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NURSE LEADER

It is with regret the Missouri State Board of Nursing informs the friends and associates of Miss Catherine Geuss, of her resignation as the Executive Secretary of the Missouri State Board of Nursing.

For the past decade, Miss Geuss has given unselfishly of her time, talents, and energies in the interest of nurses and of nursing in Missouri. Now, because of these tireless efforts and because of the state of her health, her physician has advised that she take a long rest. This she intends to do at her home in Edina, Missouri where the pace is slow and easy and where she can really appreciate the meaning of true living.

Miss Geuss, a native of Missouri was graduated from the Michael Reese Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago. In addition to college work at the Northeast Missouri State Teacher's College, Kirksville, Missouri, Culver Stockton College, Canton, Missouri, and the University of Chicago, Miss Geuss completed requirements for the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Nursing Education and Masters of Arts in Nursing Administration at Teacher's College, Columbia University, New York. Miss Geuss had experience as a teacher in the Missouri School System, as a supervisor at the Michael Reese Hospital, as Associate Professor in Nursing at Cornell University, and as Acting Counselor, New York State Nurses' Association Professional Counseling & Placement Service, Inc., in charge of Branch Office, Chicago, Illinois.

As a recognized leader of Nursing in Missouri, Miss Geuss participated widely and contributed unstintingly to the activities of all Allied Health Agencies within the State. She made outstanding contributions to the growth and development of Health and Health Services within the state.

As Executive Secretary to the Missouri State Board of Nursing, Miss Geuss was a powerful influence on the growth and development of schools of nursing in Missouri, and a tower of strength to all nurses who turned to her for help. Schools of Nursing will long remember her deeds of kindness, her understanding and thoughtfulness which were ever outstanding characteristics of her cheerful self.

STATISTICS

Nurses Licensed in Missouri:
- Professional Nurses.....35,846
- Practical Nurses.....8,168

Annual Renewal (58-59) as of 5/1/59:
- Professional Nurses.....12,759
- Practical Nurses.....6,073

Examinations in March:
- Professional Nurses.....120
- Practical Nurses.....84

NEWS

House Bill 232 was taken off the calendar April 7, 1959. A Resolution was passed to make a study of the functioning of the various Boards for the next two years. A committee composed of four members from the House of Representatives and four members from the Senate will complete this study and present a comprehensive report to the next session of the Legislature in 1961. Appreciation is expressed to the schools of nursing and other interested individuals for their assistance and cooperation in regard to this Bill.

As you will recall, earlier this spring the State Board Office requested each school to submit names of individuals to be considered as Test Item Writers for the NLN State Board Test Pool Examination Series for Professional Nurses which was in preparation. We have been advised by the NLN that individuals from the Mo. Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, St. Louis, Mo. and from the College of St. Teresa Department of Nursing, Kansas City, Mo., were selected to participate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The National League for Nursing has announced programs of education for Graduate Nurses in the Field of Mental Health. For information concerning the schools offering programs of study in the field of mental health, please contact the National League for Nursing, 10 Columbus Circle, N.Y., N.Y. Most of these schools offer masters degree programs which emphasize the clinical and mental health components of psychiatric nursing and include preparation for leadership positions as clinical specialists, and/or in teaching, administration, supervision, consultation. A few offer programs focusing on the mental health aspects of public health nursing. Some of these prepare nurses to function as mental health consultants.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)

Examinations for professional nurse candidates will be given in Jefferson City, Mo. on June 15-16, 1959. Examinations for practical nurse candidates will be given in Jefferson City, Mo. on June 17, 1959. These examinations will be scheduled for regular first-time and repeat candidates. Eligible candidates must have completed final arrangements with the State Board Office and secure identifying material prior to being admitted to write the examination.

The enclosed lists of Professional and Practical Nurse Schools of Nursing in Missouri are sent for your information. Interested individuals may contact the schools directly for further information regarding the programs.

CURRENT EVENTS

April 21 - Miss Barbara Fallon, R.N., Field Representative of the U.S. Office of Education, Washington, D.C., who is assigned to practical nurse education, visited the State Board Office on April 21 with Miss Virginia Dyer, R.N., Supervisor of Practical Nurse Education, Mo. Department of Education. Schools visited by Miss Fallon, Miss Dyer, and Miss Lydia Zillgitt, were the Board of Education Schools at Columbia, Mexico and Kansas City, Mo. It was indeed a pleasure to have Miss Fallon visit with us.

April 27-30 - Mrs. Margaret Riley, L.P.N., Mrs. Alma F. Van Matre, L.P.N., Members of the State Board of Nursing and officers of the Missouri State Association of Licensed Practical Nurses, Inc., and Miss Lydia Zillgitt, R.N., Asst. Executive Secretary of the Missouri State Board of Nursing, attended the Annual Convention of the National Association of Practical Nurse Education in Cincinnati, Ohio April 27 through April 30.

May 4-8 - Sr. M. Fabian Hutti, R.N., President, Mrs. Alice Henderson, R.N., Secy.-Treas., and Miss Elizabeth McIntosh, R.N., Member, represented the State Board of Nursing at the Conference of State Boards of Nursing at the NLN Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the first week in May.

May 10-11 - The American College of Nurse Midwifery will hold an Annual Convention for all nurses interested in Maternal & Child Health in Philadelphia, Penna.

May 19 - The Sisters of St. Mary of St. Mary's Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. will commemorate the Golden Jubilee of St. Mary's Hospital (1909-1959) on May 19, 1959. We extend our sincere congratulations.

May 18-19-20 - The Missouri State Association of Licensed Practical Nurses, Inc. will hold their Annual Convention at the Hotel President, Kansas City, Mo.

May 25-28 - The National Tuberculosis Association will hold their Annual Convention at the Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois.

May 30-June 4 - The 44th Annual Convention of the Catholic Hospital Association of the U.S. & Canada will be held in St. Louis, Missouri.