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SERVICE AWARDS DINNER HELD

The NSH Annual Service Awards Dinner was held in the hospital cafeteria on Wednesday, July 27 at 6 p.m.

Service pins were awarded to twenty NSH employees by their department heads in recognition of five years' continuous employment at NSH.

Following the invocation, a ham dinner was enjoyed by the award recipients, department heads, and Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Merritt and Mr. Howard Foy, guest from the hospital Board of Trustees.

Mr. John Lockhart, Administrator, spoke briefly on the character trait necessary for good hospital employees, such as dedication, compassion, initiative, and resourcefulness.



AWARDS RECIPIENTS: (Standing, left to right) Mrs. Bertha Isom, Mrs. Eva Good, Mrs. Pauline Speight, Mrs. Ruth Sloan, Mrs. Lillian White, Mrs. Nancy Edwards, Mrs. Margaret Smith, Mrs. Frances Hutchens. (Seated) Mr. Bill Cook, Mrs. Hazel Inman, Mrs. Blanche Whitt, and Mrs. Velda Irvin. Not present when picture was taken: Mrs. Earline Brower, Mrs. Stella Davis, Mrs. Susan Westmoreland, Mr. Ray Marshall, Mrs. Bertha Shelton, Mrs. Nell Birkner, Mrs. Naomi Galloway, Mrs. Eloise Neal.

TEN NURSES GRADUATE AT MMSN

Ten MMSN seniors received their diplomas at graduating exercises on Friday, September 2, at First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Eloise Lewis was the guest speaker. She is professor and dean of the School of Nursing at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro and is widely known in the field of nursing education.

Mr. John K. Lockhart, Administrator, presided at the graduation exercises. Pins and diplomas were presented by Miss Janie Hardwicke, Director of Nursing, Mrs. Eloise Neal, Associate Director of Nursing Education, and Dr. Charles Robertson, Chief of Medical Staff.

Bacalaureate

Commencement exercises began with the bacalaureate sermon on Sunday, August 28, delivered by Rev. Thomas B. Bagnal, pastor of First Presbyterian Church. His sermon topic was "On Bearing One Another's Burdens." The Rev. Grady Shuler gave the invocation and the Rev. Joe Crews, the benediction.

Reception

Families and friends of the graduating class and hospital staff enjoyed a reception in the Church Fellowship Hall following graduation exercises on Friday evening.

Future Plans

Three of the graduating seniors will be employed on the staff at NSH beginning September 5: Mrs. Margaret Cox, Mrs. Gale Watson, and Mrs. Bonnie Young. Miss Linda Cash will be employed at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital in Elkin, Mrs. Reba Hamm at Lula Conrad Hoots Memorial Hospital in Yadkinville, and Miss Elaine Shuler at Moses H. Cone Hospital in Greensboro. Mrs. Carolyn Dockery will go to Camp Lejeune, Mrs. Maxine Sanders to Winston-Salem, and Miss Dorothy Peterson to Erwin, Tenn. Miss Loretta Stanley's plans are indefinite at this time.

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READY. . . . AIM. . . . FIRE



The syringes and needles grow much bigger when employees GET a hypo instead of GIVING one!

One hundred and five employees participated in the free tetanus toxoid immunization program which was completed on August 18.

(If you can identify the above employee, don't tell him he was the only one Mrs. Virginia Simmons used the 35 c.c. syringe on.)

WELCOME TO NEW EMPLOYEES

Mr. Jerry R. Hemric ----- Orderly
 Mr. Roger W. Frances ----- Porter
 Mr. Larry D. Parker ----- Orderly
 Mr. Buell B. Mills, Jr. --- - Orderly
 Mrs. Velma Wheaton ----- Nurses Aide
 Mrs. Jeanette Kennedy ---- Nursing Instructor
 Mr. Herbert Pilson ----- Orderly
 Mrs. Cornelia Patton ----- Housemother
 Mrs. Mary T. Badgett ----- Nurses Aide
 Mr. Carlile Stantliff ----- Kitchen Helper

ADMINISTRATOR'S
VIEWPOINT

A close look at the Medicare operation after two months indicates that some of the problems anticipated with the coming of Medicare have not materialized.

First, there does not seem to be any abuse or flood of admissions to NSH. During the first 45 days of the program there were about 110 admissions of persons 65 and older, or roughly 15% of our total admissions. This admission rate is not significantly above the pre-Medicare rate.

Secondly, the controls built into the program assure that the elderly do not stay longer than is medically necessary. On the 14th day of hospitalization, the physician must recertify as to further hospitalization. On the 21st day of hospitalization the case is reviewed by a member of the medical staff Executive Committee and each 21 day period thereafter. As of August 10, only three Medicare patients had stayed longer than 21 days, and their continued hospitalization was deemed to be necessary.

As with all governmental programs, paperwork has increased, a necessary evil to be recognized and efficiently dealt with. While the fiscal intermediaries to whom bills are sent have been most understanding and cooperative, the fact remains that any new paperwork program requires time to understand and become accustomed to, and during this initial period our collections have suffered.

In the future, more and more third parties -- Blue Cross, insurance companies, government, etc. -- will be paying hospital bills on behalf of patients, so that big increases in paperwork flow and systems are forecast for hospital business offices.

J.H.L.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Samuel P. Joyce, Sr., father-in-law of Mrs. Janie Joyce.

Mrs. Mary Lydia Snow, mother of Mrs. Bessie Fowler.

Mr. Obie Smith, brother of Mrs. Marie Nester

Mr. Albert White, husband of Mrs. Lillian White.

TEA HONORS DR. LITTLETON AND MR. JOHNSON

Two key NSH staffers were guests of honor at a reception on July 27, on the occasion of their departure from NSH and Mount Airy. Dr. L. R. Littleton, Radiologist, and Mr. R. H. Johnson, Central Services Director, together with their families were honored with refreshments and appropriate gifts by NSH personnel who dropped by the hospital cafeteria during the afternoon.



Dr. Littleton

Dr. Littleton will leave September 20 for Houston, Texas, where he will be on the medical faculty of Baylor University. He and his family have resided in Mount Airy since the hospital opened in 1957.

Mr. Johnson came to NSH in 1963 when the Central Services Division was established, to over-

see such functions as purchasing and stores, central steril supply, and housekeeping. He and his family moved to Indianapolis, Indiana on Aug. 1, where he will become Executive Housekeeper of the 500-bed Community Hospital.

TWENTY NEW STUDENTS EXPECTED AT MMSN

On September 6, twenty young women will begin preparation here for a career in nursing.

The upperclassmen and faculty are busy planning Orientation. The new students in the Medical Technology program will also participate in the orientation activities this year. They will include a tour of Old Salem, a cook-out and a swimming party, as well as "physicals," registration, "How to Use the Library," a stack of textbooks, getting acquainted with a roommate, etc.

Ten of the new MMSN students are from Mount Airy, seven from neighboring Virginia, one from Sparta, one from Winston-Salem, and one from Alabama. They are:

Rebecca J. Banner	Joan Leona Leonard
Joyce Faye Burcham	Susan D. Looney
Brenda G. Chandler	Linda G. McCann
Helen I. Collins	Wanda K. Miller
Linda Cooley	Faye A. Moore
Joyce A. Greenwood	Martha K. Smith
Ruth D. Harold	Margaret Tolbert
Emma E. Hudson	Carolyn L. Wade
Glenda Sue Jones	Libby Jo Weddle
Brenda Sue Largin	Rebecca Youngblood

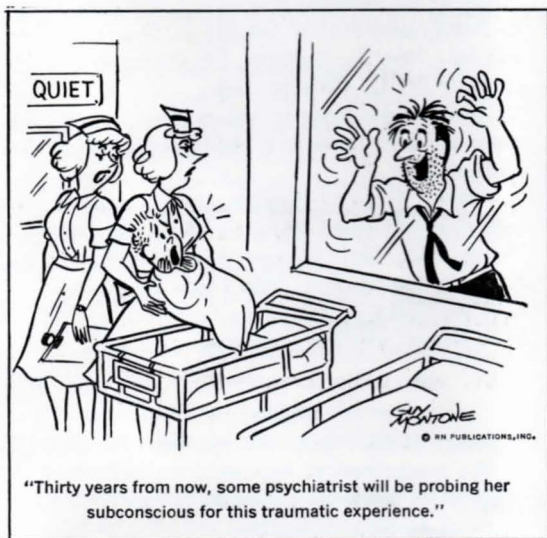
The school of nursing has had growing pains this past year. The library has been renovated, a librarian has been employed on a part-time basis, and additional office space for instructors has been worked out.

The curriculum has been reworked. The school will operate on a quarter system with 13 weeks in each of three quarters and a shorter summer quarter.

Fewer courses will be offered concurrently in the first year. Miss Janie Hardwicke, Director of Nursing, comments that this should help the first year students' morale and study problems.

New Faculty appointments include Mrs. Eloise Neal, R. N. - Associate Director of Nursing Education and Mrs. Linda Lyons, R. N. Assistant in Fundamentals of Nursing.

New Associate Faculty appointments are: Mrs. Rixie Hill, M.S., Instructor in Anatomy and Chemistry and Mr. Carlos Surratt, M.A. - Instructor in Psychology and English.



"Thirty years from now, some psychiatrist will be probing her subconscious for this traumatic experience."

STUDENT NURSE NEWS

In a brief dedication ceremony on August 23, of the school yearbook, the following quote was read from the 1966 edition of THE STRIPES:

"This year we would like to recognize one who has gone so far beyond the basic duties of his work to be of greatest assistance not only in the professional field, but also in the social functions of our school. We will always be grateful for the vital interest he has shown and for the time he has devoted to our well being.

It is with pride and admiration that we, the Annual Staff of Martin Memorial School of Nursing, dedicate the 1966 edition of THE STRIPES to Dr. Lewis B. Bolin. "



Miss Linda Cash, 1966 yearbook editor, is shown above presenting a copy of THE STRIPES to Dr. Bolin.

The annual staff for the coming year is as follows:

Editor Anne Christian
 Asst. Editor Phyllis Thomas
 Business Manager Bobbie Hampton
 Asst. Business Mgr. Judy Bunn
 Advertising Manager Susan Robertson
 Asst. Advertising Mgr. Linda Vogler

Miss Janie Jones has been elected Student Government reporter for 1966-67.

The freshman class of MMSN sponsored a car wash on Saturday, August 20, at Modern Shell and netted the sum of \$53.00. The class plans to buy a stereo with the money they have been raising.

--Elaine Shuler
 Senior Student

NURSING SCHOOL MARKER UNVEILED



The marker pictured above, bearing the name of the Martin Memorial School of Nursing, was unveiled in brief ceremonies on August 31 at 3:30 p.m.

The idea for a fitting marker for the school came from the graduating senior nurses and was made possible by the generosity of the North Carolina Granite Corporation, who donated and erected the edifice.

Miss Linda Cash of the senior class presented the marker after an invocation by the Rev. Edward Daniels, pastor of Haymore Memorial Baptist Church. Mr. David L. Hiatt, chairman of the hospital Board of Trustees accepted the tribute on behalf of the hospital and recognized Mr. John P. Frank, president of the N. C. Granite Corp. and Mr. John A. Simmons, hospital trustee and Supt. of N. C. Granite Corp.

Handsomely made of Mount Airy granite, the monument will serve as a lasting memorial to the class of 1966.

Shown in the picture are MMSN seniors: (left to right) Miss Loretta Stanley, Mrs. Bonnie Young, Mrs. Gale Watson, Miss Margaret Shuler, Mrs. Maxine Sanders, Miss Linda Cash, Mrs. Carolyn Dockery, Miss Dorothy Peterson, Mrs. Reba Hamm, and Mrs. Margaret Cox.

PROMOTION

Mrs. Eloise Neal, who has been an Instructor in the Department of Nursing Education since May 1960, has been promoted to Associate Director of Nursing Education.

NSH TO PARTICIPATE IN PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY STUDY

NSH is making plans to participate in a Professional Activity Study (PAS) beginning October 1.

Hospitals have grown in size and complexity, and the changing conditions have brought on greater responsibilities, including an acute need for more comprehensive information about patient treatment and records. Such information is available from the PAS. Through the use of computers, abstracted material from each patient record is processed and reports produced at PAS headquarters in Ann Arbor, Michigan.



The Duke Endowment is preparing to finance participation in this service, which compiles and distributes financial and statistical information in the interest of better patient care. The Endowment expects to contribute \$1,575,000 to this program in the Carolinas in the next three years.

On August 10, Mr. John K. Lockhart, Mrs. May Henry Worrell, and Mrs. Betty Adams attended a meeting in Winston-Salem, sponsored by the Duke Endowment, explaining the service and plans for participation.

Reports give the administrative and medical staff a basis for evaluating all phases of hospital operation and making plans for increased efficiency and better patient care. This will be especially useful in the many detailed record-keeping tasks, and the medical staff will receive much information helpful to them in their efforts to raise the quality of care.

No new paperwork is required of the physicians. The medical records librarian fills out a one-sheet abstract on each medical record after discharge. All information is confidential.

The reports will be used by the medical staff committees in evaluating professional care given, and in determining lengths of stay.

So, thanks to the Duke Endowment for allowing NSH to enter the Computer Age!

FOUR MEDICAL TECHNICIAN STUDENTS GRADUATE



The seventh class of the NSH School of Medical Technology is shown above receiving their diplomas at informal ceremonies held at Ray's Restaurant on August 31.

They are: (left to right) Mrs. Joan Atkins of Mount Airy, Miss Gail Russell of Kinston, Mrs. Linda Jones of Mount Airy, and Miss Carol Kincaid of Radford, Virginia. Dr. Andrew J. Kapcar, pathologist, is shown presenting the diplomas.

Following a year's internship, the graduates will be eligible for registration by the American Medical Technologists.

Miss Kincaid will intern at Radford Community Hospital, Miss Russell at Wayne Memorial Hospital in Goldsboro, Mrs. Atkins at N. C. Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Linda Jones plans to go to college.

THE GRAPE OF WRATH!

The lowly grape was the undoing of NSH's impressive 15-month accident-free safety record, which came to an abrupt halt July 15, when a dietary employee slipped on a grape peel and crashed to the floor, resulting in two weeks lost time from work. Thus ended 478,000 consecutive manhours worked without a lost-time accident.

Not being able to abolish grapes, it is suggested that persons eating and handling them deposit the peels in a garbage can or swallow them.

Meanwhile, the green light on the safety board is shining again, after a brief rest while the red light commemorated the accident.

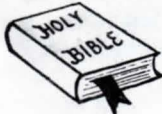
NEW CLASS ENTERS SCHOOL OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY



Four students entered the School of Medical Technology on July 18, beginning their training which will prepare them for positions in clinical laboratories.

The new students are: (standing, left to right) Miss Rebecca Watson of Goldston and Mrs. Brenda Brindle of Dobson; (seated) Miss Ann Ayers of Meadows of Dan, Virginia and Miss Lynda Brower of Mount Airy.

The NSH School of Medical Technology is accredited by the American Medical Technologists Registry.



CHAPLAINS FOR THE MONTH

August 29 - September 4

Rev. Oren Bradley - Surry Baptist Associational
Missionary

September 5 - 11

Rev. D. Ray Hamilton - Highland Park Baptist
Church

September 12 - 18

Rev. Edwin Bailey - Central Methodist Church

September 19 - 25

Rev. Thomas Bagnal - First Presbyterian Church

September 26 - October 2

Rev. Gerald Wise - St. Andrews Lutheran Church

THE AUXILIARY'S CORNER



The long summer is over and school is claiming our vacation Candy Strippers. Mrs. W. L. Dunman, chairman of volunteers, says she has never

A "Candy Striper"...



worked with a more able and cooperative group of Candy Strippers. One young lady has earned her 50-hour pin and others will soon do so. The Auxiliary says a heart-felt "Thanks" for the help of these happy young people.

The Snack Shop, under the management of Mrs. Flossie Simmons and Mrs. Daisy Forkner, showed a net profit of \$514 for the month of June.

The Auxiliary Executive Board, at its June meeting, authorized the following budget of \$3,870 for 1966-67:

Christmas decorations	\$	150.00
Health Careers		150.00
Membership		70.00
Entertainment		300.00
Yard Work		250.00
"Mediscope"		400.00
Miscellaneous		200.00
Gifts to the hospital		2,350.00
		<u>\$ 3,870.00</u>

At the September Executive Board meeting, Mrs. Clem Thomas of Pilot Mountain, chairman of the Finance Committee will present specific recommendations for the use of the gift to the hospital.

Tray favors for September will be provided by the Flat Rock Presbyterian Church and for October by organizations of the White Plains community.

--Mrs. O. K. Merritt, Sr.

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE PLEDGE

I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly:

To pass my life in purity and to practice my profession faithfully.

I will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous, and will not take or knowingly administer any harmful drug.

I will do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standard of my profession, and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping, and all family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my profession.

With loyalty will I endeavor to aid the physician in his work, and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care.

ABOUT MISS NIGHTINGALE. . . .

By
Miss Janie Hardwicke

First of all, her father's name was Shore. He inherited a fine estate from an elderly relative by the name of Nightingale. In accord with a custom of the times (1800s), he dropped his paternal name and with "due process" assumed the last name of his relative and benefactor along with the estate and other responsibilities.

You may know that his daughter Florence was named for the famous Italian city in which she was born. The wealthy Nightingales traveled frequently on the continent of Europe and spent many winters in Italy and Greece. Florence had a younger sister, Parthenope, who was born in a city in Greece by that name.

Florence's mother, an elegant English matron, dedicated to the customs of her very rigid society, could not understand a daughter who wanted an education in the classics instead of embroidery and who was interested in treating the indigent sick instead of dancing the Schottische at endless balls.

Florence Nightingale found it necessary to make a very painful break from her family in order to pursue her interest in nursing. She was not able to do this until she was in her 30th year. Her mother accused her of destroying Parthenope's

health and sanity and of complete disregard for her family's social position.

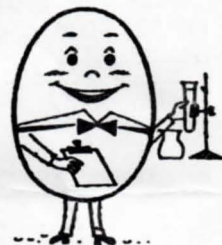
All human beings owe so many things to this courageous woman, born in 1820, a period when a woman had little choice or control concerning her destiny.

As we come to another graduation, it is interesting and certainly fitting to remember the magnificent Florence who made the good fight for what she believed in.

In her honor, a group of people at old Harper Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, wrote the Nightingale Pledge. It was written on April 25, 1893, by a committee composed of Dr. W. H. Davis, D.D., Miss N. E. Haight, Miss L. T. Ford, and Miss Lystra Gretter, the chairman.

For many years now the nurses in this country have been affirming publicly the spirit of "The Florence Nightingale Pledge."

INFECTION PROGRAM CONTROL UNDERWAY



After several months' study, an Infection Control Program has been approved by the Infection Control Committee and medical staff. The objective of the program is to provide a system which will give maximum protection from infection hazards to patients, personnel, physicians, and visitors. Principles of infection control are listed as a training tool, and procedures are listed for setting up an isolation unit, daily routines for nursing and housekeeping, decontaminating the unit at discharge, and handling visitors.

Emphasis is on precautionary measures for suspected as well as actual infections, with isolation at the time of admission if it is felt necessary.

Training sessions are underway which will familiarize all staffers with basic information about infections, how different types of infections are handled, and the importance of uniform handling of infections throughout the hospital. All information about infection control is collected in a 9-page manual, which will be placed on each nursing unit for quick reference. A copy also has been given to each medical staff member.

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THIS & THAT

Mr. John K. Lockhart attended the American Hospital Association meeting in Chicago August 28-31.

Miss Janie Hardwicke, Mrs. Eloise Neal, and Mrs. Barbara Jessup will attend an affiliation planning meeting at Children's Hospital in Washington, D. C. on September 15.

Mrs. Ruby Hewett, R. N. and her family moved to Lumberton recently.

The library at the school of nursing has been remodeled this summer by the maintenance department.

Leroy Hawks, former NSH employee, graduated from Carraway Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, Birmingham, Alabama on July 29.

"Budget Time" (when department heads figure out how much of their expense request is going to be cut) will be completed shortly. It is expected that the new budget will have considerable increases, necessitating substantial rate increases to bring in more income.

Mr. Sam Scott, who has worked in Central Supply during the past three summers, will be leaving in September to resume his studies at Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

Roger Hilderbrand of the maintenance department has been classified 1-A and is waiting to hear from his Uncle Sam.

Mrs. Billie Canfield, N.A. and Mrs. Peggy Huffman, R. N., both employees on Second South, are moving away. Mrs. Huffman is going to Winston-Salem and Mrs. Canfield to Tennessee