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Sisters of the Holy Cross

Memories from Graduates of the
Holy Cross Hospital Nurses'
Training Program, Salt Lake City

Meeting the Sisters

- "It was quite a shock to be there among the nuns. It was kind of scary at first. The nuns were kind of intimidating because we hadn't been around many Catholics before. Some of them were great and friendly and some of them were aloof and hard to know."
- Teri Weidman



- "I was totally intrigued by Catholic sisters. Coming from such a small town, we did have a Catholic Church, but I had never laid eyes on a nun before. The first two week every time they lifted up their arm I looked at all the regalia they were were wearing."
- Ruby Hayes



- "This was the Holy Cross Order. I think back in those days they called them God's daisies because of the halo, the flute that was around the head. It was a fairly substantial flute."

- Marjorie Howe

Memories of the Sisters

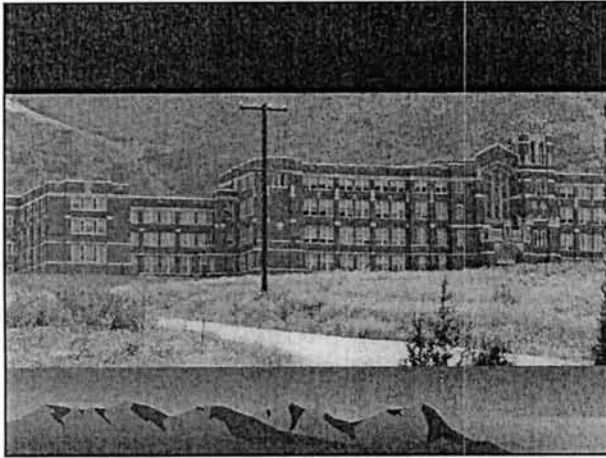
- My favorite trick was to knock on somebody's door. When they opened the door to their room. Then we'd throw a wet wash cloth on them. The director finally had enough of our racket. She knocked on the door and got a wet wash rag. It undid her flute which cost her hours of restarching. She was not happy, and so we were grounded for awhile."

- Marjorie Howe

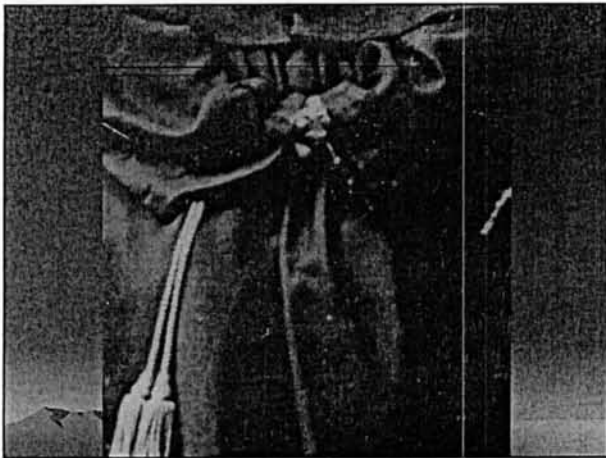


- I remember Sister Lawrence on the medical floor. We were scared to death of her. We didn't dare come out with extra linen. We didn't dare waste anything. She was right there to oversee that we didn't take one more stack of things. She was very strict. If we didn't do anything just right, we made us do it over. I'm still scared of her. I still do things because I'm afraid she'll be looking at me."
- Joyce Randel

- "The nuns were humorous. They were a lot of fun. Up at St. Mary's one of them used to play tennis with us all the time. She'd roll up her skirt and tie it. They'd go hiking with us. They were really good. They were human people. They were just as nice as anybody."
- Lorraine Falsony



- I realized that the Sisters were people and not weird characters. They grew up doing the things we did. They chewed gum, jumped rope, and ate popcorn."
- Teri Weidman



- "We tried to hide from the nuns coming around in the morning with the priest when we had a bed pan in our hands. We'd try to duck out of the way so we wouldn't have to get down on our knees when the communion went past us."
- Pat Richens

Impact of the Sisters

- "They were marvelous women. They were dedicated and so caring and just wonderful people."
- Joyce Pierce



- "The nuns at the hospital had a real influence on us. They were very dedicated. I never have regretted my training. I thought they were very into the person. I was taught that a rich man and a poor man got the same care. Money didn't matter. A patient was a patient, and you took care of them."
- Joyce Randel

- "The Sister of the Holy Cross worked on a higher plane than most of us. I think of 1 Corinthians 13:13. "And now abideth faith, hope and charity. . . . But the greatest of these is charity. That is the essence of nursing and nurses."
- Pat Richens

