

BRYAN NOTES

APRIL

1958

EDITION

1958 BRYAN ALUMNI OFFICERS

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MEET THE NEW DIRECTOR OF NURSES

Miss Helen Merryfield assumed her duties as Director of Nurses at Bryan Memorial Hospital on Nov. 1, 1957. A native of Colorado, she is a graduate of Bethel Hospital School of Nursing in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Miss Merryfield received the Bachelor of Science Degree at Briar Cliff College in Sioux City, Iowa, and did graduate work in Nursing Education at the University of Minnesota.

She received a Master's Degree in Nursing Administration at the University of Iowa.

Miss Merryfield has also taken postgraduate work in Pediatrics at Children's Hospital in Denver, Colo., and prior to her arrival at Bryan, she was Director of Nurses at the Lutheran Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa.

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"Try to put well into practice what you already know; in so doing you will, in good time, discover the hidden things which you now inquire about.

NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NURSING SERVICE

Mrs. Evelyn Baker recently assumed the duties of Assistant Director of Nursing Service. She is a graduate of Lincoln General Hospital and for the past two years she has been evening supervisor at Bryan. Mrs. Baker has also done general and private duty nursing.

INCREASED BED OCCUPANCY

The following figures will give everyone an idea of the increased percentage of bed occupancy at Bryan in recent years:

1954-----	120 bed capacity-----	72 $\frac{1}{2}$ %
1955-----	120 bed capacity-----	77 $\frac{1}{2}$ %
1956-----	120 bed capacity-----	84 $\frac{1}{2}$ %
1957-----	125 bed capacity-----	88 %

Bryan had 4,000 more "patient days" in 1957, making the number of admissions equivalent to a 160 bed hospital.

The baby population has also increased. During 1957 there were 740 live births at Bryan compared to 560 live births in 1956.

A.N.A. CONVENTION REPRESENTATIVE

At their March meeting the Bryan alumni elected Joan Westfall ('56) to represent them at the A.N.A. Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey, June 9-13.

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AROUND THE HOSPITAL

Mabel Johnston ('32) is now Director of Inservice Education for practical nurses and auxiliary workers. This is a new program which was inaugurated at Bryan the first of this year and it seems to be progressing very satisfactorily.

Bryan has applied for Hill-Burton funds for additional construction to increase the bed capacity to 200 beds. It is hoped that we will receive these appropriations when the applications are approved later this year by Congress. If the appropriations aren't granted, other means of construction will take place; whereby an additional two floors will be added to the front portion of the hospital and second north will be converted into an O.B. Dept. Surgery will then be extended to include the present Nursery and Labor and Delivery Rooms.

A number of rooms in the hospital, including all of the O.B. ward, have new furniture in pretty pastel shades with hi-lo beds.

Five rooms of the new ultra-modern laboratory were opened March 29. The remaining two rooms of the new addition will not be ready for use until the present laboratory has been reconstructed.

Mrs. Florence Tucker Boyles is making a satisfactory recovery from a hip fracture which she encountered last December.

Jacob Dietrich is our new maintenance engineer succeeding Herman Norden, who resigned in February. Herman has remarried and is living in Kearney.

Mrs. Beverly Wibbels has replaced Laura Hanson Wilcox ('54) as supervisor of 2nd North at Bryan. She is a 1956 graduate of the Nebraska Methodist Hospital in Omaha.

Mrs. Janice Thayer, a senior student at the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture, has begun a three year dietetics internship at Bryan to become a registered dietitian.

Mary Jane Harnly West, former supervisor of pediatrics, had a baby boy at Bryan on March 18. She also has two daughters.

Bryan's nursery and labor rooms underwent a "face lifting" in January, which certainly provides a more cheerful atmosphere. The walls of the nursery are blue with a white ceiling. New draw drapes of the "Noah's Ark" design replace the venetian blinds at the south window and show window of the nursery and also in the nursery workroom. The north and south labor rooms were painted pink and green respectively. These rooms also have pretty floral designed draw drapes.

A.N.A. ROLL CALL

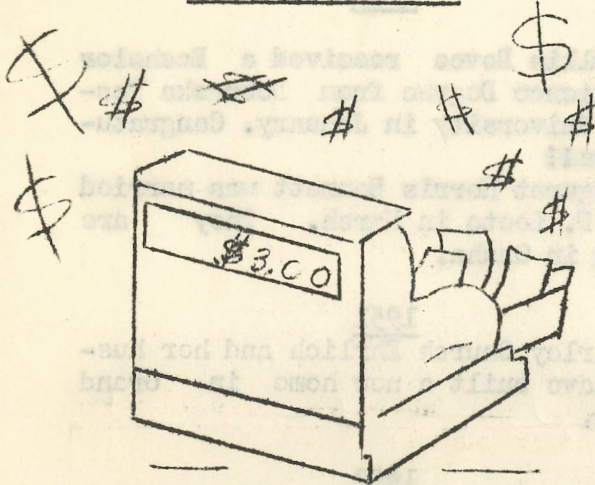
Most of you have no doubt heard about the A.N.A. Roll Call---a nationwide campaign to increase membership as well as to inform professional nurses about the goals that are sought, the opportunities that exist and the responsibilities that must be met through the efforts of organized nursing. The campaign was quite a success at Bryan as compared to last year's membership. Statistics reveal that Bryan now has approximately 52% membership as contrasted to 30% membership in 1957. Joan Westfall ('56) was team leader for the campaign at Bryan and her recruiters included Mona Koch ('57), Beverly Wibbels and Jeanelle Holmes.

SHIP SURGEON

Dr. J. S. Welch, former surgeon in the Lincoln Clinic, has been a ship surgeon and physician for the past two years. He is with the Grace Lines with headquarters in New York City. Dr. Welch has been on several South American cruises and finds his work most interesting. He visited in Lincoln and at Bryan last fall.

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LET'S RING 'EM UP



Yearly alumni dues are now payable to the treasurer:

Mrs. JoAnn Boyd
1321 No. 53
Lincoln, Nebr.

Active Membership Dues: \$3.00
Inactive Membership Dues: \$1.00

Let's hear from you!!!
News items are always appreciated too!

TREASURER'S REPORT
of the
LOAN FUNDS

Clarke Memorial Fund:

Last fall two students entering Bryan Memorial School of Nursing each borrowed \$200.00. One of these loans has been paid in full. The other loan is still pending. According to the terms of the loan, this will not be due until the end of her three years in the school.

This spring, \$100.00 was loaned to a Bryan graduate, to be used for further study at Wesleyan. This loan will be due in August.

In January, a junior student in the nursing school, who was in need of financial aid, was loaned \$250.00.

Approval of her need was given by the faculty committee.

A request has been made for a loan by a student who is to enter the school this fall. When her application and acceptance into the school is complete and she has been approved by the faculty committee, she will be given a \$250.00 loan.

Ruth Kimmel Memorial Fund:

Last fall, \$100.00 was loaned to a Bryan graduate, to be used for further study at Wesleyan. According to the terms of the loan, beginning March 15th of this year, the loan began drawing interest at the current bank rates.

Balance of:

Clarke Memorial Fund: \$383.02
Ruth Kimmel Memorial Fund: \$12.35

"IN MEMORIUM"

Many of the graduates will remember Edith Blanche Williams, pharmacist and instructor of Drugs and Solutions at Bryan for many years.

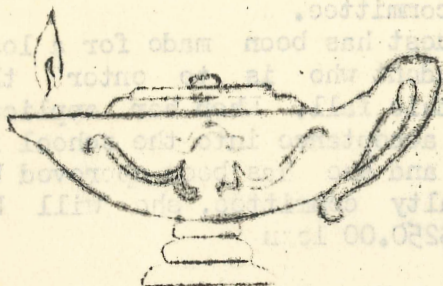
"Edie B." died Sunday morning Febr. 16, 1958, after a short illness. Through it all she was a good sport, as always, and some of us had nice visits with her while she was still able to have visitors.

Edie B. had retired last year to take a trip to Quebec, a trip she had long wanted to take. She was still active, as always, in several civic organizations.

Those of us who had her as an instructor, during our school years, will long remember the things she taught us and how much they have helped to make us better nurses.

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"The joy of this world, when you have summed it up, is found in the making of friends."



CLASS NEWS

1933

Mildred Pearson Penritt is an office nurse for Dr. W. W. Carveth.

1936

Marjorie Fulton Bley is presently employed at Nebraska Methodist Hospital in Omaha.

1939

Ruth Schlaphof Weber had an emergency appendectomy at Bryan on March 22.

1942

January visitors in Lincoln included Wilma Goering Pitts of Cordata, Georgia, Ruth Roberts Nowlett of Portland, Oregon, and Iola Stigle Mogens of Hooper, Nebraska. The three visited in the home of Florence Leason Cavatino along with Dora Mendeln and Gerry Walters Gilbert.

1946

Lois Hendrickson Nutt is living in Cozad, Nebr. She is working in the Cozad Hospital and her husband is farming.

Barbara Burns Christ visited in Lincoln recently. She lives in Omaha.

1948

Bonnie Sanderson Erickson had a new baby boy at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney recently. She lives in Wilcox, Nebraska.

1950

Phyllis Bovee received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University in January. Congratulations!!

Margaret Morris Bennett was married to C. F. Leete in March. They are living in Omaha.

1951

Shirley Church Ehrlich and her husband have built a new home in Grand Island.

1952

Mildred Schell Todd is moving to San Francisco, California soon. She has been working on 1st West of Bryan.

Margie Roberts Schreiner had a baby boy in March at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lincoln.

1953

Visiting in Lincoln early in March were Marguerite Miles Melvin and family from Long Beach, California.

1954

Deborah McGregor King is residing in Los Angeles, California. She is employed as an evening supervisor in a Northorne, Calif., hospital. Robert's husband attends Northrup Aeronautical School.

1955

Delphine Jewell will be fulfilling a long time desire to become a missionary nurse when she leaves for Africa on April 3. For the past several months she has been taking a course in dentistry in London, England which was a requirement for her missionary work. The best of luck to you Delphine and may you find much enjoyment and satisfaction in your new endeavor.

Barbara Bates Moran is living in Watertown, New York, where her husband (can't on page 5)

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is an architect.

Glenna Benedict is working in a San Francisco, Calif., hospital.

Since her graduation from Hastings College, Waltraud Bley Overlin has been a clinical instructor at Hastings State Hospital.

Marjorie Deckert Kramer had her third boy recently. Her husband is attending the University of Nebraska College of Medicine in Omaha.

1956

Rebecca VanderSlice was married to Jack Rippe on April 6. They will live in Geneva, Nebraska where Jack is employed.

Rhonda VanBoening Kramer was married on November 27, of last year and is currently employed at the V.A. Hospital in Lincoln. Her husband graduated from the University of Nebraska in January and plans to enter Theological Seminary this fall.

Phyllis May is superintendent of nurses at the Perkins County Community Hospital in Grant, Nebr.

Geraldine Ek Peterson has a new baby girl--Peggy Ann, born March 8 at Bryan.

Eleanor McCauley Gibson is assistant supervisor of surgery at Bryan.

Nancy Peters Spahn and her husband have built a new brick home in Lincoln. Nancy is also working in surgery at Bryan.

Patricia Arth Wolfe and her husband are residing on Okinawa where Charlie is stationed with the Army Medical Corps.

Velda Eden Etmund is working at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lincoln. Her husband is in the Navy.

Elva Davidson Janak and her husband bought a new trailer house last Nov. Elva and her mother spent ten days in Washington in February visiting an ill relative. She and Dick vacationed in Colorado in March and on April 7, Elva

will start to work as an office nurse for Dr. J.C. Clyne, an obstetrician in the Lincoln Clinic.

Joan Westfall and a girlfriend spent a two weeks vacation sightseeing in sunny Florida in March.

1957

Mona Koch joined the United States Navy Nurse Corps on Febr. 25th, and after being in St. Albans, New York for five weeks, she will be stationed at the Great Lakes, Ill.

Connie Crows reports caring for the new baby of Eddie Fisher and Dobbie Reynolds at St. John's Hospital in Burbank, California.

Jane Williams is working in West Nebraska General Hospital in Scottsbluff, Nebr. She plans to enter a School of Anesthesiology in Texas this fall.

Patricia Adams and Hannah Braun are attending Nebraska Wesleyan University and working part-time at Bryan.

Marilyn Sommer Pramberg and Carolyn Rohrig Bartlett live in Washington. Their husbands are in the Army.

Marianne Schweers is working at the Lincoln State Hospital.

Mary Lou Wood Baum, Donna Hankins Ballantyne and Marilyn McDonald Palu are kept busy with new babies in their homes.

Dorothy Curren Hayhurst is working on 2nd South at Bryan, Roma Bjorklund Rogers is in surgery, and Marcene Burger Renner works in Bryan's O.B. Dept.

Kathryn Keefe Doy recently left Bryan to join her husband in Sacramento, California. She is working on a medical-surgical floor in a new hospital.

Mary Barnes Nicodemus lives in Tampa, Florida, and is doing private duty nursing. Her husband works for J.C. Penny Co. in Tampa.

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Plan now to attend the Alumni Banquet.

BRYAN BABIES

Shirley Church Ehrlich ('51).....
a daughter on Sept. 28, 1957
 JoAnn Thompson Boyd ('54).....
a son on Sept. 30, 1957
 Frances Arnold Pratt ('47).....
a daughter on Oct. 20, 1957
 Mary Lou Wood Baum ('47).....
a son on Nov. 29, 1957
 Elaine Novotny Austin ('52).....
a daughter on Oct. 29, 1957
 Beverly Brown Taylor ('51).....
a son on Dec. 6, 1957
 Donna Hankins Ballantyne ('57).....
a son on Dec. 18, 1957
 Marjorie DeVries Moser ('51).....
a daughter on Jan. 1, 1958
 Geraldine Ek Peterson ('56).....
a daughter on Mar. 8, 1958

"A candle's but a little thing. . .
 It starts with just a bit of string . . .
 Yet dipped and dipped with patient
 hand, . . .It gathers wax upon the
 strand. . .Until, complete and snowy
 white. . .It gives at last a lovely
 light, . . .Life seems so like that bit
 of string. . .Each deed we do, a sim-
 ple thing. . .Yet day by day if on
 life's strand. . .We work with patient
 heart and hand. . .It gathers joy,
 makes dark days bright, . . .And gives
 at last a lovely light."



COME
 ONE
 COME
 ALL!

.....To the next alumni meet-
 ing on April 22, 8:00 p.m. at the
 Nurses Home. Dr. Wm. LeWorthy, plastic
 surgeon in the Lincoln Clinic, will
 show interesting films on various
 phases of plastic surgery which he has
 performed.

We'll be expecting some new faces
 and a good attendance!!! You'll enjoy
 meeting your friends again too!