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Editor
YAKIMA MORNING HERALD
Yakima, Washington

Dear Sir:

We recently received a clipping from the October 3, 1963, issue of your paper, concerning the Professional Nurses' Day in Washington at which time Miss Margaret Mary Cassidy was honored as being Yakima's oldest nurse.

It also mentioned the fact that Miss Cassidy received her nurse's pin in 1908 from our hospital--St. Joseph's. We are particularly happy to hear about Miss Cassidy since we are celebrating the 110th anniversary of the founding of our hospital, and are most interested in having information about some of our senior nursing grads.

We would appreciate it if we could have a glossy print of the picture of Miss Cassidy which appeared in your paper. We would be happy to reimburse you the cost of such a print.

As a point of interest we are enclosing some material which was developed and distributed in connection with our celebration.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) Kathleen W. Gallow
Communications Supervisor

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R.N. JOB DESCRIPTION 1887

"In addition to caring for your 50 patients, each bedside nurse will follow these regulations:

1. Daily sweep and mop the floors of your ward, dust the patient's furniture and window sills.

2. Maintain an even temperature in your ward by bringing in a scuttle of coal for the day's business.

3. Light is important to observe the patient's condition. Therefore, each day fill kerosene lamps, clean chimneys, and trim wicks. Wash the windows once a week.

4. The nurses notes are important in aiding the physician's work. Make your pens carefully, you may whittle nibs to your individual taste.

5. Each nurse on day duty will report every day at 7 a.m. and leave at 8 p.m., except on the Sabbath on which day you will be off from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

6. Graduate nurses in good standing with the director of nurses will be given an evening off each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if you go regularly to church.

7. Each nurse should lay aside from each pay day a goodly sum of her earnings for her benefits during her declining years, so that she will not become a burden. For example, if you earn $30.00 a month, you should set aside $15.00.

8. Any nurse who smokes, uses liquor in any form, gets her hair done at a beauty shop, or frequents dance halls will give the director of nurses good reason to suspect her worth, intentions and integrity.

9. The nurse who performs her labors, serves her patients and doctors faithfully and without fault for a period of 5 years will be given an increase by the hospital administration of 5 cents a day providing there are no hospital debts that our outstanding."

Taken from Prince George's General Hospital,
Cheverly, Maryland
- Internal Publication
SAINT JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, MARKS 110 YEARS OF SERVICE

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Other important events during the month of October include a service award program for hospital employees on October 15. A commemoration Mass for employees of the hospital, their families, medical staff and friends of the hospital, will be held at 6:00 p.m. on October 9 at Holy Redeemer Church.
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By WILLIAM Riemerman

Staff Writer

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In 1898 a typhoid fever epidemic hit St. Paul. In less than three months 81 fever victims were admitted to St. Joseph's and all but three recovered—a noteworthy achievement by any standard.

A year later a devastating cyclone hit New Richmond, Wis., and 30 victims needed hospital care. They were brought to St. Paul by special train. Victor Holmes, the city's first ambulance driver, was waiting at the station with his team of horses and hurried the patients to the hospital while pumping the emergency bell with his foot.

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By year's end St. Joseph's gained the confidence of medical men and the public.

Cholera was closely tied to St. Joseph's early history. St. Paul's first cholera epidemic broke out in 1854 while the hospital was still under construction. Bishop Joseph Crelin of the territory of Minnesota offered the facilities of the hospital upon completion.

But the need was dire. The bishop also offered St. Paul's first Catholic church for use as a cholera hospital. The church was an 1856 foot log cabin built by Father Lucien Gallier 13 years earlier.

There, on what is now Kellogg Blvd. and Minnesota st., the four sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet treated cholera victims while the hospital went up piece by piece a half mile away.

Bishop Crelin wanted a hospital badly. He got $10,000 from his family in France and put them into the hospital. Others besides the bishop contributed to the birth of Minnesota's first hospital.

Henry M. Rice a former fur trader who was develop-
Hospital to House Log Cabin Chapel

A walk-in log cabin, replica of the St. Paul chapel built by the Rev. Lucien Galtier in 1841, will be on display throughout October in the John Gregory Murray lobby of St. Joseph’s hospital, St. Paul, in observance of the hospital’s 110th anniversary.

The chapel replica will contain exhibits of old surgical instruments, documents and pictures. The original chapel was converted into an emergency hospital during an 1853 cholera epidemic by four Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, forerunners of the Sisters who operate the present 407-bed hospital.

The anniversary theme will be carried out Tuesday at the hospital’s annual recognition dinner for employees with 10 or more years service. Russell H. Johnson, vice-president of the First National Bank of St. Paul and hospital lay advisory board secretary, will speak at the 6:30 p.m. dinner.

Anniversary At St. Joseph’s

One hundred and ten years of St. Paul history went on display in a log cabin in the lobby of St. Joseph’s Hospital last Wednesday.

The occasion is the anniversary of the hospital’s founding by Bishop Joseph Cretin. The original hospital was built on the site of the present main building. But even before it was completed, the hospital got its unofficial start in the church of St. Paul — a log cabin on what is now Kellogg Boulevard and Minnesota Street. A cholera epidemic broke out in 1854 and the chapel was used as a hospital.

A replica of this chapel will house old documents, old-time surgical instruments and other items of historical interest. It will be on display throughout October.

A dedication ceremony with the Rev. Frank Fee, hospital chaplain, opened the observance last Tuesday.

Other anniversary events include:

A special votive thanksgiving Mass at 6 p.m., October 9th, in Holy Redeemer Church with the Rev. Thomas Garvey as celebrant.

Hospital employees, their families, medical staff and friends of the hospital will be invited.

A length-of-service recognition dinner will be held October 15th. Employees with ten years service or more will be guests and will be awarded service pins. Former administrators of the hospital will be special guests.
ANNIVERSARY — St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Paul, is observing the 110th anniversary of its founding with this replica of the log cabin chapel used to shelter cholera patients during an 1854 epidemic. Sister Teresa Louis, C.S.J., medical librarian at the hospital, is at entrance to the chapel.

St. Joseph's Prepares
For 110th Anniversary


The display, housed in the lobby of the hospital's chapel, will feature historical documents and pictures of early buildings and staff members.

A Mass for the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, who have been in St. Paul since 1852, will be celebrated Oct. 26. Other events include a special Mass for employees Oct. 9, and a gala Oct. 27.

Russell J. Johnson, vice president of the First National Bank of St. Paul, and a member of the executive committee of the St. Joseph's hospital advisory board, will speak at an employees' recognition dinner Oct. 16.
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FOUR OF THE FIVE living former administrators of St. Joseph's Hospital were special guests Tuesday evening at the hospital's annual recognition and service awards ceremony in the hospital dining room. Reminiscing by a log cabin in the lobby, on display in observance of the hospital's 110th anniversary, are left to right, Sister Antonius, 1950-56; Sister Conchessa, 1935-41; Sister Harriet, 1926-32, and Sister St. James, 1947-50.

—Pioneer Press Photo.

Hospital Awards Conferred

Four of the five living former administrators of St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Paul, were special guests of the hospital last Tuesday evening, October 15th, at the hospital's annual recognition dinner and service awards ceremony. They are Sr. Harriet (1926-32), Sr. Conchessa (1935-41), Sr. St. James (1947-50), and Sr. Antonius (1950-56). Sr. St. Ignatius (1941-47) was unable to attend.

Held in the hospital dining room, seventy-one employees who have ten years or more of service in the hospital were present, either to receive ten, fifteen, twenty or twenty-five-year service awards for the first time, or to witness the observance of this milestone by their fellow employees.

In the tradition of the hospital, all new awardees were presented, along with their pins, cakes baked especially for the occasion, with decoration designating the years of service.

Marking completion of twenty years of service were Miss Dorothy Harrie and Miss Margaret Richter. Rounding out twenty-five years of employment at the hospital, Miss Clara Paradis, R.N., was awarded a gold watch.

Speaker of the evening was Russell Johnson, vice president of the First National Bank, St. Paul, and member of the lay advisory board of the hospital.
INNER SPACE

The hospital room shortage must be acute. I understand St. Joseph's hospital has constructed a log cabin in its lobby.

On the other hand, it might have something to do with the hospital's 110th anniversary.

It's a problem, this log cabin building.

The hospital has its own carpenter, which made it a bit easier. Then they had the wood specially milled, and he built the cabin in sections that could be bolted together inside the lobby.

All very efficient, but hardly traditional.

Can you imagine our ancestors, the hardy pioneers, bolting together sections of pre-fab log cabin? Like an Indian with a plastic tepee and fiberglass canoe.

So what do you do if you want a real log cabin?

Herbert Kortz, secretary of the Twin City Carpenters district council, said he could probably search around and find some old timers who could do the job.

He also mentioned that some manufacturers sold ready-made log cabin sections, but I would have none of that. Just big Lincoln Logs.

If you go to a good carpenter, or to a contractor, and ask for a log cabin, Kortz said, you could probably get it.

Jack Bohman, of the St. Paul Home Builders association, agreed, pointing out that one was built for historical reasons a few years ago in Rice Park.

The St. Paul YMCA people, I know, are a little concerned about their buildings at Camp Widjewagan, near Ely, because the man who has done their building may retire soon.

A good carpenter can build a log cabin, but the real specialists in the field are hard to find.

They just aren't building log cabins like they used to.

It's a problem, friends.

LOG CABIN HOSPITAL model, set up in the lobby of St. Joseph's hospital to note the institution's 110th anniversary, is checked by Sister Philip, who wears an old-time nurse's apron and cuffs, and the Rev. Frank Fee, hospital chaplain who dedicated the model Tuesday. The hospital got its unofficial start in a log cabin at what is now Kellogg and Minnesota. The model will be on public display this month.—Sjaff Photo
Miss Clara Paradis Cited For Hospital Nursery Work

Miss Clara Paradis, R. N., 1887 Grand ave., has been awarded a citation for 25 years of continuous service as supervisor of the newborn nursery at St. Joseph's hospital.

The citation referred to her "loving devotion beyond the call of duty" to the thousands of infants who have been in her care and named her as "an exemplary member of the nursing profession."

Presentation of the citation was made by Mrs. Forrest Schmid, deanery chairman of family and parents education for the diocese of St. Paul, on behalf of that organization.

ANNIVERSARY BABY is what the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Miley, 1057 Portland ave., turned out to be and St. Joseph's hospital marked the event. The baby girl was the 110th born in the hospital this month and the hospital is celebrating the 110th anniversary of its founding.

Shown with the baby, named Catherine, and her parents is Sister St. Mary, supervisor, maternity department. She presented the baby with a replica of the first hospital. Catherine is the Miley's eighth child.

--Staff Photo.
A ROCK MONUMENT marking the site of the forerunner of St. Joseph's hospital, Minnesota's first, is visited at Kellogg and Minnesota by medical personnel planning an observance of the 110th anniversary of the hospital's founding. Left to right are Dr. Ellery James, hospital chief-of-staff; Dr. J. P. Medelman, chief of the department of radiology; Sister Teresa Louise, hospital medical librarian, and Sister Marie de Paul, administrator. Below is drawing of log chapel built by Father Lucien Gallier in 1841, from which the city took its name. The chapel was used first as a hospital during a cholera plague in 1853. The month-long observance will begin next Tuesday.