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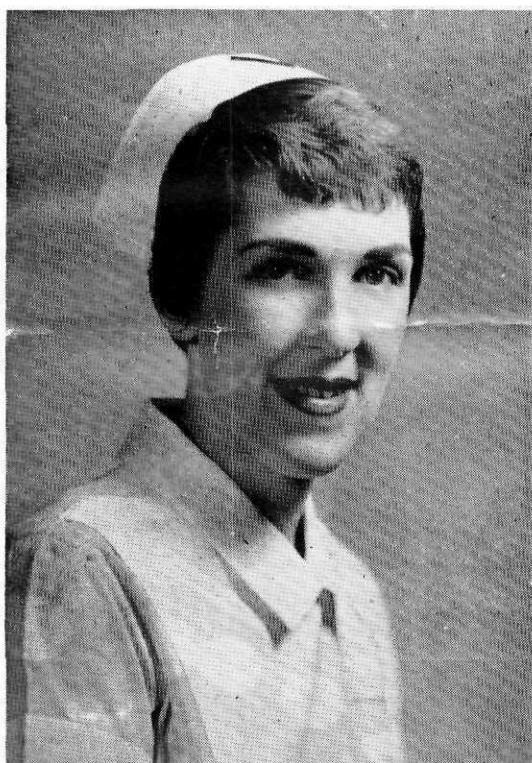
LETTER

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Mr. R. Gerhard, Editor

NEW YORK STATE CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL OFFICE



The New York State Student Nurses Association is proud to present Miss EVELYN MATHER as a nominee for Second Vice-President of NSNA. Evelyn is a Junior at Rochester General Hospital School of Nursing. Evie has shown her leadership qualities from the start of her career - in her Freshman Year she was elected Class President. She was again elected Class President in her Junior Year, demonstrating the faith and trust her classmates have in her abilities. Besides being President of her class, Evie is presently Vice-President of the Student Council and Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. Last Spring at the National Convention in Atlantic City she had the privilege of presenting the Professional Nurse's Code to the assembly.

In SNANYS, Evie has been on the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, and the Outstanding Student Nurse Contest Committee in Area No. 2, as well as doing additional work with the Future Nurses' Club of Rochester. Miss Mather is presently in the Office of the Second Vice-President of SNANYS and Chairman of the NSNA Committee on More Effective Student Organizations in Schools of Nursing.

We are thankful that NSNA has elected Evie as one of the final candidates for the Office in 1959 - 1960. We are proud that SNANYS is going to be represented at the NSNA Convention by such an Outstanding Student Nurse. We hope that you, the members of SNANYS, will support Evie and help her attain the final step in her student nurse career - Second Vice-President of NSNA.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Ideas To Grow By, Ideals To Live By, is the theme of this year's National Convention. Registration will begin on Thursday afternoon, May 7th, and shall continue through May 11th. Highlights of the Convention are: Keynote Speaker Agnes Ohlson, President of ICN, Special Interest meetings including Nursing Around the World, Professional Ethics, Leadership, and The International Council of Nurses. On the lighter side, there will be the welcomed return of Mary Kuntz, who entertained last year's Convention as Master of Ceremonies of the Annual Talent Show.

The headquarters for the Convention will be in the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, and the delegates from New York State are asked to meet here. You can save a dollar on the registration fee by remembering to bring your 1959 Membership Card. Price with card \$4.00, without card \$5.00.

If you have not yet made your hotel reservations you may do so by obtaining a Hotel Application Form, NSNA Housing Bureau, Philadelphia Visitors and Convention Bureau, Juniper and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania. Please do not write directly to the hotels. The State exhibits may be viewed from Thursday, May 7th through Monday, May 11th in the Lafayette and Independence Rooms of the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, last year's exhibit from New York State was one of the best shown and we hope this year's will be even better.

Besides the items already mentioned, there will be many interesting Panels and, of course, the Main Business Meetings which are always stimulating. As in past years, the closing Business Meeting, on Monday morning, will be a uniform meeting.

MAY 7th, THROUGH MAY 11th

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PREJUDICE AMONG MEN

Man, as you may well know, is limited in his knowledge by the capacity of his perceptual abilities. With this in mind the question may arise as to the reliability of these abilities.

Since the only judge of the five senses are the senses themselves, man is unable to substantiate any of his findings from a completely objective point of view. It then becomes apparent to the observant reader that there may be many truths which man may never be acquainted with, as well as many basic truths which are within his potential grasp, but are at a level beyond his present comprehension.

You may be thinking what relation all this has to prejudice. If man now knew all there is to know and understood about the relationship that exists between man and his environment, he might be in a position to pass judgement on his fellow man. However, since this condition does not exist validity of man judgement of himself becomes questionable. Of course we do not advocate that every one adopt the attitude of agnosticism with no judgements being made. However, to indiscreetly judge another and assume to be superior to another because he is a member of a minority group is in itself a sign of weakness in judgement and prejudice. To strengthen ones ego by subjecting some one to humility and rejection, may be socially acceptable in your group, however cannibalism is still practiced in some parts of the world, so being supported by the group does not necessarily justify your actions.

In every major religion of the world there is to be found a "Golden Rule", and although the wording may change with the people who wrote it the basic idea remains the same. It seems that the people responsible for the writing of these rules and their followers make up a relatively small percent of the worlds total population. However, this need not be so. As in so many other situations, the bad overshadows the good due to its very nature.

It has been written "It is better to light one little candle than to stand cursing the dark" ... Got a match?

CITIZENSHIP

The National Student Nurses' Association was invited to send a representative to the 13th National Conference on Citizenship, held in Washington, D. C. in September. Miss Mary Lou Cornelius, president of the Maryland Student Nurses' Association represented the NSNA at the conference.

The Keynote address was delivered by Dr. Erwin D. Canhan, editor of the Christian Science Monitor. Dr. Canhan set the theme for the conference in his address titled "Citizenship in a Changing World". The great need of citizenship, according to Dr. Canhan, is "a true and valid sense of values for ourselves, for our nation, and for the broad company of humanity itself."

Other though provoking points on the agenda was provided by the Honorable William P. Rogers, Attorney General of the United States, in an address geared toward the problem of school intergration. Mr. Rogers' address was considered by many to be one of the most timely and one of the high points of the conference.

In a summary of the conference, Dr. Arthur Crabtree, of the University of the State of New York, presented the following findings:

1. There is need for re-evaluation of moral, social, intellectual and spiritual standards. Schools, homes and communities should work together on this.
2. Good citizenship must support and encourage the democratic yearnings of all people.
3. A major problem is the lag between the change in people and the change in environment.
4. There should be greater emphasis in the home as a basis of and for civic responsibility.
5. Good citizens must be aware, receptive and prepared.
6. There should be more emphasis on world geography and world history in the public schools.

AREA II NEWS

When the 1958-1959 membership drive for Area II closed last November, we found that we had reached a goal that we had long been striving for 100% membership. We welcome Strong Memorial Hospital as a voting member, and are eagerly looking forward to working with them

Following the election of new officers in November, we found ourselves collecting and wrapping toys which were distributed to area childrens hospitals at Christmas time.

The program for our January meeting proved to be most interesting. We planned a "take off" on the well known TV program "I've Got A Secret," we would advise other areas to try this for a really hilarious program. One of our most interesting secret's was: "When I was a freshman, I boiled a thermometer." Most of the schools were represented and the program was a big success.

Committees are being formed for our annual money raising project, Mardi Gras, which will be held in April. We are hoping for a great deal of enthusiasm for this project, and hope to all work together to make it successful.

STUDENT NURSE WEEK

The New York State Student Nurses Association is about to undertake the largest unified project in its history. Student Nurse Week will bond together the students of New York State, all working together toward a common goal. Each Area, each school, in fact each student, will give his/her time and go out into the community and work in various non-profit agencies.

The purposes of the project are:

1. To give the student an opportunity to become acquainted with various community agencies and an awareness of the role he or she can play through volunteer service. It will enable us to participate in activities outside of our hospital situation.
2. To give the community an opportunity to become acquainted with the students ability to function as a member of the community.
3. To strengthen our character through voluntary service.
4. To promote our profession by working with others not directly concerned with the nursing profession.

The following is an open letter to the students of New York State written by Miss Mary Cronemeyer (Outstanding Student Nurse 1958-59) chairman of Student Nurse Week.

Dear SNANYS Member:

Following the example of the Wisconsin State Student Nurses' Association, the Student Nurses' Association of New York State has initiated "Student Nurse Week." The program will be followed by all nursing schools in our state during the week of April 27 - May 2, 1959.

Letters of explanation have been sent to all Directors of Nursing Schools and instructions and details have been mailed to Student Association and Area Presidents. Now the rest depends on our suport and enthusiasm!

During "Student Nurse Week" we will be offering our services to various agencies in our communities. This will enable us to learn what others are doing in the service of mankind and will offer us an opportunity to tell others of our work in the nursing profession.

It is a big project, and an important one to our Association. Each school will need interested committee workers. Remember the date. Talk about Student Nurse Week to classmates and family. Offer your services to your Student Association or Area President!

Won't you join us in making Student Nurse Week a great success?

Sincerely,

MARY CRONEMEYER
Chairman, Student Nurse Week

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Percussion was probably mans first means of telegraph-message. From the earliest drumstick and log combination, inspite of modern electronic devices which create sounds of any pitch or degree, man has always valued the knock of wood. The knock upon wood with the knuckles represents an ancient superstition reputed to ward off evil. Our most esteemed Congress and our court system call order with. Every group, on every level, community state or national have cause to signal their meetings to convene with the rap of wood against wood.

The National Student Nurses Association's Convention will once more be opened officially with the gavel. At the same time, another knock will resound, aimed at the ears of the student nurses of New York State. This knock is ever present for us, increasing in tempo but in sound, at convention time. It is the knock of opportunity.

Membership in an association may provide individuals with many benefits. The association exists for you, the members. If you do not seek to take an active role, participate, or express your opinons as a member, your association cannot accurately represent you within the community, state or nation.

It is clear then, that membership is not enough, Participation is what counts.

Remember, to respond to do the knock of opportunity with willingness.

TAKE PART IN YOUR STUDENT NURSES'
ASSOCIATION NOW!

MR. WILLIAM MARSH,
SNANYS PRESIDENT

"NEWS BRIEFS"

- State Convention October 4th to 8th, Statler Hotel, New York City.
- If you are on affiliation for a period greater than six (6) months in an area other than your own, you may consider yourself a member of that area.
- The Board of Directors of SNANYS is planning a meeting with the board from The Massachusetts Student Nurses Association.
- Mrs. Harry Harvey Thomas has graciously consented to be parliamentarian at the October Convention.
- National Convention: May 7th to 11th, Philidelph. The New York State delegation is asked to meet at the Ben Franklin Hotel, bring your membership card.
- Student Nurse Week April 27th to May 2nd.

"ADOPTION BY PROXY"

More than half of the children adopted in other countries and brought to the United States in recent months were adopted by proxy.

This means that these young children never even saw their adoptive parents until after the proceedings had been completed - and in far too many cases, there have been tragic consequences for the children."

The proxy adoptions are handled by stand-ins who then arrange the transportation of the children to the United States.

A total of 1,061 adoptions was completed abroad during the period from September 11th, 1957 to June 30th, 1958. Most of the proxy adoptions during this period occurred in Greece and Korea.

The States have reported wide variations in the dangers of this method of adoption, ranging from the questionable status of the adopted child's inheritance rights, to whether these adoptions conform to the laws of the States in which the adoptive parents live.

There is some reason to believe that the whole adoptive process has sometimes been misrepresented to the natural parents of the children in the countries of their origin.

For example, a woman in Greece does not know where her child was taken. She has reported that she was promised, if she would release the child in Greek courts, she would receive a \$50. monthly pension and could eventually rejoin her child in the United States after the child had secured an education here. She has asked for help in locating the child.

"One couple adopted a Japanese-American boy by proxy and decided they did not want him. They 'gave him away' to another couple without any clarification of his legal status. This boy is suffering from severe emotional trauma."

"We know also of cases where proxy adoptions were accomplished by couples who earlier had applied to licensed child-placing agencies for a child and been refused because their home life was too unstable.

"Here is a fairly typical case:

A Japanese-American child was adopted by a couple with several children who had been known to the Welfare Department because of intermittent requests for financial help for about ten years. The mother has been married several times. The father deserted the family after the application for adoption was filed in a Japanese court, returned to be with his wife when she received the baby and then deserted again. The father had not been regularly employed. The couple had twice had their request to adopt a child rejected by the courts before they succeeded in adopting a baby by proxy."

"However well-intentioned the individuals and agencies who are bringing these children into the country in this way, we in the Children's Bureau cannot help but feel that the protections we have built around the adoption procedure for American children should be equally applied to children who are to become American citizens by this method. Especially when local, State and national agencies, both public and voluntary, stand ready to give adoption services."

MRS. KATHERINE OETTINGER

Children Bureau

US Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare

OUTSTANDING STUDENT NURSE CONTEST

This year, as in the past, SNANYS, is continuing the "Outstanding Student Nurse Contest." This annual event will terminate next October at the 1959 State Convention.

The contest will begin first within the Professional Schools of Nursing in the areas. Each school selects their outstanding student, who will compete on an area level. Then the Area selects from these, its candidate for representation in the state contest.

Since SNANYS is sponsoring a "Student Nurse Week" from April 27 through May 2, 1959, it is suggested that the areas "Outstanding Student Nurse" be elected prior to this time. It would be advantageous for the areas to use their "Outstanding Student Nurse" as means of publicizing this event. Such publicity would serve a twofold purpose: in increasing membership within the area and also in fostering the interest of the public in our professional organization and the work of nurses, in general.

One of the objectives of this contest is to afford a project for better relationship among the Schools of Nursing and thereby strengthen the area. It may be very possible for the student representing your school or area to become the "Outstanding Student Nurse of New York State." It is unfortunate that SNANYS will be unable to finance each to the state convention, therefore we will have to ask the areas for their cooperation in this matter.

MARY MAY ROBERTS

It seems that in any time of need, in any time of confusion there arises from the mass a leader, a person with more than the average ability and interest in the problems at hand, a person whose deeds stand as monument long after they have gone. . . . Mary Roberts was such a person.

Miss Roberts, as editor of the AJN, influenced nursing in as many fields as you wish to mention and was considered by many to be the outstanding nurse in the country until her death in January 1959.

We as students shall benefit in future years by her work she has done. If we could all familiarize ourselves with her ideas, nursing would continue to benefit by her efforts.

A detailed review of MARY MAY ROBERTS' life can be found in the March issue of The American Journal of Nursing, from which this article was prepared.

Editor

SNANYS 1st VICE-PRESIDENT TO SERVE ON NATIONAL LEAGUE COMMITTEE

Miss Jane O'Connor, 1st Vice-President of SNANYS has consented to serve on the National League for Nursing Committee to draft a Patients' Bill of Rights.

The committee was formed two years ago to draft a statement on the rights of patients in the hope that if such a statement could be prepared it might help along the thinking on such problems as what kind of nursing can be supplied within the limits of available personnel and what exactly constitutes good patient care. It was hoped also that a statement of this kind might help bring a better understanding on the part of both nurses and patients of today's Nursing, its skills and its limitations.

SPRING AND CHRIST

To many people there is no more joyful time of year than Springtime! After a long, hard Winter of ice and snow and all the inconveniences this entails, it is a joyous occasion when one looks out of a living room window and again sees green grass and blossoming trees and shrubs.

Perhaps it is very appropriate, therefore, that one of the most joyous of Christian festivals occurs during Spring. The festival of Easter marks the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the Dead, one of the chief cornerstones of Christianity.

Picture to yourself those early Christian disciples of Jesus as they saw their Lord and Master captured in the Garden of Gethsemane on Maunday Thursday evening. How crushed they must have been! Theretofore the Lord had always vanquished foe and now he was captured, betrayed by one of His very own followers! How sad they must have been as they saw Him led before the Church tribunal and then into the presence of the Roman ruler, Pontius Pilate. What unspeakable and unutterable woe must have clamped down upon their hearts as they heard that He was hanging on Calvary's Tree, and what a dreadful feeling must have been theirs as He was laid in the tomb on Friday afternoon late.

But how they must have felt on Easter morn! What doubt must have filled their hearts at first! Could this incredible thing actually happen? On that first Easter evening as the same frightened followers gathered again in Jerusalem He appeared and demonstrated that He had truly risen as He had often said He would.

From that time His disciples were no longer timid, weak men, but fearless messengers of the Gospel. Speaking at home and abroad they told all who would listen about Christ, their personal Savior. Their lives and the lives of countless who hear them were changed. Even their heathen neighbors noticed this and with some awe remarked; "How they love one another!"

And so each Spring as the rages of Winter again disappear the Easter message also shines anew filling many hearts with peace and joy and happy contentment!

REV. WALTER J. BAEPLER, *Protestant Chaplain*
Central Islip State Hospital

AREA 5 NEWS

Congratulations are in order to area five on their recently completed project, "The Adopt a Family Plan". The idea originated at an area board meeting in the Fall of 1957. An area committee chairman handled the operation, with each school in the area forming its own committee. The idea was to have each school in the area choose a family which was known to one of the non-profit organizations in the area. The idea soon 'snow balled' and many schools soon had several "Adopted Families".

An interesting side point to the program was brought to light when students began to report that families were painting and cleaning up their homes in anticipation of the students' visit. If your area or school has a worth while project which you would like to share with the rest of the state send it to the address on page 2.



At the last Board of Directors meeting, Mr. Roland McCleary was selected to fill the vacancy of Treasurer, created by the resignation of Micki Wisely. Mr. McCleary is a 29 year old Junior student at Mills School, Bellevue, New York City. From Bridgewater, Maine, he graduated from High School in 1947, and received the Bausch and Lomb Annual Science award. Subsequent training led to his own business as a licensed beautician. When the Korean war began, Mac enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as a hospital corpsman. On active duty from 1951 to 1954, he served aboard the destroyer, "USS Benner". Returning to Bridgewater at the end of the war, he resumed the operating of his business, and served the community as a member of the Chamber of Commerce. In 1957, he decided to return to hospital service and enrolled in the Mills School, Bellevue. Scholastically, he is one of the top students of his class. His mild manner and efficient ability prevail. At the piano keyboard, Mac has developed his own style, not unlike the "Piano Roll" of a bygone era. He will continue his education for a Masters in nursing and a position with the United Nations World Health Organization.

"COMPOSITE PHOTO"

Work is nearing completion on the composite photo of the 1958 State Convention at Rochester. The Publicity and Public Relations Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who donated photographs and asked any one who has photos taken at the convention to send them to Ronald Gerhard, Chairman, Public Relations Committee, Home 2, Central Islip State Hospital, Central Islip, New York. The completed photos will be mailed to those who paid for them at the convention. Notice of sale of extra copies will be made through the NEWSLETTER.

L I F E

by Carol Griffen

Life is a mixture of:
 Joys and sorrow wonders and fears
 Successions of troubles beyond
 your years.
 The joy for the newborn, a
 Child's first prayer,
 For the bride and the groom,
 For love's tender care.
 The sorrow of death in a once
 happy home.
 The sorrow of a wanderer who
 can never roam.
 The wonders of the world,
 The seven and more,
 The peace of a valley to make
 spirits soar,
 The beauty and sonder of
 winter's first snow,
 The notes of an organ, both sweet
 and low.
 Fear of the unknown, of death and
 of tears for the troubles of
 loved ones and the aging of
 years.
 Life is truly a mixture of many
 many things.
 But there's also the hope
 that some day we'll have wings.

LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

Students attending the 1959 State Convention in New York City may become the stars of a motion picture. At the 1958 convention a special committee was formed to look into the possibility of filming the 1959 convention.

At the February meeting of the Board of Directors the committee submitted its report, and the results were quite favorable. The Publicity and Public Relations Committee has now taken up the project, the report of their findings will be presented at the next board meeting in March, at which time, if enough information is obtained, the final decision will be made as to whether or not the film will be produced.

Such a film would be a valuable aid to SNANYS and would be rented to Schools of Nursing and used at the National Convention. Be assured that the Board will do every thing in power to have the film produced at the next convention. Further news of progress will be printed in future issues of the NEWSLETTER.

SNANYS' PRAYER

Dear God, while we humbly ask Thy blessing,
 We also thank Thee for bringing us together.
 When we falter, give us Thy Hand; when we gain ground,
 let us realize that this could be effected only with
 Thine assistance.
 Grant that our ideals be ever strengthened through our unity
 and Thy continued guidance, Amen.

Carmen Morris

P E N P A L S

The following article was received from the National Students Nurses' Association, and appears here for your use.

Dear Friends:

Our group is P. F. C. of Yokkaichi Technical High School in Japan. The P. F. C. means "Pen Friend Club" or Peace, Friendship and Culture". We believe that friendship grows more and more through correspondence between you and us. The purpose of our group is to make friends beyond the sea and exchange friendship (or amity).

Please gratify our hope.

We wait for your letters.

MOTTOS OF PEN FRIEND CLUB OF JAPAN

We aim to contribute to universal peace by making friends with people of the world through letter writing.

We aim to attain wider knowledge and higher intelligence through letter writing.

We aim to demonstrate the good will of this community through letter writing.

Pen Friend Club of Japan

Listed below are names of several Japanese children to whom you may write, addresses may be obtained from the Editor.

NAME (Last, First)	AGE	INTEREST
KYOHEI, MIWA	16	Camping
TAKEHIKO, YONEKAWA	17	Camping
TSUTOMU, ASADA	16	Sports
KOUKICHI, MOROOKA	18	Sports
MITUKAU, HIRANO	16	Reading
KIICHI, MORI	16	Swimming
KATSUHIKO, MORI	16	Sports
YUZO, TANAKA	16	Swimming
HIROAKI, NISHIWAKI	17	Traveling
TETUO, HORIUCHI	17	Reading
TSUGINORI, INABA	17	Stamps
HIROSI, HASHIKAWA	16	Reading
HIROSHI, UMEKAWA	17	Reading
AKIRA, SUDO	17	Playing
TOSHIO, HIGUCHI	17	Mountaineering
HIASI, HIRAO	17	Stamps
SADAKAZU, MINO	18	Pictures

THE TOUCHSTONE

If we can love: This is the touchstone. This is the key to all the therapeutic programs of the modern Psychiatric Hospital it dominates the behavior of its staff from the director down to the gardener. To our patient who can not love, we must say by our actions that we do love him.

"You can be angry here if you must be: We know you have been wronged, we know too that your anger will arouse our anger and that you will be wronged again and disappointed again and rejected again and driven mad once more. But we are not angry - - and you won't be either, after awhile. We are your friends: you can relax your defenses and your tensions. As you - - and - - we come to understand your life better, the warmth of love will begin to replace your present anguish - - and you will find yourself getting well."

Karl A. Menninger, M. D.