



REUNION DAY 2023

CLASS OF 1948

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS



Left to Right

GRADUATION May 20, 1948

Lillian Raymond Ella Shapely Kay Blake Helen Miller Nellie Legein Dorothy Halloran Helen Theresa Redding Theresa Brunning Joan Levi Betty Davidson
 Eleanor Brokenshire Margaret Biggar Pauline Schweitzer Bernadette Hynes Mary Lepinskie Reva Johnson Rosalie Burnham Jessie Graham Mary Daly
 June Neden Cheris Matthews Mary Boughner Audrey Rogers Eleanor Dertinger Helen O'Neill Gladys MacDonald Marion Pitts Ethel Smith
 Rheta Dowdy Betty Dawe Ruth Springer Joyce Zelinsky Anne Payne Marianne Skelcher Grace Mann Marie Healey Kay Gibbons Eleanor Brennan
 Absent from photo: Lillian Young
 Anne Payne (Sister Brigid Anne)
 Bernadette Hynes (Sister Margaret Mary)

Ann Payne '48

1949 – 1950 Ann served on the Nurses Alumnae Executive as a Social Convenor

Mary Boughner '48

1957 – 1958 Mary served on the Nurses Alumnae Executive as corresponding secretary

Dorothy Halloran '48

1951 – 1952 Dorothy served on the Nurses Alumnae Executive as Secretary

Jessie Graham '48

1966 – 1967 Jessie served on the Nurses Alumnae Executive on the advisory board / prize convenor

*Students were enrolled and began their training on September 22, 1945.
The class of 1948 had 38 graduates.*

SEPTEMBER 22, 1945

Probation Class Opens, St. Joseph's

On September 4, new students were enrolled in the probation class of St. Joseph's School of Nursing, Hamilton. These young ladies have begun an intensive course of studies in the classroom and are anxiously awaiting the day that they will be allowed to go on duty in the various wards to put into practice the theory they are now learning.

The eastern provinces are represented as well as Northern Ontario while the remaining students are from Hamilton and its vicinity. The following are the names of the new aspirants to the nursing profession: Misses Bette Dawe, Lillian Raymond, Nellie Legein, Helen Therese Reding, Grace Mann, Audrey Rogers, Marion Pitts, Dorothy Halloran, Theresa Brunning, Mary Lepinskie, Betty Hornibrook, Joyce Zelinsky, Doris May, Rheta Dawdy, Joan Levi, Mary Boughner, Lillian Hiscott, Eleanor Brennan, Margaret Biggar, Marie Healey, Betty Pinchen, Ethel Smith, Ella Shapley, Lillian Young, Eleanor Dertinger, Helen O'Neill, Betty Davidson, Margaret Crawford, Ruth Springer, Bernadette Hynes, Gladys MacDonald and Anne Payne.

FEBRUARY CLASS 1948

*Eleanor Brokenshire
Kathleen Blake
Rosalie Burnham
Mary Daly
Kathleen Gibbons
Jessie Graham
Reva Johnston
Cheris Matthews
Helen Miller
June Neden
Pauline Schweitzer
Marianne Skelcher*

SEPTEMBER CLASS 1948

*Eleanor Brennan
Mary Broughner
Betty Dawe
Rheta Dawdy
Bernadette Hynes
Nellie Legein
Joan Levi
Gladys MacDonald
Helen O'Neill
Lillian Raymond
Helen Theresa Reding
Marion Pitts
Lillian Young
Ella Shapley*

Anne Payne was later known as Sister Brigid Anne Payne

*Theresa Brunning
Margaret Biggar
Eleanor Dertinger
Betty Davidson
Dorothy Halloran
Mary Lepinskie
Grace Mann
Marie Healey
Anne Payne
Audrey Rogers
Ruth Springer
Ethel Smith
Joyce Zelinsky*

. Christmas 1946

Junior students at St. Joseph's School of Nursing entertained the staff on the evening of December 21st. Residence was beautifully decorated befitting the season. Santa had stored many parcels beneath the large Christmas tree.

At the conclusion of the program of song and dance, the 32 new students entered the lecture room carrying lighted red candles singing Silent Night, Holy Night and Adeste Fidelis.

Still holding their candles the class in unison recited the Nightingale Pledge.

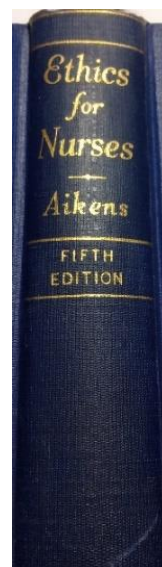
The most coveted gift of all, the cap of St Joseph's School of Nursing was presented and placed on the head of each young aspirant to the Nursing profession by Reverend Mother Antoinette, Superior General of the Sisters of St Joseph.

Jingle bells then brought Santa who distributed gifts to all. The hostesses of the evening were the graduating class of 1946. Refreshments were served and dancing followed.

Sunday December 23rd the C.Y.O. Glee Club went ward to ward singing Christmas Carols to the patients. On Christmas morning, the student nurses sang Christmas Carols to the patients.

December 27th the annual Christmas Dance for the staff and students was held in the auditorium of the School of Nursing under convenership of Miss Edith Masecar '46

A day off duty during the week was arranged for each student.



Studies in Ethics for Nurses 5th Edition

*Written by Charlotte A. Aikens, R. N.
Published by W. B. Saunders Company 1943*

*1949
Miss Ann Payne '48 (Sister Brigid Ann) was received into the Convent.*



*Ruth Springer '48
Sister Joan O'Sullivan '43*

— JANUARY 5, 1946 —

Christmas Season at St. Joseph's Hospital

The Christmas season opened at St. Joseph's School of Nursing, Hamilton, in a most delightful manner, by the preliminary students entertaining the staff the evening of December 21st.

The residence was beautifully decorated as befitting the season and Santa had stored a great many parcels beneath the large Christmas tree.

At the conclusion of the programme of song and dance, the thirty-two new students entered the lecture room carrying lighted red candles singing Silent Night, Holy Night and Adeste Fidelis. It was an inspiring picture and made one feel very close to the Holy Babe in the Manger.

Still holding their lighted candles the class in unison recited the Nightingale pledge and the most coveted gift of all, the cap of St. Joseph's School of Nursing, was presented, and placed on the head of each young aspirant to the Nursing profession by Reverend Mother Antoinette, Superior General of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Jingle Bells then brought the man from the North Pole, who distributed gifts to all. The hostesses of the evening were the graduating class of 1946. Refreshments were served and dancing followed.

On Sunday, December 23, the patients were given a real treat—the singing of Christmas Carols from ward to ward—by the C.Y.O. Glee Club, under the leadership of Mr. D. Farr. Likewise on Christmas morning the student nurses carried on the spirit by singing carols.

On December 27th, the Annual Christmas Dance for the staff and students was held in the auditorium of the School under the convenership of Miss Edith Masecar assisted by her committee.

A day off duty during the week, was arranged for each student, which gave them ample time to



Winnie Walker'47 Helen Miller'47 Winnie Ayres'46 Angie Amadio'45 Bernadette Hynes'48
1948 on roof of the John St building

Pictures donated by Winnifred Walker'47



Back row: Winnie Walker'47 Winnie Ayres'46 Angie Amadio'45
Front row: Cheris Matthews'47 Bernadette Hynes'48



Mary Lepinskie'48
Head Nurse 2W

Pictures donated by family of Mary Lepinskie'48



Mary Lepinskie'48, Margaret Scherbach'49



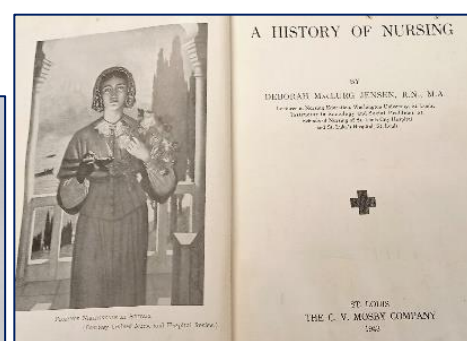
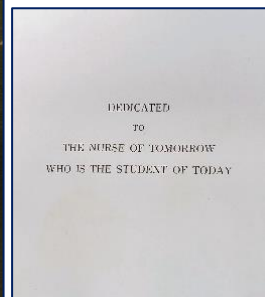
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Mary Lepinskie'48, Evelyn Ashford'50, Effie Brown'51



Anna Koebel'53, Mary Lepinskie'48



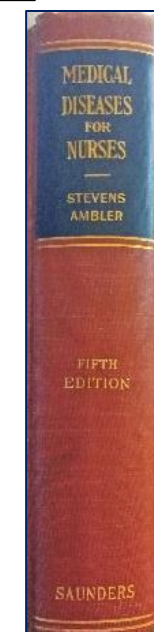
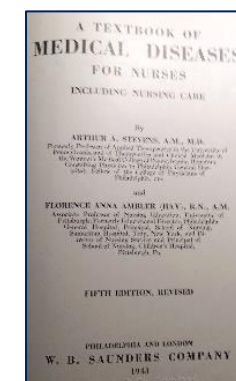
**Mary Lepinskie '48
Graduation**



Ruth Springer, Joyce Zelinsky

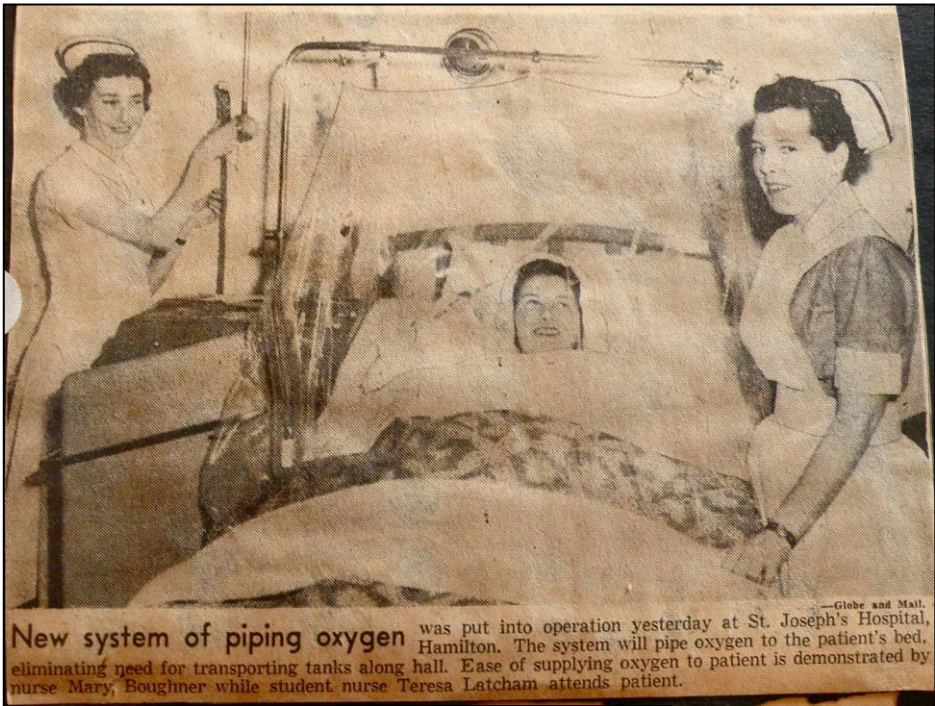


**Mary Fitzgerald Marrin '47, Sister Patricia Hanlon '50,
Mary Daly '48**



**A Textbook of Medical Diseases for Nurses Including Nursing Care
5th Edition**

**Written by Arthur A. Stevens A.M., M.D.
and Florence Anna Ambler (Hay) R.N., A.M.
Published by W. B. Saunders Company in 1943**

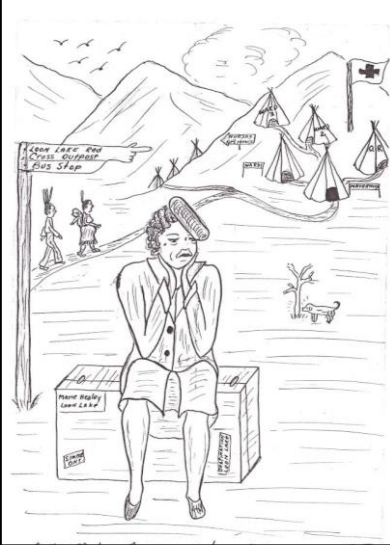


—Globe and Mail.
New system of piping oxygen was put into operation yesterday at St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton. The system will pipe oxygen to the patient's bed, eliminating need for transporting tanks along hall. Ease of supplying oxygen to patient is demonstrated by nurse Mary Boughner while student nurse Teresa Latcham attends patient.

Mary Boughner'48 Teresa Latcham'58



Graduation pin from A. Marie Healey, class of 1948
The letter indicates that Marie was the Matron of the Red Cross Outpost Hospital in Loon Lake in Northern Saskatchewan.
The Alumnae Newsletter 1997, printed a thank you to Marie for her donation to the archives.



Box 2923, Nipawin, SK, S0E 1E0
June 04, 2008

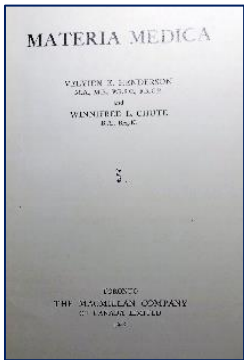
Dear Nellie and Rennie:

It was so good to talk with you when I was in Ottawa, and to have a report of your annual St. Joseph's get-together.

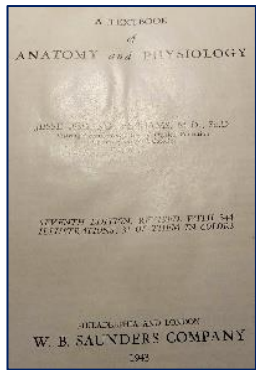
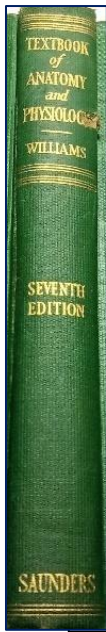
In response to your request for something for the "Window of Fame," I am sending a photo of Marie, taken at graduation. It does not have to be returned. I have also sent a cartoon drawn by the then manager of the Beaver Lumber Store in Loon Lake. Today this would not be considered Politically Correct. The village was right on the edge and partly surrounded by an Indian Reserve and another was not far away. A lot of Native babies were brought into the world when Marie was Matron of the Red Cross Outpost Hospital. Of course the facilities were not like in the City but it was not quite as primitive as shown. Our little village could appear rather desolate, specially in the middle of a cold Northern Saskatchewan winter. It could be a culture shock for a new nurse from Ontario. Everyone was friendly and hospitable and Marie fitted in very soon. Then she found ME !!!!!

Once again the summer is going by too fast. I hope you are both well and that Renne's Air Show was a success.

Best wishes:
Doug



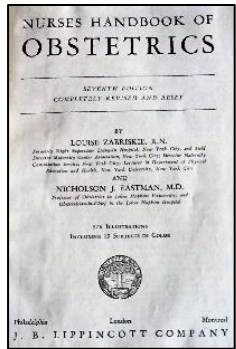
Materia Medica
Written by Velyien E. Henderson M.A., M.B., F.R.S.C., F.R.C.P.
And Winnifred L. Chute B.A., Reg. N.
Published by The MacMillan Company of Canada Ltd. In 1943



A Textbook of Anatomy and Physiology
7th Edition
Written by Jesse Feiring Williams, M.D., Sc.D.
Published by W. B. Saunders Company 1943



Mary Boughner'48



Nurses Handbook of Obstetrics
7th Edition
Written by Louise Zabriskie, R. N. and Nicholson J. Eastman M. D.
Published by J. B. Lippincott Company 1943

Graduating Exercises

St. Joseph's Hospital
School of Nursing

Auditorium

Cathedral of Christ the King
King St. West

3 p.m. D.S.T.

Wednesday, May 26th

1948

Programme

Orchestra - - - - - O Canada

Chairman

W. P. Downes, B.A., M.D.C.M. - Chairman of Staff

Presentation of Diplomas and Pins by

HIS EXCELLENCY

MOST REVEREND JOSEPH F. RYAN, D.D.

Addresses to Graduating Class

HIS WORSHIP MAYOR LAWRENCE

H. A. PEACOCK, M.D.

President of Hamilton Academy of Medicine

HONOURABLE RUSSELL T. KELLEY

Minister of Health

REV. J. G. FULLERTON

Director of Welfare Bureau of Toronto

HIS EXCELLENCY

MOST REVEREND JOSEPH F. RYAN, D.D.

Presentation of Prizes

Programme

Scholarship for Post-Graduate Work in Nursing Education
Given by St. Joseph's Hospital Alumnae.
Presented by Miss Frances O'Brien.

MISS DOROTHY HALLORAN

Scholarship for Post-Graduate Work in Nursing Education
Given by St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary.
Presented by Mrs. D. Donohue.

MISS KATHEEN GIBBONS

Prize for General Proficiency
Given by L. L. Playfair, M.D.
Presented by Mrs. Playfair.

MISS ANNE PAYNE

Prize for Efficiency in Bedside Nursing
Given by F. Woodhall, M.B.
Presented by Mrs. Woodhall.

MISS ELLA SHAPLEY

Prize for Medical Nursing and Examination
Given by W. P. Downes, B.A., M.D.C.M.
Presented by Billy Downes.

MISS MARY DALY

Prize for Obstetrical Nursing and Examination
Given by H. J. Sullivan, M.D.C.M.
Presented by Mrs. Sullivan.

MISS HELEN MILLER

Prize for Surgical Nursing and Examination.
Given by J. Tilden, M.D.
Presented by Mrs. Tilden.

MISS CHERIS MATHEWS

Prize for Public Health Nursing
Given in Memory of the late Dr. James Roberts.
Presented by Mrs. Roberts.

MISS ROSALIE BURNHAM

Prize for Examination in Preventive Medicine
Given by A. C. Martin, M.B.
Presented by Mrs. Martin.

MISS HELEN O'NEILL

Prize for Examination in Diseases of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat
Given by W. L. Crewson, M.D.C.M., and
H. Nicholson, M.B.
Presented by Mrs. Crewson.

MISS RHETA DAWDY

Prize for Anatomy and Physiology
Given by W. A. Weaver, M.D.C.M., and
R. J. Fraser, M.D.
Presented by Mrs. Fraser.

MISS ELIZABETH DAVIDSON

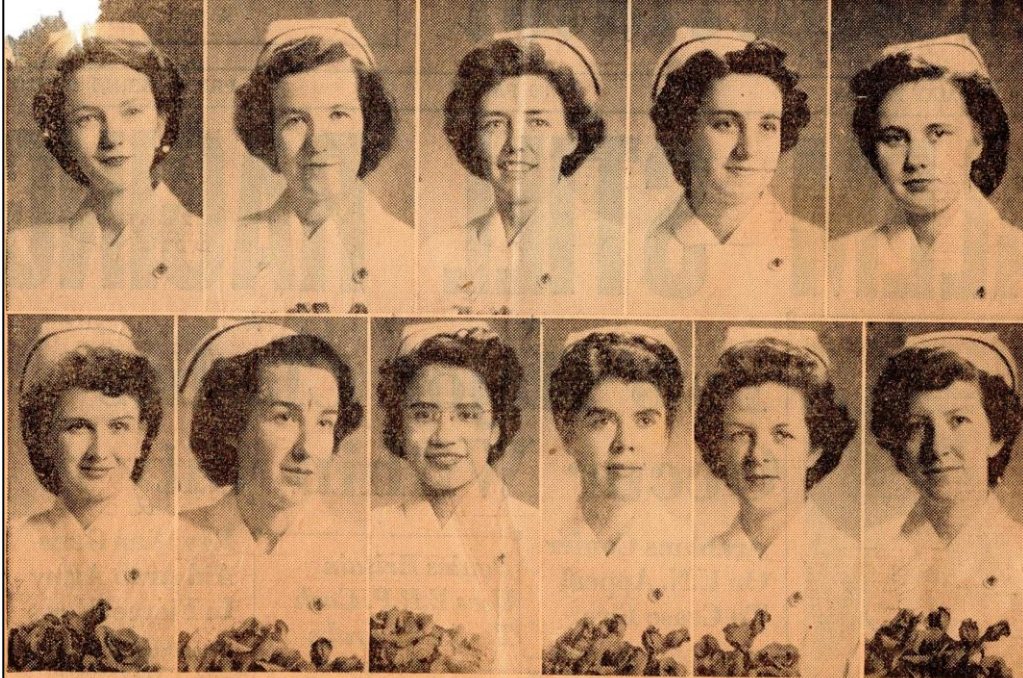
Prize for Highest Standing in Theory to an Intermediate Student
Given by Margaret Gage Burkholder Chapter, I.O.D.E.
Presented by Mrs. A. Burns.

MISS JANE SIMPSON

Prize for Highest Standing in Theory to a Junior Student
Given by Dr. F. B. Bowman.
Presented by Mrs. Bowman.

MISS DOROTHY LEAVITT

GOD SAVE THE KING



The prizewinning nurses pictured above to receive prizes at the graduation exercises at St. Joseph's Hospital on Wednesday afternoon are: Top row (left to right): Miss Dorothy Halloran, scholarship in nursing education, given by St. Joseph's Hospital Alumnae; Miss Kathleen Gibbons, scholarship in nursing education, given by St. Joseph's Hospital Auxilliary; Miss Anne Payne, general proficiency, given by Dr. L. L. Playfair; Miss Ella Shapely, efficiency in bedside nursing, given by Dr. Frank Woodhall; Miss Mary Daly, medical nursing and examination, given by Dr. W. P. Downes; Miss Helen Miller, obstetrical nursing and examination, given by Dr. H. J. Sullivan; Miss Cheris Matthews, surgical nursing and examination, given by Dr. J. E. Tilden; Miss Rosalie Burnham, public health nursing, given in memory of Dr. James Roberts; Miss Elizabeth Davidson, anatomy and physiology, given by Drs. W. A. Weaver and R. J. Fraser; Miss Helen O'Neill, nursing and examination in preventive medicine, given by Dr. A. C. Martin; Miss Rheta Dawdy, nursing and examination in eye, ear, nose and throat nursing and examination, given by Drs. W. L. Crewson and Harry Nicholson. Not appearing above are Miss Jane Simpson and Miss Dorothy Leavitt, prize to be awarded to the former for highest standing in theory for the intermediate year, by the Margaret Gage Burkholder Chapter, I.O.D.E.; and to the latter for highest standing in theory for the junior year, by Dr. F. Bowman.

—Beckett photos

PRIZE WINNERS 1948

Top Row:

*Dorothy Halloran
Kathleen Gibbons
Anne Payne
Ella Shapely
Mary Daly*

*scholarship in nursing education
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general proficiency
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medical nursing and examination*

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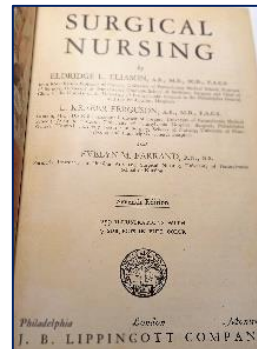
*obstetrical nursing and examination
surgical nursing and examination
public health nursing
anatomy and physiology
nursing and examination in preventive medicine
nursing and examination in eye, ear, nose and throat*

*Jane Simpson '49
Dorothy Leavitt '50*

*highest standing in theory for intermediate year
highest standing in theory for junior year*



Ruth Springer '48 Joyce Zelinsky '48



Surgical Nursing 7th Edition

*Written by Eldridge L. Eliason, A.B., M.D., Sc. D., F. A. C. S.
and L. Kraeer Ferguson, A.B., M.D., F. A. C. S.
and Evelyn Farrand, R.N., B. S.
Published by J. B. Lippincott Company 1945*





Mary Lepinskie graduated with the class of 1948 and had worked at St Joseph's Hospital for her entire career. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from McMaster University in extension classes, majoring in psychology.

She died suddenly on January 27, 1969

At the time of her death she was taking graduate studies at Niagara University, Niagara Falls N.Y. working towards a Master's Degree in Education.

She was on the committee of Directors of Nursing Service of the Ontario Hospital Association, Committee of Nursing of Catholic Hospitals of Ontario, and the Committee of the Regional Group of Directors of Nursing Services.

January 27, 1969

St. Joe's Nurse Director Dies

Miss Mary Rita Lepinskie, director of nursing service at St. Joseph's Hospital, died at the hospital this morning.

She had been admitted to the hospital late Saturday after complaining of not feeling well.

Funeral services will be held at 10.30 a.m. Wednesday from the P. X. Dermody Funeral Home, 7 East Avenue South. Burial will follow in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. The Rosary will be recited at 8.30 p.m. tomorrow.

Mary Rita Lepinskie, R.N. B.A.
 Director of Nursing Services
 St. Joseph's Hospital
 Hamilton, Ontario
 Died January 27, 1969

Jan 28, 1969 Spectator

Nursing Service Head, M. R. Lepinskie Dies

Miss Mary Rita Lepinskie, director of nursing service at St. Joseph's Hospital, died suddenly at the hospital yesterday.

She had been admitted to the hospital late Saturday.

Miss Lepinskie had graduated from the St. Joseph's School of Nursing in 1948 and had worked at the hospital ever since. She received her bachelor of arts degree from McMaster University, in extension classes, majoring in psychology.

At the time of her death, she was taking graduate studies at Niagara University, Niagara Falls, N.Y., working to a master's degree in education.

She was on the committee of directors of nursing services of the Ontario Hospital Association, committee of nursing of Catholic Hospitals of Ontario, and the committee of the regional group of directors of nursing services.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Beatrice Mary Lepinskie, of Main Street West, three brothers, Thomas, of Rochester, James of Vancouver, and Dr. Fred Lepinskie, of Hamilton. A sister, Sister Mary Arthur, of Newmarket, also survives.

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Mary Lepinskie Library

RAFFLE

The Mary Lepinskie Library is a designated area in the Hospital Library, established several years ago to provide nursing texts and resources. The funds for purchasing texts and resources were bequeathed to honour Miss Mary Lepinskie, a former Director of Nursing who died suddenly, while in this position. Each year, the Mary Lepinskie Library Committee utilizes the interest from the original trust fund to purchase new books and resources.

With the ever-increasing rise in costs of texts and resources, the amount available to purchase new books depleted rapidly this year. In an effort to ensure that we could continue to stock new references and resources, the Committee took on a fund-raising event, in the form of a raffle.

Raffle tickets were sold by all Head Nurses, Nursing Coordinators, Assistant Directors of Nursing, Clinical Nurse Specialists and Nurse Educators. As well, members of this group sold tickets outside the Cafeteria, during peak hours, the week prior to the draw.

On Friday, October 23, 1987, Miss M.L. Peart, Chairperson of the Mary Lepinskie Library Committee, drew the following names for each designated prize:

Microwave: Rose Zaveralla
4 Psychiatry

Microwave Dishes: Donna Patterson
Carlisle, Ontario

Silk Flower Arrangement: Hazel Brewster
1 Maternity

Original Etching: Ken Embree
5 Surgical East

The Committee would like to thank all Head Nurses, Nursing Coordinators, Assistant Directors of Nursing, Clinical Nurse Specialists and Nurse Educators for their efforts in making this a successful fund-raising event. We would also like to thank all those who bought tickets and offered their support to this project.

It is anticipated that over one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) will be available to purchase new nursing books and resources, as a result of the raffle.



Pictured above are the Members of the Mary Lepinskie Library Committee:
 Left to Right: Miss Ray Blyth, Head Nurse, Continuing Care; Miss M.L. Peart, Assistant Executive Director, Nursing; Miss Faye Stephenson, Nurse Educator, Maternity; Mrs. Sheila Rogers, Hospital Librarian; Mrs. Esther Green, Assistant Director of Nursing.

November 1987

Thought For The Day

The average person's biggest problem is that their paycheques come minus tax and their bills come plus tax.

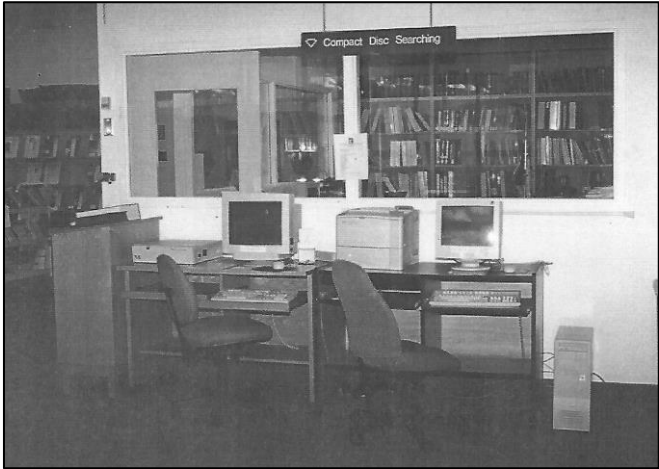
LIBRARY STAND
Donated in Memory of Mary Lepinskie '48

Gail Fitzgerald **Dean Olsen** **Gayle & Bill Lepinskie**
Director of *V.P. Nursing*
Library Services

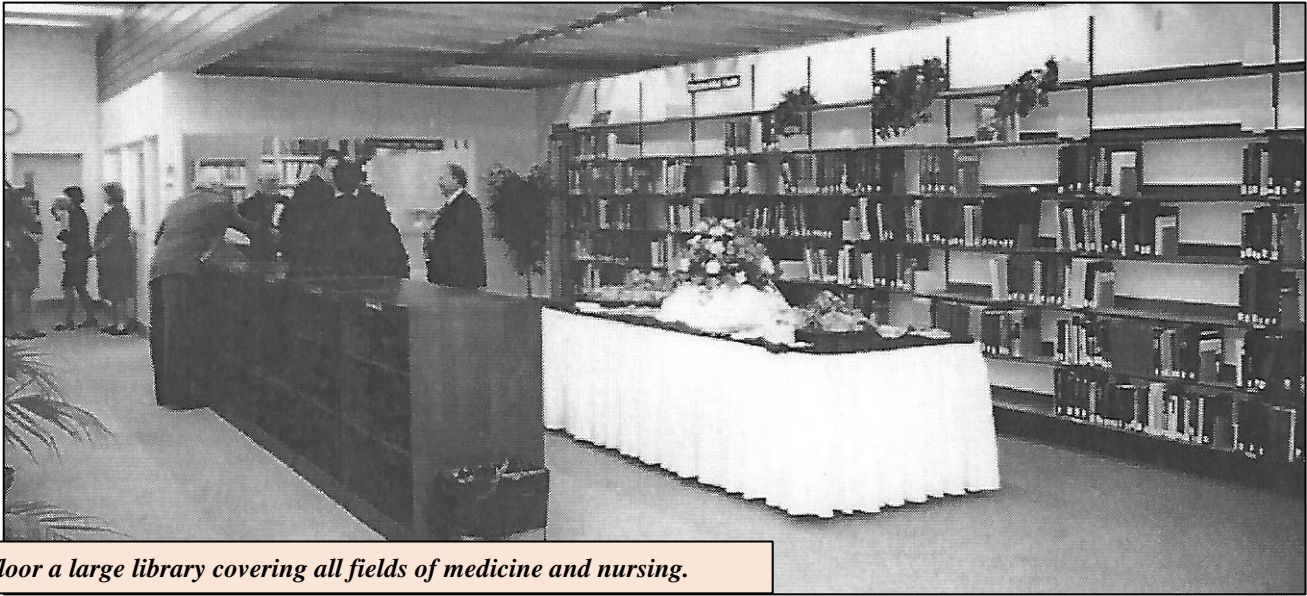
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On Friday October 23, 1987 Miss M.L. Peart '44, Chairperson of the Mary Lepinskie Library Committee drew names of the prize winners. As a result of the raffle, over \$1000 was available to purchase new nursing books and resources.



C.D.Searches

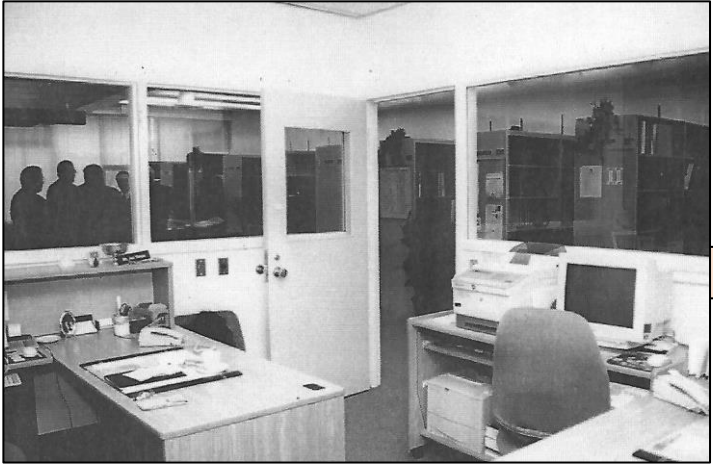


1st floor a large library covering all fields of medicine and nursing.



Book Shelves

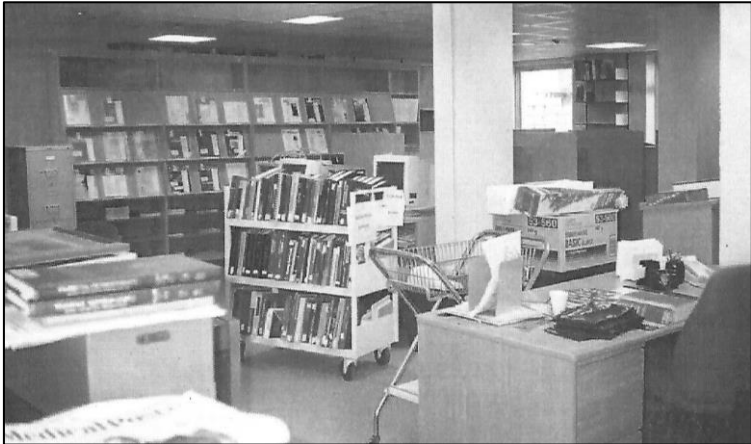
*The Mary Lepinskie Library
opened in the Fontbonne Nurses Residence*



Office



Index Medicus



*Portable Carts
for Restocking*

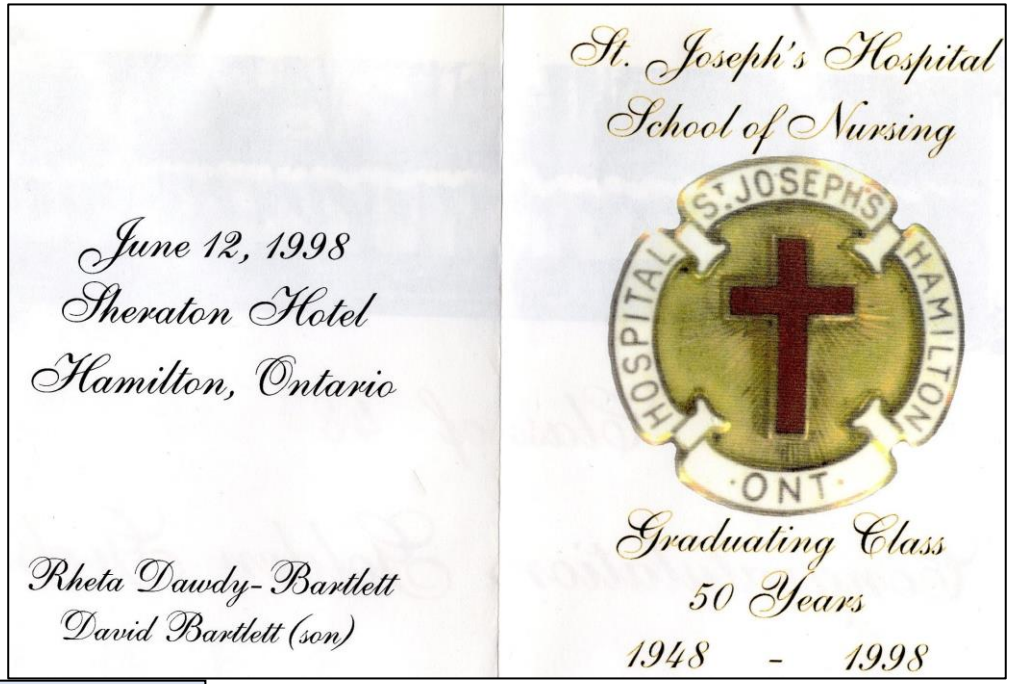
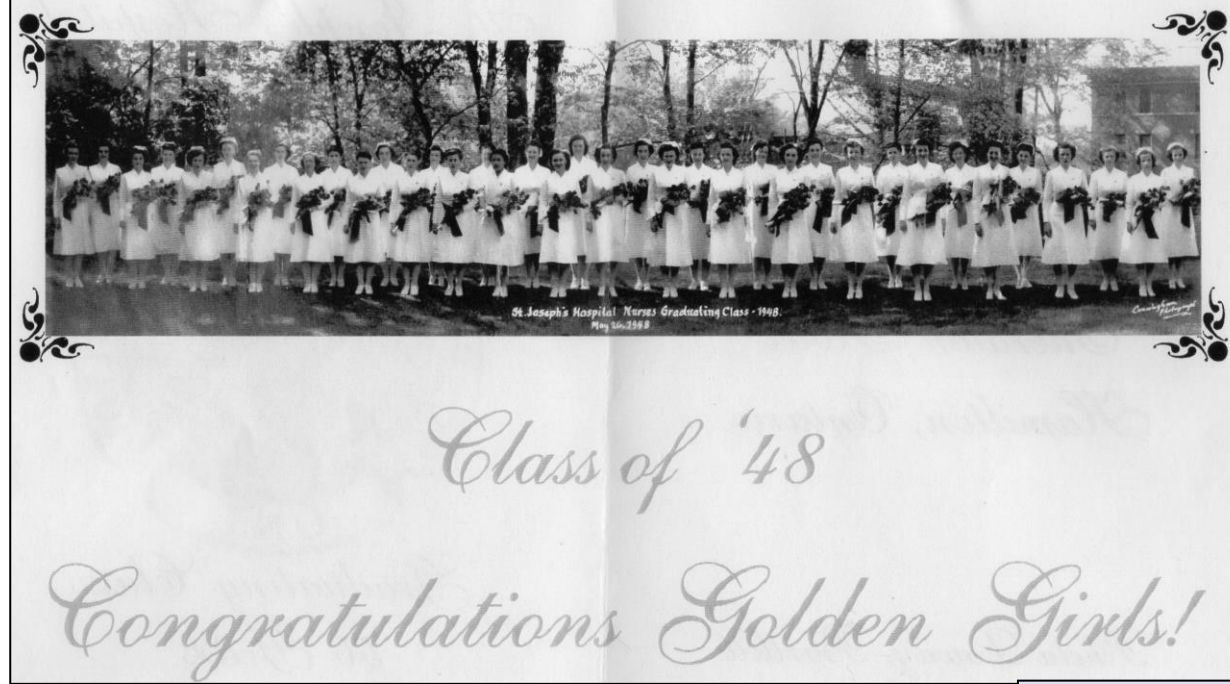


St. Joseph's Hospital Nurses Graduating Class - 1948.
May 26, 1948

1948
38 IN PHOTO- 26 IN GOLD BOOK.

LEFT TO RIGHT: LILIAN RAYMOND, ELLA SHAPLEY, KAY BLAKE, HELEN MILLER, NELLIE LEGG, DOROTHY HALL ORAN, HELEN THERESA REDDING, THERESA BRUNNING, JOAN LEVI, BETTY DAVIDSON, ELEANOR BROCKENSHIRE, MARGARET BIGGAR, PAULINE SCHWEITZER, BERNADETTE HYNES, MARY LEPIŃSKI, REVA JOHNSON, ROSALIE BURNHAM, JESSIE GRAHAM, MARY DALY, JUNE NEDEN, CHERIS MATTHEWS, MARY BOUGHNER, AUDREY ROGERS, ELDOR DERTINGER, HELEN O'NEILL, GLADYS McDONALD, MARION FITTS, ETHEL SMITH, RHETA DOWDY, BETTE DAWL, RUTH SPRINGER, JOYCE ZELINSKY, SR. BRIGID ANNE PAYNE, MARIANNE LEDGER, GRACE MANN, MARIE HEALY, KAY GIBBONS, ELEANOR BRENNAN.

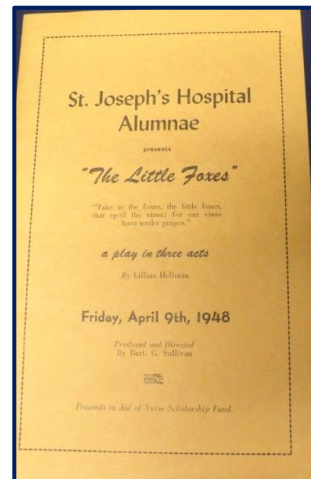




Class of 1948-----Celebrating 50 years



Sister Virginia'45 Helen Templeton'48, Frances Ruffing'46



April 9, 1948
The Little Foxes" play presented by St. Joseph's Hospital Alumnae
Proceeds were donated to the Nurse Scholarship Fund



Joyce Zelinsky'48, Ruth Springer'48