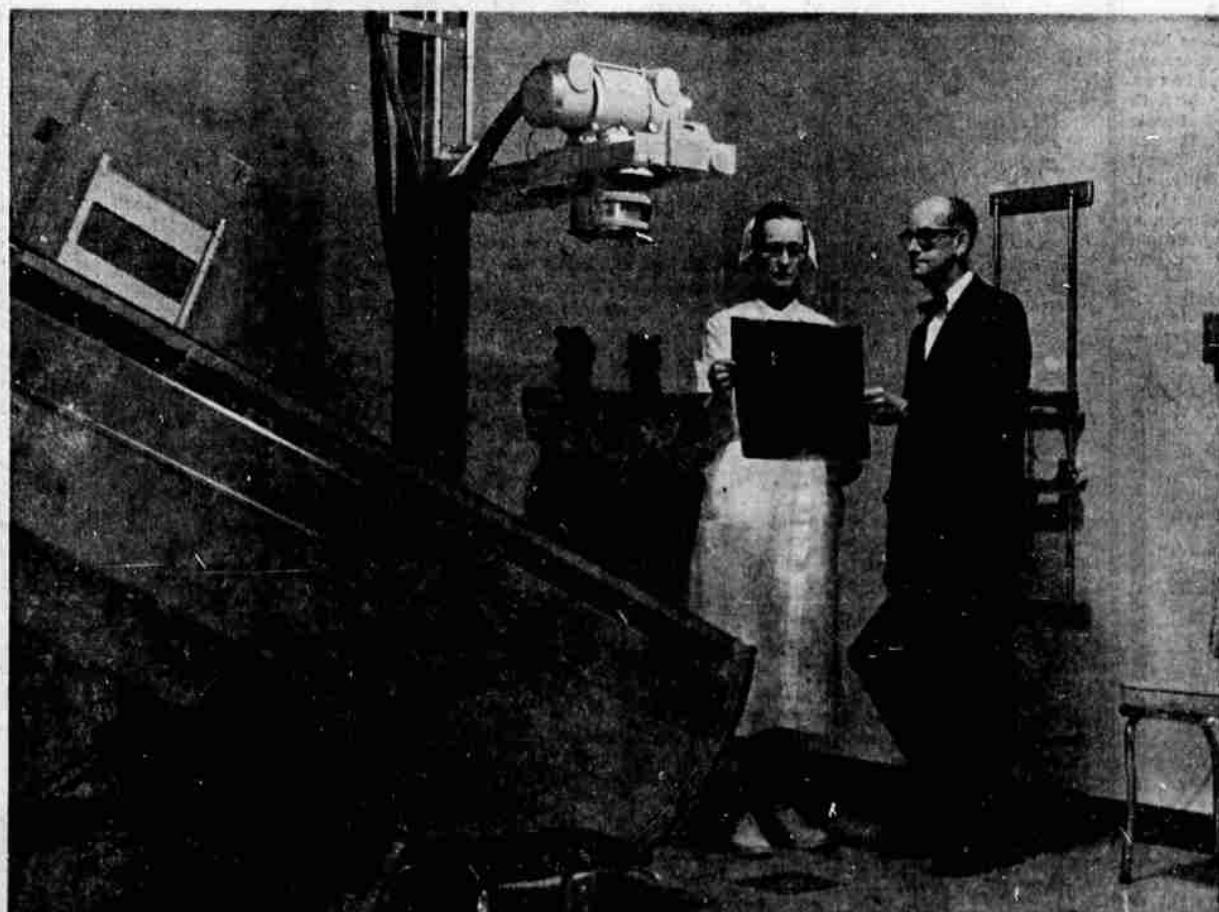
Typical of those who have served long years on the staff of local hospitals is Mrs. Bertha Neff, laundry worker at Rogue Valley Memorial hospital. First employed in the kitchen of the old Community hospital in April 1933, Mrs. Neff later was moved to the house-keeping department. For the past 20 years she has worked in the laundry.



When the Sisters of Charity of Providence established a hospital in Medford, their first patients were cared for in this building, located at the corner of South Central avenue and Eleventh street. Sister Praxedes of Providence, builder and first superior of the new institution, called Southern Oregon hospital, had a staff of three Sisters. The 14 patients occupied the main rooms, and the Sisters' quarters were in the attic.



Miss Mabel Coffeen, R.N., is representative of those dedicated to the hospital care of the sick and injured. She was asked to come to Medford Community hospital in May, 1928, and has watched the growth of the institution to the new Rogue Valley Memorial hospital. Nurse Coffeen has worked in almost every phase of hospital work, including 20 years in surgeries.



Crater Osteopathic hospital is the newest in this area, and pictured here are Sam Zier, administrator, and Nurse Adele Cox, assistant in the X-ray department, with a portion of the department. It is equipped with General Electric's latest Aristocrat table having Type 2, high speed Bucky phototiming. It is stated that phototiming is a device designed to properly give the correct exposure of X-ray to a patient regardless of size or build.



Mrs. Velma Slessler, R.N., medicine nurse for the second floor of Sacred Heart hospital, is shown here in the pharmacy where medical supplies are stored. The pharmacy and other departments of the hospital will be visited by students during a Careers day set by Sacred Heart for Friday, May 12. In the morning ninth grade honor science students and counselors will be taken on the tour, and in the afternoon members of Future Teachers of America will visit portions of the hospital.