



There was a bit of whoop-de-do in the usually serious operating room at Sisters Hospital Friday afternoon. The last surgery patient used the

room in the morning. At the party, a Peanuts tablecloth was draped over the operating table and punch was served. Here, Dr. Carl Nelson "operates" on a plate of cookies

served at the gathering. Nurses aiding him are, from left, Mrs. Mary Carroll, Mrs. Naomi Fixter and Mrs. Maggie Barriscale.

## Sisters Hospital Starts Phasing Out Its Duties

The surgery room of Sister's Hospital was used for the last time Friday morning.

It was the first step in phasing out the old hospital at West Cliff Drive and Bay Street, taken over by the Third Order of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Adrian, Mich., in 1941.

It was formerly known as the Hanly Hospital.

Administrator Sister Mary Pius said that Sisters will stop admitting patients on December 18 and the doors will be finally closed on December 22.

At that point operations will be transferred to the new Dominican Santa Cruz Hospital, 3150 Paul Sweet Road, which opens December 26.

A party for the surgical and nursing staff was held Friday with a Peanuts paper tablecloth draped over the operating table. Sponge pliers were used to serve the cake.

Thousands of operations have

been performed in the small room.

In 1966, 1300 operations were performed.

It was recalled by Sister Pius that Dr. A. E. Allegrini was the first doctor to operate when the Sisters took the institution over.

Administrators since 1941 have been Sister Ann Patrick, Sister Helen Margaret, Sister Mary Pius, Sister Marie Brigid and Sister Pius.

Head Nurse Florence Leonard came on duty in 1942, then went into the Army Nurse's Corps where she served as a first lieutenant, returning to duty here after World War II.

Mrs. Beryl Carney has served as a nurse's aide since 1941. Mrs. Dorothy Moorehouse served 20 years as a nurse's aide.

The Sisters Hospital appears physically just about the way it did when first built around 1925.

Its history goes back to Mary Jane Hanly who used to

operate hot baths on the beach during the wild and woolly days of the '20s.

She went into the hospital business in the big white multi-storied house which now is a part of Clear View auto court at the beginning of West Cliff Drive.

The in 1925 she built the present hospital with room for 25 beds.

Its only other competition, as far as is known, was the old Mission Hill Hospital and the Seabright Sanitarium, both torn down many years ago.

Mrs. Leonard worked there for a time at the beginning.

She said there was a Mrs. Beckenridge who served as superintendent then.

"I think we charged \$5 a day for a room.

"It was cheaper than a hotel room in those days," she said.

Just before the Sisters took it over, the Hanly Hospital was closed.