

REUNION DAY 2024

CLASS of 1944

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS

GRADUATION May 17, 1944



Gertrude Hazelton (Sister Margaret Ann Hazelton)







Dorothy Angela Duncan'45 Amadio'45

Class of 1944 with Sister Eileen "Probies"



Note on back of picture "This is Sister Cordula's operating room staff. Your sister has her glasses on"



Left to right *#1*. Elsie Alice Marion Helen Aileen Carmel Born'44 Hyslop'44 Wheeler'44 McCombs'44 McNamara'44 Steffler'43

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GRADUATES 1944

Elizabeth Ball Joyce Ball **Beverly Birrell** Elsie Born Catherine Boyle Edith Brown Margaret Betty Brown Gerarda Clark Margaret Cook Regetta Fisher Mary Eileen Grace **Gertrude Hazelton** Jean Hodgins **Evelyn Holterman** Alice Hyslop Isobel Laing Ann Lewhoski Edith Lynch'52 Helen McCombs **Catherine** McDonald Aileen McNamara Velva Metcalfe Barbara Poulin Margaret Peart Anna Quinsey Mary Rampado **Guinevere Schmidbauer** Margaret Smylski Joyce Thorton Marion Wheeler Sister Rita Paul Fischer



Ann Mary Eileen Grace Lewhoski'44 Grace'44 Paulin'44



M. Thomas Margaret Leonard '45 Doris Halverson '45 Gerarda Clark '44 Muriel Black '43 Loreen Leatherdale'43 Jean Hodgins'44 Working in the O.R.



Dorothy Mary Duncan'45 Haley'42





Agnes	Helen	Betty	Ilene	Jean	Carmel	
Morrow'43	Montague'43	Martin'43	Faulkner'43	Hodgins'44	Steffler'43	



1942 Staff in Casa Maria Alice Lindsay'41 Betty Brown'44

Beverly Birrell'44 In front of "C" building



Front: Ruth deMontmorency'45 Marion Ionson'45 Frances O'Brien'41 Katherine Dashner'45 Back: Helen King Marcellus'42 Loreen Leatherdale '43 Catherine Boyle'44

Graduating Exercises

St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing

Nurses' Residence "Undermount"

3 р.т. Wednesday, May 17th 1944

Garden Tea

A delightful reception and gar-den tea followed the graduation exercises of the St. Joseph's School of Nursing yesterday afternoon, when parents and friends were greeted personally by His Excellency, Most Rev. J. F. Ryan, Bishop of Hamilton; Mgr. G. L. Cassidy, Dean of Hamilton; Dr. W. P. Downes, chairman of hos-pital medical staff, and Rev. Sister Mary Grace, superintendent of nurses. In the evening, the students' dance was an enjoyable event held in the nurses' residence

New Graduates Face Wednesdy Significant Changes

Impressive Ceremonies at Graduation of St. Joseph's Nurses-Dr. H. J. Porter Foresees More Nursing in Homes-Tribute Paid Rev. Sister Mary Grace

NURSES graduating in these days are graduating into an era of unique significance to the nursing profession in view of the fact that an mmense amount of consideration is being given to plans for the future health of the nation, declared Rev. F. J. Brennan, S.L.T., chaplain of he Ontario Conference of the Catholic Hospital Association for the United States and Canada and vice-president of St. Peter's Seminary in London Cu., during his address to the craduating class of St. Jeepkie of Nursing yesterday afternoon at Undermount. **Canada's** Position

Extending congratulations on be Rev. Father Brennan half of the Hamilton Academy of While inted out that Canada at present Medicine, Dr. H. J. Porter, it he believed that she would president, also expressed apprecia in post-war years, in a partic- tion for the understanding and advantageous position among skilled leadership given to the nations of the world to remedy training of nurses by Rev. Sister situation. "We shall be better Mary Grace, superintendent of the to venture out into these Nursing School. He described the schemes than the nations arduous term of training and fel hich are suffering the great gratified that in spite of the severe struction of war," he said. The shortage of nurses, the standard ct that schemes for social secur-of training had not been lowered. e present time, he felt, gave as-future a reversal of the presen pon in the future will have been icance that whatever is embarked ical treatment, when, with possible ical treatment, when, with possible noroughly tested as to its sound-tess.

done more in the home. **Bishop** Speaks

Excellency congratulated the youn

women graduating, their parents and the nurses of St. Joseph's. He

urged each graduating nurse to ad-

here to the teachings of the school and the medical knowledge gained

and impressed them with the honour and high privilege that is

theirs to minister to humanity and

engage in Christ-like activity. He

their endeavours.

wished them God's blessing in all

The speaker emphasized the im-prtance of education, not as an nd in itself, but as enabling the ndividual to achieve a develop-nent of his mental and spiritual powers which will increase his own happiness in this life, contribute Mary Grace pinned on each gradu-Mary Grace pinned on each gradu-man briefly, Hi nd in itself, but as enabling the re to human happiness in gen- ate's pin. In speaking briefly, Hi and lead men to Almighty He reminded those graduatof the value and thoroughness he nurse's education. He urged both to a determination to themselves further for more lled fields of health service, and widen their vision beyond the sonal to being vitally interested the progress of the organization which they may work.

Civic Greetings

His Worship, Mayor Samuel Law-His Worship, Mayor Samuel Law-bance, congratulated the class and old of the great need of graduate urses, not only in this city but proughout the province and Do-auditorium. A number of the nion, as well as in the military clergy were among those present vices. He expressed the hope Prize winners were presented with it many of those graduating their awards, as previously reportsht choose to serve in this city, ed in these columns, as were also at least, in this province. the names of the graduating class

Graduation ceremonies were held in Undermount Nurses Residence. There were 31 graduates in the class of 1944. Dr Downes chairman of staff presided.

Rev. F. J. Brennan chaplain of the Ontario Conference of the Catholic Hospital association for the United States and Canada and vice-president of St Peter's Seminary in London Ont. Gave an address to the graduating class. He emphasized the importance of education

Mayor Samuel Lawrence congratulated the graduates.

Dr H. J. Porter president of the Hamilton Academy of Medicine expressed appreciation for the understanding and skilled leadership given to the training of nurses by Rev. Sister Mary Grace superintendent of the nursing school.

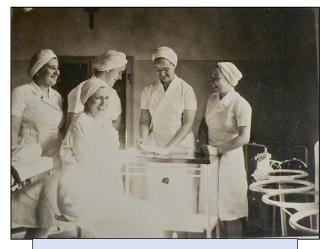
His Excellency Most Rev. Joseph Ryan, Bishop of Hamilton presented diplomas to the graduates and Sister Mary Grace pinned on each graduates pin.

A reception and garden tea followed the graduation ceremonies.

In the evening the graduation dance was held in Undermount Nurses Residence.



Helen Frances Gerarda Grightmire '45 O'Brien '41 Clark '44 Working in the O.R.



Catherine Catherine Grace Dashner '45 Boyle '44 Gilbert '45 Working in the O.R.





Regetta Fisher '44

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Regetta Fisher entered St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in 1941. She won the Maternity and Obstetrics Award and graduated May 17, 1944.

Following graduation, Regetta returned to Niagara Falls and began working with her brother in January 1945. Dr. Samuel Fisher was a prominent physician and surgeon. They worked together at the Fisher Clinic for thirty years until their retirement in 1975.



Graduation Pin Donated by Regetta Fisher'44







Edith Brown Wright '44

Edith passed away peacefully, on February 26, 2021 in her 99th year. Born in St. George's, Bermuda in 1922, Edith eventually made her way to Hamilton, Ontario via Ellis Island, New York. Edith trained as a Registered Nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton. Edith met the love of her life and she and Howard married shortly thereafter. Together with Howard, Edith raised four wonderful children. Edith and Howard enjoyed family camping, road trips and gardening. Edith was an avid reader and scrabble player. In retirement, Edith and Howard travelled the world and amassed a lifetime of memories, including many return trips to her dear island home. Edith was the last surviving member of her 1944 graduating class.



Class of 1944





Catherine Boyle'44 Dr Martin Bishop Ryan

Note on back of picture "could you forget Boyle & Farrell having the flu—I can't" Picture taken the morning after



Joyce Jean Velva Thornton'44 Hodgins'44 Metcalfe'44 "Twas a hard night"

Picture taken in 1942

Programme

Orchestra - - - O Canada

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

Presentation of Diplomas and Pins by

HIS EXCELLENCY MOST REVEREND JOSEPH F. RYAN, DD

Addresses to Graduating Class

HIS WORSHIP MAYOR LAWRENCE

H. J. PORTER, M.D. President of Hamilton Academy of Medican

REV. F. J. BRENNAN, STL

Chaplain of the Ontario Contents of the Catholic Hospital Association of the Catholic

HIS EXCELLENCE MOST REVEREND JOSEPH F BORRED

Presentation of Prizes

AN ODE TO ST. JOS'

Best wishes from the class of '44 But new grads, there are no more So many changes, not all of them good But our days at St. Jos time hath withstood

How frightened we were in those first days So many new faces and learning their ways Up with the birds for roll call at 6:20 When think of those days, I'm glad to be seventy!

The life of a probie sure wasn't a bore We ran everyday and our feet were so sore! "Yes Sister", "No Sister", on went the refrain Then back to the classroom - we daren't complain

And then the excitement of getting our caps And off to the wards where we needed maps Remember the terror if somebody died? To the morgue with Billy - we usually cried.

B Floor, C Floor and back to 100 Days, nights or relief; our days were all numbered. But Saturday night, when we were free at last That clock in the residence always was fast!

And then came the time when we got our black bands But keeping the thing seemed out of our hands If you don't get that lipstick off your face You're bound to run into Sister Mary Grace!

When things were so bad we were ready to scream Out of the wood work popped Sister Eileen Then feed up with bookwork and especially the broom Down we would trundle to the Rumpus Room

Our spell in the OR was a real education Sister Cordulla and Polano were in keen competition! The walk over to CASA was fraught with showers Determined it seem, to increase patient's flowers.

How we looked forward to our stint in Detroit With eight hour shifts there was nothing to it And then Public Health which signaled the way Our efforts would earn us \$3.00 a day!

Then came the day we had looked forward to

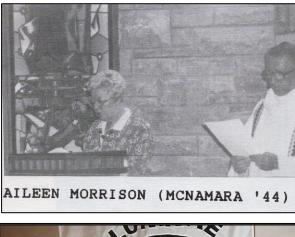
But facing the world now seemed taboo No Willy P. Downes, no Fink, no Ford The days were finished when we slugged for our board.

> So many people affected our lives We still remember, even as wives And fifty years later we fondly remain Bound together in a common refrain

Despite all the bitching we did through the years The lessons we learned far outweighed all our fears With those we have lost we say through our tears To our Alma Mater - We extend three cheers!

Betty Ball McLeod'44 recited a poem that she had written to commemorate that same anniversary







SEPTEMBER 15, 1945 Nurses Celebrate First Anniversary In Unique Way

The September 1944 class of St. Joseph's School of Nursing, Hamilton, celebrated its anniversary in a way unique and exciting. While many young people are worried in their pursuit of pleasure in ultra-modern amusements these students devise ways, out of the ordinary and singularly refreshing and delightful. To make the event gay and joyous a ride on a load of hay was decided upon. Promptly at seven o'clock, a wagon drew up at "Undermount," filled with sweet smelling hay and drawn by stalwart, prancing horses. A gay group, with all the exuberance of youth, was quickly and comfortably seated and they started off for an excitingly gay ride to a lovely spot near Limeridge road. Here, weiners, doughnuts and soft drinks were fully enjoyed. Youthful voices sang old-time favorites and those who knew but little of hay, horses, ploughed fields, wide open spaces, were enthusiastic in expressing their enjoyment. Late leave gave ample time for the full enjoyment of the beautiful surroundings, the star-lit sky and fresh fragrant air. Summer amusements are now

Summer amusements are now over and the Training School is active in arranging a project to raise funds for the furnishing of a semi-private room in the new hospital.

A penny sale will be held in October, There will be a draw for some five useful articles. Amusements are expected to add to the interest of the occasion and the nurses are looking forward to an exceeding strength (vening.

Class of 1944 Celebrated their 1st Anniversary by going on a hayride.

1949 – 1950 Aileen McNamara'44 served on the Alumnae Executive as a member of the Executive Committee

Programme Prize for General Proficiency Given by L. L. Playfair, M.D., F.R.C.S. (E.) Presented by Mrs. Playfair. MISS MARGARET SMYLSKI Prize for Efficiency in Bedside Nursing Given by F. Woodhall, M.B. Presented by Mrs. Woodhall. MISS MARGARET B. BROWN Prize for Surgical Nursing and Examination Given by John R. Parry, B.A., M.B., F.R.C.S. (C.) Presented by Miss Rosa Parry. MISS ALICE HYSLOP Prize for Medical Nursing and Examination Given by William Downes, B.A., M.D.C.M. Presented by Mrs. Downes. MISS JOYCE THORNTON Prize for Public Health Nursing Given in memory of the late Dr. James Roberts. Presented by Mrs. Roberts. MISS ELIZABETH BALL Prize for Professional Ethics Given by H. J. Sullivan, M.D.C.M. Presented by Mrs. Sullivan. MISS JOYCE THORNTON Prize for Nursing and Examination in Preventive Medicine Given by A. C. Martin, M.B. Presented by Miss Margaret M. Martin. MISS ELIZABETH BALL Prize for Obstetrical Nursing and Examination Given by A. A. Cauley, M.D.C.M. Presented by Mrs. Cauley. MISS REGATTA FISHER Prize for Gynecological Nursing and Examination Given by William Jamieson, M.D.C.M. Presented by Mrs. Jamieson. MISS MARY RAMPADO Prize for Examination and Nursing in Diseases of the Eye, Ear, **TOP ROW** Nose and Throat Given by W. L. Crewson, M.D.C.M., and H. W. Whytock, M.B., F.R.C.S. (E.) Presented by Mrs. Whytock. MISS MARGARET SMYLSKI Prize for Anatomy and Physiology Given by W. A. Weaver, M.D.C.M., and R. J. Fraser, M.D. Presented by Mrs. Weaver. MISS MARGARET PEART Prize for Clinical Pathology Given by John Tilden, M.D. Presented by Mrs. John Balfe. MISS MARY RAMPADO **BOTTOM ROW** left to right GOD SAVE THE KING



left to right

Regetta Fisher

Joyce Thornton

Joyce Thornton

Mary Rampado

Mary Rampado

Margaret Peart

Margaret Symlski

Margaret Symlski

Alice Hyslop

Betty Brown

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PRIZE WINNERS

obstetrical nursing and examination medical nursing and examination professional ethics gynecological nursing and examination clinical pathology nursing and examination in preventive medicine public health nursing

anatomy and physiology general proficiency examination and nursing in diseases of the eve, ear, nose and throat surgical nursing and examination efficiency in bedside nursing

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Miss Margaret Peart graduated from St. Joseph's School of Nursing in 1944. After she completed post graduate studies in nursing education at the University of Toronto in 1946, Miss Peart returned to her alma mater to teach for two years.

Between 1948 and 1970, she held a series of administrative positions with the Canadian Red Cross Society, the school of nursing in Belleville, the Doctor's Hospital in Toronto and the Registered Nursing Association of Ontario.

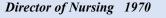
In 1970, she again returned to St. Joseph's and served as Assistant Director of Nursing, Associate Director of Nursing and Director of Nursing. Miss Peart has been an eyewitness to the evolution of the nursing profession throughout her distinguished career. Nursing has evolved, she says, into a credible profession.

"Since my time as a student in Undermount, I have seen St. Joseph's Hospital expand and grow into the marvellous facility we have today. Changes in nursing service and education have kept pace with the changes in the health care delivery system and technology," she said. "Today we have a greater emphasis on the psycho-social aspect of care. The patient and the patient's family are much more involved in the patient's care now."

In September, 1989, Miss Peart retired from St. Joseph's as Assistant Executive Director, Nursing, a position she held for three years. †

Miss Margaret L. Peart

Margaret Peart '44





Sister M. Celestine (left), who has been director of nursing at St. Joseph's Hospital since 1969, has been appointed director of St. Joseph's School of Nursing. Miss Margaret Louise Peart of Burlington (right) will succeed Sister Celestine as director of nursing at the hospital. Both appointments are effective tomorrow.

Sister Joan O'Sullivan '43

Margaret Peart '44



1994 Thank you card sent by Margaret Peart '44 following their 50th Reunion

Dear Karen He Bank the Alummae Recutive and yourself for Bekingour 50th Class Renzion 20 lovely, pour assistance was appreciated very much . The Bizzer was delicious and the Mowers beautiful, you are to be congratulated for such a Joppy went, Simerely for factor for the confort. for such a Joppy went, Simerely for factor for the confort.

1947 - 1948 Margaret Peart'44 served on the Alumnae Executive as Vice President





Elspeth Hill'49, Nancy Kozakewich'49, Mary Sullivan'49, Margaret Peart'44



Sister Rita Fischer was a graduate in the class of 1944



Sister Margaret Ann Hazelton was a graduate in the class of 1944

She entered Eternal Life October 16, 2021 in the 77th year of her religious life.

SISTERS of ST. JOSEPH of TORONTO

We ask you to pray with us in thanksgiving for the life and love of



Sister Margaret Ann Hazelton, CSJ

who in the 77th year of her religious life, entered eternal life on Saturday, October 16, 2021

There will be a private Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 10 A.M. followed by a private Interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill.