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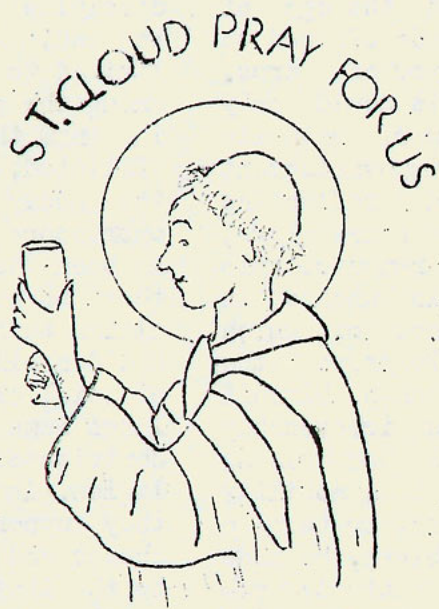
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ST. CLOUD HOSPITAL

September, 1951



ST. CLOUD

Patron of the St. Cloud Hospital, City of St. Cloud, Diocese of St. Cloud

"St. Cloud, also known as Clodoald, born in 522 near Paris, was the grandson of King Clovis, the first Christian king of the Franks. When but a helpless child of two years he and his two brothers Thibault and Gunther, were left defenseless orphans in a turbulent and lawless age. Two unscrupulous uncles plotted to murder the children and add their kingdom to their own realms. St. Cloud, however, was saved in an almost miraculous manner when his saintly grandmother Clotilde, was able to flee with him to a place of security. There he spent his childhood, learning from her by word and example those lessons which later inspired him to renounce the world for the service of God.

"When St. Cloud reached the age of manhood many powerful friends offered to win back his throne by force of arms. Realizing, however, that this could only be done by a bloody civil war, with its attendant horrors and the impoverishment of innocent thousands, and reflecting on the vanity of worldly power and glory, he generously resolved to renounce his rights and to leave his uncles in possession of the inheritance of which they had despoiled him. To prove the sincerity of his determination he himself cut off his long hair, thus irrevocably surrendering all his rights and claims to nobility. Then, a proof that nobility is a quality of the soul rather than a result of the accident of birth, he made his sacrifice complete by entirely renouncing the world and consecrating himself to the service of God in prayer, in penance and in the practice of humility.

"The next years of St. Cloud's life were spent in the wilderness near Paris. With St. Severin as his teacher, the Holy Scriptures as his text books, and humility and obedience as interpreters, St. Cloud quickly learned the lesson of holi-

ness and applied it in his own life so well indeed, that in a short while throngs of people of good will flocked to him for guidance and counsel. Distrustful of his ability to guide others, the humble saint fled to even deeper solitude in the Provence country, but to no avail. There also devout souls quickly recognized a saint and again crowded around him for help in their spiritual struggle.

"Realizing that it was the will of God that he give up his solitude, St. Cloud returned to his former place near Paris, to Nogent on the Seine, now known as the village of St. Cloud. Here he was ordained a priest and established a monastery where he lived with his disciples in the religious life until the end. But his activities were not limited to the monastery. Daily he went among the poor and the neglected, teaching them the Word of God, consoling the afflicted, reconciling enemies, helping the needy and delivering from their oppressors those who suffered injustices. As soon as his uncles were convinced that he had definitely renounced all claims to his inheritance, of which they had despoiled him, they made him their official almoner, the dispenser of the large sums of money which they regularly contributed for works of charity and religion. And with their powerful influence they supported his efforts to correct abuses and to bring peace and order into the distracted land. Thus he labored until he was called to his reward in 560. Although only 38 years old when he died, his work and his influence were powerful forces in the service of the Church which was laboring to establish the Christian culture, of recognition of man's just obligations to God and his fellow man, among the races of Europe that were just emerging from barbarism.

"In our days we are witnessing an alarming reversion to the savagery and barbarism, to the terrifying disregard of the rights of God and man, of the property and even the lives of our fellow man, that St. Cloud fought so mightily in his day. And if we are to be successful in our combat against these evils, we must employ the means that he employed: personal holiness, unselfish service of others and the giving of an example which will draw others back to the love and service of God. Today, as in that day, Christians are to be the salt of the earth, to cure the world of decay and corruption. Study of the life of St. Cloud and of the other saints will show us how to meet this challenge, how to be true and effective soldiers of Christ the King, ever spending ourselves to help spread His Kingdom of peace and love on earth."

-----Booklet on the Life of
St. Cloud

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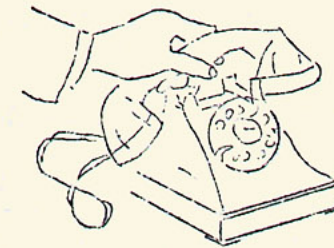


GOING

UP TO THE

ROOF!

Does the pounding on the roof annoy you? Some of the cement slabs must be chiseled out, tile laid in order, and metal flashings replaced. A leaky roof is very expensive in that we must constantly replace water-soaked plaster which has fallen. All of this repair necessitates a great deal of noise and inconvenience. We ask you to be patient.



When answering the telephone on duty, always give the name of the department, and your own name.

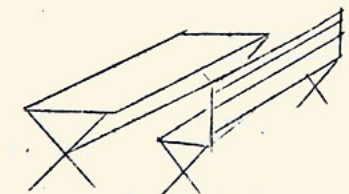
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Life's Clock

The clock of life is wound but once
And no man has the power
To tell just where the hands will stop
At late or early hour.
To lose one's wealth is sad indeed
To lose one's health is more;
To lose one's soul is such a loss
As no man can restore.
The present only is our own
Live, love, toil with a will.
Place no faith in "tomorrow" for
The clock may then be still.

-----Anonymous

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Have you seen them? Did you notice the tables on the lawn near the cafeteria? They are there for you. Take your snacks or meals outdoors if you wish.

"BUT A HOSPITAL IS JUST LIKE A HOTEL"

Well, both have beds, but beyond that, the comparison stops. A hospital and a hotel exist for different reasons.

A hospital is dedicated to the care of the sick, not to making money. A hotel is a business enterprise, operated to earn a profit. It advertises for and solicits patronage. You never heard of a room clerk asking a guest as he signs the register whether he is able to pay. If the guest can't pay, the hotel can fall back on the Innkeeper's Law, and the guest may soon become a guest of the City.

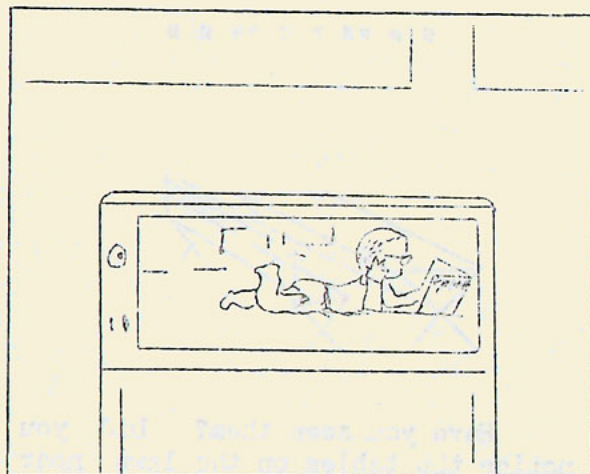
Only a quarter of a hospital's space is given to patient beds. The remaining space produces relatively little revenue. But in a hotel, half of the space is for guests' bedrooms. And the rest of the hotel - the bar, the cafe, the florist shop, the cigar stand, the meeting rooms, - all are designed to bring in, and do bring in, steady income.

The hotel patron is well. The hospital patient is ill. All of the patient's thinking is colored by this illness. He is in the hospital, not because he wants to be there, but because something has gone wrong with the most perfect piece of machinery that was ever made - the human body. He wants an overhaul job as safely-- AND AS CHEAPLY--as possible.

---Hospital News
Boston, Massachusetts

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Could this be 5 South?



Hm-m-m. According to Freud, I'm somewhat advanced for my age.

KEEP ON

One step won't take you very far;

You've got to keep on walking.

One word won't tell folks who you are

You've got to keep on talking.

One inch won't make you very tall;

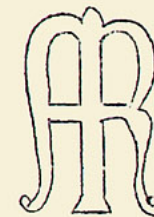
You've got to keep on growing.

One little good deed won't do all;

You've got to keep on going.

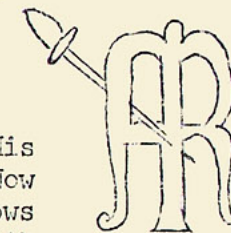
HIGHLIGHTS IN SEPTEMBER

Ordinarily we do not think of September as a month of special interest to our Lady, Mary the Mother of God. A glance at the missal or a calendar of saints will show that September does have days of special importance. On September 8 we celebrate Mary's birthday. It is one of three birthdays noted by the Church. Mary was born without original sin on her soul, an honor shared by Jesus Himself and by John, the Baptist, who was cleansed of sin before his birth. Let us offer Mary a special rosary for her birthday gift.



September 12: Feast of the Holy Name of Mary. We celebrate the Name-day of Jesus soon after His birth, and so likewise for Mary a day is set aside on which we give special tribute to her name, Mary, which means Lady. How often and with what security do we have "Mary" on our lips!! "Hail Mary, full of grace ... " "Holy Mary, Mother of God ... "

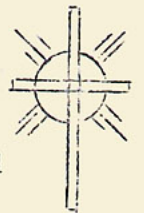
September 15: Feast of the Seven Sorrows of our Lady. During Lent, on the Friday following Passion Sunday, the Church honors Mary as uniting her sorrows with those of her Divine Son in His Passion and Death. Now in September, the Sorrows of Mary are linked with those of the Church and the whole world. Mary must be sorrowful during these days of worldly unrest. Let us renew our efforts in prayer and sacrifice for a world peace.



September 24: Feast of our Lady of Ransom. In the beginning of the thirteenth century the Blessed Virgin asked St. Peter Nolasco to form a religious institute with the object of freeing Christian prisoners by offering alms for their ransom. This feast was chosen as the patronal feast for the institute, and was established universally several centuries later.

September 7: Feast of St. Cloud

September 14: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.



In the cross of our Lord is "our salvation, life and resurrection."



September 21: Feast of St. Matthew, one of the four evangelists.

In the sanctuary of some churches symbols representing the four evangelists form a part of the decorative design. Matthew is symbolized by a man because his gospel begins with and stresses the humanity and kingship of Christ.

September 19, 21, 22: Ember Days.

September 29: Feast of St. Michael, the Archangel.



St. Michael is known as the warrior and defender in battle. He and all the angels are asked to protect the Church and its members, and to join us in honoring, praising, and thanking God.

The X-ray Department and the School of X-ray Technology have St. Michael as their patron.

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MARIA GORETTI

On the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven, the St. Cloud Hospital received a relic of St. Maria Goretti to be placed in the hospital chapel for the veneration of the faithful, especially those young women who live and work in the hospital.

St. Maria Goretti, the child martyr of purity, was born in Corinaldo, Italy, on October 16, 1890. Her parents were very poor share-croppers. They lived in the Pontine Marshes, a section of the country that has for centuries been a place of dread and misery for the poor farmers of Italy who were forced to live and work there.

Maria's mother taught her daughter to love God very much and to hate sin above all things. "It would be better to die than to commit sin" became a rule of life for the little girl. Maria grew to be a beautiful young girl with bright chestnut hair, perfect features and a radiant smile which really reflected that rare modesty of soul from which springs real beauty. The child was loved and respected by everyone.

Her martyrdom was suffered at the hands of a nineteen-year old youth who had become infuriated by Maria's rebuffs to his unchaste advances. Finally one day he cornered Maria with a knife and demanded her surrender. With a courage and heroism far beyond her years Maria refused, crying out, "It is a sin. God does not want it." Her attacker stabbed her fourteen times. After a day of terrible suffering during which she forgave and prayed for the young man who had attacked her, Maria died. The day of her death, the feast of the Most Precious Blood, is a day when Catholics all over the world were commemorating the shedding of Christ's Blood for the sins of the world.

The funeral of Maria Goretti was anything but sad; it was a triumphant procession of Christians who saw in the shedding of her blood the making of the most perfect sacrifice that one who follows Christ can make: that of giving up one's life for the love of God.

Maria was accepted by the people as a saint almost immediately. Her shrine became a place of pilgrimage. The progress of her cause was as one of the most rapid on record. It took only fifteen years to win the Church's official approval of the heroic virtue and martyrdom of this young girl who died rather than offend God.

There have been many miracles brought about through Maria's intercession, but the most notable one was the complete conversion of her attacker. On three different occasions this man, on his knees before the Sacred Congregation of Rites, spoke as her star witness. "It is my duty," he said. "I must make reparation and do all in my power for her glorification. I have sinned deeply but I feel confident of salvation. I have a saint in heaven praying for me."

St. Maria Goretti, a twelve-year old child who died rather than commit a sin, was placed in the Calendar of the Saints of the Holy Roman Catholic Church by the Holy Father June 25, 1950. In doing so he called her the St. Agnes of the twentieth century.

"O BEAUTIFUL AND LOVABLE SAINT!"

"We greet you, oh beautiful and lovable saint! Martyr on earth and angel in heaven, look down from your glory on this people, loving, venerating, glorifying and exalting you. On your forehead you bear the full brilliant and victorious name of Christ; in your virginal countenance may be read the strength of your love and the

constancy of your fidelity to your Divine Spouse; as His bride espoused in blood, you have traced in yourself His own image. To you, therefore, powerful intercessor with the Lamb of God, we entrust these Our sons and daughters who are present here, and those countless others who are united with Us in spirit. For while they admire your heroism, they are even more desirous of imitating your strength of faith and your inviolate purity of conduct. Fathers and mothers have recourse to you, asking you to help them in their task of education. In you, through Our hands, the children and all the young people will find a safe refuge, trusting that they shall be protected from every contamination, and be able to walk the highways of life with that serenity of spirit and deep joy which is the heritage of those who are pure of heart. AMEN."

---Pope Pius XII in Homily Delivered at the Ceremony of Canonization of the New Saint, June 24, 1950.

If you are an adult weighing about 130 pounds, in 24 hours

Your heart beats 78,767 times,
Your blood travels 126,000,000 miles,
You breathe 17,310 times,
You eat 2 2/5 pounds of food,
You drink 2.1 pounds of liquid,
You give off heat of 85.6 degrees F,
You move 750 major muscles,
You turn in your sleep 25-35 times,
Your nails grow .000046 inches,
Your hair grows .1714 inches,
You exercise 7,000,000 brain cells.
And we wonder . . . who did the counting!

----- HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT

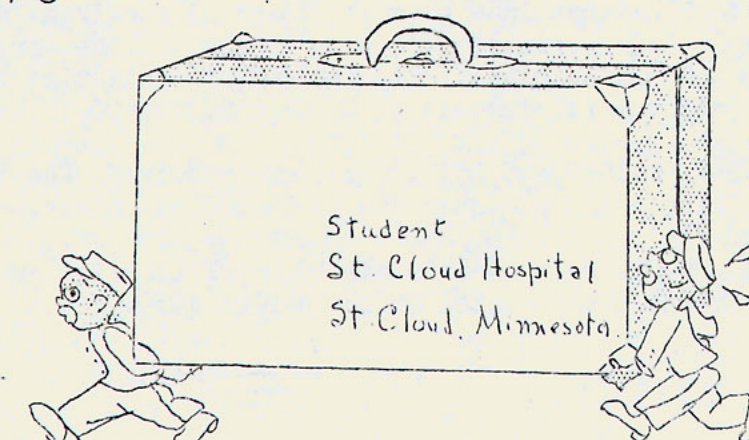
Sister Francesca left this week for St. Joim's Hospital, Springfield, Illinois, where she will spend the coming year taking a course in Anesthesia. Sister has been working on 5 South the past year.

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Father Minette was to report in San Francisco August 21st for assignment. We have not heard from him since that time.

NEW STUDENTS
ARRIVE!

SEPTEMBER 4th.



FACTS ABOUT HOSPITALS

(Statistics taken from the American Hospital Association)

Of the 4,713 general hospitals in the United States, 3,168 are 100 beds or less in size.

Bed Size	No. of Hospitals
Below 25	1,028
26-50	1,131
51-100	1,008
101-200	309
201-300	353
Over 300	383

General hospitals are those hospitals that treat patients requiring relatively brief periods of care. These hospitals are also known as short-term hospitals - in contrast to long-term hospitals that provide care to mental, tuberculous and chronically ill patients.

Expenses and Patient Income in General Hospitals

Expenses	1950	\$2,120,481,000
Patient Income	1950	1,778,960,000

Note: The cost of patient care in 1950 in these hospitals was \$341,521,000 more than was received from patients. This balance hospitals had to obtain from such sources as gifts, endowments, and special fund-raising campaigns.

In 1936 there were 831,500 births in general hospitals ---- in 1950 there were 2,739,212.

In 1936 the average length of stay in general hospitals was 13.0 days ---- in 1950 it was 8.1 days.

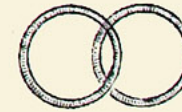
Each patient in a general hospital requires an average of nearly two full-time hospital employees to provide his care. During 1950 the 4,713 general hospitals employed 662,456 full-time employees for which they paid salaries amounting to \$1,202,722,000.

During 1950, 5,258,109 persons received hospital care that was paid through their membership in Blue Cross plans. According to projected figures of the Health Insurance Council, there was a total of 75,000,000 persons with all types of hospital insurance including Blue Cross in the United States during 1950.

PERSONALS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following who were married during the summer:

AGNES TUOR to
Richard Heins



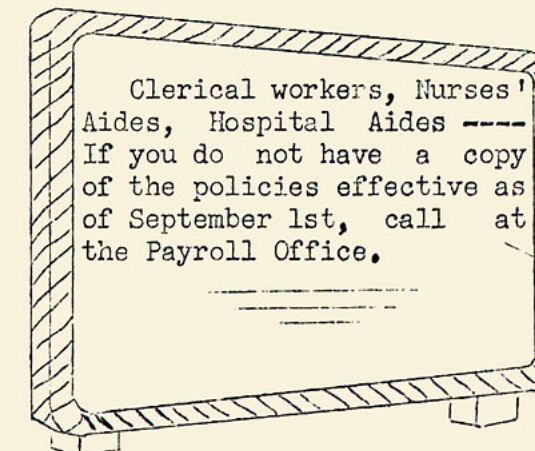
JOSEPHINE KAMINSKI
to Ralph Weitzel

BETTY ANN GUST to
Sgt. Bernell Skelton

GERALDINE QUADE to John Happe
DONNA MUELLNER to John Rassier
LORRAINE VAN HEEL to Cpl. Orville Kraus
THERESE SLIVNIK to David Hunstiger
ELIZABETH MINNERATH to Leon Zwack



Have you ever seen so many studious nurses? --and no classes in session? Ah, yes - there is a reason. September 10th and 11th are the days they write their State Boards. Let's remember them at Holy Mass, asking God to bless their efforts.



Clerical workers, Nurses!
Aides, Hospital Aides ----
If you do not have a copy
of the policies effective as
of September 1st, call at
the Payroll Office.

THE
BOYS

HAVE
IT!



Boys were born to DR. and Mrs. Reif,
MRS. LAURENCE GREGORY (Theresa Blenkush)
MRS. ROGER WOCCEN (Rita Wampach)
MRS. LEROY FORSBERG (Charlene Quinn)
MRS. CLIFFORD HUDEK (Lois Fouquette)
MRS. WILFRED BUTKOWSKI (Genevieve Flint)
MRS. VERNON HAHN (Viola Nolen)
MRS. FRANCIS NIERENGARTEN (Ann Galama)
MRS. SAMUEL CLENDENIN (Helen Froistad)
MRS. ROBERT COOK (Rosemary Legatt)
and MRS. JOSEPH LUZIUS and MRS. HENRY LUTGEN.

Girls were born to the following:
MRS. JOHN HEALY (Mary Kraemer)
MRS. GEORGE HOVANNES (Emma Schichta)
MRS. MELVIN DANIEL (Ione Twomey)
MRS. DANIEL SNYDER (Leona Haakonson)

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X-RAY STUDENTS GRADUATE

Last Sunday, August 26th, four students graduated from the School of X-ray Technology. Our chaplain, Father Patrick Riley, presented the diplomas. Father John Denery, pastor at St. Paul's, gave the address..