

All Eyes Are On St. Anthony's During Hospital Week

Improved Medicine Seen In Statistics Over Past 10 Years

You can measure scientific advancement right here in St. Anthony's hospital—the statistics tell a story worthy of the best hospital administration and planning.

In just two years time those statistics show that the average patient spends two days less in St. Anthony's than he did in 1956.

At the present time, according to Mother M. Francis, hospital administrator, the average patient is in the hospital 6.3 days. In 1956 he stayed in the hospital 8.3 days.

The patient returns home and gets back to his job sooner as a result of more modern care and facilities. Since he receives more services than ever before in a shorter time, this means hospital costs are concentrated rather than spread over a longer period of time.

Every day, St. Anthony's spends an average of \$18.13 for the care of each patient. Mother Francis explained that this figure represents the average patient throughout the entire year and that the figure is based on all patients admitted and dismissed at the hospital.

This, in itself, shows that medical and scientific advancement has an enormous impact on hospital costs.

Add to that the present inflationary trend, the new and expensive drugs, the more complex equipment and the more highly trained personnel, and you get some idea of the burden that faces any modern hospital.

Records at the hospital show that St. Anthony's treated 1,027 emergency cases last year, and that there were 163 babies born.

Some of the most modern of equipment has been installed. Laboratory work, the walking blood bank, and X-ray service are some of the most recent improvements.

Mother M. Francis said the next important planning step in the improvement of the hospital will be the formation of a disaster plan. (See major story, page 1.)

In addition, the renovation of the nursery is also on the list to be improved within the next few months.

And take this business of paying employees. To give you an idea of the requirements of modern medicine consider this: St. Anthony's hospital, at the present time, has 39 employees. Mother Francis explained that 62 percent of the hospital cost today are for the salaries.

You Can Help Too!

You can help St. Anthony's hospital operate more smoothly.

If you follow the suggestion of Mother M. Francis, hospital administrator, you can make the work of the nurses and personnel much easier:

1. Visiting hours at the hospital are from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9:30 p.m. This is the time to visit your loved ones and friends.
2. For a quicker recovery of the patient and the protection of children from contagion, the hospital does not allow children under the age of 12 years to visit patients without special permission.
3. Visitors should limit their visits from 5 to 10 minutes and then only two visitors to a patient. Noise intensifies pain and rest is essential to recovery.

Work! Work! Work!

The record books of St. Anthony's hospital shows a lot of hard work. Since Sept. 24, 1952, a total of 9,197 in-patients have been received, 1,652 babies have been born, 1,063 major surgeries performed, 2,324 minor surgeries performed and 1,070 blood transfusions given. The 217 deaths that have been recorded seem like a small number. Just during the past year there have been 1,472 patients admitted.

These Give Freely

In all hospitals, there are those who give their time and services free of charge.

The Sisters of St. Francis, of course, come to our minds immediately. They furnished the property for the hospital and assumed a debt of \$100,000 and the surrounding community contributed \$125,000. The federal government provided 53 percent of the total cost.

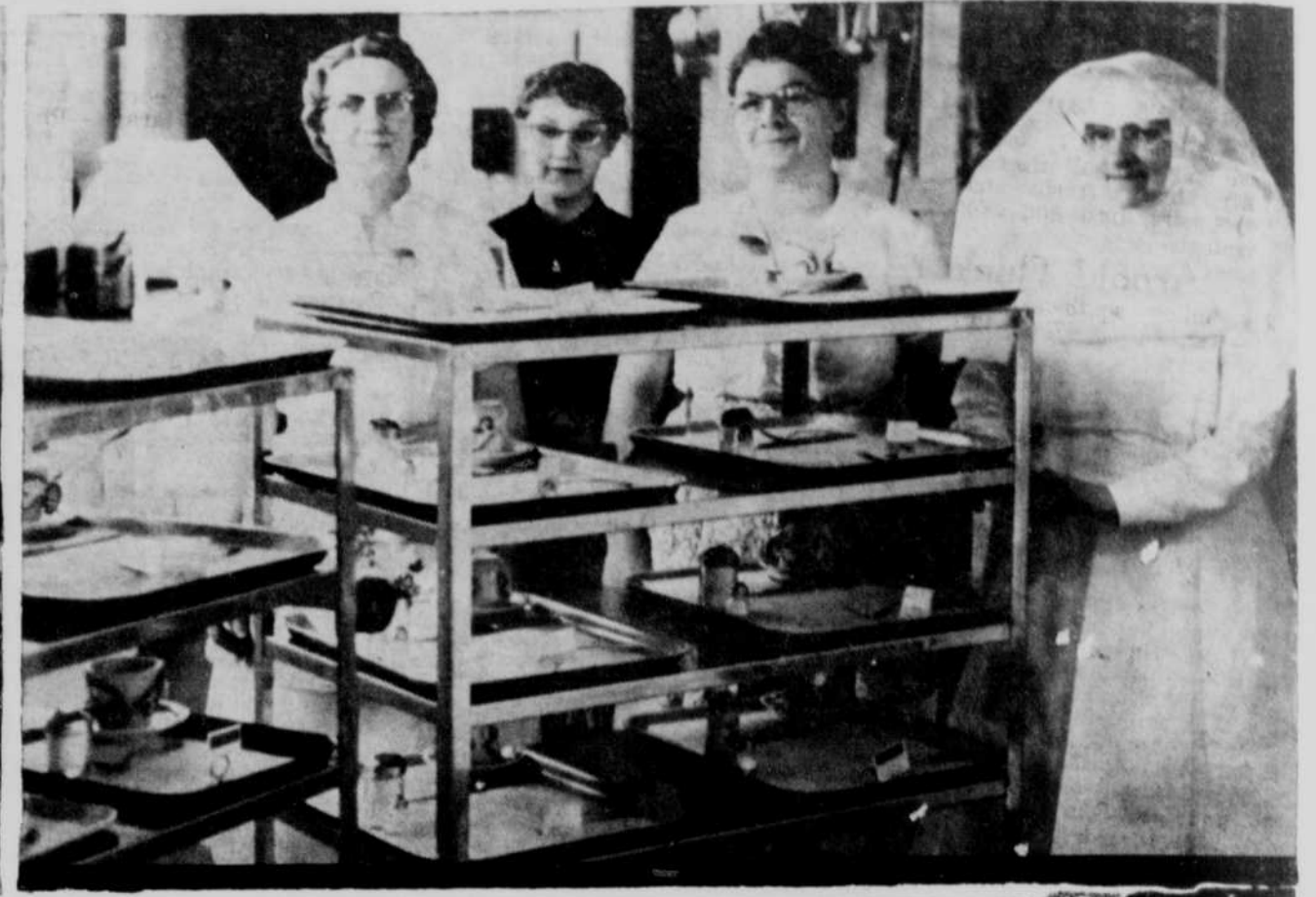
At the present time there are eight sisters; the remainder are paid employees.

Some of the most deserving ladies in the community of O'Neill belong to the hospital auxiliary. Since January of this year those women have worked hard in participating with many activities and supplying the hospital with many needs.

Their latest project was the buying of denim and making one-dozen bath robes for the X-Ray department and supplying the hospital with hot water bottle covers.



The nurses at St. Anthony's hospital are busy around the clock. Miss Joan Kubitschek, left, and Mrs. Andry McConnell are shown here with the three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ohrl. The Frontier Photo and Engraving.



One of the most important operations in the hospital is the food preparation staff. From left, the staff consists of Mrs. Eleanor Angus, Miss Marvis Peterson, Mrs. Frank Fritton and Sister M. Dolores. The Frontier Photo and Engraving.



One of the jobs of the nurses at the hospital is to see to it that the right patients get oxygen. Mr. Fred Holsclaw of O'Neill is shown in the tent as nurses Mrs. Joe Dufek and Mrs. David Schon of O'Neill look on. The Frontier Photo and Engraving.



One of the advantages of St. Anthony's hospital is its operating room. Dr. Rex Wilson, left, is performing a tonsilectomy assisted by Dr. Robert Waters. In the background are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dufek. The patient is Steve, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rokahr of Page. The Frontier Photo and Engraving.



One of the most difficult jobs at the hospital is at the reception desk. Dr. W. F. Finley, standing, is shown here with the staff at the desk. Standing, from left, are Mrs. Arlene Allen, Mrs. Helen McElligott, Dr. Finley, and Mrs. Loretta Hynes. Seated are Miss Pat Allen and Sister M. Dolores, the business manager.

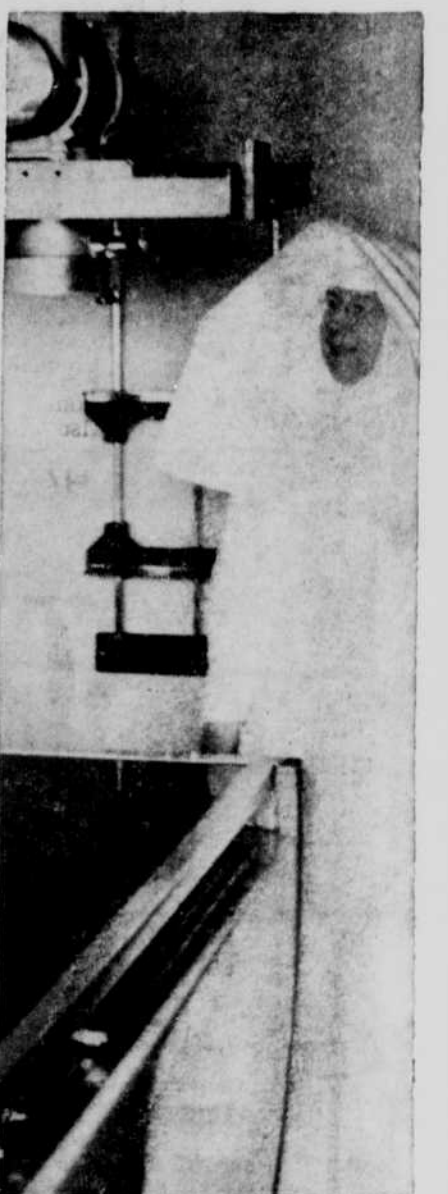
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Hospital Personnel

At the present time there are 39 paid employees of the hospital and eight sisters. There are four physicians in the hospital. They include Dr. Rex Wilson, Dr. Robert Waters, Dr. George Carstens and Dr. W. F. Finley. These are the people who help keep your hospital operating smoothly.

SISTERS
Mother M. Francis Hospital Administrator Anesthetist & R.N.; Sister M. Wendelin, X-ray Technician; Sister M. Agatha, Obstetrical Supervisor, Anesthetist & R.N.; Sister M. Dolores, Office Manager; Sister M. Evarista, Sister's Convent; Sister M. Edward, Kitchen Supervisor & Dietician; Sister M. Joseph, Medical Supervisor & R.N.

PERSONNEL
Mrs. Charlotte Jackson, Nurse Aid; Mrs. Electa Mackinlay, Nurse Aid; Rose Marl Mahony, Kitchen Help; Agnes Mahony, Kitchen Help; Nellie Mahoney, Housekeeping; Mrs. Fern McClellan, Nurse Aid; Mrs. Maxine McManus, Nurse; LaDonna McNulty, Nurse Aid; Mrs. Audre McConnell, Nurse Aid; Mrs. Helen Rooney, Record Librarian; Miss Janith Stortz, Laundry; Patricia Allen, Office; Mrs. Arlene Allen, Office; Mr. Lester Angus, Maintenance; Mrs. Phyllis Anson, Nurse Aid; Mary J. Arbutnot, Nurse Aid; Theresa Bosn, Kitchen Help; Merna Buterfield, Nurse Aid; Margaret Boyle, Nurse Aid; Mrs. Mary Bosn, Kitchen Help; Mr. Joe Dufek, Surgery; Mrs. Luella Fritton, Kitchen Help; Elizabeth Fritton, Nurse Aid; Mrs. Loretta Hynes, Accounting; Mrs. Elizabeth Howard, Kitchen Help; Mrs. Leona Humrich, R.N.; Ann Judge, R.N.; Mrs. William Kelly, R.N.; Joan Kubitschek, R.N.; Mrs. David Schon, R.N.; Mrs. James Sobotka, Nurse Aid; Mrs. Norma Vanderbeek, Nurse Aid; Mrs. Eltie Weyrich, Laundry; Mrs. Myrtle Young, Nurse Aid; Mrs. Lester Angus, Kitchen Help; Mr. Bernard Allen, Engineer; Mr. James Broberg, Laboratory Technician; Mrs. Joe Dufek, R.N.



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