

BUILDING PROGRAMME:

The first phase of the Lister House Building Programme is nearing completion and the second phase is taking shape quickly. The Nurses in the second year study block moved into the new classrooms early in September and although many finishing touches remain to be done, tutors and students alike are delighted with the new accommodation.

Offices in the other new wing will be finished later in the year, and staff members will be looking forward to the new working conditions and relief from the inevitable inconvenience associated with any large scale building or renovation programme.

Hospitals associated with the School of Nursing can well be proud of the training facilities provided for their students. The new classrooms and offices, plus additional staff, will ensure that Nurse education in this Region continues to progress - as any tertiary education programme must. The Committee of Management of the School and staff members look forward to showing Hospital Committees and staff members the renovations and extensions. Plans are already being made for the official opening which we anticipate holding early next year in conjunction with the fifteenth anniversary of the opening of the School.

VISIT TO MILDURA:

On Saturday, 5th September, 40 business and professional associates of the School in Mildura were entertained at a buffet dinner. Mr. A. Power, Chairman of the School Committee, Mr. J. McClelland, Vice-Chairman, The Dean, Miss N. Long and Miss J. McErvale, Public Relations Officer, were the School representatives at the function. The dinner was held mainly as a public relations function to provide an opportunity for the people interested in the training of nurses to meet. It is hoped this meeting will prove helpful in establishing a firm basis for a good working liaison between the two groups.

Similar functions for Committees of the other hospitals will be held as soon as practical.

CHAPLAINS:

After discussion it was decided in the best interests of the students and the School, official Chaplains should be appointed. Chaplains are an accepted part of most student establishments and contribute considerably to their educational programme. It is hoped that our Chaplains will also assist in the full personality development and integration of our student nurses. The Chaplains appointed are Mr. H. McKay, Mr. Jenkin, Canon Halls and Father White, and to start this off officially they were entertained to dinner at the School by Mr. Power, Miss Long, Miss Turner and Miss McErvale. Each one will shortly visit the School for morning tea to enable them to meet the tutorial staff and other staff members.

STAFF CHANGES:

Fay Earnshaw left Lister House recently for a working holiday in New Zealand after 3 years on the office staff. Her place has been taken by Miss Nancy Waller.

Mrs. Shirley Carty has also joined the office staff to "learn the ropes" before taking over Pauline Wellington's duties when she leaves to be married on 24th. October. Pauline has been on the staff for 5 years and although we are sorry to see her leave, we all wish her and her fiance a very happy future.

Another staff member who recently resigned was Miss M. McKenzie who for twelve years had been on the Domestic staff at the School.

EDUCATIONAL STANDARD:

The minimum standard acceptable for entry to Nursing has been legally raised as from January 1965 and all students must have passes in six subjects at Intermediate standard, including English Expression and Arithmetic or Mathematics. Students who have Leaving standard, but who have not passed Intermediate Arithmetic or Mathematics may sit for a special entrance examination. Further details about this may be obtained from the School of Nursing or the Matrons of the Hospitals.

It is planned to put out an information bulletin similar to this at approximately two monthly intervals. This will serve to keep hospital personnel and other interested parties in touch with any points of interest which occur at Lister House.

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