

Work Started On Addition At St. Rita's

Chapel, 14-Bed Space Provided By Expansion Program

Work has started on an addition to St. Rita's Hospital which will provide space for a first floor, 160-seat chapel and space for 14 additional hospital beds on the second floor.

Approximate cost of the project is \$85,000, Sister Mary Aquin, hospital administrator, said today. The addition should be completed within three months, she added.

The addition will add two floors to the one-story emergency and out-patient section on the ground floor at the southwest corner of the building. The addition measures approximately 94 by 31 feet.

The new chapel will replace the present one and will be more centrally located for use by hospital personnel, patients, nurses and Sisters, the administrator said.

THE NEW CHAPEL originally was meant to be included in the addition built in 1948 but could not be completed at that time, Sister Mary Aquin said.

The Sisters of Mercy, who operate the hospital, now have approved the addition because it will provide space for the additional hospital beds for general medical and surgical patients, she added.

Another factor making the addition advisable is that the release and remodeling of the present chapel space will provide needed space for business offices and other services necessary to the operation of the hospital, Sister Mary Aquin said.

Five Forfeit Traffic Bonds

Five motorists forfeited bonds on traffic charges and four were fined in Municipal Court today. One driver failed to appear, and a warrant for his arrest was ordered.

Three of the bond forfeitures, \$5 each, were for driving cars with noisy mufflers. The drivers involved were: Dale Harner, 23, of 1254 Latham Ave.; Charles Sterling, 20, of 907 Madison Ave., and James A. Wilkins, 19, Ft. Knox, Ky.

L. R. Hennard, 31, of 1019 E. High St., forfeited \$10 on a charge of failure to yield right of way, and George R. Primmer, 43, of 720 E. 3rd St., forfeited \$10 on a no driver's license charge.

The following were fined: Richard Crook, 29, of 191 Stewart Road, \$25 and costs for reckless driving; Pearl V. Harmon, 30, of 1006 Fairview Ave., \$25 and costs for speeding; Howard Hallon, 37, Alger, \$10 for driving to left of center, and Ellis Lyons, 20, 146 Lafayette St., \$5 for running a red light.

Vincey Hall, 29, of 1703 S. Main St., was ordered arrested when he failed to appear for hearing on a reckless driving charge.

South High School Faculty Dinner Planned On May 28

When teachers get together for a social evening, what do they talk about? That's one of the questions to be answered when all South High School teachers and former members of the faculty meet for dinner May 28.

The faculty banquet is planned at 6:30 p. m. at the Argonne Hotel and will climax a South High School reunion planned for that afternoon. South students and alumni, teachers and administrative officers are invited to the final open house, to begin at 2 o'clock. The celebration will open at 1 o'clock with guided tours of the new Senior High School.

Miss Thelma Glassford and George Maxfield of the faculty are co-chairmen for the day, assisted by Mrs. Zella Sundtor, dean of girls; Merlyn Sykes, dean of boys and assistant principal, and Miss Hazel Bayer.

Miss Helen Shanahan is supervising preparations for the open house. Working with her are Miss Bayer, Misses Genevieve Marvin, Mary Tudor, Louise Taggart, Olive Furdum, George Figgins and James Romey.

IN CHARGE OF refreshments to be served during the afternoon are Misses Eadythe Cupp, chairman; Elizabeth Rimer, Mrs. Grace Geary, Harry Dall and Marlin Michael.

The banquet committees are as follows: Misses Vera Griffith, Ida Burk, Lela Klinger and Maryellen Leachy, table decorations; Clifford Hubbell, programs; Mrs. Cosette Hauenstein and Miss Glassford, food; Miss Vera Wright and Herbert Murphy, entertainment. Miss Mary Weadock and Miss Marvin are in charge of publicity.

Letters have been sent to former faculty members, principals and assistants to notify them of the event.

Miss Ann Beeher and Robert Cloney, South alumni, assisted by representatives of each class, will direct the organization of class reunions for the day. This will involve efforts to contact more than 5,000 persons, members of the 35 June graduating classes and six mid-year groups.

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Lima Quartet Places Sixth In State Meet

Local Chapter Wins Top Rank In Class For Its Activities

Lima's Uncelebrated Four placed sixth in the Johnny Applesseed District barbershop quartet eliminations at Columbus Saturday. The top four quartets among the 34 entered qualified for the international finals of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, Inc.

The finals will be held in Miami, Fla., during June.

Members of the Lima quartet, which reached Saturday night's competition by being one of the 10 afternoon survivors, are Cliff Willis, lead; Ron Williams, tenor; Lane Bushong, bass, and Mooney Willis, baritone.

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