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REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS BEGIN

BOARD CHAIRMAN HOLLINGBERRY HONORED

Hollingbery Cited

Highlight of the annual Columbus Day Banquet of the Yakima Council of the Knights of Columbus was the presentation of a Civic Inspiration Award to O. E. "Babe" Hollingbery. Hollingbery, who serves as the chairman of the St. Elizabeth Hospital Lay Board, was the featured speaker for the evening.

Grand Knight of the Council Ed Bechard made the presentation. He explained that the idea for the award came about as a result of a recent meeting in Wenatchee in which the Knights were urged to become more active in civic affairs.

"Yakima Knights," Bechard said, "decided to implement the idea in part by making an annual award to a local resident who had shown outstanding achievement in numerous humanitarian and civic projects." They had no trouble in choosing Babe Hollingbery as the first recipient of the award, according to Bechard.

Another member of the St. Elizabeth Lay Board, Bill Bolger, gave a glowing account of the honored guest's life. Bolger's description of Hollingbery's activities made evident the Knights' reasons for giving him the award.

Bolger described the great work which Hollingbery had done among the men he coached at Washington State University. He added how Babe had initiated the annual Shrine Football Game, which has done so much for crippled children and also how he has supported this cause for the past 43 years. Hollingbery was given full credit for the success of St. Elizabeth's building fund drive in addition to comments on his involvement in other civic projects. His promotion of programs to aid youth was stressed as was the manner in which he has always gone out of his way to show interest in and to help those in need.



O. E. "BABE" HOLLINGBERRY

Hollingbery was given a standing ovation as he came to the microphone to speak and was given a like honor after his speech. He spoke of his close association with Bolger and members of the Knights as well as with Bishop Dougherty and the Sisters of St. Elizabeth Hospital. He told of ways he helped people as a coach, of his involvement in the Shrine games and in the great work which the Shriners do for crippled children. He urged all his listeners to become involved in helping those in need.

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TV Programs Shown

Televised education courses organized for the Central Washington Project of the Washington-Alaska Regional Medical Program began Tuesday, October 1. Physicians in seven hospitals in this area inaugurated the program by viewing Part I of the "Bedside Diagnosis of Stroke."

Parts II and III were presented on successive Tuesdays with the "wrap-up" session held on October 22 in the auditorium of St. Elizabeth Hospital. Luncheon was served to the more than 60 doctors who attended the meeting. Discussions were led by Neurosurgeon John Tytus and Neurologist David Fryer from the Mason Clinic in Seattle, who were the featured physicians on the weekly televised presentations.

Central Washington hospitals participating in the over-all program are Central Memorial in Toppenish, Kittitas Valley Community in Ellensburg, Klickitat Valley in Goldendale, Prosser Memorial in Prosser, Valley Memorial in Sunnyside, and Yakima Valley Memorial in Yakima. St. Elizabeth Hospital, which also participates in the program, serves as the central facility for all-wrap-up sessions.

Channel 47 in Yakima and Channel 9 in Seattle televise the programs, which are produced at the University of Washington in Seattle. They are available to other communities throughout the state via cable systems and satellite stations. The programs begin at 7:35 a.m. and are repeated at 8:00 a.m.

Directors for the project are Yakima physicians Dr. J. R. Gustafson and Dr. Frank Ditter. They are responsible for setting up the programs and the wrap-up sessions in addition to serving as coordinators for inter-community communications.

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Freshmen Register, School Begins

Fifty-two student nurses from all parts of the Pacific Northwest, including three from Alaska, have been registered as the new freshman class for the St. Elizabeth School of Nursing. According to School Director Margaret Fromherz, all registrations were completed during a two-day sign-up period on September 19 and 20.

All 52 students, their parents and guests were hosted by the school faculty and hospital representatives at a reception following a general orientation assembly on the final day of registration. Hospital Administrator Sister Georgette Jean offered a formal welcome to the new students who will take their clinical practice training at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

The freshman class, who are on the same schedule as that of Yakima Valley College, began classwork on Monday, September 23. "Our students and those of the Yakima Valley College Nursing Program will attend some of the same classes on the college campus this year," said School of Nursing Director Fromherz.

They will then receive additional academic work at the St. Elizabeth School of Nursing along with their clinical orientation and practice at St. Elizabeth Hospital. "This is part of an over-all plan to gain more effective use of available academic and clinical resources within the community," said Mrs. Fromherz.

Freshman students at the St. Elizabeth School of Nursing were joined by junior and senior students when they returned to classes on Monday, September 30. Although freshman students are on the junior college schedule, junior and senior students have continued to operate on the senior college schedule and returned to classes at the same time as students at the University of Washington.

RMP-TV Series

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The original stroke series was followed by another series which began on October 29. Subject matter for the new series deals with the recognition and treatment of arrhythmias and features Dr. John Blackmon, Division of Cardiology, University of Washington School of Medicine.



"Candy Strippers"—Pictured above are 20 of the 28 young women from four local high schools who have volunteered their services to the hospital as part of the Horizon Club's Camp Fire Girl work project.

'Candy-Strippers' to Serve at St. Elizabeth

Volunteers from the Horizon Club of the local chapter of Camp Fire Girls will soon begin their duties in the Hospital as Candy Strippers. Mrs. J. Halford, coordinator for the group, has recruited 28 girls from Carroll, Davis, Eisenhower and Highland High Schools to participate in the program.

The girls must be between the ages of 15 and 18 and be a junior in high school in order to qualify for the program, which is jointly sponsored by the Camp Fire Girls and St. Elizabeth Hospital. Mrs. Maxine Sims, Hospital supervisor and instructor at the School of Nursing, has begun classes in basic orientation for the various services the girls will be rendering in the Hospital.

The girls obtain the title of "Candy Striper" from the distinctive pink and white striped uniforms they wear while on duty in the Hospital. They make their own uniforms as part of the total project.

According to Hospital Administrator Sister Georgette Jean, the primary purpose of the program is to provide young girls with the opportunity to gain further knowledge of health service occupations. They do this by actually working with trained professionals within the Hospital. Prior programs have helped many young girls to arrive at decisions to pursue careers in nursing, laboratory technology and radiology as well as many other health science fields. "I am happy to report that a good number of our current employees got their start in the 'Candy Striper' program," said Sister Georgette. Additionally, we are grateful for the services of these young women and among the ways the Hospital plans to show its appreciation is a recognition tea which will be held at the end of the school year," she concluded.

WSHA and WCCH Annual Meetings Held

Spokane played host city to the annual meetings of the Washington State Hospital Association and the Washington Conference of Catholic Hospitals on October 9, 10 and 11. It was the 36th annual meeting for the W.S.H.A. which followed the one-day W.C.C.H. meeting on the 9th.

The president and executive director for the Catholic Hospital Association were the featured speakers at the W.C.C.H. meeting held at Sacred Heart Hospital. Conference President Sister Mary Agnes, administrator of Holy Family Hospital in Spokane, introduced Monsignor Timothy E. O'Brien, CHA president, and Reverend Thomas J. Casey, CHA executive director.

Msgr. O'Brien is director of health and hospitals for the Archdiocese of San Francisco and took office as CHA president at the annual convention in Philadelphia in June of this year. He is active in hospital affairs throughout the country and is currently serving as treasurer of the California Hospital Association.

The Rev. Casey was named executive director of the CHA in April of this year. He was elevated from his position of associate director under the Rev. John J. Flanagan.

"State Catholic Conferences, Their Role and Future" was the title of Msgr. O'Brien's speech. The Rev. Casey spoke on "Private Resources and Public Responsibility."

Highlighting the W.S.H.A. meeting was an address by the president-elect of the American Hospital Association, Mark Berke. Berke, who is the executive director of Mount Zion Hospital and Medical Center in San Francisco, spoke on "The Responsibilities of the Community Hospital in Today's Society."

W.S.H.A. officers elected at the meeting included Willis E. Parr, president, and Robert Rabideau, president-elect. Parr, administrator of Skagit Valley Hospital in Mount Vernon, succeeds Sister Peter Claver, administrator of Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane. Rabideau is administrator of Overlake Memorial Hospital in Bellevue.

Social life was not overlooked at the meeting and all attendees had ample opportunity to converse and discuss their collective problems and programs. The Hawaiian Luau banquet, which was held in the Ridpath Hotel's Empire Ballroom on Thursday evening, provided additional opportunity for informal meetings. Entertainment was highlighted by the famous Spokane Doctors' Band.

Employee Benefits Is Meeting Topic

A day-long meeting to discuss benefits for hospital employees in Sacred Heart Province was held on Friday, October 5, in Portland. The Workshop on Employee Health and Welfare Programs was held at Providence Hospital to discuss possible improvements in employee benefit programs.

The meeting began with a publications and public relations round table moderated by John Greely and Bill Tobin of the Central Development Office in Seattle. Each hospital's public relations and employee information programs were discussed along with proposals to improve ways of informing employees of their benefits.

The formal meeting was opened with a welcome by Provincial Superior Sister Cecilia Abhold. She then turned the meeting over to a discussion of the Group Life Insurance Program. Mr. David C. Jordan, Seattle representative for the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, led the discussion of possible ways of improving employee participation in the program. Among the proposals discussed was the possibility of the hospital paying for more of the basic coverage for the employee.

The tax deferred annuity program proposals were in the form of a panel discussion. Serving on the panel were John Breice, Wendell Peterson, and Richard Cummings of The Prudential Insurance Company of America. They presented a new "variable" annuity program which could be added to the "fixed" annuity program now being offered to the hospitals in this province. Under the new provisions the amount paid to employees would go up as inflation increased to provide the same effective income regardless of wage and price increases.

Following the annuity panel discussion the meeting was turned over to the Retirement Board annual meeting. Several changes in the basic plan were discussed along with a general review of the investment programs which support the retirement plan. It was generally agreed that the plan is in good shape and gaining strength with each passing year.

Representing St. Elizabeth Hospital were Sister Georgette Jean, administrator, and Terry Seward, assistant administrator. Sister Georgette arrived at the meeting from San Francisco following the completion of a financial conference.



It's a girl! Mrs. Robert Copeland is pictured above with her first-born, who was the 100th baby born in September at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

September Babies Number 100

For the first time in 13 years the OB Department hit the century mark. During the month of September, 100 babies were born at St. Elizabeth Hospital. This marked the first time this has occurred since May of 1955.

The 100th baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Copeland, 2007 South 10th Avenue, Yakima. The new baby girl was born at 4:12 a.m. on September 30 and weighed in at seven pounds and three ounces.

Throughout the past several months the number of babies born has approached the 100 mark but never quite reached it. One recent month's birth date reached 99. The last time the 100 level was reached in May of 1955 the number was 104. The highest number in recent history was December of 1953 when 107 babies were born at St. Elizabeth.

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Administrator's Message

As most of you already know, the annual UGN campaign is under way once again. In the near future each of you will be given the opportunity to give to this most worthwhile cause. It is my hope that you will open your heart to those in need and less fortunate than you and give generously.

In prior years we have had cause to be genuinely proud of our response to the annual UGN campaign since our total gifts were well above the rate expected. This, however, has not been the case for the past few years. Our rate of giving has steadily decreased while wage and salary rates have been significantly increased.

The theme of this year's campaign is especially well-directed toward the individual giver. I believe that it is particularly appropriate for us in the health services field. The theme is "Someone Must Care. If Not YOU, Who?"

This year's brochure for the UGN campaign has furnished us with some interesting statistics. For example, Yakima's per capita giving is \$2.62 per person per month compared with the national average of \$6.01. Here at St. Elizabeth our giving has been well below even that of the city of Yakima average.

When you are presented with a pledge card and asked to donate to the campaign, please consider giving your fair share. This standard of one hour's pay each month has been accepted as the only fair way to assure that each of us does his share. This year it is hoped that our employees will show the measure of their concern for our fellow man by giving their fair share.

May God bless you all,
SISTER GEORGETTE JEAN
Administrator

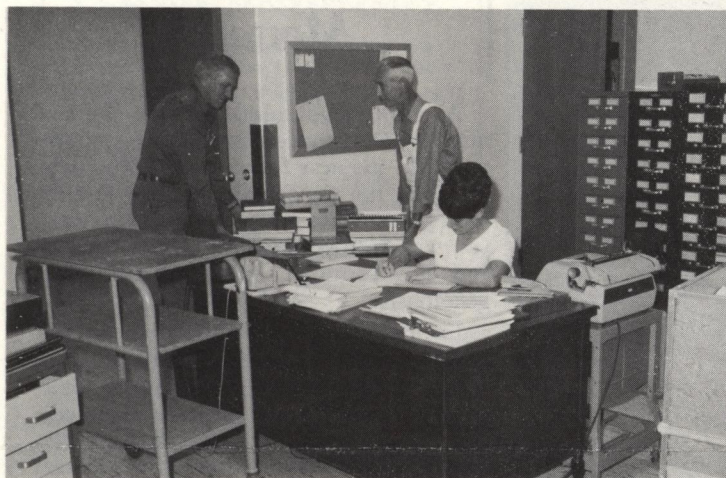
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tries to live. Love, he said, admits of no differences in creed, code or color when it comes to helping worthy causes or people in need.

In his concluding remarks, Bishop Joseph P. Dougherty praised Hollingberry as a worthy recipient of the Knights' Civic Inspirational Award. He encouraged the Knights and all present to follow Babe's example. (from *Our Times*, Father John H. Pearson, editor.)

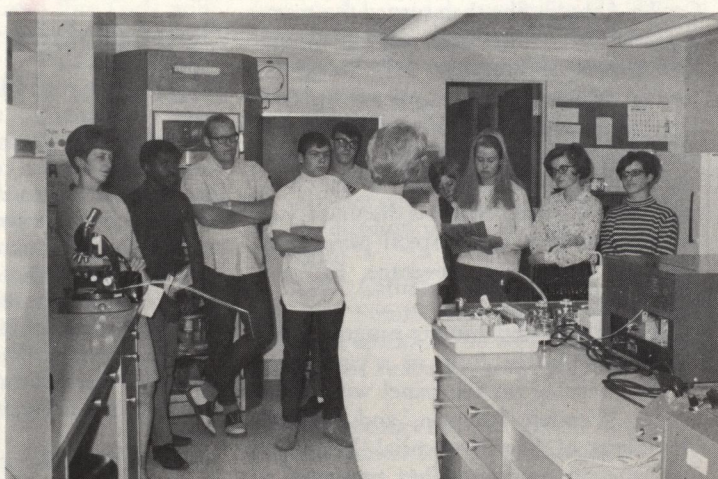
Medical Records Adds Files, Secretarial Office



Above left, Medical Record Clerk Jody Mondor continues business as usual amid moving operations in the Medical Records Department. Assistant Plant Supervisor Karsten Thormalen (at left) and Painter Levi Carl were part of the crew which moved the patient master files and current patient files from a file room to "free standing" files in the main record room. This allowed the medical secretaries to move into private office space which provided quieter and less distracting working conditions. At right, Medical Secretaries Margaret Jones (left), Lynnea Bartlett and Barbara Mosier are in their new quarters.



A GROWING HOSPITAL always has a constant need for more space for work areas and storage. The new cabinets shown above accomplish both objectives within the same space. They were constructed in the Central Supply Department by Cabinetmaker Gus Englund. Pictured above at the "pull out" shelves are C. S. Aides Mrs. Evelyn Mallonee (left) and Mrs. Maria Vijarro.



SCIENCE CLASS TOURS LAB—Chief Lab Technologist Sandy Proebstel (back to camera) is shown as she explains some of the work done in a modern hospital laboratory to a touring group of students. The occasion was a recent science class project involving students from Davis High School who are interested in possible career opportunities in the health science field.

St. Elizabeth Laboratory To Be Training Center

The St. Elizabeth Hospital Laboratory has been designated as a regional training center under the auspices of the Washington/Alaska Regional Medical Program, according to a statement made recently in *Washington Hospitals*, the monthly newspaper of the Washington State Hospital Association.

Continuing education of laboratory personnel, both professional and non-professional, with emphasis on smaller, outlying hospitals is the purpose of the new program. Plans are designed to provide refresher courses, facilitate the institution of new laboratory procedures and attempt to standardize the practice of laboratory medicine in a region.

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