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# HOSPITAL WEEK OBSERVED MAY 12-18

## DR. FRANK DITTER JOINS LAY ADVISORY BOARD

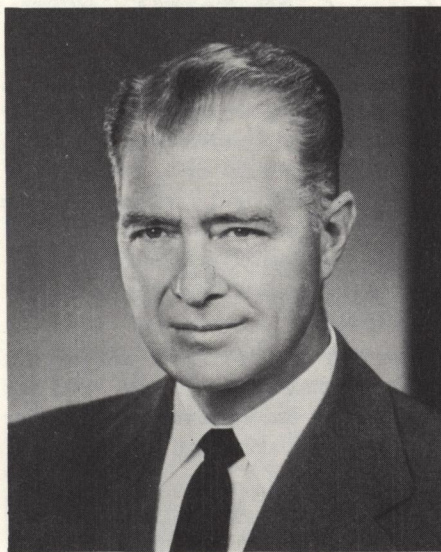
The appointment of Dr. Frank J. A. Ditter, Yakima surgeon, to the Lay Advisory Board of St. Elizabeth Hospital was announced in a joint statement by Board Chairman O. E. "Babe" Hollingbery and Sister Georgette Jean, Hospital Administrator.

Dr. Ditter, who began his medical practice here in Yakima in 1931, was welcomed to the Hospital Board during the group's regular monthly meeting at the Hospital in April.

"The appointment of Dr. Ditter to the Advisory Board marks the first time a physician has been asked to serve with this group," said Sister Georgette. "The need for the Hospital's medical staff to be represented on the Board has been felt for some time and Dr. Ditter's appointment is in line with current trends across the country and also with filling a definite need here," she continued.

Born in Yakima, Dr. Ditter received his preparatory schooling at Gonzaga in Spokane before entering Gonzaga University where he graduated in Pre-Med. He then journeyed to Missouri for his medical schooling and graduated from the St. Louis University Medical School before interning at Providence Hospital in Detroit, Michigan.

Returning to the Pacific Northwest in 1929, Dr. Ditter set up general practice in Toppenish for two years before coming to Yakima to begin his practice as a surgeon. He has continued his practice here in Yakima since that time except for the years during World War II when he served as Lieutenant Colonel (now retired) in the Army Medical Corps. Immediately on his release from active duty following the war he collaborated with Dr. Herbert Lynch to found what is now the Yakima Medical Center at 12th and Spruce Avenues. They purchased the initial property and coordinated the estab-



DR. FRANK DITTER

lishment of the first offices in the Center. He is a member of the American College of Surgeons, the American Medical Association, the Washington State Medical Association, the Seattle Surgical Society and the Yakima Surgical Society.

An avid skier, Dr. Ditter was the first president of the White Pass Company and is presently continuing to serve that organization as a member of the Board of Directors. Among his other civic activities are memberships in the Elks, Knights of Columbus and Yakima Chamber of Commerce in addition to serving as a member of the Board of Regents for Gonzaga University and as a member of the board of Directors for the Bank of Yakima. In addition he is past chairman of the Professional Division of the Yakima County UGN.

Dr. Ditter and his wife, Marie, have two sons, John and David, who are both graduates of Gonzaga University and now reside in Tacoma.

## National Hospital Week

People who contribute to patient care will be spotlighted at St. Elizabeth Hospital during observance of National Hospital Week, May 12-18. Theme for the week is "Your Hospital—People Caring for People."

"In recent years," said Sister Georgette Jean, Hospital Administrator, "the public's attention has been focused on the tremendous technological advances hospitals have made in patient care. Certainly, new and sophisticated machines and techniques have helped immeasurably, but unfortunately it is too often forgotten that human hands must operate the machines and that technology is useless without technologists."

She added that there are more than 200 job classifications within a hospital's walls, ranging from accountant to x-ray technician. "While the persons filling these job classifications vary in background, education and skills, they have a common goal—better patient care—and a firm belief that a hospital is truly people caring for people," she concluded.

National Hospital Week, sponsored by the American Hospital Association, is celebrated annually to emphasize the vital community role played by the more than 7,000 hospitals throughout the nation. This year, the observance begins on the birthday of Florence Nightingale, whose efforts led to the establishment of the first hospital school of nursing.

## National Hospital Week Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 12—Florence Nightingale's Birthday

Monday, May 13—Advisory Board Luncheon

Tuesday, May 14—Medical Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 15—Patient Day

Thursday, May 16—Employee's Tea and Service Pin Presentations



# Communique

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## News Briefs

### One South and CCU

Wednesday, May 8, will be a very special day for the staff of One South and CCU as well as the Hospital. The occasion marks the end of the first year of operation for the Coronary Progressive Care Wing and the first year has been a busy one with the Coronary Care Unit alone having been host to over 300 patients.

The following poem, written by Mrs. Christy, RN, seems to typify the feelings of the One South and CCU staff.

#### THE TEAM

The man is still,  
Lying quietly, white linen clad;  
When suddenly within him  
An ailing heart goes mad.

But they were a team,  
And trained for this event,  
With I.V., heart massage and E.K.G.  
About their work they went.

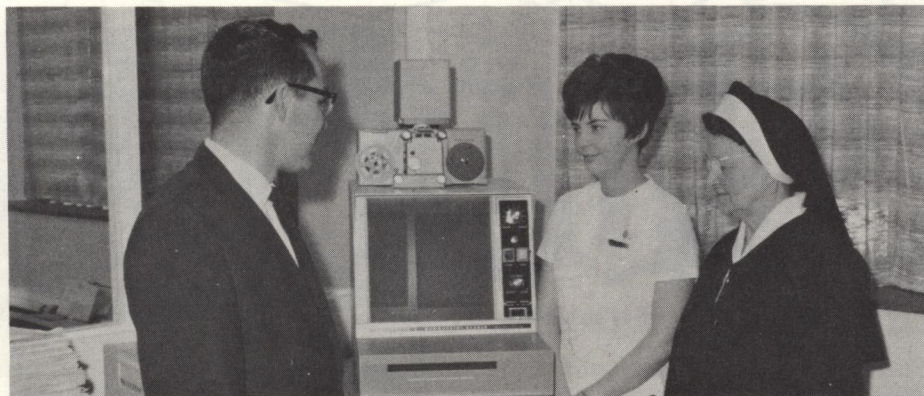
With soda bicarb and zylcaine,  
And a jolt from the defibrillator,  
That tired heart resumed its beat  
And that team's joy could not be greater.

Yes, they are a team  
For today that man still lives;  
And this is the kind of joy  
That being on a CCU team gives.

Two new graduates have been added to the staff. Miss Seabeck, who is working nights and Mrs. Donna Adams, who is on the evening shift. Miss Erika Brandt and Miss Horey plan September weddings on the same day, in the same church and only one hour apart. In the pink and blue department Mrs. Schuetz is expecting a baby (boy preferred) in August.

To celebrate the CCU first anniversary the staff is planning a combination business and social meeting on May 8 at 8:30 p.m. in the CCU Conference Room. The agenda includes reminiscing, E.K.G. pattern reading, a short class on vectors, and refreshments.

*Bev Davidson, RN*



**RECORD ROOM RECEIVES NEW EQUIPMENT**—Shown above with the recently installed microfilming equipment are Mr. Jay D. Fluckiger, Kodak micrographics marketing representative, Pat Williams, medical records librarian, and Sister Peter Olivaint, medical records consultant. The new equipment consists of a portable microfilmer (partially hidden by salesman) and of a magnaprint reader-copier. The microfilmer is a newly developed compact design which will greatly speed the process of preserving medical records on microfilm. The reader-printer machine also is an advanced design which not only provides rapid scanning of microfilm tapes on a large screen but once the desired document is located it will make an immediate 8½ by 11 inch copy.

### Two South

The new Special Care Unit came into unexpected but welcome use recently when a critical patient was moved in temporarily because of a shortage of rooms. The new unit, designed for the intensive care of post-surgery and medical patients, is tentatively scheduled to be officially opened during Hospital Week, May 12 through 18.

The staff of Two South was given a real treat when Dr. R. L. Uber, who had been a recent patient, arranged flights for them over the Yakima Valley in his plane. The twin-engine Cessna was reportedly very powerful in speed of take-off and climbed rapidly to cruising altitude of 2,000 feet. Several of the passengers were reportedly uneasy at first because of the very windy weather but were reassured by the stability of the aircraft once aloft. The entire staff extends their thanks to Dr. Uber.

—Mrs. Cook, Unit Clerk

### School of Nursing

Mrs. Nadyne Davis has been chosen by the United States Air Force to represent nurse educators in Central Washington at the Aerospace Medical Research Center in Dallas, Texas. She will observe and receive orientation in Aerospace Nursing, tour all facilities—including two large Air Force Hospitals—and attend the Hemisfair.

Susan Fleskes, Linda Manso and Wayne Clark, student nurses at St. Elizabeth School of Nursing, will attend the National Student Nurses' Association Convention in Dallas, Texas, May 9 through 12.

### Traveling Employees

During the past two months several St. Elizabeth Hospital employees continued their professional education and training by attending seminars, conferences and conventions in Washington, Oregon and California. Purchasing Director Eldon Long journeyed to the San Francisco Bay area on two occasions to attend a Hospital Purchasing Seminar and an Electronic Machinery Maintenance Course. Assistant Administrator Terry Seward and Accountant Bob Gatham attended the Annual Meeting of Hospital Accountants sponsored by the American Association of Hospital Accountants in Olympia. Joe Gleason, Treasurer and Controller, Sister Mary Shearer, Superior, Terry Seward and Sister Georgette Jean, Administrator, attended the Annual Cost Finding Conference in Issaquah at Provincial Heights. The Association of Western Hospitals Convention in Portland saw good representation from St. Elizabeth Hospital with Sister Georgette Jean, Sister Mary Shearer, Pediatrics Supervisor Maxine Sims and Emergency Supervisor Mrs. A. Kinne attending all or portions of the convention respectively.

### Medical Technology Week

Governor of the State of Washington Dan Evans designated the week of April 21 through 27 as Medical Technology Week. In a statement announcing his action he invited the attention of all citizens to the important contributions the Medical Technologist makes to our daily welfare and to the challenging career of rich service which Medical Technology represents. He also stated that the practice of modern medicine at the life-conserving standards we now enjoy would be impossible without the scientific tests performed daily in the medical laboratory.





ST. PATRICK'S DAY began early for the 34 graduating seniors of the 1968 Class of the St. Elizabeth School of Nursing. Baccalaureate services were held in the Hospital Chapel followed by a special breakfast (above) hosted by the Sisters of St. Elizabeth and served by freshman class students. After the afternoon graduation exercises the graduates were honored by the St. Elizabeth School of Nursing Alumnae at a reception in the School of Nursing Auditorium.

### Nurses Convention

Spokane played host city to the 61st Biennial Convention of the Washington State Nurses Association which was held on April 3, 4 and 5 at the Ridpath Hotel. More than 450 registered nurses attended the three-day convention which was highlighted by a keynote address by Luther Christman, Ph.D., Dean of the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing in Nashville, Tennessee.

Sixteen voting delegates attended from the Yakima District representing the 204 members in this area. Statewide there are 24,000 active RN's of which 6,000 are members of WSNA. State officers elections were held and Mrs. Margaret Fromherz, Director of the St. Elizabeth School of Nursing, was elected 2nd Vice Chairman of the Eastern Washington Section. Mrs. Robert McAlpine, Central Supply Head Nurse, was elected to the Nominating Committee and Sister Louise Lyng was elected 1st alternate as ANA delegate.

### Superior Appointed To Seattle Position

The appointment of Sister Margaret Jane, FCSP, former Superior of the Sisters at St. Elizabeth Hospital, to a similar position as Superior of St. Joseph Residence in Seattle was announced here March 5, 1968, by Sister Cecilia Abhold, Provincial Superior. The announcement came from Providence Heights in Issaquah, which is the Provincial Headquarters for schools and hospitals run by the Sisters of Charity of Providence in this area.

In her new position, Sister Margaret Jane will serve as Superior for the sixty-two Sisters of Charity of Providence who are in residence at St. Joseph. St. Joseph Residence serves the sisters who have retired from active service in the Order's schools and hospitals throughout the province.

### St. Elizabeth Names New Superior

Sister Mary Shearer, F.C.S.P., the former Sister Mary Constance, has been elected Superior of the Sisters of St. Elizabeth Hospital, according to an announcement by Hospital Administrator Sister Georgette Jean. "This marks the first time in the history of the Hospital that the Sisters themselves have elected their own Superior. Prior to this the Superior position was filled through direct appointment by the General Administration Headquarters," said Sister Georgette.

Sister Mary Shearer joined the staff of St. Elizabeth Hospital in September of last year as a nursing supervisor. In her new assignment as Superior she will retain some of her responsibilities for patient care in the Hospital.



Born in Menomone, Wisconsin, she attended school there and graduated from high school at Elk Mound, Wisconsin. After graduation, she worked at a local hospital before an opportunity to visit relatives brought her to Oakland, California. After a brief stay, she decided she liked the West Coast and took a job at Providence Hospital in Oakland where she was introduced to the Sisters of Charity of Providence for the first time.

She entered the order in 1942 in Oakland and after receiving her basic education and initial assignments she journeyed north to Yakima in 1945 to enter the St. Elizabeth School of Nursing where she graduated in 1948. Her travels then took her to Seattle for a short assignment to Providence Hospital while she waited to take her examination for her RN registration.

## Administrator's Message

During the month of April a new Employee Manual was distributed to all employees of St. Elizabeth Hospital. It is the intent of this booklet to inform all present and future employees about the hospital and the policies under which it wishes to operate.

Contained within the pages of the new manual is a statement of the Hospital's "Philosophy of Employee Relations" which is backed up by a stated "Employee Relations Objective" and published "Employee Relations Policies." It is our intent to adhere to and foster support for these published statements to create an atmosphere of employee-employer relations at St. Elizabeth Hospital which will be conducive to the future growth and development of not only the hospital but employees as well. Additionally, we believe that by following the principles and guidelines set forth in the Manual, St. Elizabeth Hospital will continue to be a good place to work and through the combined efforts of all employees we will fulfill our primary purpose to relieve suffering and restore health in a Christian manner.

Our purpose at St. Elizabeth Hospital requires special dedication to the patient and his welfare on the part of all who participate and contribute to his care and we are guided by the special teachings of the Church which, in a spirit of justice and respect for human dignity, recognizes the responsibility to provide an opportunity for happiness, personal achievement and security for those who participate in this form of Christian service. Our success thus far in meeting our purpose speaks eloquently of the efforts of our employees and I am proud of each of you.

God bless you all,  
Sister Georgette Jean

She received her first assignment as a registered nurse at St. Joseph Hospital in Vancouver, Washington. There followed two more assignments to St. Joseph Hospitals—one in Fairbanks, Alaska, and another in Burbank, California.

Just prior to entering administration at St. John Hospital in Port Townsend, Washington, she was assigned to Providence Hospital in Portland, Oregon. After completing her tour of duty at St. John, she received her assignment to return to St. Elizabeth Hospital—this time as a nurse instead of as a student.



## Students to Attend National Convention

On May 8 three student nurses from St. Elizabeth School of Nursing will leave Yakima for a four-day meeting in Dallas, Texas. The event is the National Student Nurses' Association Convention which is held annually to host representatives of state student nurse associations from all over the United States.

Those representing the State of Washington Association of Nursing Students (SWANS) will be Linda Manso and Wayne Clark, both freshmen, and Susan Fleskes, junior. Miss Manso is Vice-President of the St. Elizabeth School of Nursing Student Nurse Organization. Mr. Clark is Public Relations Director for the Washington State Association of Nursing Students and Miss Fleskes is Student Body Association President of St. Elizabeth School of Nursing.

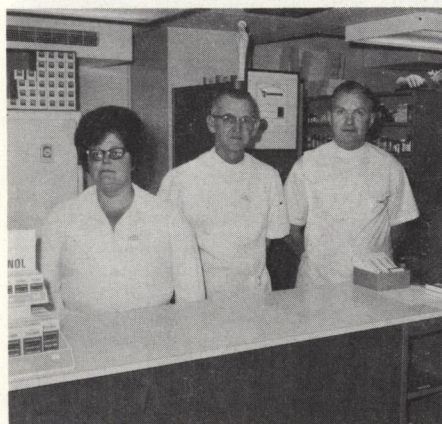
According to Mrs. Sheila Dietzen, Advisor to the Student Nurse Group at St. Elizabeth, the three student nurses will attend the convention to receive orientation to some of the latest developments in nursing education in addition to having the opportunity to meet other student nurses from around the country. While in Texas they will have the opportunity to attend the world regional fair—Hemisfair—in San Antonio.

## Hospital Honored by Mother Annunciata

Mother Annunciata, Second Assistant General of the Sisters of Charity of Providence, is currently visiting St. Elizabeth Hospital. The occasion marks the official visitation from the Order's Headquarters in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Every three years it is the custom of the Mother House in Montreal to send an official of the Order to visit the various institutions in each Province. Mother Annunciata, who is representing Mother Phillippe, Superior General, will travel during her current trip to each of the forty-two institutions in Sacred Heart Province from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Burbank, California. Her travels thus far have included visits to schools, hospitals, and nursing homes in California, Oregon and Washington States.

Mother Annunciata is an excellent choice for visitations in Sacred Heart Province, having served as Provincial Superior for this Province prior to being assigned her current position as Assistant General in Montreal. She is reportedly enjoying her visits as much as those who are receiving her as it is giving her the opportunity to renew many old friendships.



PHARMACY STAFF—Muriel Jones, Chief Pharmacist Tom Walters, and Ron Drake.



Linda Manso, Wayne Clark, Susan Fleskes.

## Golden Jubilee

A formal tea and reception will be held in the Hospital Cafeteria on Wednesday, May 29, to honor the Golden Jubilee of Sister Theresa of Carmel. The occasion to which employees, Sisters and friends of Sister Theresa will be invited from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. honors her fifty years as a Sister of Charity of Providence.

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## New Pharmacist Joins Hospital Staff

Mr. Ronald Drake, long-time Yakima Valley pharmacist, has joined the staff at St. Elizabeth Hospital. Prior to his appointment as a full-time staff pharmacist, Mr. Drake served St. Elizabeth in the capacity of a part-time evening pharmacist.

"We know you will all join us in welcoming Mr. Drake to St. Elizabeth," said Hospital Administrator Sister Georgette Jean in her announcement to employees. "We are confident that Mr. Drake will be a valuable addition to the Hospital pharmacy in view of his extensive background and experience in this field," she continued.

A graduate of the University of Washington in Seattle, Drake received his prep school education at Sunnyside and returned there after graduation from college to work in a local drug store. He later set up a partnership in a drug store in the same city and owned and operated his own drug store in Othello for many years before returning to the Yakima Valley.

"With the addition of Mr. Drake to our staff we have been able to provide a more stable operating schedule for the pharmacy," said Sister Georgette. "This now gives the Hospital three full-time pharmacists and allows greater flexibility in staffing for optimum coverage for better patient care," she said.

The new pharmacy schedule has been in operation for nearly two months and is currently under observation for development of daily and week-end schedules which will allow maximum coverage for the Hospital at all times. Chief Pharmacist Tom Walters, and Pharmacists Muriel Jones and Ron Drake are all working on the new schedules.

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