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Nurses' Alumnae Association Bulletin

School of Nursing of the Jefferson Medical College Hospital

April 1959
ALUMNAE DAY
FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY
EVERY YEAR
NURSES’ ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

April, 1959

Dear Alumnae,

It is said there is nothing we have which has not been given to us. Note an excerpt from the minutes of an Alumnae meeting held May 25, 1906:

"As we look back over our fiscal year which is so near its close and compare the present with the past we are delighted at the progress of our Alumnae. Old members who have been in arrears have paid up their back dues and are glad to know their Alumnae is not standing still but has before it a goal to which someday by perseverance the hope to reach.

Recent graduates are anxious to become members and our books show many of this year's classes enrolled.

When members are interested in their organization and show it instead of being indifferent, it will never be difficult to get new members.

Instead of your asking them to unite they will be coming to you to know how they may become members.

Some perhaps think we have not accomplished much during the past year from a financial point of view. This we, I think all agree upon but while we have not realized our bank account growing very rapidly we feel and in fact know that we are today a more united body, each interested in the welfare of the other and the advancement of our Alumnae.

May we go on and the year Nineteen Hundred Seven find us at least a step higher than today."

Olive Macumber, Secretary

A great heritage! A great association! Noble objectives! Remarkable active workers! Progress! Qualking with possibilities—waiting for you young and not so young graduates to join and become active.

I thank all members for their fine support and hope I may ably serve as

Your new President,

VIVIAN I. MOYER

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Due to numerous inquiries concerning qualifications necessary for eligibility for the $500 Clara Melville Scholarship, the committee wishes to publish the following requirements, as stated in the Constitution and by-laws of the Nurses’ Alumnae Association:

1. Application for the scholarship will be received by the Scholarship Committee of the Jefferson Nurses’ Alumnae Association. After review of these applications, the Scholarship Committee will make recommendation to the Association for acceptance.

2. The applicant must comply with college entrance requirements, must be a member of the Jefferson Nurses’ Alumnae Association for at least one year prior to the time of application, must be a member of the American Nurses’ Association, be registered in the state, and have at least one year of professional experience.
3. The applicant must be a graduate of Jefferson Medical College Hospital desiring to do advance work in Nursing Education.

4. One five hundred dollar scholarship will be awarded annually to a full time college student. The closing dates for application are January 1st and August 1st.

5. The scholarship may be used in any University or College approved by the Scholarship Committee.

6. The recommendation of the Committee to the Association will be based on the education, experience, and character of the applicant.

LENORE BRADY STRIGARI, Chairman
DOLORES HECKENBERGER
PATRICIA ZARELLA

BULLETIN COMMITTEE

The members of this committee have tried to bring to you the news of the past year accurately and in an interesting manner. We attempted to bring you up-to-date with the current activities of the hospital and the members of your association. If there are any errors, we will gladly accept corrections, as we are not always able to verify items that are handed to us. Any suggestions will be welcomed and appreciated.

Every Alumna can help us put out a better Bulletin by sending us news and information about herself or other graduates.

ELINORE SATTERFIELD, Chairman
ELSIE SKVIR, Co-chairman
JANET HINDSON

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The Entertainment Committee has had another busy year in planning some very important functions.

On Thursday, March 13th, 1958, we had a very enjoyable Buffet Supper followed by an Auction Sale which was held at the Nurses Residence at 1012 Spruce Street. The proceeds were $120.25 which was placed in the Nurses Home Fund.

A dinner for the graduating class of 1958 was held at the John Bartram Hotel on Tuesday, April 22nd, 1958. There were almost 100% present.

The big highlight of the year was the Alumnae Day in May. The Luncheon was held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in the Ballroom on May 3rd, 1958. There were approximately 395 present.

We held a Christmas Auction Sale and Party on December 9th, 1958, at the Nurses Residence at 1012 Spruce Street. We had a very successful party at which refreshments were served. The proceeds of $135.00 were placed in the Nurses Home Fund.

Will everyone try to make an effort to attend the Annual Alumnae Luncheon on May 2nd, 1959, as we would like to reach our goal of over 400?

The committee wishes to thank all the Alumnae members for their continued support and cooperation displayed by their attendance at these functions.

BETTY PIERSOL, Chairman
MARGARET SUMMERS, Co-chairman

NURSES HOME COMMITTEE
WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Three years ago the Board of Trustees of Jefferson Medical College Hospital asked the Jefferson Nurses Alumnae Association to donate toward a new nurses residence. We met soon after and pledged $25,000.00.

Then the problem arose of how to raise the money. We thought of chancing off a car and all arrangements were made. It was a great disappointment when we were informed that this would not be permitted.

The cause merited a great deal of work due to its importance. It was a vision which had finally reached realization and we were prepared to meet it with diligent work and persistence.

We made an appeal to our Alumnae through whose generous pledges and support we have raised $21,000.00. Being only $4,000.00 short of our goal, we believe continual response will fulfill the entire amount by June. This will be our contribution to the new nurses home, which is now being built on the corner of 11th and Walnut Sts.

The Nurses' Home Committee and the Ways and Means Committee would like to thank all who have made fulfillment of our pledge possible.

Donations of Anniversary Classes — 1958

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E. NANCY SCOTT, '55, Chairman
Nurses Home Committee
HENRIETTA F. SPRUANCE, '21, Chairman
Ways and Means Committee

PRIVATE DUTY SECTION

1958 was a very busy year for our nurses doing private duty. The supply could not always meet the demand. There are now 54 nurses on the active duty list. These nurses are members of the Jefferson Nurses' Alumnae Association and the A. N. A.

The private duty section was represented by its private duty Chairman, Mrs. Emma Smeck at the 1958 PNA Convention in Philadelphia.

EMMA SMECK, Chairman
Private Duty Section
REPORT OF THE SCHOOL OF NURSING
AND NURSING SERVICE

With the passing of another year comes the time to report new events and activities which have taken place since our last meeting.

The new nurses' residence which most of us never hoped to see, is at long last, a reality. The building has risen rapidly and at this time, eight floors have been erected and the sun deck is being constructed. During the past year, many meetings have been held—with architects and builders, and the interior decorators. The results of these discussions and careful planning will assure us of an ultra modern yet very comfortable home for Jefferson's student nurses.

The plan of the building provides for a central core of utilities—bathrooms, shower and tub rooms, laundries, and elevators. A corridor on each side of the core separates the utilities from the bedrooms so that each bedroom has an outside exposure. This wide separation of bedrooms will provide greater privacy and quietness for all students.

The bedrooms are double and each will have two studio beds which will serve as divans during the day, but which may be pulled out to bed size for sleeping. Built-in bolsters will allow space for radios or books. Individual desks and dressers will also be built-in and, with the large individual closets, will furnish ample storage space. The patterns of color selected for the bedroom floors are gay and harmonious.

A lounge on each bedroom floor, the large recreation room at ground floor level, and the solarium and sun deck will afford space for informal recreation and relaxation.

Housemothers' quarters, as well as the offices, mail boxes, music room and reception room, will be located on the Main Floor. The reception room will be a truly elegant spot with rich colors and comfortable, yet modern furniture.

Philadelphia summers will no longer present a heat problem to the students since the residence will be completely air-conditioned. This will be another building of which Jefferson may justly be proud.

Just as the new residence will be a complete change to modern living, so will the contemplated change in the student nurse uniform. Although the uniform has been modified considerably in the years since the original design of organdy apron and bib to match the cap, long-sleeved dress with separate cuffs, and the inevitable black shoes and stockings, this one will perhaps present the greatest change. Laundry facilities, already heavily taxed by the many demands for clean linens, will be burdened more with the laundering of bedspreads and draperies for the new residence. It is, therefore, imperative that we reduce the number of items which now comprise the student uniform. From the four-piece uniform (dress, apron, bib, and collar) the Jefferson student nurse will present a new look in a one-piece dress. In pink dacron-cotton with gored skirt and tucked white bib and white cuffs, the new uniform will be as modern as the residence. The class entering the School in September of 1959 will be the first to wear the new Jefferson uniform.

The hospital as well as the School has had a busy year. In an effort to give the best possible patient care, it continues to grow and to expand its services. In January of this year, an Isolation Unit was opened on the fifth floor of the Thompson Annex. This is a fourteen-bed unit used for patients having infectious or contagious diseases. This Unit serves not only to give better care to its patients, but also to protect other patients in semi-private facilities by removing roommates who may be the source of infection.
In order to decrease the number of prospective patients awaiting admission, some private rooms on the tenth and eleventh floors of the Annex have been converted into semi-private accommodations.

Medication units have been standardized throughout the house with the construction of medication rooms on the Annex floors, the sixth floor in the Main Building, and the construction of new nurses’ stations on the ward floors.

Not the least of the new innovations are the completely renovated Nursing Offices. This step, completed in October 1958, has increased the number of offices giving more privacy during interviews to applicants for both School and Staff, as well as to the Nursing Office Staff. The entire suite is attractive and colorful, and attests to the importance of the Department of Nursing.

We know that you will be interested in keeping up to date with news of Jefferson, and hope that those of you who live nearby or who may be coming to Philadelphia soon, will visit the hospital to see for yourselves the many changes which have occurred in the past five years.

With all good wishes to each of you for a happy and prosperous year.

Sincerely,  
MABEL C. PREVOST  
Administrative Assistant

THE JEFFERSON STORY

Beginnings are sometimes quiet and almost imperceptible. Suddenly you look, and there is the new thing, growing quite naturally out of the life things surrounding it. But Jefferson's beginnings were stormy and dramatic, overcoming extraordinary obstacles, to be born out of an almost desperate need for its existence.

Philadelphia can boast of having the first hospital (Pennsylvania Hospital, Eighth and Spruce Streets) and the first medical school (University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine) in the country. Brilliant young physicians came from all over the country to attend this famous medical school. Philadelphia became known as the “cradle of American medicine.” At the beginning of the nineteenth century, enthusiasm for medical education was at its highest, and the University of Pennsylvania could accept only half the number of students desiring to study medicine there.

Two groups rose in the city, one arguing for a new medical school, and the other vehemently opposed to it. A great leader emerged from the former group, Dr. George McClellan, by whose fierce, determined efforts, Jefferson finally came into being, against radical opposition. The first attempt to legislate a charter failed due to this opposition. But Dr. McClellan would not be stopped. His indignation and vehemently opposed to it. A great leader emerged from the former group, Dr. George McClellan, by whose fierce, determined efforts, Jefferson finally came into being, against radical opposition. The first attempt to legislate a charter failed due to this opposition. But Dr. McClellan would not be stopped. His indignation and opposition fired, he arrived at a clever plan, and went to work on it.

He proposed that a medical college be organized under the charter of Jefferson College at Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, a liberal arts institution. Within a year—in 1825—the charter of the parent school was extended to permit the granting of medical degrees. Thus a new medical school was created, known then as the Medical Department of the Jefferson College of Canonsburg, Pennsylvania.

1825 The setting for Jefferson’s beginnings was highly colorful, almost bizarre. The building rented for the first classes was the Old Tivoli Theatre at 518 Prune Street (now called Locust Street). Across the street stood the Walnut Street (now called Locust Street). Across the street stood the Walnut Street (now called Locust Street). Across the street stood the Walnut Street (now called Locust Street). Across the street stood the Walnut Street (now called Locust Street). Across the street stood the Walnut Street (now called Locust Street). Across the street stood the Walnut

1838 Its rise was indeed meteoric. Only three years after its opening, a new building was erected on the site of the present main building. In ten years (1838) the Legislature granted a charter, creating the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, as an independent corporation “with the same powers and restrictions as the University of Pennsylvania.”

At this point, we have an independent college, a brilliant faculty (many of whom are famous personages even today), a hearty crop of medical students—but very limited, makeshift clinical facilities. Rooms and shops were rented in the neighboring vicinity for in-patient areas. As late as 1841, even those patients who had undergone serious surgery had to be sent home in their carriages because there were not adequate facilities to hospitalize them.

1877 In 1877, the first hospital building was completed, with a 125-bed capacity, relieving the pressure for a time. This was erected where the Thompson Annex now stands. Jefferson was the second medical institution in the country to have its own hospital for teaching purposes.

From here on, the story of Jefferson is a tale of rapid expansion, periodic bursting at the seams, increased national recognition and superb leadership. A few of our faculty members go down in medical history, such as Dr. Samuel D. Gross, “Dean of American Surgery,” who was immortalized in Eakins’ masterpiece hanging on the second floor of the college; Dr. Chevalier Jackson, who invented the bronchoscope and founded a new branch of medicine, Bronchoscopy; Dr. J. Marion Sims, “Father of Modern Gynecology”; Dr. Charles Finlay, whose discovery that yellow fever was spread by mosquitoes made it possible to almost completely eradicate the disease; and Dr. Silas Weir Mitchell, widely recognized as a novelist and essayist, as well as a pioneer neurologist.

We must take note of the fact that Jefferson had the first Pediatric Department in the country, which graduated over 19,000 students (more than any other college in the country) with the lowest percentage of failures in Board examinations. Significant numbers of our graduates have started new colleges and become heads of established ones. Heritage and tradition were being built in, along with the physical buildings that were constantly being erected to meet the increasing needs.

1891 A training school for nurses was established in 1891, and the character of nursing was vastly improved.

1892 In 1892, the maternity ward was removed from its cramped quarters in the hospital to a rented building at 327 Pine Street. This building was soon overcrowded and a more commodious house was rented in 1894 at 244 South Seventh Street.

1899 By this time the old college building, which you remember, was located at Tenth and Samsom Streets, was considered to be too small. In 1899, a new college building, referred to as Medical Hall, was built on the site of the present Curtis Clinic.

1907 A new hospital was needed. The necessary steps were taken, and in 1906 the old college building and adjoining residences were razed. On this site,
THE JEFFERSON STORY
(Continued)

Tenth and Sansom Sts., the new hospital was erected. Completed in 1907, it was one of the finest and most modern hospital buildings in the nation. Where the old building accommodated 125 patients, the new one (the present Main Building) had ample facilities for 325 patients.

1911 Mr. Daniel Baugh, an active member of the Board of Trustees, became interested in creating a separate institute of anatomy. Through his generous contribution, the building of the closed Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery at Eleventh and Clinton Streets, was acquired and remodeled in 1911. It still serves us as the Daniel Baugh Institute of Anatomy (DBI), recognized as one of the finest anatomy departments in the country.

1913 In 1913, the Old Phipps Institute Building at 236 Pine Street was purchased and a Department of Diseases of the Chest was established as a part of the Department of Medicine. This building was used until 1945, when the Broad Street Hospital was purchased to become our present Barton Memorial Hospital. In 1946, we added the White Haven Sanatorium to the Department of Diseases of the Chest. This was sold to the state in 1956 to be used as a hospital for the treatment of mentally defective children and adolescents.

1924 The next years—the middle twenties and early thirties—marked the greatest physical growth of the then century-old institution. Three great buildings arose within seven years. The Samuel Gustine Thompson Hospital Annex was completed in 1924, superceding the old hospital building, which was used as a nurses residence in its latter day. The Maternity Department (at 244 South 7th Street) could then transfer its quarters back to the hospital proper.

1929 The present College Building was completed in 1929, and dedicated early in 1930.

1931 The Curtis Clinic Building, replacing the old Medical Hall, was completed in 1931, named in honor of Cyrus H. K. Curtis, whose large contribution, with others, made the building possible.

1954 On November 8, 1954, the Pavilion, the latest addition to our facilities, was formally opened, substantially increasing bed capacity to nearly 1,000, and serving to modernize and concentrate large technical facilities. The first six floors are used as offices, laboratories, X-Ray units, operating and delivery rooms. The upper floors accommodate patients.

Now let us pause to consider what Jefferson is today. Her clinical facilities for teaching in addition to Jefferson itself, including Barton, are located at the following hospitals:

Philadelphia General, Episcopal, St. Mary's, Misericordia, Methodist Episcopal, Lankenau, Cooper, Our Lady of Lourdes, Veterans Administration, Fife-Hamill Memorial Health Center and the Germantown Dispensary and Hospital. Through these affiliations, Jefferson fulfills her obligations as a medical center and shares with these institutions the problem of improving medical care for the whole community.

1958 In October 1958, ground was broken for the construction of a new student nurses residence on the southeast corner of Eleventh and Walnut Streets, to bring together under one roof the student nurses now living at 1010 to 1020 Spruce Street and the Whittier House, 15th and Cherry Streets. The completed building will house 336 student nurses.

JEDFERSO N NEWSLETTER

EDITORIAL...

... a judge speaks his mind on nurses' professionalism away from the bedside

At one time or another, most of us have become involved in discussions of the nurse as a professional person, as a member of her professional organizations, as a member of her community. When we find a distinguished jurist answering some of the many questions that always arise in such a discussion, his views certainly can hold an interest for all of us.

Some time ago, Judge David E. Grosben, of the Court of Common Pleas in Norristown, spoke to a graduating class of student nurses and posed them the question as to what they would be doing with their spare time. His own answer to this question reaches far beyond the immediate interest of the young nurses he was addressing, and we quote from his text, to share with all of our readers the challenging suggestions he presented.

"Let us consider briefly how your professional duties and your routine activities of life will eat into the 8,760 hours of each year. You will nurse 50 weeks at 40 hours per week, or a total of 2,000 hours. You will sleep (or you should) 8 hours per day for 365 days, or a total of 2,920 hours. You will spend, say, 2 hours per day as mealtime, or a total of 730 hours. You will spend, say, two hours traveling on each of your 250 working days, or a total of 500 hours, and I will allow you 1 hour each day for primping, or a total of 365 hours. These professional duties and basic routine activities will use up 6,505 hours of the year. I told you there are 8,760 hours in a year. The difference, or 2,255 hours, will make up your spare time. 2,255 hours are the equivalent of 93 days, or three months.

Happiness and success...

"In short, each year of your professional life allows you one-fourth of the year to do pretty much as you please.

"How you spend those 93 spare days of time, will have much to do with your happiness and success.

"I should like to suggest a few answers to your inevitable inquiry: 'What shall I do with my spare time?' The list is by no means complete.

"First: I suggest that you forthwith join your Alumnae Association. If you do not have such an association, I suggest that you set about to establish one...

"Second: I suggest that as soon as you are eligible, you should join the Pennsylvania Nurses Association and the American Nurses Association... the lot of nurses has improved greatly in the last generation, and I suspect that the organized nurses had a great deal to do with the improvement.

Benefits...

"You new nurses will enjoy the benefits at once of shorter working hours, better pay and better working conditions, which were gained and paid for by organizations like the Pennsylvania Nurses Association and the American Nurses Association. The benefits and improvements of the nursing profession in the future will be the fruits
of hard-fought battles by organized nursing. You are getting a free ride on the gains of the past. You should gladly lend a hand on the gains of the future. Millions of workers—white collar and professional included—have pension benefits as well as social security. Do nurses? I doubt if they do.

"Theodore Roosevelt once said that every professional person owed some effort to advance his profession. You can help most effectively to raise the standards of the nursing profession if you pool your efforts with the efforts of other nurses.

"Third: I suggest that you subscribe to and read, one or more periodicals that will keep you in touch with advances and changes in the medical world in general and in the field of nursing in particular. You should spend some of your spare time on professional reading even if you desert the hospital for a home and family of your own. Never give up your contact with and interest in your profession. A marriage may end suddenly and prematurely in the disaster of death or divorce, and you may almost overnight find yourself in need of gainful employment. Never lose your standing as a 'Registered Nurse.' You have worked hard for it. Keep it, at least, as an 'ace in the hole.' It's a kind of assurance which you will never regret, and, in this uncertain world, you may find it very valuable.

Responsibilities . . .

"Fourth: I suggest that you give some of your 93 days' spare time to sharing the responsibility with other citizens of the community in promoting measures to meet the health needs of the public—local, state, national, and international. You nurses are far better informed on personal and public hygiene than most of your fellow citizens, and you owe something of your knowledge and skill to the public weal, simply because you are citizens in an interdependent society, if for no other reasons. Many areas of public welfare will suggest themselves to you in your respective communities. America is literally crowded with organizations seeking to improve physical and mental health. These organizations must have great need for participation in management and program planning by those who have professional skills and knowledge in the art of preventing and healing diseases. Certainly, some of your spare time should be spent in this great field for volunteer public service.

"Fifth: I suggest that you take part of your spare time to recognize and perform the ordinary duties of citizenship, such as voting, serving on juries in the administration of justice, and holding public office. These are important duties in which you should share, not necessarily as nurses, but as responsible citizens under a form of government which depends so much upon intelligent participation of men and women from all walks of life.

"I could, perhaps, go on suggesting ways for you to spend those 2,255 hours of spare time which you will have to spend, either wisely or foolishly, each year. It is entirely possible that my calculation of spare time will not be found in the pattern of your life as the years unfold the future. In any event, you will have spare time—whether more hours or fewer hours than 2,255 is not too important.

"Spare time for men and women in all walks of life is one of the challenging phenomena of modern times. Spare time can be a curse or a blessing, depending upon how it is spent . . . spend it well on the advancement of your personal professional standing; on the advancement of the nursing profession, and on the advancement of the public welfare."

This article appeared as an editorial in The Pennsylvania Nurse of Jan. 1959
trophies are to be purchased and placed in our new nurses' home. The trophy will have the name of each champion engraved on it.

Our big project this year has been a newspaper. The first issue was published in October and every month thereafter. The staff deserves to be complimented for their wonderful work.

We are now working on our spring dance and proposed changes for the future in our new home.

It has been an eventful year for us and we hope for even greater progress next year.

**MARRIAGES**

- M. J. (Skubic) McDowell, '50
- Janet (Painter) Donan, '54
- Mary Ann (Pratt) Shinkevich, '55
- Helen (Wisniewski) Horvada, '56
- Joan (Walker) Randolph, '56
- Catherine (Plyevsk) Fisch, '57
- Dolores (Molitoris) Weber, '57
- Nancy (Blair) D'Angelo, '57
- Kay (Eichman) Cowan, '57
- Katherine (Chicote) Cole, '58
- Janet (Rickle) Kilvington, '58
- Jane (Horn) Alman, '58
- Barbara (Burzett) Bokowski, '58
- Carole (Leach) Suckenick, '58

**NEW ARRIVALS**

- Lucille (Powell) Dye, '44
- Evelyn (White) Collett, '45
- Josephine (Messa) Quinn, '47
- Nadine (Dopirak) Fetsko, '48
- Margaret (Borner) Becker, '48
- Mercedes (Giril) Weber, '48
- Theresa (Bushke) Poi, '49
- Jean (Reeves) Wolfe, '49
- Nancy (Dunkle) Konstanzer, '50
- Marilyn (Buxton) Gould, '50
- Miriam (Schon) Bower, '50
- Betty (Hastings) Donald, '51
- Mary Ann (Pratt) Shinkevich, '55
- Lois (Rugart) Abood, '56
- Faith (Stewart) Graham, '56
- Jean (Welsko) O'Donnell, '56
- Betty (Depo) Miller, '56
- Joyce (Wyse) Hagopian, '56
- Adrienne (Marcos) Rodger, '56
- Lorene (Gherardt) Wittorf, '56
- Virginia (Handy) Putney, '56
- Paula (Scarlet) Kenworthy, '56
- Mary Marjorie (Fallon) Jeffrey, '57
- Susanne (Palmer) Rogers, '57
- Patricia (Caputo) Zebradowky, '57
- Julie (Fernandez) Placido, '57
- Mary (Shingellock) Gallagher, '57
- Dolores (Molitoris) Weber, '57
- Phoebe (Aschenbach) Anthony, '57
- Ana (Kopping) Snyder, '57
- Barbara (Shannon) Bellas, '57
- Chris (Castellano) Elmer, '57
- Cleo (Costino) Estock, '57
- Carol (Hyland) Gray, '57
- Aleta (Carpo) Scott, '57
- Stephanie (Everett) Burke, '57
- Benedetta (DiGenova) Uczeretti, '57

**NECROLOGY**

- Mary (Morgan) Ford, '12
- Dorothy (Webster) Taggart, '18
- Gladys (Clineberg) Anderson, '32
- Margaret (Neely) Boston, '19
- Dorothy (Ricardo) Egan, '31

**ALUMNAE NEWS**

Barbara G. Schutt, '39, has been appointed editor of THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING. Prior to this position, Miss Schutt was Executive Secretary of the Pennsylvania Nurses Association. We are indeed proud to have her as one of our graduates.

Edna Scott, '28, is Director of Nursing at Brey Mawr Hospital in Philadelphia.

Anna Kuba Fall, '43, is studying for her Ph.D. degree at Columbia University.

Dorothy B. Ranck, '39, is Director of Nursing in Wilmington, Del.

Mary Joan Glasgow, '49, was promoted to Captain in the Air Force Nurse Corps and is currently serving at Keasler AFB, Min.

Doris E. Bowman, '42, is Director of Education at Jefferson.

Doris Jones, '42, is Supervisor of the "Old Building" at Jefferson.

Evelyn Curran, '45, is Supervisor of the Thompson Annex at Jefferson.

Carolyn Masuda, '57, is Supervisor of the Pavilion at Jefferson.

Dorothy J. Edgar, '42, our former president, is an Instructor at the Maassee School of Nursing, Shiraz Medical Center, Shiraz, Iran.

Miss Edgar has related many interesting incidents to her friends here in the states, through letters and cards.

Charmaine Kissing, '49, received her B.S. in Nursing Degree from the University of Pennsylvania and is Assistant Supervisor in the Visiting Nurse Society, Philadelphia.

Elinore Satterfield, '50, received her B.S. in Nursing Degree from the University of Pennsylvania and is a Surgical Clinical Instructor at Jefferson.

**CURRENT EVENTS AT JEFFERSON**

In a ceremony in McClellan Hall on October 20, 1958, special recognition was given to 403 employees of the Hospital and College for their length of service to
Jefferson. Since such a large number of employees have served 5 years and over, only those with 25 or more years were introduced at the ceremony. The employees with the longest records of service were James Lavelle, a registrar in the Curtis Clinic for 45 years and Miss Marie Culver, a physical therapist for 42 years and registrar for 3 years, making a total of 45 years. Those employees serving over 25 years were Albert Harmon, Gerry L. La Clure, Joseph P. Dougherty, Retabelle Mumford, Robert T. Connors, Henry J. Bowdreau, Emma G. Frigar and Martha W. Milne.

Mrs. R. F. A. Calella is the chairman of the Gray Ladies in the Volunteer Services Department of Jefferson.

Dr. Emerson R. Sausser, who has headed the Dental Department for 28 years, has been made Emeritus Dentist. His successor is Dr. Aaron Finkelman, who has been acting Head for 4 years and associated with the Department and with Dr. Sausser for over 25 years.

Dr. Robert J. Wise has been appointed Magee Professor of Medicine and Head of the Department, succeeding Dr. William A. Sodeman, who has been our Dean since April 22, 1958.

Dr. Anthony Frederick De Palma, Professor of Orthopedic Surgery and Head of the Department, was elected President of the Jefferson Alumni Association.

Dr. Ellsworth Browneller, our Medical Director, is among the ten Trustees, Personnel Directors and Administrators on the Hospital Council of Philadelphia. Dr. Browneller is also Chairman of the Careers for Nursing of the National League for Nursing Education.

Admiral Kauffman has retired as President of the Jefferson Medical College and Hospital.

Mr. William W. Bodine, Jr. was appointed President of the Jefferson Medical College and Hospital early in this year.

Miss Mabel Prevost, Administrative Assistant in Charge of Nursing, and Mr. John Conklin, Personnel Director, visited Mr. Matthew Carey on February 25 to present his long-term service pin. Mr. Carey—known to us as "Matt"—was an orderly in various operating rooms for over thirty years. He is now residing at the Joseph Sebastiano Boarding Home in West Philadelphia. Except for going out for "an occasional beer," Matt stays pretty much at home, and is always ready to see or hear from his friends from Jefferson.

CLASS OF 1934 — 25th ANNIVERSARY
GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS

25 years means many things:
Numerically—a quarter century of changes and progress.
Institutionally—New Pavilion and New Nurses Home for Jefferson.
Chronologically—to some members of our class—good professional positions with high achievements; to others—love, marriage, births and deaths.
Statistically—67 members graduated. Today we are happy to list one Director of Nursing Service, several Assistant Directresses, Educational Directors, Supervisor, Head Nurses, Industrial Nurses, Public Health Nurses, School Nurses, Private Duty Nurses, Office Nurses, and a number of full time Home-Makers. We regret having to list two obituaries, Ruth Myers Peterson and Tasamene Martin Zelt.
Geographically—Pennsylvania, 36 members; New Jersey, 9 members; New York, 4 members; Massachusetts, 2 members; Michigan, 2 members; North Carolina, 1 member; Virginia, 1 member; West Virginia, 1 member; Alaska, 1 member; Unknown, 8 members.
Historically—Pride and elation in being able to say that we graduated from an institution which had its beginning in 1825 and today is still fulfilling its obligations to humanity by receiving the sick and injured irrespective of race, religion or nationality—to the limit of its capacity.
EVELYN WILSON FRAZIER, Chairman
ELIZABETH PEERS
JULIA TYLER GASKELL

JEFFERSON MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL
DEPARTMENT OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES

The Department of Volunteer Services will celebrate its "First Birthday," April 21, 1959, with much pride, satisfaction and encouragement for the future, since it can boast of the services of 114 active "in-service" volunteers. Much of this service deals directly with the patient, while others are less direct and, seemingly, more routine, but, all are necessary in giving the patient good care.

The success of an organized volunteer program depends on three things: the proper matching of people and work; an acceptance by hospital personnel of the volunteer as a dependable worker, and the inner satisfaction of the volunteer in feeling well placed and in knowing that the time she gives is being used to best advantage.

The job of the Director of Volunteers is to organize and coordinate the services of the many persons who volunteer to help here at Jefferson; to place them where they are most needed; to prepare, with the Nursing Staff and Department Heads, a schedule of work so that there is regular unbroken assistance to the areas requesting such help.

Jefferson has always been justifiably proud of the record of volunteer service contributed by the Special Volunteer Services of the Women's Board, and the "Gray Ladies" over a period of many years. The distinctive uniform of this branch of the American Red Cross is a familiar sight through the corridors of the hospital.

In this past year of "growing pains" there has been added three NEW Volunteer Services; Jefferson's own Volunteers wearing the "CHERRY RED PINAFORE" (nationally known uniform of the American Hospital Association); the JUNIOR VOLUNTEERS (High School Students) wearing the "CANDY STRIPE PINAFORE" (also A.H.A.) and the lovely blue pinafore of the "EMERGENCY AID."

Most of the Junior Volunteers are members of "FUTURE NURSE" clubs. Their work in the hospital, in addition to assisting the nurses in providing supportive nursing care to the patients, serves as an introduction to the Nursing Profession and to help to determine if Nursing is the field they want to select; they learn the meaning of SERVICE to the patient, and have the opportunity to observe the Art of Nursing.

The success of the past year's efforts in coordinating the Volunteer Services, has been due largely to the encouragement and cooperation of the Department of Nursing. I am glad for the opportunity to express my sincere thanks for the acceptance, use and supervision of the Volunteers. You can be sure with your help, the Department of Volunteer Services is looking forward to celebrating many more birthdays.

AGATHA RAPP
Director, Volunteer Department
Dear Alumnae Members,

One year and a half has flown by since my arrival in this, for me, little known part of the world. I must say that I never dreamed in my student days at ‘Jeff’ that I would be teaching Iranian nursing students. Now they have become a part of my life. I have become so fond of them that I shall probably extend a two year contract into a three year to be with them a while longer.

Iran, once called Persia, is a land of many contrasts. In the north, along the Caspian Sea, beyond the Elburz Mountains, the land is fertile and the climate hot in summer, cold in winter and very humid. To the south, the land along the Persian Gulf is arid and very hot. Fortunately, Shiraz, where I am living, is situated to the south but sufficiently elevated to make its climate one of the most delightful I have ever experienced. This past winter we had three snowfalls, but most of the time the weather is warm, sunny and dry. In Shiraz, when a picnic is planned it is held. The weather never deters one’s social activities.

There are about 20,000,000 people in Iran over an area of approximately 628,000 square miles. A portion of the population live as nomadic tribes, although the government has made strenuous efforts to settle these transient men and women. The largest tribal group are the Gashgai, who even now are migrating throughout the environment of Shiraz from their winter to their summer camping grounds. One encounters these handsome, colorfully dressed people on all the roads herding their animals—donkeys, camels, goats and sheep slowly along their migratory route.

The religion of the land is almost exclusively Moslem. However, most Iranians belong to the Shiite branch rather than the Sunni branch to which the Arabs belong. Islam is the state religion but there are numerous Christians among the Armenians and Assyrians and there is a large Jewish population. In scattered areas there are remnants of Zoroastrianism and a minority group known as the Bahais.

There are a few large cities in Iran but the majority of the people live in thousands of small villages in primitive conditions almost unbelievable to American eyes. Most of these villages are owned by landlords who provide facilities for cultivation of crops and take most of the product of the villager’s soil.

There is much illiteracy; probably 70 to 75% of the population cannot read or write. Opportunities for education are, for the most part, limited to the larger cities. However, there seems to be an almost insatiable desire among young Iranian men and women for further education.

The women of Iran are a subservient group. Their costume consists of complete coverage over their dress, by a chador, as has been dictated by the religious leaders or mullahs. Moslem men may take four wives. Most of them do not, but two wives and two households are not uncommon. Divorce is easy and women are not supported after the process. Children of divorced parents are left with the mother until two years of age and then they live with the father.

In Iran, one sees abject poverty and considerable wealth among a very few. There is a very small middle class. Consequently, malnutrition and starvation are common sights. Begging and soliciting are common practices. Because of poverty, poor sanitation and malnutrition, disease is rampant and the life span is much shorter than in the United States or the European countries. There are few municipal water systems and only one pasteurization plant in the whole country.

Both amoebic and bacillary dysentery are always present. Typhoid fever occurs commonly and tuberculosis is a major health problem. Smallpox is endemic and all forms of venereal disease are widespread. Malaria continues to be a health problem although it is not so commonly seen in Shiraz. Trachoma is very common and one can recognize the patient with trachoma immediately upon seeing him.

Many of the students and a large part of the population bear a scar from cutaneous leishmaniasis.

All of the people are infested with worms and a stool examination for ova and parasites is a routine examination upon admission to the Nemazee School of Nursing and annually thereafter. Ascariasis is very common and in and about Shiraz, hydatid cyst caused by the Echinococcus is the cause of a great number of surgical procedures particularly upon the liver and lungs.

The Shiraz Medical Center—consisting of the Nemazee Hospital and School of Nursing is a major effort in Iran to provide the best clinical facilities available anywhere for the people and to set standards for the care of patients which can be emulated all over the nation. The school of nursing has set the pace in nursing education and its influence can be felt throughout Iran.

The medical center was opened in 1954 and the school of nursing was begun at the same time. Eight students were in the first class, twenty have graduated and there are forty-three presently in the school.

The students of the school are housed in a beautiful, modern air-conditioned nurses’ residence. The classrooms, three of them, are also in the residence plus a science laboratory, a Principles of Nursing laboratory, a nutrition laboratory and a well-stocked library. There are presently six American nurses and one Canadian nurse supervisor and instructors. My assistant in the school is an Iranian nurse who was educated in England, is a graduate midwife, and has had one year of college work at Wayne University.

Before a student is admitted to this school of nursing, she must present a diploma showing she has had a twelfth grade education having completed a program of study in the natural sciences. Contrary to practices in the United States, we advertise for these students in important newspapers all over the country. Students here do not usually make up their minds what they will do until the summer preceding the academic year.

Before acceptance into the school, aptitude tests are administered by the Personnel Management and Research Center of the University of Tehran. These have proven to be quite valid and good predictors of success.

The program of the school is similar to that of most American schools. However, subjects generally taught within the first six months of the American program extend over the full academic year. This provides better balance in teaching, less pressure upon the student and gives her a better opportunity to become adjusted to her new way of life. In the first year, she also receives intensive instruction in English. Farsi, the national language, is non-technical and ill suited for the teaching of medicine. Lectures are first given through interpretation. By the end of the first year, students can read, write, speak and understand English. Even the Iranian physicians are required to lecture in English. This presents problems in comprehension at times but, in general, the students are sincere and well-motivated — eager to learn all they can about their new profession.

The program after the first year consists of instruction and clinical experience in Medical-Surgical Nursing, Operating Room, Recovery Room, Out-Patient Department and Physical Therapy. During the third year the student has Obstetrics, Pediatrics, Public Health with a Senior experience in the Out-Patient Department and a Ward Management experience in either the medical or surgical departments. Diet
Therapy experience is given at stated intervals throughout the three years. The Obstetrics Department being small, the students receive part of their Obstetrical experience at the Red Lion and Sun Maternity Hospital where midwives perform the deliveries. Instruction in Psychiatric Nursing is given but no desirable clinical facilities for experience are yet available.

At the end of the three years, the student qualifies for a "licensure." This is not a license but a certificate of higher education presented by the Ministry of Education. Iran has no Nurse Practice Act.

Opportunities for young graduates are not extensive but they are developing. Thirteen graduates are employed at the medical center, four work for the National Iranian Oil Company Hospitals, one for the Bureau of Standards, one for the Public Health Department, and one is presently studying public health at the American University in Beirut. All of them are consumed with a deep desire to go to the United States which they consider the epitome in education and material wealth. Exactly what they will do there, once they go, they are not quite certain, but they feel they must go.

My most satisfactory experiences have been gained by working with, teaching and knowing the students. They are among the finest I have ever taught. It will always be my sincere wish for them to attain their hearts' desires and to become leaders in their profession.

I could go on talking about Iran, but perhaps this will give you an idea of the part that is closest to my heart. Iran will always be my second home.

Sincerely yours,

DOROTHY J. EDAR

YEAR OF GREAT ACTIVITY AND EXPANSION
Mr. ROBERT L. CONNORS

There have been significant improvements in many areas of the Hospital and College since the last issue of the Nurses' Alumnae Bulletin was published. The reorganization and renovation of the entire department of radiology, through Phase I in April, was an early 1959 development. The completion of the new air-conditioned, eight-story student nurses' residence on the southeast corner of 11th and Walnut Streets, was a later highlight.

In outline, the improvements featured:

The re-opening of the Curtis Clinic x-ray unit which provides all diagnostic service for clinic and ward patients. The film will be developed in the new "x-ray" processing area in the Pavilion. The radiology department occupies most of the second floor of the entire block.

On the fourth floor of Curtis, the Rosengarten Laboratory has been set up for research. An NIH grant of $21,000 was received and is being used for the expansion of the Hearing Center.

Meanwhile, the clinic is being repainted from the 8th floor to the ground floor, including the Accident Ward.

The lobby of the Children's Ward (eighth floor, Main) has an attractive new color scheme, which was selected by a Women's Board Committee.

A sterile technique laboratory was improved in the Pharmacy. It contains an area with positive-pressure filtered air, controlled for humidity and temperature, to provide an almost 100% bacteria-free environment for aseptic manipulations.
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Thank you.

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