

Association Of Nurses Has Education Workshop

In connection with a Study of Transition in Nursing Education, a workshop, sponsored by the Association of Nurses of Prince Edward Island was held recently in which eighty persons participated. There was representation from the general public, general education at the secondary school and university level, Provincial Government, Health Services, the Medical Profession and Nursing.

At the morning session, Sister Mary Hermina, C.S.M., R.N., B.Sc. President of the Association of Nurses, extended greetings and explained the purposes of the workshop as follows: To present information on proposed changes in nursing education and to explore some of the problems that will need to be faced to implement changes.

At the outset, the assembly was oriented to current trends in nursing education in Canada and to studies in nursing being conducted in Prince Edward Island. This orientation was carried out by a presentation by nurses from the four hospitals which carry responsibility for nursing education in the Province. The nurses were: Sister Mary Irene, C.S.M., R.N., M.S. Director of Nursing, Charlottetown Hospital School of Nursing; Vera Dewar, R.N. Director of Nursing Education at the Prince Edward Island Hospital School of Nursing; Mrs. Mary Woodside Murphy, R.N. Associate Director of Nursing Education at the Prince County Hospital School of Nursing; Mrs. Marilyn McCallum Coady, R.N. Associate Director of Nursing Education, at Riverside Hospital.

Chairman for the session was Bernice Rowland, R.N., B.N. Director of the Public Health Nursing Division, Department of Health of Prince Edward Island.

It was learned that future plans for nursing education in Canada are centered in two important proposals as follows: That schools of nursing be placed in institutions whose primary function is education; and that nurses be educated at two functional levels with a separate and distinct educational program for each functional level. In view of the fact that nursing education programs have been financed and controlled by

hospitals for nearly a century, these proposals are history making in themselves.

The two nursing education programs of the future have reference to a four year college program which would grant a degree to the graduate and a two year diploma program.

The degree nurse would be the nurse who would make the final decisions on the type of nursing care that a patient would get. Working in line with the doctors overall plan of treatment, the degree nurse would plan the nursing care of all patients.

The experts recommend that several (probably three) 2 year diploma nurses work under the direction of one degree nurse. In order to be able to assist in carrying out the degree nurse's plan of care, the 2 year diploma nurse would have to be skilled in nursing procedures and in the use of certain kinds of medical equipment.

Although not all experts are in complete agreement about the details of how the 2 year diploma nurse of the future should be educated, they do agree on two main points. The first point is that the 2 year diploma nursing course should be under the control of an educational institution, such as a junior college or a technical institute and should not be under the control of a hospital. The second point is that the 2 year diploma nursing student should not have to defray the cost of her education by working in the hospital. The cost of the nursing course would be part of the total cost of operating the educational institution.

In the report on studies in nursing being carried out in the Province, the nurses stated that a survey of our schools of nursing was completed last fall and the recommendations are available. One of the most important recommendations which has been accepted is principal by the Executive of the Association of Nurses is that Prince Edward Island have one school instead of three. The cost of duplication of facilities and faculties for the graduation of 60 to 70 nurses each year does not seem practical.

Two other phases of the overall study of nursing education for Prince Edward Island are a

study of the present cost of nursing education in the Province and a study of transition in nursing education.

About two years ago Dr. H. Eltner, Director of Research and Studies of the National League for Nursing, New York and H. Rowe, M.Sc. Director of a Nationwide Cost Study of Nursing Education in the United States, came to the Province to initiate a cost study of nursing education for Prince Edward Island. Mr. Rowe oriented the directors of nursing and fiscal officers of the hospital to a scientific method of collecting cost figures.

This past June, Mr. Rowe, who is completing a doctoral dissertation at New York University, came to the Island again to begin the Transition Study in connection with which this workshop is being conducted.

The topics for discussion at the workshop were: Reaction to the information on current trends in nursing education; Guiding principles in nursing education; Problems in Transition of Nursing Education; Loss of identity of the present schools; Financial support of future nursing education programs; Sponsorship of future programs by educational institutions.

The discussion leaders were: Stella Driscoll, R.N.; Ida MacKay, R.N.; Ella MacLeod, R.N.; B.N. Mrs. Mary Murphy, R.N.; Barbara Pratt, R.N., B.N.; Beth Robinson, R.N.; Mrs. Dolores Sawler, R.N.

The workshop was held at the Park Royal United Church, Parkdale.

Housing Project Is Opening Soon

Hon. Gordon Bennett, minister of education, in charge of senior citizens housing, said yesterday that the 45-unit project for senior citizens, located on North River Road, will officially be opened in October.

Mr. Bennett stated that most of the accommodations in the complex have been filled but there are still a few single accommodations to be occupied.

Landscaping in the area of the project and the laying of asphalt is to start immediately.



MISS HOWATT

City Student Gets Award

Ann Howatt of Charlottetown, a sophomore student at St. Dunstan's University, has been awarded a Canadian Union of Students Interregional Scholarship, one of which is granted each year to a student from St. Dunstan's.

Miss Howatt will continue her studies in junior year at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg.

The CUS scholarships are competed for by students with a minimum of second class standing who are interested in and able to discuss the academic, social, economic and political aspects of community, province and nation.

About 30 Canadian universities participate in the CUS scholarship exchange plan at the present time. The plan was originated to promote among Canadian students a greater knowledge of themselves and their country, and to permit students of high academic standing to benefit from contacts with other regions of Canada.

Miss Howatt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Howatt.

TREAT SICK CHILDREN

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) — A convoy of 36 chronically sick children from South Viet Nam arrived here Thursday to be cared for in European hospitals.

They were flown in by the Swiss-based international charitable organization Terre des Hommes (World of Mankind). Fifteen of the children will be treated in Switzerland, nine in Italy and six in Holland.

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Fire Fighters To Saint John

The Atlantic Fire Fighters Workshop 3rd annual conference being held in Saint John, N.B. fire department personnel in September 15th - 17th inclusive the now highly technical field of fire protection. Special events will include demonstrations of rural fire fighting evolutions and underwater rescue. Registrations are still being accepted by Workshop Secretary W.E. Wilson, P.O. Box 697, Saint John.

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200 Delegates Expected Here

Approximately 200 delegates to the 12 Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference are on a two-week familiarization tour of Canada as guests of the provincial branches of the C.P.A. (Canadian Parliamentary Association).

A group of 20 will arrive in Charlottetown shortly before 10 o'clock this morning from Sydney and will be received by Lieutenant-Governor W.J. MacDonald at 11 o'clock.

Following this the delegates will attend a reception by Premier Campbell at 11.40 in the Centennial building.

At noon the group will leave Charlottetown for Dalvay and the National Park for a reception and seafood lunch at 1.15 in the summer home of Lt. Col. J.D. Stewart.

Following this reception the delegation will visit Green Gables, Woodleigh, Seabrooks, then to Summerside for a meeting with the mayor and a visit to Somerset Manor before returning to the capital.

An official reception and dinner at 7.30 by the P.E.I. Government will conclude the tour.

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