St. Joseph Hospital Starts Nursing Program

Foreseeing the likelihood of a critical shortage of registered nurses in Oakland County, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Pontiac will inaugurate a centralized program of professional nursing education this fall as a community service to the entire county.

Under this program, announced by Hospital Administrator, Sister Mary Xavier, R.S.M., a three year course will provide a basic diploma in professional nursing for students of any race, color and creed. Affiliation with various health agencies will make it possible to offer additional experience in such specialties as out-patient nursing and psychiatric nursing.

In preparing for classes to start in September, Sister Mary Xavier announced two important steps already taken to strengthen the hospital's ability to provide fully-accredited professional nursing education.

FIAST OF THESE is the affiliation of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Pontiac with the Mercy School of Nursing of Detroit, formed by pooling the resources of the St. Joseph Mercy Hospitals in Detroit, Ann Arbor, and Pontiac.

Another is the addition of five nurses to the professional faculty of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Pontiac, whose entire nursing staff has had formal instruction qualifying them for supervision students during the period of their training.

With these facilities already established, Oakland County students will have an opportunity to study basic subjects at the school's pre-clinical center in Detroit for nine months, after which they will conclude the remainder of their three-year education in Pontiac under the professional faculty and nursing staff of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, supervised by Miss Marie E. Hickey, the Director of Nursing.

A considerable number of enrollments are expected from the members of Future Nurses Clubs of various high schools throughout the county and from members of Youth in Hospital organizations, sponsored by the American Red Cross, now serving volunteers in several Oakland County hospitals.

Tuition of approximately $700 for the entire three-year program includes room and board, uniforms, caps, cape, and book, with extracurricular cultural and recreational activities provided by religious, social, and professional student organizations. Scholarships are available for eligible students.

APPLICANTS QUALIFY by being single within 17 and 35 years of age, graduated from accredited high schools, able to pass required physical examinations and pre-entrance tests.

Because Oakland County applicants will take their tests and initial training at the pre-clinical center located at 2242 East Grand Boulevard in Detroit, they are requested to obtain additional information directly from the school's executive director, Sister Mary Valentina, R.S.M.

Tri-County League Sets Up Nursing Scholarship Fund

Detroit and Tri-County League for Nursing announced the introduction of a new $200,000 Merit Scholarship Program aimed at attracting a greater number of qualified high school students to careers in nursing and to provide funds for practicing nurses who wish to further their nursing education.

The purpose of this scholarship program, according to League officials, is to alleviate the acute shortage of nurses prevalent today and to provide more faculty members for the area's nursing schools. "An expected increase in nursing students to correspond to the expanding population has failed to occur," said Mrs. Marguerite Murray, R.N., the League's Executive Director. "As a result, hospitals, clinics and health services are currently operating with 25 per cent less nurses than are needed to do the job."

A four year deadline has been set for raising the funds necessary to finance the scholarship program. Members of the Detroit and Tri-County League for Nursing, a Torch supported agency, are currently contacting heads of charitable organizations and inviting them to pledge funds for one or more scholarships.

THREE DISTINCT types of nursing educational programs provide the contributor with a choice of scholarship plans.

The first plan offers seventy $400 scholarships for hospital schools of nursing or junior colleges in the Tri-County area.

The second plan provides fifty-five $2,000 scholarships in basic college programs leading to a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.

The third plan, offering twenty-four $2,000 scholarships to graduates of nursing schools, also leads to a Bachelor of Science Degree and will prepare faculty for schools of nursing.

THE SHARP DECLINE of professional nurses had aroused the concern of health officials as early as 1958. "The population of Oakland, Wayne and Macomb Counties increased by 22 per cent from 1951 to 1958, but the registered nurses who were actively engaged in nursing increased only 12 per cent," Mrs. Murray stated. "The prediction for the seven years forward from 1958 is that the population will increase 16 per cent while the supply of registered nurses will increase only 8 per cent. This means we need an increase in enrollment of 75 per cent or 1,250 admissions in Tri-County schools of nursing by 1965."

"With the assistance provided by contributors, we will be able to offer 149 Merit Scholarships over a four year period beginning this Fall," Mrs. Murray added. "We feel that this will go a long way to offset this threat to the health of the entire community."

The Detroit and Tri-County League for Nursing is headquartered at 51 West Warren, Detroit 1, Michigan.

Kirk-in-the-Hills Schedules Recital By Carillonneur

Leen't Hart, director of the Carillon School in the Netherlands, will be guest carillonneur in a recital at the Kirk In The Hills starting at 4 p.m. Sunday.

The program here will be the first in his present tour of the United States. He was European consultant to the builders of the Kirk's carillon, the world's largest.

OTHER PROGRAMS in the summer carillon series at the Kirk, 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, will include Phillip Steinhaus, carillonneur to the Kirk on July 10; Dr. Percival Price, carillonneur and professor of campanology, University of Michigan on Aug. 19 and Dr. Steinhaus on Sept. 16.

The carillon can best be heard from the Kirk's grounds of approximately 60 acres.

Highway Dept. Accepts Bids On Area Projects

Bids were opened by the State Highway Department yesterday on 16 highway construction projects totaling $33 million. The projects included:

Almost one mile of the John C. Lodge Freeway extension along Northwestern Highway at the intersection of 9-Mile Rd. in Southfield. The project calls for four and six-lane roadways and eight bridges to form a tri-level interchange at the freeway's intersection with Southfield and 9 Mile Rd.

2.7 miles of four and six-lane Interstate 75 Freeway from Adams Rd. north to Auburn Rd. The project includes an M-24 interchange with the freeway, a bridge at the Clinton River and overpasses at Adams, Squirrel and Auburn roads and at South Blvd.

2.9 miles of I-75 Freeway from Auburn Rd. north to Walton Blvd., where it will connect with a section of the freeway now under construction between Pontiac and Flint. The project includes interchanges at M-59 and Mount Clemens and overpasses at Pontiac and Featherstone roads.

An overpass to carry the Grand Trunk Western railroad tracks over the I-75 Freeway near Pontiac.

Three miles of the Interstate 696 Freeway from Franklin Rd. southeast to Lahser Rd. at Southfield, including an overpass at Franklin Rd., a pedestrian bridge at Powers Rd. and six other bridges at the freeway's intersection with Telegraph Rd. and the John C. Lodge Freeway extension.

More than a half-mile of paving on US-10 at Elizabeth Lake and Pontiac Lake roads; more than a half-mile of paving on Telegraph Rd. at Quarton Rd., west of Bloomfield Hills, and some work at four different locations on US-10.

Pre-College Age Students Offered MSUO Courses

MSUO's new "Theatre School and Junior High Arts in the Open" program will feature a summer session of 25 non-credit courses which, for the first time, includes offerings for young people of high school and junior high age. The courses are planned by the division of continuing education at MSUO for a six-week term, beginning June 25.

The theatre school will offer high school and college age students an opportunity to study drama, speech, theatre production and modern dance with a professional staff.

WILLIAM MERRILL, former owner-director of Will-O-Way Playhouse, will direct the theatre school. William Merrill, Jr., who is specializing in technical theatre production at the State University of Iowa, and two other professionals will work with him.

The junior high program will offer art, creative dramatics and creative dance courses for boys and girls on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, outdoors on the campus.

On Thursday mornings, the family studio in art for parent and child will be repeated, with children eight years and up eligible for the studio.

OTHER PAINTING and sculpture classes for adults are being offered both afternoon and evening as well as courses in languages, literature, music, creative writing, efficient reading and effective speech.

A three-week course on Shakespeare at Stratford is a special feature.

Composition skills workshop and study skills workshop are intensive courses designed for college-bound students and college freshmen from any institution. The workshops are aimed at improving writing and study skills.

Here Are 1962 Seaholm Graduates

These 302 Seaholm High School seniors received their diplomas at commencement exercises in the school gymnasium this morning.

Susan L. Abernathy, Frederick W. Adams, Jr., James E. Adkins, Sandra A. Albaugh, Larry A. Allington, Sandra J. Alpert, Robert A. Anderson, Ann Anderson, Wayne A. Anderson, Sandra D. Apple, Peter F. Arquette, Jr., Kenneth L. Carter, Carole D. Cavanaugh, Ann Cebulski, Jack S. Chadwick, Barbara J. Chase, Thomas H. Chase, Francis J. Chellis, Gerald M. Ball, Jane Collier, Robert C. Collins, Jr., Barbara J. Bacon, Bruce R. Baer, Richard Bailey, Jr., Steven D. Baker, Richard Ann Bakewell, Vivian S. Bates, Carol S. Bathard, Patricia J. Bingham, Marjorie Binns, Frederick P. Birk, John H. Bjorn, Bethany A. Blackburn, Evelyn M. Bogan, Frank J. Bonomo, Charles L. Bowen, Jr., Sandra J. Bowman, Sally M. Boxwell, Jr., Ronald James H. Brown, Jr., Ronald Gail E. Brown, Jr., Ronald Bruce R. Bruhn, Michael A. Buckland, Ann Bugas, Karen R. Burdick, Jerome G. Carrier, David R. Chambers, Stephen D. Chandler, Nancy Ann Chase, Barbara K. Chynoweth, Barbara J. Clark, Hugh M. Clark, Dennis Michael Cleary, Jr., Craig Cynthia A. Clemens, Clement, Thomas H. Cocke, William V. Coffin, Mary K. Collins, Susan M. Colin, Stephen Collister, Dennis Jr., Conley, Charles W. Conner, John D. Connell, Jr., Neil E. Connolly, Barbara Ann Conklin, Margaret Anne Cook, Jr., Donald Dale Dallas, Jr., Dallas, Jr., Dallas, Jr.,