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MARCH OF ACTIVITIES

Progressive strides in activities have been made through the expert supervision and guidance of Mrs. Mildred Brown, whom we welcomed in December. A survey revealed a classification of students interests to be: Creative, 20% ; Social, 67% ; Athletic, 13%. Activities and numerous events followed to form (1) an integral part in our routine, (2) the foundation of extra curricular history. Swimming, Tennis and other sports were made available for participation; ping pong tournaments began, card sharks enjoyed bridge lessons, choral, dramatics and book clubs and a class for Bible study were established.

Birthday parties were featured for monthly babies. A friendly social gathering in “Rec Hall” for January, February, viewed the gay peasant dances, typically costumed of Hungary; and March, the Wonder of the Puppets.

The annual Senior Hallowe’en Party with the usual march of masqueraders, introduced a novel entertainment — an autopsy, with the passing of weird inanimate organs among the guests.

A Chemistry Show held in the Medical College, November 12th, displayed scientific splendor of gases—liquefied air and such—to the utmost. The exhibit was produced by Franklin Institute representatives.

The evening of January 19th, brought a mad dash of excitement with shouts of “If only I could find a derby”, “Do you wear size 3½ evening slipper?” Mat. has plenty of baby bottles, but where in the home. This was the Scavenger Hunt.

Artists of unusual ability displayed their talents on Music Night programs given February 3rd, March 9th. Refreshments were served and members danced to popular airs of nickelodeon. The program and musical instructions by Mr. Johnson are made possible by the Women’s Board.

The classic relationship of Big-little sister companionship was renewed with a “By George” Party on Washington’s Birthday, demonstrating a high scale of appropriate entertainment.

Pies, cherry, custard, apple, hamburgers and frankfurters did their bit for the Senior Fund. Clever auctioneering, expert handling and attractive display swelled the treasury after the Rummage Sale.

The Brown College of Nonsense made a deep dent in our history making progress on March 7th. Crediting its Smart Guys with gold keys, drawing giraffes, which appeared more than mouselike, translation of slangology, drama of the nursery rhyme, a German band, resounding queer music between laughs, composed the fun of the course.

With shamrocks and green bows tucked in one’s hair, the students hopped to an original square dance of the Pig in the Parlor Reel. Refreshments, singing, games, jokes added to our amusement March 15th, at the “Wearin of the Green” Party.

Lastly, the “Nosokomos”, centering mostly about the above activities, is, we are informed, already in “hi gear” production having gone to press March 14th. Individual sketches depicting intimate characterizations of all students, and the large variety of pictures make it an outstanding issue. Thus with the speed of the press, terminates the senior March of Activities.

MARY PACHUTA,
Senior Reporter.
COMING EVENTS

April 19, 1940 (Friday), 7:30 P. M. — Alumnae Meeting.
April 23, 1940 (Tuesday), 8:30 P. M. — Graduate Nurses’ Chorus of Philadelphia Annual Concert, Town Hall, Philadelphia.
May 17, 1940 (Friday), 7:30 P. M. — Election of Officers. Reports of delegates to the A. N. A. May 18, 1940 — 8th Annual Luncheon and Dance, Warwick Hotel.
April 25, 1940 (Thursday), 8 P. M. — Commencement Exercises of the Class of 1940, in the Amphitheatre, Jefferson Hospital.

JEFFERSON NEWS

Mary Call Hibbsh, ’14, wrote that she enjoyed her first visit here since graduation, in 1938.
Cora Baker, ’10, has been floor supervisor at the Graduate Hospital for eleven years.
Nellie Miller Mehler, ’17, visited Grace Boller, in August, 1938. She plans to attend our Fiftieth Anniversary in 1942.
Agnes Shock, ’22, of Selingsgrove, visited here this spring. She would like to hear from the “Jeff” girls in her vicinity.
Ruth Bray, ’10, will soon return to Africa for missionary work.

In October, 1939, Miss Miriam Brunner, B.S., R.N., was transferred to the educational department of the School of Nursing and is teaching Nursing Arts.
Members of the teaching staff now number four, and all receive salaries from the Ross V. Patterson Fellowship and Teaching Fund.
Enrollment in the school now numbers 230 students. There are 75 graduate nurses exclusive of the teaching staff.
Commencement exercises will be held in the Clinical Amphitheatre, on Thursday, April 25, 1940, for sixty-seven graduates.

IN FLORIDA FOR WINTER

Ednah Jackson, Margery Bargar, Ellen Crawford, Elva Schoen.
Laura Dewitt, ’32, is in Naval Service in Panama.

THE A.N.A. CONVENTION

This will be the third time Philadelphia has been hostess to the National Convention. The first time was in 1904, when the attendance was only a few hundred, again in 1917, when the attendance numbered about 1200.
This year we are looking forward to the attendance from 7500 to 10,000 nurses at the various meetings. The program will be unusually fine and there will be ample opportunity for discussion of the many challenging problems that are confronting nurses today. Plan to attend as many meetings as possible.
There will be a dinner for Pennsylvania nurses. Watch the bulletin boards in the hotels and at Convention Hall for the notice of the exact time and place, and be sure to make reservation. This will afford us opportunity to meet our graduates who now live out of the State.
Last but not least, will be the follow up of the convention, with the Alumnae Day of our Alma Mater. May 18; Luncheon at the Hotel War-wick. Don’t fail to include this important event in your convention activities.
The opening of the convention will be a memorial to Florence Nightingale. This service will be held in the Academy of Music, Sunday evening, May 12th. From this date, during the week, and including celebration of our Alumnae Day, will be full of instructive material.

GREETINGS!

To each and every member of our Alumnae Association far and near.
At home we have a twofold pleasure for this year, we not only hope to welcome you to our Eighth Jefferson Class Day Reunion Luncheon, on May 18, 1940, but we will also play our part in the Hostess Activities for the Biennial Convention of the American Nurses’ Association which will convene in Philadelphia, the week of May 12, 1940, at Convention Hall.
A warm welcome awaits you.

MARION G. MCCORMACK, President.
EIGHT HOUR COMMITTEE

Anything that we do, and do the best of which we are capable at the time should not be apologized for. What you find here is not as good a report as I had hoped for this issue. We are not working the eight hour day. I can, however, even without apology assure you that I hoped our efforts would have resulted in instituting the shorter working day. Nevertheless with renewed vigor and staunch support of our group, we cannot fail.

HELENE WEBER,
Chairman.

The next quarterly payment of the Inter-County Hospitalization Plan will be due in June. Seventy-five are now members in our group. Six nurses have benefited by this plan since our enrollment a year ago. New members will join at this same time.

NURSES WANTED

1400 Jefferson graduates to prepare and participate in our GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY, 1942. Suggestions—Keep your scrap books up to date. Collect class pictures or snapshots. Look up the old style uniforms. Send addresses from 1893 to 1943. Have you a HOBBY to exhibit?

I am glad to have the opportunity of expressing my appreciation to those members of the Association who thus generously supported me for election to the office of Secretary-Treasurer of District Association No. 1. Though I lost to my worthy opponent, I am grateful to my colleagues for the time and effort expended in my behalf.

BERENICE L. FREUDENBERGER, R.N.,
Class 1927.

CLASS OF 1926

Is circulating a ROUND ROBIN LETTER among its members. Be sure to add a line and make corrections in addresses. At the luncheon on May 18th, we hope to hear the entire letter.

The Jefferson Nurses’ Relief fund completes its third year, June 1st, 1940. Many have derived benefits from this fund and expressed their gratitude and appreciation for such a fund. Let’s all work harder in order that we may increase the principal and give more aid to our ill members.

Any contributions are gratefully received, and I assure you it is for a worthy cause!

Since June 1st, 1939 to May 1st, 1940, sixteen nurses, totalling 121 days, have received benefits.

CONVENTION NOTES

Jefferson has been invited to serve on the Registration Committee, at Convention Hall, for the Biennial Convention.

Many members of the Alumnae are serving on Committees for the Convention.

Nora Shoemaker,
Chairman of Property Comm.
Ethel Hopkins,
Chairman of Luncheon Comm.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

Publicity Committee asks if you have any items of interest, or letters from far-away classmates, please contact any of the members of the committee.

Marie Scherer
Martha Riland
Helyn Long
Frieda Grundkowsk, Chairman

American Nurses’ Association, National League of Nursing Education and National Organization of Public Health Nursing Biennial Convention will be held at Philadelphia, May 12-18, 1940.

The P. S. N. A. Convention will be held in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., October 21-25, 1940.

Helene Weber is a candidate for Second Vice-Chairman in the Private Duty Section of the A. N. A. Miss Weber has held office in the P. S. N. A.

PINE STREET NEWS

I feel that I am hardly the one to give you the information you desire about “Pine Street” since I have only been here since the first of February. However, I will tell you my impressions on returning and you can use this if it will be of any help to you.

Certainly the whole idea of the Department has changed. When I was a student nurse here, patients were brought here to “cure” (this being rest in tuberculosis parlance); a few to get well and many to go out the back door. Now it is a very rare one that goes out the back door. Many go out the front door, back to their old jobs, to new jobs or to their families, secure in the knowledge that they are no longer hazards to their families or to the community.

In this transition many changes have also taken place in the physical aspects of the building itself.

One improvement, finished in November, 1939, is our new kitchen. Anyone remembering the old one would feel she had been transported into a fairy land by a glimpse at the new one. Gone down to newest electric refrigerators and silex coffee maker. And is Miss Kephart, our dietitian, proud of it!

Another change is in the reception room. This has been redecorated in blue with new booths, lights and leather furniture. It makes a very attractive introduction to our little Hospital.

The wards themselves have been refurnished since July, 1939, with all new furniture including beds, bedside tables, over-bed tables, chairs and center tables.

Even with all these things, I think we feel that probably the new Thoracic Unit is really the most important addition since that is the thing that enables us to treat our patients in a modern scientific manner. This Unit includes an up to date operating room, new laboratories, treatment rooms, x-ray equipment and surgical recovery rooms.

All of our patients are discussed at various times in the Conferences.

First in General Medical Conference. At any time that Conference feels surgery is indicated in any particular case, the case is then referred to Surgical Conference. If this Conference corroborates the opinion of General Medical Conference the case is listed for the operation in our own operating room.

From November 16, 1938, the day our operating room opened, until March 16, 1940, we have done the following:

- Thoracoplasties 82
- Pneumatic crush 18
- Pneumolysis 18
- Extra pleural pneumothorax 6
- Thoracotomy 2
- Bronchoscopy 26

Besides these we average about 50 pneumothorax or pneumoperitoneum treatments a week.

Miss Johanna Laise, Class of ’39, is in charge of the Operating Room and Miss Helen Winternayer, Class of ’34, is nurse in charge of the wards.

Dr. Robert Charr and Dr. J. Woodrow Savacool have been appointed Joseph V. Horn Fellows for the study of pulmonary tuberculosis at the Department. They are studying: (1) Pulmonary vascular changes in tuberculosis in the artificially collapsed lung. (2) Behavior of tuberculosis cavities in relation to their location in the lung. (3) Pulmonary arterial rupture in fatal hemoptysis in tuberculosis. (4) Pathology of the collapsed lung.

We also hope very soon to have an active teaching programme for our student nurses, but that, among many other things, is still one of our nebulous ideas.

THELMA SHOWERS.

CLASS OF 1915

This is your SILVER Anniversary. Bring ‘em out!

CLASS OF 1916

Work next year to have everyone present to celebrate YOUR SILVER Anniversary.
FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
It is five years since the publication of the first Jefferson Nurses’ Alumnae Bulletin (the Blue Book). Charlotte Moore Burt, ’29, was Chairman of the Publicity Committee. 450 copies were sent. This year our mailing list consists of:
Pennsylvania 450 copies
New York 100 copies
New Jersey 50 copies
32 Other States 100 copies

OWNERS of SCRAP BOOKS
(Hospital and Nurse Clippings)
Your own Alumnae
Florence Hawke
Evelyn Rovles Lore
Veronica Owens
Helen Richey Frederick
Anne Bergner
Jennie Kutz

May we ask you to keep these intact and display for our Golden Anniversary. Are there other Scrap collectors? May we have your clippings?

Helene Weber was elected one of the Directors of District No. 1, of the P. S. N. S.

The Graduate Nurses’ Chorus of Philadelphia will give its Annual Concert on Tuesday, April 23rd, at 8:30 P. M., in Town Hall. In the second part of the program the members will be in costume and will feature the music of Stephen Collins Foster. Our Alumnae members in the chorus are: Dorothy Reubenhold, Gladys Arnold, Frances Wilden- ger, Clara Luchinger, Mabel Prevost, Edith Tebbs, Hilda Bell, Florence Heist and Eleanor Henry.

Hannah Griffith Dietrich, ’31, is clinic nurse at the Kensington Health Center.

Josephine Bushek, ’37, finished her course in Anaesthesia in February. She is now an anaesthetist at Huntington, Pa.

Alma Kreiser Tredick, ’28, resides in Panama where her husband has a Navy Position.

On November 27, 1939, a program dedicated to the loving memory of Miss Virginia McCleavy was held at the Nurses’ Home. Miss McCleavy passed on November 19, 1939. She had faithfully served as matron of the Nurses’ Home since 1907, and all those who entered the portals of Jefferson will long remember Miss McCleavy for her fine character and genteel manner.

SICK LIST—1939 and 1940
Myra Cleo Snyder Marion Brubaker
Gertrude Geist Katherine Purcell
Mabelle Moore M. Bell Thrasher
Margaret Moore Mary A. Bowman
Mary McKinstry Irma Lee
Hazel Oberdorf Ruth Meyers
Marie Meyer Mary Faril
Mildred Huber Evelyn Fore
Mary Breth Ruth Adams
Mary Lamon Fern Nunemaker
Olga Dyan Mary Cushen

A Program of Nursing
“INFORMATION PLEASE”
1. What is the definition of a nurse as adopted by the Board of the A. N. A.?
2. What is the ratio of untrained nurses to private duty nurses in the State of Pennsylvania?
3. Name the hospitals in this district that give tuberculosis nursing as part of the curriculum?
4. What well known nurse said—"For us who nurse, our nursing is a thing in which, unless in it we are making progress every year, every month, every week—take my word for it, we are going back."
5. What has registration done for nursing?
6. What has registration failed to do?
7. In the Official Bulletin of District No. 1, of the A. N. A. as of 1939?

PRIVATE DUTY SECTION
Regular meetings to be held in September, January, and May in the Amphitheatre, preceding regular Alumnae meetings held the third Friday of each month.

EXCERPTS FROM ALUMNAE MINUTES
Fifty-one new members from September, 1938 to March 1st, 1940.
Organization of a P. H. section of the Alumnae Association was voted upon and passed. President to elect Chairman.
Scholarship fund increased from $1606 to $2400.
Addition of 2 new members to the teaching staff: Miriam Brunner, A.B., R.N., Instructor in Nursing Arts; Kathryn Bestian, A.B., R.N., Instructor in Medical and Surgical Nursing.
Dance given December 2, $84.00 given to Relief Fund.
Private duty section to meet three times yearly instead of monthly.
Miss Oberdorf sent as representative to the course given on Parliamentary law.
Special consideration given to members of long standing in the Association to be referred to the Executive Committee.
At an Executive meeting held February 19th the problem of delinquent members was discussed. It was decided that letters be written to each delinquent member. Those doing special duty at the hospital should bring their alumnae cards and present it when registering it in an effort to make those working here in good standing with the Association.
Two copies of the “History of Nursing in Pennsylvania” were purchased by the Association. One was presented to the Student Nurses’ Library, the other is in the Alumnae Files in the Office for your enjoyment.
Ethel Lynch, infermiary nurse at Drexel Institute and a student at the University of Pennsylvania will get her degree in Nursing Education and Public Health within the next year.
Jean Greenfield, who finished her P. H. Course at University of Pennsylvania last year, has a position with the Ardmore Visiting Nurse Society.
The new By-Laws of the Association are now available. Those members who have paid their dues for this year have already received a copy; those who intend to pay their dues will receive a copy upon payment. Others interested in the Association, its rules and regulations, activities and benefits may receive a copy upon request to the Treasurer, Miss Margaret A. Carey, 2130 Locust Street.

A gentle reminder—to pay your dues before the Annual Meeting of the Association (third Friday in May). This entitles you to receive "benefits" in case of illness (hospital bill paid for two weeks), provided also, you attend at least three meetings a year. Attendance at meetings, of course, does not apply to non-resident members.

When paying dues to Treasurer, resident members must present the multiple cards (i.e., this year) required for filing with the Alumnae, District, State and National organizations. Non-resident members are not required to present these cards.

Please remember that if you have not paid your dues to the Association before April 1st, your name cannot be sent to the District and State and you, therefore, will not receive your copy of "Penn Points". Those who pay dues before April 1st and later do not receive "Penn Points", should notify the District Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Henrietta Patrick, at 311 S. Juniper Street, Kingsley 2199.

A word to those who are delinquent in payment of dues: If you feel that you no longer need the benefits of your Alumnae Association, you are earnestly requested to become a paid-up member which will enable you to present your resignation in writing to the Secretary; otherwise, unpaid dues accumulate from year to year. Resignation from the Association will entitle you to become a reinstated member without paying dues from date of resignation to re-instatement.

TREASURER.

*STAFF NEWS*

All staff nurses are members of the Organized Staff. The purpose of the organization is to further the education of the members and this is accomplished by monthly programs at which we usually have a guest speaker. The meetings are held the first Monday of each month, beginning in October and continuing until May.

The program for this year has been a very interesting one:

November: Miss Bastian presented slides of some ancient paintings with a complete description of each.

December: Several members of the Senior Class presented their Public Health Projects. The entire Senior Class were our guests.

This also being a holiday month we had a very enjoyable Christmas Party at which Santa gave everyone a gift. Three Student Nurses rendered several musical numbers after which we all sang Christmas Carols around the open fire-place and enjoyed refreshments.

January: A guest speaker presented a short movie and explained the work of the Blue Cross Hospital Organization.

February: Mr. Jennings gave an interesting talk entitled "Out of Today and Yesterday." It pertained to paintings, past and present.

This being the month of snow, a very enjoyable sleighing party was held.

March: We were very fortunate in obtaining a representative from Strawbridge and Clothier Store who spoke on "Fashion Flashes".

April: As planned, a lecture on "History of Silver", by Mr. Fred Cooper, Jeweler, of 113 So. 12th St., Philadelphia, will be given.

May: Our last meeting of the year at which time we have a dinner served to us by Miss Walker and her staff. Officers for the coming year are elected at this time.

STAFF NEWS

Willie Alder is a Senior at the University of Pennsylvania this year.

Fern Nunemaker will complete the course in Nursing Education at University of Pennsylvania in June.

Ethel Hopkins is Vice-President of the Philadelphia League of Nursing Education.

Fern Nunemaker is Chairman of the Program Committee of the League of Nursing Education.

Many of the staff nurses are attending the extension courses of the University of Pennsylvania which are given at the Pennsylvania Hospital, at 8th and Spruce Streets.

The resignation of Miss Mary Cushen, Supervisor of the Chest Department, at 238 Pine Street, was accepted with regret in October, 1939.

Mrs. Lydia B. Cannon succeeded Miss Cushen temporarily.

Miss Thelma Showers, who will soon have her degree in Public Health Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania, reported for duty on February 1, 1940.

Due to the amount of work necessary in keeping the treasurer's books to date, I have been unable to answer letters individually that have come with both resident and non-resident dues. I assure you that your notes have been appreciated and your donations to the Relief Fund gratefully received.

MARGARET CAREY, Treasurer.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Save your By-Law Book. It is your receipt book and in paying your 1941 dues, please present it with your multiple membership card to the treasurer. Non-Residents do not need multiple membership cards.

PERSONALS

Josephine Miles Dickerson, '26, with Catherine Smulling, '34, entertained 21 members of the Graduate Nurses Study Club in February.

Since there are six Jeff nurses in this vicinity, they hope to get together soon. They would like to have any graduates in the surrounding towns to join them. Please contact Josephine Dickerson, 123 High Street, State College, Pa.

Viola Steigerwalt Irshick, '20, with her husband and three children will return to their Missionary work in India, on June 24.

ENGAGEMENTS

Ruth Adams, '34, to Rev. George W. Fritch.

MARRIAGES

Maude Kline, '23, to Mr. Samuel Steiner.

Marguerite Malone, '28, to Mr. Earl Peters.

Dorothy Confer, '30, to Mr. Arthur Stevens.

Gail Gonder, '32, to Mr. James Willard.

Marion Hoffman, '34, to Dr. Nathan Miller.

Marion Battin, '35, to Mr. William Citta.

Elizabeth Sitgraves, '38, to Richard Eichel.

Grace Bird, '39, to James Pike, Jr.

DEATHS

Lillian Lawrence, '02, in December, 1939, at the Waynesboro Hospital from a heart condition. She was a school nurse for many years.

Florence Fair Fiels, '16, in December, 1939.

Sarah Smith, '96, in December, 1939. Housekeeper at Jefferson for many years.
RECENT BIRTHS
Nora Smith Fry, '25, a daughter.
Dorothy Confer Stevens, '30, a daughter.
Eleanor Finn Stewart, '26, a daughter.
Josephine Miles Dickerson, '26, a son.
Margaret Thomas Newhall, '26, a daughter.
Adela Gustav Ruppersburg, '26, a son.
Virginia Emmett Leo, '31, a son.
Emma Felker Reinhart, '32, a daughter.
Jane Manewal Ezell, '29, a son.
Catherine Dewitt Smith, '29, a son.
Irene Wentzell Aslow, '39, a son.
Margaret MacFarland Semisch, '36, a son.
Esther Patton Benner, '35, a daughter.
Eleanor Farber Brosius, '36, a daughter.
Alma Andrews Johnson, '32, a daughter.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it to one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me". MATTHEW 25:40.

On behalf of the Needlework Guild of America, I want to thank, through this BULLETIN, those nurses who so kindly gave, that others less fortunate, might be warmly and comfortably clad. JENNIE E. KUTZ, Westminister.

An enjoyable Benefit Card Party was held at 1010 Spruce Street, on April 4th. The proceeds have been added to the Relief Fund.

Cut out and send to: Miss Margaret A. Carey, Treasurer, 2130 Locust Street, Philadelphia.

PLEASE CHANGE MY ADDRESS

Name _____________________________________________
Former Address (Street and No.) _______________________
City _____________________________________________
New Address (Street and No.) _________________________
City _____________________________________________

If you know of any graduate who does not receive a BULLETIN or Annual Luncheon Notice, please notify one of the Officers.
Welcome

American Nurses Association
Convention Delegates