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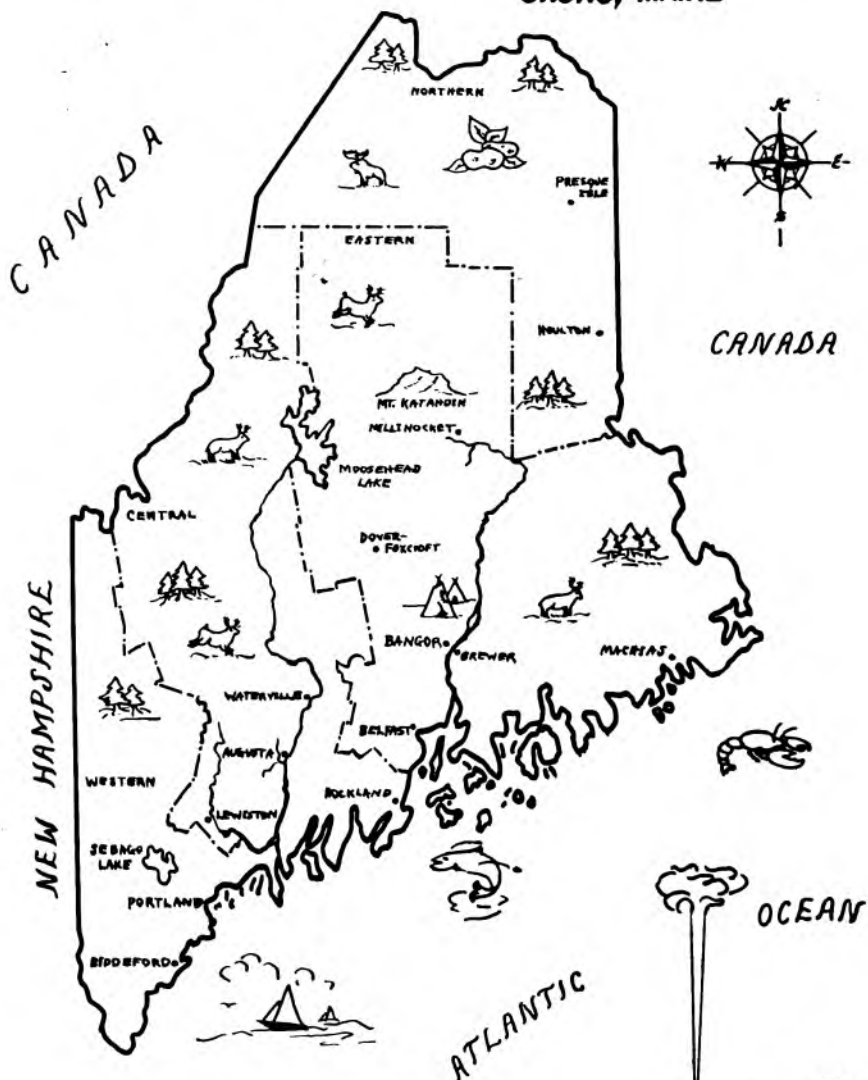
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The President's Page

At this time of the year, your Board of Directors is deeply concerned with appointments to the Standing and Special Committees. These committees are part and parcel of the basic structure of your state association. They follow a pattern, designed by your National organization to promote the welfare and interests of the state association. In order to assure as wide a geographic representation as possible, the president of each district brings to the Board the name of a consenting candidate for each committee.

The observation has been made by chairmen of past committees that the functions and duties of their committees have not been clearly enough defined to enable them to interpret and guide their committee members. With this in mind, it is our plan to print these functions and duties in the next issue of this publication, so that in the future all committees will have justifiable reason to show activity and progress.

A committee of names alone is worse than no committee. If a committee has outlived its usefulness, better to discard it altogether than to carry it along as so much dead wood. It not only clutters up the records, but it also defeats the purpose for which it is intended.

If you are asked to serve on a committee, will you give serious consideration to the acceptance of the appointment? Potential appointees have been screened carefully by the Board. You may be sure that you are wanted, and that, in the opinion of the Board, by reason of your experience and background, you will be able to make a valuable contribution to your state organization.

Congratulations have been received from national organizations and leaders on the function of the MLN. Maine was the first state to organize. Naturally, it is hoped that "as Maine goes—"

WHO'S WHO ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

(Editor's Note—It occurred to us that you might like to know something about the educational and professional background of the key people in the Maine State Nurses' Association, as well as what they do when they are not tied up tightly "on the job." With this in mind, we circularized a form questionnaire. Some of the answers were all too brief and to the point; some were guardedly modest; others let themselves go in the spirit, "What have I to lose?" None of them tell the whole story. We hope that you will enjoy these brief biographies, and that they will be rewarding from the standpoint of scope and information.)

BEAN, MRS. INA G., R. N., Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing, Boston; post-graduate study, Boston University.

Positions Held—Private duty, Boston.

Present Position—Nursing arts instructor, Mercy Hospital, Portland.

Offices Filled—Treasurer, Western District, MSNA.

Present Office—Treasurer, MSNA; treasurer, Sentinel Service Associates, Inc. (Nurses' Professional Registry).

Avocation—"Modesty forbids the enumeration of my many and diverse interests."

CYR, MRS. VIOLA M., R. N., State Street Hospital School of Nursing, Portland.

Positions Held—Night supervisor, State Street Hospital, Portland.

Present Position—Obstetrical supervisor, Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary, Portland.

Offices Filled—President, State Street Hospital Alumnae Association, Portland.

Present Office—Secretary, MSNA.

Avocation—"Nothing special. Like to do almost anything."

DONLEY, KATHERINE, R. N., Madigan Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Houlton; post-graduate study, Public Health Nursing, Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C.

Positions Held—Private duty, operating room supervisor, Madigan Memorial, Houlton.

Present Position—Staff nurse, Division of Public Health Nursing, State of Maine Department of Health and Welfare.

Offices Filled—President, Madigan Memorial Hospital Alumnae Association.

Present Office—First vice-president, MSNA; chairman, Public Health Section, MSNA.

Avocation—"Sewing, knitting, painting."

FOYER, ELIZABETH F., R. N., Eastern Maine General Hospital School of Nursing, Bangor.

Positions Held—General duty, head nurse, night supervisor, Eastern Maine General Hospital.

Present Position—Pediatric head nurse and instructor, Central Maine General, Lewiston.

Offices Filled—Chairman, General Duty Section, MSNA.

Present Office—Second vice-president, MSNA; second vice-president, Central District, MSNA.

Avocation—"Knitting, housework."

FURBISH, MRS. MARY ANN, R. N., Maine General Hospital School of Nursing, Portland.

Positions Held—General duty, head nurse, night supervisor, accident ward supervisor, Maine General Hospital, Portland; private duty, Portland.

Present Position—Private duty, Portland.

Offices Filled—Secretary, president, Maine General Hospital Alumnae Association; first and second vice-president, director, Western District, MSNA.

Present Office—President, Western District, MSNA; auditor, Maine General Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae.

KELLEY, MRS. RUBY B., R. N., Presque Isle General Hospital School of Nursing; post-graduate study, Massachusetts General Hospital.

Positions Held—None.

Present Position—None.

Offices Held—President, Northern District, MSNA; president, Presque Isle Alumnae Association; first vice-president, MSNA.

Present Office—President, Presque Isle Hospital Alumnae Association; Secretary, Maine Cancer Society Clinic, Presque Isle Hospital; chairman, Private Duty Section, MSNA.

Avocation—"Raising Boxers and Boston terriers, hunting, fishing, painting, collecting old china."

LENZ, MILDRED I., R. N., Augustana Hospital School of Nursing, Chicago, Illinois; B.S. in Nursing, Western Reserve University, Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, Cleveland, Ohio; M.S. (pending) in Nursing Service Administration, Boston University.

Positions Held—Private duty, Illinois and Wisconsin; doctor's office assistant, Watertown, Wisconsin; assistant head nurse, head nurse, supervisor, University Hospitals, Cleveland; assistant director, director, School of Nursing and Nursing Services, Central Maine General Hospital, Lewiston.

Present Position—Educational Secretary, Maine Board of Registration of Nurses.

Offices Held—Treasurer, director, Central District, MSNA; vice-president, president, director, Maine League of Nursing Education; member, secretary-treasurer, Board of Registration of Nurses.

Present Office—Member, MSNA committees.

Avocation—"Painting, stenciling, rug-making, gardening, sewing, swimming, boating."

LERCH, AMANDA I., R. N., Reading Hospital School of Nursing, Reading, Pa.; B.S., Nursing Education, Columbia University.

Positions Held—Private duty, Reading, Pa.; assistant instructor, science instructor, director of nurses, Reading Hospital; general duty and head nurse, University of Chicago Clinics; director of nurses, Augusta General Hospital.

Present Position—Assistant chief, Nursing Service, Veterans' Administration Center, Togus.

Offices Filled—Director, Central District; second vice-president, Central District; first vice-president, Central District.

Present Office—Director, MSNA; president, Central District, MSNA.

Avocation—"Prop my feet up."

MURPHY, MRS. DOROTHY C., R. N., Manhattan State Hospital School of Nursing, New York City; post-graduate study at Columbia University.

Positions Held—Head nurse, instructor, Neurological Service, City Hospital, New York City

Present Position—Staff nurse, Presque Isle General Hospital.

Offices Filled—Chairman, General Duty Section, MSNA.

Present Office—Acting president, Northern District, MSNA.

Avocation—"Collecting statues of horses and old china."

NORELL, MRS. NELLIE C., R. N., Eastern Maine General Hospital School of Nursing, Bangor.

Positions Held—District nurse, private duty, East Millinocket; assistant superintendent, Charles A. Dean Hospital, Greenville Junction; superintendent, Cary Memorial Hospital, Caribou.

Present Position—Staffing supervisor, Eastern Maine General Hospital.

Offices Filled—President, Eastern Maine General Hospital Alumnae Association; secretary, Eastern District, MSNA.

Present Office—President, Eastern District, MSNA.

Avocation—"My interests are varied: contract, reading, swimming, golf."

PHILBRICK, MRS. JOSEPHINE C., A.B., Russell Sage College, Troy, New York; R. N., St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, New York City; post-graduate study, New York University and Columbia; graduate of Civil Protection War College, Amherst, Mass.

Positions Held—Private duty, medical secretary, office nurse, New York City; ARC instructor, First Aid and Home Nursing, Bangor; supervisor and instructor, Nurses' Aides, Eastern Maine General Hospital, Bangor.

Present Position—Supervisor, Blood Bank Program, Eastern Maine General Hospital, Bangor.

Offices Held—Nursing vice-chairman, Disaster Relief, Penobscot County ARC; nursing director, Casualty Posts, Bangor, World War II; Eastern District nurse deputy No. 3, Civil Defense.

Present Office—President, MSNA; member, ANA Membership committee.

Avocation—"Sailing, collecting stamps, first and special editions, antiques, restoring old houses and furniture, gardening."

ROY, ALFREDA M., R. N., Hotel Dieu School of Nursing, Campbellton, New Brunswick.

Positions Held—Supervisor, superintendent of nurses, Presque Isle Hospital; assistant superintendent of nurses, Cary Memorial Hospital, Caribou.

Present Position—General duty, Presque Isle Hospital.

Offices Filled—State and district committees.

Present Office—Chairman, General Duty Section, MSNA; secretary, Northern District, MSNA.

Avocation—"Knitting, sewing, music, keeping scrapbooks."

SMITH, MRS. AUBIGNE C., A.B., Bates College, Lewiston; B.N., Yale University School of Nursing, New Haven, Connecticut.

Positions Held—Staff nurse, V.N.A., Rochester, New York; general duty, New Haven Hospital; private duty in psychiatric nursing, New Haven, Connecticut; ARC volunteer, Hartford Blood Bank, Hartford, Conn., ARC instructor First Aid and Life Saving.

Present Position—None.

Offices Filled—None.

Present Office—Nursing vice-chairman, Disaster Relief, Penobscot County ARC; assistant nurse deputy No. 3, State of Maine Civil Defense; Eastern District, county, local nurse deputy No. 3, Civil Defense; editor of "The Maine R.N."; executive secretary, MSNA.

Avocation—"Pottery and almost every kind of craft work, knitting and sewing, dramatics, nature study, swimming, and 'kids'."

TREMBLAY, ALICE M., R. N., St. Barnabas Hospital School of Nursing, Portland; post-graduate study in operating room technique and management, New York University, Bellevue Center Hospital.

Positions Held—Private duty, operating-room staff nurse and assistant supervisor, Maine General Hospital, Portland.

Present Position—Operating-room supervisor, Maine General Hospital, Portland.

Offices Filled—Treasurer and president, St. Barnabas Hospital Alumnae Association; vice-president and president, Western District, MSNA.

Present Office—Director, MSNA.

Avocation—"Nothing specific but am an ardent football fan. Very much interested in music and have started a record collection. Am quite handy with a needle."

NOTICE—SOMETHING

NEW HAS BEEN ADDED!

The 1953 ANA membership cards will be in eight different forms. A form will be printed for each national section and one form for associate membership. The cards for each group will be on a different color stock, e.g., Private Duty—Blue; Industrial—Green; Associate—White, etc. The sections to be thus designated by color are: General Duty, Private Duty, Administrative, Industrial, Public Health, Education, Special Groups, and Associate membership.

District Annual Meetings

Northern

Wednesday, Feb. 4, 1953 at the Presque Isle Normal School.

Program Chairman: Mrs. Honor Purvis
Hospitality Chairman: Mrs. Arline Evans

Eastern

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 1953, 2:30 P. M. at the Eastern Maine General Hospital, Bangor.

Program Chairman: Mrs. Nellie Norell
Hospitality Chairman: Miss Ella Fraser

Central

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1953. Lunch at the Elm Hotel, Auburn. Program, 2:30 P. M. at St. Mary's Hospital, Lewiston.

Program Chairman: Miss Alice Teague
Hospitality: St. Mary's Hospital

The speaker at this meeting will be Miss Elouise Collier, R. N., Assistant Executive Secretary of the American Nurses' Association, whose biography follows:

Birthplace: Plainfield, New Jersey. Education: B.S. in Education, New Jersey State Teachers College, Newark, N. J.; M.N., Yale University School of Nursing. Experience: 5 years as public school teacher; 9 months, staff nurse—Rahway Memorial Hospital; 3 years, 10 months, Clinical Instructor in Obstetric Nursing Freedmen's Hospital School of Nursing. National and State Offices: Secretary Regional Group No. 18, Yale University, S. N. Alumnae Association; Parliamentarian—National Sorority of Chi Eta Phi (Nurses' Sorority). Travel: Limited to the United States.

All MSNA members are cordially invited to be present at this meeting.

Western

Friday, Jan 21, 1953 at the Eastland Hotel in Portland. Registration will be at 8:30 A. M. The meeting will start at 9:00 A. M.

Program Chairman: Mrs. Catherine Robinson

Hospitality Chairman: Mrs. Veronica Hopkins

ANNOUNCEMENT!

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Nurses' Association held in New York City September 13, 1952, the Board appointed our president, Mrs. Josephine C. Philbrick, to serve as a member of the ANA Standing Committee on Promotion of ANA Membership.

REPORT OF THE 38th ANNUAL CONVENTION MAINE STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION Poland Spring House September 29-30, 1952

Registration, 160; members, 113; students, 16; guests, 31.

Monday, September 30th. The 38th Annual Convention of the Maine State Nurses' Association was called to order by the president, Mrs. Josephine C. Philbrick, at 9:30 A. M. Sister Mechtilde of Mercy Hospital, Portland, gave the invocation. Mr. Raymond E. Cook, assistant manager of the Poland Spring House, welcomed the assembly of nurses, and Mrs. Nellie C. Norell, president of the Eastern District gave the response.

The Secretary's report, a summary of the four Board meetings that have been held during the year, was read and accepted.

The Treasurer's and Auditor's reports were read and accepted.

MAINE STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION

Report of Treasurer September 1-November 17, 1952

Balances on hand in checking acct., Sept. 1, 1952.....	\$2,865.27
Receipts	
Dues, 18 active members.....	180.00
Contributions to ANA Research Fund.....	122.00
Registration, Annual Meeting.....	123.50
Advertising for Maine R.N.....	52.50
	\$3,348.27
Disbursements	
ANA Dues, 18 active members at \$3.00	54.00
ANA Research Fund.....	122.00
Secretarial assistance (Jennie Boynton).....	85.00
Nominating Committee.....	4.50
Fox & Ginn, Storage 2 months.....	8.00
Annual Meeting	
Furbush-Roberts Printing Co., Bal- lots and Program.....	21.98
Speakers.....	50.00
Poland Spring House.....	14.81
Committee on Arrangements, Tele- phone and Postage.....	10.33
Executive Board, travel expenses....	115.20
Maine R.N.	
Furbush-Roberts Printing Co.....	239.90
Postage.....	12.32
Maine Bonding & Casualty Co.....	10.00
Woman's Legislative Council.....	5.00
City of Augusta, tax on office equip- ment	15.78
	\$ 769.82
	\$2,578.95

REPORT OF THE DISTRICTS

Northern District

Membership: 60 active, 3 associate; dues: \$12.50.

In the absence of the president, Miss Eleanor Irish, who resigned in July for post-graduate study in the Public Health field, the report was given by the first vice-president, Mrs. Dorothy C. Murphy.

The annual meeting was held in February at the Normal School, Presque Isle. The following officers were elected for 1952:

President—Eleanor Irish, Caribou
Vice-President—Mrs. Dorothy C. Murphy, Ashland

Second Vice-President—Barbara Harmon, Caribou

Secretary—Alfreda M. Roy, Presque Isle
Treasurer—Mrs. R. Arlene Evans, Presque Isle

Directors:

Sister M. Consuela J., Houlton
Georgina C. Lyons, Presque Isle
Mrs. Ruby B. Kelley, Portage Lake
Hazel A. Yerxa, Fort Fairfield

Miss Mary Mahar, nursing consultant of the Bingham-Kellogg Foundation, Boston University, spoke on the value of institutes, and group discussion followed. A Valentine tea was held at the Nurses' Home, Presque Isle General Hospital, for the purpose of raising funds. The regular spring meeting was held at Houlton.

Mr. George Barnes, member of the Maine Legislature, spoke on Parliamentary Law. The regular fall meeting was held in Presque Isle. The president, Miss Eleanor Irish, gave a report on the Biennial in Atlantic City. This was followed by a supper at the Grange Hall.

Eastern District

Membership: 208 active, 6 associate; dues: \$13.00.

The report of the Eastern District was given by the president, Mrs. Nellie C. Norell. The District has held one annual meeting, two regular meetings, and five executive board meetings during 1952. At the annual meeting, January 23, 1952, held at the Eastern Maine General Hospital, Miss Margaret Bryant, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws, presented the proposed revisions. These were discussed and voted upon. The speaker at this meeting was Mr. Albert Dietrich of the Family Service Society, who discussed the under-privileged child. The tellers reported the following officers for 1952:

President—Mrs. Nellie C. Norell, Bangor
First Vice-President—Mrs. Nellie R. Gibbons, Dover-Foxcroft

Second Vice-President—Mrs. Margaret E. Royal, Bangor

Secretary—Bernice I. Getchell, Bangor
Treasurer—Georgina J. Patterson, Bangor

Directors:

Mrs. Vivian Dwyer, Bangor
 Berla M. Smythe, Bangor
 Mrs. Ruth O. Dority, Bangor

Tea was served in the Nurses' Residence following the business meeting. The April meeting was held at the Bangor State Hospital. It was voted at this meeting to send \$50.00 to the ANA Research Fund to assist in their program on studies of nursing functions. Mrs. Nellie C. Norell and Mrs. Doris B. Greene were chosen as delegates to the ANA Biennial Convention in Atlantic City. The program speaker was Miss Dena Theriault, who gave a travelogue of her recent trip to Mexico. Tea was served by the Hospitality Committee. In May, the Committee on Structure, assisted by members of the Executive Board, held a panel discussion on Structure. In January, a course in First Aid for graduate nurses got underway. In September, our regular meeting was held at Lucerne-in-Maine. Following the banquet, Mrs. Josephine C. Philbrick, president of the Maine State Nurses' Association, gave a review of nursing activities on a national, and state level. Mrs. Nellie C. Norell told about the Biennial Convention.

Central District

Membership: 201 active, 5 associate; dues: \$12.00.

The report was given by the president, Amanda I. Lerch. Three regular meetings have been held during 1952. At the annual meeting, held at the True Library in Lewiston, January 9, 1952, the following officers were elected:

President—Amanda I. Lerch, Togus
 First Vice-President—Eleanor C. Merseve, South Paris
 Second Vice-President—Elizabeth F. Foyer, Lewiston
 Secretary—Mrs. Margaret Toomey, Auburn
 Treasurer—Mrs. Marjorie J. Boucher, Brunswick

Directors:

Eleanor C. Melledy, Lewiston
 Mrs. Prudence B. Stanton, Mechanic Falls
 Mrs. Elizabeth G. Henderson, Windsor
 Preceding the business meeting, Miss Rita Kelleher, Boston College School of Nursing, was the speaker at a luncheon at the Elm Hotel, Auburn, on "The New Pattern for our Nursing Organizations." Members of other districts were invited to hear this presentation of the new structure. The by-laws have been revised. At the second meeting of the year, held at the Samoset Hotel in Rockland, Miss Mary Mahar gave a report on the program sponsored by the Bingham-Kellogg Foundation.

Western District

Membership: 297 active, 14 associate; dues: \$12.00.

The report was given by the president, Mrs. Mary Anne Furbish. The Western District held its annual meeting at the Eastland Hotel on January 16, 1952. This was an all-day meeting. The following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. Mary Anne Furbish, Portland
 First Vice-President—Tie for 1st
 Second Vice-President—Mrs. Catherine R. Robinson, South Portland
 Secretary—Mrs. Elizabeth R. Hargitt, South Portland
 Treasurer—Mrs. Mary W. Graffam, Portland

At the dinner following the annual meeting, Dr. Paul McIntyre, Professor at the University of New Hampshire, spoke on "Mental Hygiene in the Home." This was followed by the film, "The Angry Boy." The members were then entertained by Norman Fickett with his marimba selections. The regular spring meeting was held at the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary on May 14, 1952. At this meeting, Mrs. Edith Woodman was elected first vice-president. The Student Auxiliary held a food sale to raise funds to send delegates to the Biennial Convention in Atlantic City. The District elected the following delegates to the Biennial: Mrs. Mary Anne Furbish, Mrs. Velma Haley, and Miss Marie Brennan. A panel discussion on Structure Study followed the business meeting, in which Miss Marie Brennan, Mrs. Catherine Robinson, and Miss Frances E. Jordan participated, with the aid of slides. The regular fall meeting was held on September 17, 1952 at the Mercy Hospital. After the election of delegates to the MSNA Convention, Mrs. Mary Anne Furbish gave a report on the Biennial Convention, followed by presentation of the Teleclinic film. The Board of Directors of the Western District have met each month except July and August.

This district sponsors the only professional nurses' registry in the state. At the present time, there are 96 nurses on the active list, with an average of ten nurses on call. About 75% of the calls have been filled during the last three months. The Governing Board of the Registry have held only four regular meetings during the year, due to lack of a quorum.

Have you some opinions you wish expressed to the membership? Write a "letter to the editor." All letters must be signed.

There has been no state legislation affecting nurses in Maine during the past year. The Maine State Nurses' Association will send a representative to the November 20, 1952 meeting of the Women's Legislative Council of Maine. At this meeting, plans will be outlined for the coming legislative year.

Mary Catherine Ragan, Chairman
Mercy Hospital
Portland, Maine

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES LEGISLATIVE

September 29, 1952

Madam President, Members of the Maine State Nurses' Association, Student Nurses, Guests:

The Committee on Legislation respectfully submits the following annual report. During the past year, no meetings were held. All activity was carried on by correspondence.

Summary of Federal Legislation affecting nursing:

H. R. 910 (Bolton Bill)—A bill to provide financial assistance on a matching basis to nursing schools, and to provide scholarships for students acceptable to these schools. In September, 1951, public hearings were held. Robert Hale, Congressman from Maine, attended. Most nurses were in agreement with the provisions, for not only would financial assistance be available but educational standards would also be safeguarded. Letters were sent to the Maine Delegation, to the Chairman of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, and the Committee Members, urging them to get the bill out of committee and to support it. On March 18, 1952, the bill was tabled. Congressman Frances Payne Bolton immediately wrote another bill.

H. R. 8087, to overcome the objections to the H. R. 910. This new bill would

1. Be an emergency bill.
2. Provide administration through a State Agency.
3. Provide for a cut-off period after 5-6 years.

When Congress adjourned July 7, 1952, no action had been taken on this bill. It therefore died in committee.

The companion bill S.2301 was introduced in the Senate in October, 1951. It was referred to the Subcommittee on Health of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare. Letters were sent to all senators requesting their cooperation in getting the bill out of committee. No action was taken.

During the 82nd Congress, two bills affecting Social Security were made law. Public Law 420—amends the Social Security Act relating to the effective dates of voluntary agreements for coverage of state and local employees by extending the date from January 1, 1953 to January 1, 1954.

Public Law 431—amends the Social Security Act to:

- a. increase payments to individuals by 12.5% of present payment, or \$5.00 per month, whichever is greater.
- b. allow the individual to earn up to \$75 per month without loss of social security benefits.
- c. increase the grants to old age assistance, aid to dependent children, blind, and disabled.

NOMINATION

In accordance with the procedure outlined in Article IX, Section 9, of the Maine State Nurses' Association By-laws, your Nomination Committee presents the following ballot.

President:

Josephine Philbrick
Bernice Bolster Eastern District

First Vice-President:

Katherine Donley
Dorothy Murphy Northern District

Second Vice-President:

Elizabeth Foyer
Elaine Murray Central District

Treasurer:

Ina Bean
Hazel Conrad Western District

Secretary:

Viola Cyr Western District
Doris Green Eastern District

Directors (vote for two):

Amanda Lerch Central District
Alice Tremblay Western District
Nellie Norell Eastern District
Mary Skillings Western District

The ballot as submitted represents geographic as well as various fields of nursing distribution in candidates.

The report was sent to each district president prior to their September meetings. The committee wishes to express its appreciation to the Board of Directors of each district, without whose fine assistance your committee could not have functioned.

Velma P. Haley, Chairman Western District
Arlene Millett Central District
Margaret Houlihan Eastern District
Hazel Yerxa Northern District

HEADQUARTERS

In February, 1952, Mrs. Helen Townsend, the Executive Secretary of the Maine State Nurses' Association, resigned to take on a fulltime position at the Augusta General Hospital. Between then and the termination of her services on June 1, 1952, the headquarters' office at 146 State St., Augusta, was used so very little the Board of Directors voted to terminate the office at this location and move it to Bangor. This move was made on June 10th, at which time the furniture and old files were put in storage until such time as a new location could be found; the current files were moved to the president's office at the Eastern Maine General Hospital, Bangor.

MEMBERSHIP

The report of this committee was given by Mrs. Reta B. McInnis, Chairman, who reported the membership on September 29, 1952: 766 active members; 28 associate; total 804 as compared to 926 active members a year ago (no associate members in 1951).

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Following the Biennial in Atlantic City, June 16-20, 1952, three important changes in the SNA by-laws were in order, as follows:

PROPOSED REVISION OF BY-LAWS FOR THE MAINE STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION

PRESENT BY-LAWS

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section 3. The associate members of this association shall be the associate members of the constituent District Nurses' Association, provided that such membership shall be limited to nurses who were not employed in nursing for more than 30 days during the twelve-month period preceding their application for associate membership and who do not anticipate employment in nursing in excess of 30 days during the current calendar year. No member or applicant for membership shall be required to become an associate member if active membership is preferred.

ARTICLE X

Dues

Section 1. (a) The annual dues for active members of the Maine State Nurses' Association shall be \$10.00 per capita payable on or before January 15 by the constituent District Nurses' Associations, which includes \$8.00 per capita dues to the American Nurses' Association.

(b) The annual dues for associate members of the Maine State Nurses' Association shall be \$2.50

per capita payable on or before January 15 by the constituent District Nurses' Associations, which includes seventy-five cents per capita dues to the American Nurses' Association.

Dues for associate members who become active members during any fiscal year and who have paid dues as associate members for that year, shall be \$7.50 in addition to \$2.50 previously paid.

(c) The dues for nurses who graduate and are licensed to practice professional nursing after July 1 of any year and become active members of the Maine State Nurses' Association shall be \$5.00 per capita, for that same year, and payable by the constituent District Nurses' Associations, which includes \$1.50 per capita dues to the American Nurses' Association.

Section 4. Not later than March 15, the Treasurer of this Association shall pay to the American Nurses' Association, \$3.00 per capita for the active membership and \$.75 per capita for the associate membership of the Maine State Nurses' Association for the current calendar year.

ARTICLE XIII

Representation

Section 6. Inasmuch as the Maine State Nurses' Association is entitled to representation at biennial conventions or special meetings of the American Nurses' Association on the basis of one delegate for every one hundred active members, computed on the number of active members of the State Nurses' Association in good standing in the ANA on December 31 of the year preceding a biennial convention or special meeting, each District Nurses' Association shall be asked to submit to the Secretary of the Association a list of nominees for delegates and alternates to the biennial convention or special meeting. The number of delegates to be nominated by the Districts shall be determined on the basis of membership as stated above. If any District Nurses' Association has less than one hundred active members, it may submit the name of one delegate.

PROPOSED REVISIONS

Section 3. The associate members of this association shall be the associate members of the constituent district nurses' associations (and the individual associate members of the association), provided that such membership shall not be denied to any eligible nurse unless such nurse anticipates employment for more than 30 days during the current calendar year. No member or applicant for membership shall be required to become an associate member if active membership is preferred.

Section 1. (a) The annual dues for active members of the Maine State Nurses' Association shall be \$10.00 per capita payable on or before January 15th by the constituent district nurses' associations, which includes five dollars per capita dues to the American Nurses' Association.

(b) The annual dues for associate members of the Maine State Nurses' Association shall be \$2.50 per capita payable on or before January 15th by the constituent district nurses' associations, which in-

cludes one dollar and twenty-five cents per capita dues to the American Nurses' Association.
(no change)

(c) The dues for nurses who graduate and are licensed to practice professional nursing after July 1st of any year and become active members of the Maine State Nurses' Association shall be \$5.00 per capita, for that same year, and payable by the constituent district nurses' associations, which includes two dollars and fifty cents per capita dues to the American Nurses' Association.

Section 4. Not later than March 15th, the treasurer of this association shall pay to the American Nurses' Association, five dollars per capita for the active membership and one dollar and twenty-five cents per capita for the associate membership of the Maine State Nurses' Association for the current calendar year.

Section 6. (a) Inasmuch as the Maine State Nurses' Association is entitled to representation at biennial conventions or special meetings of the American Nurses' Association on the basis of one delegate for every two hundred active members of each section or fractional part thereof, computed on the number of active members of each section of the state nurses' association in good standing in the ANA on December 31st of the year preceding a biennial convention or special meeting, each section of each district nurses' association shall be asked to submit to the secretary of the corresponding state section a list of nominees for delegates and alternates to the biennial convention or special meeting. The number of delegates to be nominated by each section of the district shall be determined on the basis of membership as stated above. If any district nurses association has no sections, it may submit names from the various fields of nursing within the district on the basis of membership as stated above. If such a district has less than one hundred members, it may submit the name of one nominee for delegate.

(New) (b) Since the Maine State Nurses' Association is entitled to three delegates-at-large to biennial conventions or special meetings of the American Nurses' Association, these delegates-at-large shall be the President, the Executive Secretary and any other to be determined by the Board of Directors.

These revisions were presented to the membership at the annual Convention by Miss Amanda I. Lerch, in the absence of the chairman of the Maine State Nurses' Association, Miss Clare R. Donahue of Presque Isle. A motion was made by Miss Lerch and seconded by Miss Eleanor M. Melledy to accept the proposed revisions. The motion was carried unanimously.

The committees on Improvement of Nursing Services and Economic Security reported no activity.

NURSES' RELIEF

The only activity of this committee is reported below:

September 29, 1952

To the Annual Meeting of Maine State Nurses' Association:

A request for assistance was received from a tuberculosis patient in May of this year by the Nurses' Relief Committee. This request was necessary because of the long period of time she had been ill and the expense of necessary medication.

Because our committee members live in Portland, Orono, Houlton and Farmington we have had no meetings but all necessary business has been carried on by correspondence. Letters were answered promptly in respect to the case at hand and the application form for relief was presented to the Executive Board at its next meeting. This request was approved by the Board and steps taken to expedite the relief.

After using only \$18.77 for medication the nurse expressed her appreciation for this assistance but said no more would be needed at this time, as family financial conditions had improved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Hawkins, Chairman,
Farmington
Mrs. Ina Bean, Portland
Mildred Bradbury, Orono
Helen Turney, Houlton

There were "no reports" from the committees on Nursing Information and the American Journal of Nursing.

STUDENT AUXILIARY

The report was given by the president, Miss Nellie Jose. The first meeting of the Student Auxiliary was held at the summer session of the Maine State Nurses' Association in Houlton June 2, 1952. Officers were elected and committees were set up. The president was sent to the Biennial as a representative of the group. (A more detailed report of the organization of the Student Auxiliary was given in the September "Convention" issue.)

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FUNERAL HOME

46 Center St.

Bangor, Me.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

CIVIL SERVICE

The chairman of this committee, Miss Alice R. Teague, reported that there had been no meetings of this committee, inasmuch as the duties of the committee were not clearly defined. Miss Teague recommended a definition of the functions of this committee for the next year.

STRUCTURE

The Special Committee on Structure Study of the Maine State Nurses' Association consists of:

Miss Ruth Kohl	Central District
Miss Mildred Richards	Eastern District
Miss Katherine Donley	Northern District
Miss Claire Montminy,	Chairman
	Western District

The Committee has held two meetings:

April 14, 1952 in Portland, Maine
May 16, 1952 in Bangor, Maine

The objectives and functions of the committee were clarified and a possible program of activity was formulated which included.

- a. The study of the blueprints of the new structure from both the national and state viewpoint, to be conducted within the committee proper and at professional nurse meetings throughout the state by means of workshops, institutes or panel discussions.
- b. The presentation of recommendations to the Executive Board of the Maine State Nurses' Association relative to any necessary changes in the structure of the Maine State Nurses' Association following the outcome of the June Biennial Convention in Atlantic City.

Panel discussions on the Structure Study were held in each district in the state and at the June meeting of the Maine State Nurses' Association in Houlton.

All members of the Structure Committee attended the Biennial Convention, and I am sure they all derived much benefit from the discussions on structure, particularly the interpretations that were so ably presented by Miss Pearl McIver, Chairman of the Joint Coordinating Committee on Structure.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire M. Montminy, Chairman
September 29, 1952.

NURSING RESOURCES TO MEET CIVIL
AND MILITARY NEEDS—CIVIL
DEFENSE

Digest of reports submitted by Mrs. Margaret Y. Hodgkins, Chairman and Civil Defense State Nurse Deputy.

At the present time this committee, with the aid of the Civil Defense County Nurse Deputies, is acting as the Advisory Committee to the Selective Service System. The duties of this unit are to provide the committee with opinions as to the availability or essentiality of a Reserve Nurse officer to her community in case of her recall to service.

On August 27, 1952, according to Dr. Paul Barton, Executive Secretary of the National Advisory Committee to the Selective Service System, there were 17 Reserve Nurse officers listed in Maine, and these have been screened as requested.

With regard to this subject, I make these recommendations:

1. That the Executive Committee study the functions of this committee and separate them from Civil Defense functions.
2. That funds be made available for the committee to meet at least once for the purpose of organization and preparation of a plan of action for the future.

I turn now specifically to civil defense nursing organization.

"Existing health services, as their part in the Nation's civil defense, must prepare in peacetime to care for the overwhelming number of casualties resulting from enemy attack. In an emergency, all professional and technical personnel and facilities would be needed to function under civil defense rules and regulations as civil defense health services. Their primary responsibility then would be to relieve suffering, apply emergency lifesaving measures, and preserve or restore normal health services." This quotation is taken from "The Nurse in Civil Defense."

What are we doing to prepare? Such preparation is moving very slowly! At the present date only 13 of the counties in Maine have County Nurse Deputies, owing to recent resignations in Sagadahoc, Somerset, and York. 119 Local Nurse Deputies have been appointed, and more are badly needed.

Because each county and locality has its own plan of Civil Defense organization, a specific outline of the duties of the nurse deputies cannot be prepared. Duties can be outlined in general, but each nurse deputy must develop those plans and programs which she and her medical director feel are most necessary in individual areas.

In July copies of "The Nurse in Civil Defense" were sent by the state Office of Civil Defense to all County and Local Nurse Deputies, and to all hospitals. This booklet contains the best material available on organization of civil defense nursing. It is hoped that all nurses will become acquainted with their responsibilities through the use of this booklet. Any nurse may obtain a copy by requesting same from the Office of Civil Defense in Augusta.

Suggestions for the improvement of the civil defense organization throughout the state:

1. Development of a more effective educational program of institutes, refresher courses, etc.
2. Promotion of better liaison between County and Local Nurse Deputies and the State Nurse Deputy.
3. Stimulation and encouragement of local nurses to join in county and local civil defense organizations.
4. Preparation of more definite civil defense plans on a state level.
5. Promotion of and assistance in the ARC Home Nursing and First Aid Programs.
6. Development of some system whereby records of the following groups may be obtained and kept:
 - (1) Nurses registered in Maine—currently or not.
 - (2) Nurses registered in other states—currently or not.
 - (3) Individuals who have had ARC Nurses Aid training.
 - (4) Practical nurses—registered or otherwise.

As State Nurse Deputy, I will welcome any criticisms or suggestions which you as nurses can offer. Through joint effort alone can any civil defense nursing plan succeed.

Have you paid
your
A.N.A. State and District
dues for 1953?

MAINE LEAGUE OF NURSING EDUCATION

The final report of the Maine League of Nursing Education, now dissolved, was prepared for presentation at the June summer session in Houlton by the president, Mildred I. Lenz, and is here offered to you:

Seven meetings of the Maine League from the date of the 951 State Convention. Detail of the programs will be presented at the October annual meeting to be held jointly with that of the M.S.N.A.

League members have been active in the Regional Nursing Education Program, on State Committee for the Study of Nursing Needs and Resources, and a survey of the Bingham hospitals.

Four schools have used the Experimental National League Student Final Record and Progress Forms.

The organization has co-sponsored a Pediatric institute and its members have participated in institutes on Maternity Nursing, Orthopedic Nursing, and Operating Room Management.

Approximately fifteen members will attend the Atlantic City Convention this month.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred I. Lenz, President

MAINE BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF NURSES

This report was prepared by the Executive Secretary, Mildred I. Lenz, and presented on the first morning of the convention.

To: Maine League of Nursing Education,
Maine State Nurses' Association
From: Maine Board of Registration of
Nurses

Date: September 29, 1952

The members of the Board of Registration of Nurses and their officers are: Miss Edith H. Doane, President; Sister Mary Edmund O'Neil, Secretary-Treasurer; Miss Marie Brennan, Miss Anne Mitton, and Miss Mabel H. Hills.

The position of Educational Secretary to the Board of Registration of Nurses is held by Miss Mildred I. Lenz, and that of clerk-stenographer by Miss Rita Marcotte.

State Board examinations for candidates seeking licensure in Maine were offered October 16-17, 1951, and April 15-16, 1952. National League of Nursing Education Department of Measurement and Guidance State Board Test Pool Examinations were written. Board meetings were held preliminary to and during examinations as well as at intervals during the year to conduct other business.

A total of 195 nurses were registered by examination and 67 by reciprocity, making a total of 262 nurses registered in Maine during the year ending June 30, 1952.

Ed. Note: All states in the U. S. now use the State Board Test Pool Examinations compiled by the NLN Department of Measurement and Guidance.

The total number of nurses registered in Maine to June 30, 1952 is 8952, and those currently renewed to that date 5840.

The number of licensed nursing attendants total 511, of which 2 have been added by reciprocity licensure during the year. Renewals total 272.

None of our Maine schools have full national accreditation, but this summer, after earnest efforts to meet the criteria set up by the 1103 programs in schools across the country, five of our basic diploma programs have been temporarily accredited. These are:

Eastern Maine General Hospital School of Nursing, Bangor

Central Maine General Hospital School of Nursing, Lewiston

St. Mary's General Hospital School of Nursing, Lewiston

Maine General Hospital School of Nursing, Portland

Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, Portland

One other Hospital School of Nursing made application for temporary accreditation but did not meet the standards set up.

The program offered by the Department of Nursing, Bates College, affiliated with the New England Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Boston, was also accredited.

Temporary accreditation is for a five year period during which time our schools will attempt to prepare for full national accreditation.

The schools of nursing which are at present approved by the State Approving Committee are:

Augusta General Hospital School of Nursing, Augusta

Central Maine General Hospital School of Nursing, Lewiston

Colby College School of Nursing, Waterville

Eastern Maine General Hospital School of Nursing, Bangor

Madigan Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Houlton

Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary School of Nursing, Portland

Maine General Hospital School of Nursing, Portland

Maine Medical Center School of Nursing, Portland

Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, Portland

Rumford Community Hospital School of Nursing, Rumford

Sisters' Hospital School of Nursing, Waterville

St. Mary's General Hospital School of Nursing, Lewiston

Affiliating Schools—Psychiatric Nursing

Augusta State Hospital Affiliate School, Augusta

Bangor State Hospital Affiliate School, Bangor

The schools of nursing in the process of closing—that is, the school will close after the last currently enrolled student completes the program, are:

Augusta General Hospital School of Nursing, Augusta

Colby College School of Nursing, Waterville

Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary School of Nursing, Portland

Sisters' Hospital School of Nursing, Waterville

Maine General Hospital School of Nursing, Portland

The Board of Trustees of Colby College, Sisters' Hospital, and the Augusta General Hospital voluntarily chose to discontinue their schools of nursing for various reasons, among them: cost of operation, inability to secure adequate and prepared faculty, inadequate clinical material, and instability of staff and student body.

The Maine General and Maine Eye and Ear Schools of Nursing have amalgamated to create the Maine Medical Center School of Nursing, which admitted its first class September 1951. The old schools will be dissolved when their present enrollment completes its program.

The total student nurse enrollment as of March 1952 census was 759. This compares favorably with the past two years and is an increase over 1947, 1948 and 1949.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred I. Lenz,

Educational Secretary

The tellers and Committee on Resolutions were appointed by the chair as follows:

Tellers: Mrs. Mary Graffam, Portland, chairman; Georgina J. Patterson, Bangor; Mrs. Marjorie Boucher, Brunswick; Alfreda M. Roy, Presque Isle.

Resolutions: Mrs. Reta B. McInnis, Bangor, chairman; Alice R. Teague, Togus; Marguerite Ormsby, Portland.

Following the presentation of the reports of committees, the secretary, Mrs. Viola Cyr, took the chair while the president, Mrs. Josephine C. Philbrick, gave her address.

The President's Address

No one who attended the Biennial in Atlantic City last June can doubt that nursing has "come of age." Even no further back than the turn of the century, nursing was the task of a friendly neighbor—a person who had "the know how" to dress a wound, administer emergency first aid, and, most important of all, assist at childbirth.

Today, nursing has become a highly specialized art. In an age which has seen phenomenal advance in science and medicine, it was inevitable that nurses would have to keep stride with their fellowmen or retrogress to a status akin to that of the Dark Ages. Surely, at no time in history has there been the recognition and acceptance of the new status of the nurse as in the last decade—a decade which has brought to us psychosomatic medicine, the use of antibiotics, and now, in the latest front to advance, radioactive isotopes.

No one who sat in at the ANA convention, surrounded by wave on wave of nurses, can doubt that nursing has become Big Business. No one who followed through the weighty agenda of legislation can fail to believe that nurses have "come of age."

With the development of nursing from the single individual who had no organizational ties, to an organized group of 175,000, problems are posed which the nurse at the turn of the century was spared—parliamentary procedure, legislation, collective bargaining, intergroup relations, economic security—to mention only a few of the facets that have opened up and offer a challenge to the nurse of today. It is no longer enough to have "the will to do." In order to become a graduate nurse, she has to possess a commendable knowledge of anatomy, biology, zoology, chemistry, physics, psychology, sociology, so that she will be intelligent in knowing not only what makes a patient tick, but why it is he isn't ticking according to a norm.

This is only the beginning. In order to become a worthy member of her nursing organization, she must have a working knowledge of law and legislation; she needs to develop a technique for salesmanship, to sell membership to her co-workers; she needs to know finance, in order to keep books, collect monies, and balance income and outgo; she needs a good grounding in economics, to understand the principles of supply and demand. If, along with her other skills, she can handle a typewriter

and set up notes, she becomes an even more valuable asset to her profession.

All of this is a far cry from bedside nursing, and yet is as integral a part of the preparation of a nurse today as knowing the technique of sterilizing a thermometer.

What is all this vast panoply of accomplishment doing to the nurse per se? We have it pointed out to us over and over again that fundamentally there are only two things that count, stripped of all the props and stage setting—the patient, and improvement of nursing services.

Nursing in the common acceptance of the word is a very simple and down to earth business. Reduced to its common denominator, it becomes a simple fraction: the nurse and the patient. The difference in nursing today lies in the tools with which a nurse works. Take, for instance, the administration of dicumerol. This drug has an unknown potential and is so ticklish to administer, that were it not for the preparation which the nurse has in chemistry and physiology, she would be of little help to the physician who depends on her to notice undue signs and symptoms.

So it is, that whether she will or not, the nurse has become a Machiavellian complexity of many skills. The challenge that lies before her is limitless in scope. Will she be able to find the same satisfaction in these broader aspects of administration that was hers when she had only the simple fraction to think of? These are only two of the questions that pose themselves as she stands on the threshold of Today and looks into Tomorrow.

The morning session adjourned at 11:30 A. M.

Miss Amanda Lerch, president of Central District, presided at the noon luncheon. Sister Bouffard of St. Mary's Hospital, Lewiston, gave the invocation. Between courses, Miss Lerch introduced the guests of the Maine State Nurses. Mrs. Sarah Woodworth, the new field representative of Maine and New Hampshire for American Red Cross spoke briefly on Red Cross services which touch on nursing. She stressed the need for more nurses as instructors in Home Nursing and urged nurses to make their services available to care for polio stricken patients. Lt. Gertrude Moran, U.S.N. and Capt. Margaret Blake, U.S.A., spoke on the needs of their branches of service.

Following the luncheon, a teleclinic film on the Biennial was shown in the Ballroom. At 2:00 P. M., members of the SLNE, the PH section, Maine NOPHN and charter members of the NLN convened in mass meeting for the organization of the new Maine League for Nursing (see report following convention news). At the banquet that evening, the president, Mrs. Josephine C. Philbrick, presided. Professor Joseph LeMaster was the guest speaker, and his topic, "The Superiority of Women."

Tuesday, September 30th. The morning was devoted to section and special committee meetings. The luncheon speaker was Marion Martin, Commissioner of Labor of the State of Maine, with Miss Katherine Donley, chairman of the Public Health Section, presiding. Sister Laetitia of St. Joseph Hospital, Bangor, gave the invocation.

The closing business session was called to order at 2:30 P. M. by the president.

REPORT OF SECTIONS

PRIVATE DUTY

The Private Duty section held a general business meeting this morning with the chairman, Mrs. Ruby B. Kelley, presiding, and voted to have the present panel of officers serve a second year. The section discussed changes in by-laws and voted to go on record as approving statewide minimum wage of \$10.00 for 8-hour duty.

GENERAL DUTY

The General Duty Section held a general business meeting during the morning, with the chairman, Mrs. Dorothy C. Murphy, presiding. The following officers were elected:

Chairman—Alfreda M Roy, Presque Isle
1st Vice-Chairman—Alice Whalen, Bangor
Secretary—Mrs. Dorothy C. Murphy, Ashland

The section went on record as approving a 40-hour week for all staff nurses; two consecutive days off with no reduction in present wage scale.

PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION

Minutes of the Public Health Section of the Maine State Nurses' Association

September 30, 1952

The annual meeting of the Public Health Nursing Section of the M.S.N.A. was held on September 30, 1952, at Poland Spring House, with the chairman, Miss Katherine Donley, presiding. There were 24 members present.

The Secretary's reports of the previous annual meeting, and the June, 1952 meeting, were read and accepted.

The Treasurer's report, showing the amount of \$1051.86 in the Public Health Nursing loan fund, and a general working fund of \$394.37, was read, and placed on file.

The nominating committee, Miss Eleanor Griffiths, chairman, reported the following ballot:

For Chairman:

Katherine Donley—Mrs. Elaine Murray

For Vice-Chairman:

Dorothy McReynolds—Julia Wilson

For Secretary-Treasurer:

Mrs. Esther Higgins—Christine Lajoie

Miss Donley named the following tellers: Mrs. Louise Lambert, chairman; Mrs. Esther Long and Mrs. Ada Ames.

There was a discussion about the loan fund, and the fact that it isn't being used. It was felt that regulations controlling its use discouraged would-be borrowers. A motion was made by Mrs. Higgins, present chairman of the loan fund committee, that the P. H. Section chairman appoint a committee (1) to study and investigate the stipulations of the loan fund, (2) to make suggestions for the possibility of changing it from a "loan" fund to a "Scholarship" fund, (3) to make it more easily accessible, (4) the committee to bring in report at the next meeting of the public health nurses section. The motion carried.

There were no reports from the membership or recruitment committees.

Mrs. Ada Ames, Chairman of the committee on Revisions, submitted recommendations for revisions of the Rules and Regulations of the Public Health Nurses Section. Briefly these changes would (1) to eliminate the section on dues, (2) to abolish the office of Treasury, (3) to eliminate the description of duties of a treasurer, and (4) to establish a Finance committee with the responsibility (a) to study program needs and (b) submit an annual budget to the M.S.N.A. for funds to carry on its program. The recommendations were unanimously accepted.

FOR NURSES' SHOES

STANDARD SHOE STORE

Bangor, Maine

Miss Donley gave an interesting report of her activities on behalf of the Public Health Nurses' Section during the year just ending.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Mrs. Velma Haley that the dues (\$3.00) of the NOPHN members, who are also members in good standing of the M.S.N.A. and the Public Health Nursing Section, be paid to the Maine League for Nursing from the Section funds. The motion carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Ada Ames that the balance of the working funds, after all expenses were paid, be transferred to the M.S.N.A., earmarked for use by the Public Health Nursing section. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Esther Higgins, present chairman of the Public Health Nursing Loan Fund, that the loan fund be transferred to the guardianship of the M.S.N.A. and allocated for the use of further study by Public Health Nurses, on the approval and recommendation of the loan fund committee. The motion carried.

Mrs. Lambert, chairman of the tellers, reported the result of the balloting as follows:

Chairman—Miss Katherine Donley
Vice-Chairman—Miss Dorothy McReynolds
Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Esther Higgins

This report was accepted, and it was voted that the ballots be destroyed.

Miss Donley then named the new Loan Fund committee:

Chairman, Mrs. Esther Higgins
Miss Georgina Patterson
Mrs. Ada Ames

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ella McClunin, Sec'y Pro tem

GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE TO STUDY NURSING NEEDS

Mrs. Velma P. Haley, chairman of this committee, reported that the survey was back from Washington, and is being sent to the Executive Committee for review and study. It will be some time before the findings of this committee will be released.

"THE MAINE R.N."

Mrs. Aubigne C. Smith, the editor of the "Maine R.N." reported that this publication had been financed partially by advertising during the past year. Each district was asked to be responsible for \$75.00 in advertising. To date, \$527.00 has been received from the four districts: Northern, \$155.00; Eastern, \$107.50; Central, \$70.00; Western, \$195.00. Although the advertising has carried the bulk of the cost, it has not been entirely adequate in underwriting the three issues. The editor has studied methods of 39 different state nursing journals and bulletins, and has found that the majority of these charge a nominal fee for non-members; some for members also. She offered six suggestions for future planning:

1. That in 1953, or soon after, four issues of the "Maine R.N." be published: February, May, September, November, with deadline for copy the first day of the month preceding publication.

2. That the format remain basically as it is now, without the use of advertising.

3. That a subscription rate of \$1.00 per year be charged to members and non-members alike.

4. That student subscription be available in groups of 5 at a rate of 75c per year.

5. That a committee be appointed by the president of the MSNA to formulate editorial and publication policies.

6. That if at a later date, as suggested by ANA, some sort of a cooperative publication with the new MLN seems desirable and feasible, such a project be thoroughly investigated.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was then presented by Marguerite Ormsby.

September 30, 1952

Madame President, Members of the Maine State Nurses' Association, Members of the Student Auxiliary, and Guests.

The Resolutions Committee respectfully submits the following resolutions:

1. WHEREAS, the 38th Annual Convention of the Maine State Nurses' Association has been held at Poland Spring House, for the purpose of conducting the annual business of said Association, and organizing the new Maine League for Nursing,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Agreements, and the Committee on Constitution and By-laws, be commended for their diligence and excellent accomplishments. Through their wisdom and foresight, these committees were able to present a plan to the assembly which resulted in the organization of the Maine League for Nursing and the immediate acceptance of the new Constitution and By-laws.

2. WHEREAS, Mrs. Helen Townsend, former Executive Secretary of the Maine State Nurses' Association, resigned because of her acceptance of a full time position,

BE IT RESOLVED, that an expression of appreciation be sent by this association to Mrs. Townsend.

3. WHEREAS, since this position is so vital to the efficient functioning of the association,

BE IT RESOLVED, that every effort be made by the Board of Directors to fill this vacancy as soon as possible.

4. WHEREAS, in agreement with recommendations of the Resolutions Committee of the ANA Biennial Convention in Atlantic City, June, 1952, calling for a 40-hour week without cut in pay, and time and one-half for all work over 40 hours for all General Duty nurses,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Maine State Nurses' Association do their utmost to promote the acceptance of the above resolution.

5. WHEREAS, Mrs. Aubigne Smith and her committee have carried the duties of editing and publishing the "Maine R.N.",

BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Maine State Nurses' Association express their appreciation for a job well done.

6. WHEREAS, the attendance of the Student Auxiliary and the excellence of their reports provide an inspiration to this association,

BE IT RESOLVED, that this association continue to encourage and support their potential membership.

7. WHEREAS, the objectives of this Convention could not have been accomplished without the efforts of many interested persons,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates and members express gratitude to the following:

(1) The Management of the Poland Spring House for their kind and courteous hospitality.

- (2) The Sisters, who asked God's blessing.
- (3) The president, Mrs. Josephine C. Philbrick.
- (4) Amanda Lerch, Chairman of Local Arrangements, as President of the Central District (our host).
- (5) The registrars and tellers.
- (6) The exhibitors.
- (7) Our guests—the representatives of the Army and Navy Nurse Corps, and the Red Cross.
- (8) To all other persons who have made our two days at this resort hotel so delightful.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Reta McInnis, Chairman
Alice R. Teague
Marguerite Ormsby

The report of the tellers was then presented by Mrs. Mary Graffam, chairman, and the officers were elected by majority vote. See Official Directory.

A motion was made and carried that the ballots be destroyed by the chair.

The Convention adjourned at 4:00 P. M.

HEALTH COUNCIL OF MAINE MEETS IN AUGUSTA

The Health Council of Maine held a luncheon meeting in Augusta on December 3, 1952. The requested budgets of the state departments of Health and Welfare, Education, and Institutional Services were presented for consideration and discussion.

The member units which comprise this council are as follows:

Maine Medical Society
Maine Dental Society
Maine Hospital Association
Maine State Nurses' Association
Maine Osteopathic Association
Maine Tuberculosis Association
Maine Cancer Society
Maine Heart Association
State Association of Master Plumbers
Maine Poliomyelitis Association
Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children and Adults

Associated Hospital Services of Maine, Inc.
Women's Medical Auxiliary of Maine
State Department of Education
State Department of Health and Welfare
State Department of Institutional Services

Mrs. Aubigne C. Smith, R. N., Executive Secretary of the MSNA attended this meeting as the MSNA representative, and was appointed to the Legislative Committee of the Council.

A Progress Report of the Maine League for Nursing

On September 29, 1952, members of the Maine League of Nursing Education, the Public Health Section of the Maine State Nurses' Association, Maine N.O.P.H.N. members, N.L.N. charter members and other interested persons, met at Poland Spring House to form a Maine League for Nursing, and to discuss and vote on the adoption of a constitution and by-laws. Miss Mildred I. Lenz was nominated to act as temporary chairman and Miss Mabel Hills as temporary secretary. Miss Eleanor M. Melledy presented the resolution, "Resolved, that it is the sense of this meeting that a League for Nursing should now be formed in Maine." The resolution was **seconded and the vote was unanimously** carried. The membership present voted confirmation of the Constitution and By-laws Committee previously appointed by the Committee on Agreements. Members of this committee were: Miss Mildred I. Lenz, Miss Eleanor M. Melledy, Miss Claire Montminy and Miss Ruth Jean Kohl, chairman. In the absence of the chairman, Miss Claire Montminy reported for the committee and moved adoption of the Constitution and By-laws. It was voted that complete reading of the Constitution and By-laws be omitted and only those areas be read in which correction had been made subsequent to the printing in "The Maine R.N."

Miss Montminy presented the Constitution and the vote was carried to accept the Constitution of the Maine League for Nursing. The chairman explained that all current members of the Maine League of Nursing Education automatically became charter members of the Maine League for Nursing and that all N.O.P.H.N. members in Maine and all charter members of the National League for Nursing might become charter members upon payment of the State dues of three dollars, and that all other interested and eligible persons might become charter members by paying \$8.00 dues. Miss Marie Brennan, Treasurer of the Maine League of Nursing Education, was elected temporary treasurer of the new organization and was authorized to accept dues until the formal election of officers. Charter members were encouraged to sign the Constitution and copies were circulated for signatures.

The by-laws were then presented, and all areas of correction made following the printing in "The Maine R.N." were pointed out. It was voted to amend Article XVIII, Section 3 by deleting the word "mail," in order that the election of the initial nomi-

nating committee could take place during the convention. It was voted to accept the by-laws with this one amendment, allowing for editing and correction of grammatical errors. The chairman, therefore, declared the Maine League for Nursing into being and announced *that Maine was the first State to form a League for Nursing.*

A slate for the Initial Board of Directors, prepared by the Committee on Agreements, was read. The following persons were elected to serve:

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Marie Brennan, R. N., Portland, Me.

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Ella McClunin, R. N., Augusta, Me.

2nd Vice President

Sister Mary Edmund O'Neil, R. N., Waterville, Me.

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Harriet H. Keefer, R. N., Portland, Me.

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Berla M. Smythe, R. N., Bangor, Me.

Eleanor C. Meserve, R. N., Machias, Me.

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Mrs. Marie Conquest, Bangor, Me.

Mrs. Florence Sargent, Patten, Me.

Mrs. Douglas Dingwall, Presque Isle, Me.

A rising vote of thanks was given by the members assembled to the Committee on Agreements, the Constitution and By-laws Committee, and the temporary chairman, Miss Mildred I. Lenz, for their work in organizing and planning for the Maine League for Nursing.

On September 30, 1952, the Interim Board of Directors of the Maine League for Nursing met at the Poland Spring House. The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers for the Maine League for Nursing. See Official Directory.

The first meeting of the Maine League for Nursing was called in general session on September 30, 1952. According to the procedure for the election of the Initial Nominating Committee, Article XVIII of the by-laws, a slate of twelve names prepared by the Committee on Agreements was presented. The membership was instructed to vote for five. The following were elected:

Claire M. Montminy, R. N., Portland, Me.
 Marion L. Dunn, R. N., Portland, Me.
 Georgina J. Patterson, R. N., Bangor, Me.
 Mrs. Mary Esther Long, R. N., Rockland, Me.
 Mrs. Ellen K. Demers, R. N., Madawaska, Me.

Also following the initial procedure for election of the Initial Steering Committee for the Division of Nursing Service and the Division of Nursing Education, a slate of ten names for each committee, prepared by the Committee on Agreements, was presented. Nominations from the floor were permitted and two additional names were added to both slates.

For purposes of voting, previous members of the Maine League of Nursing Education were considered charter members of the Division of Nursing Education and current members of the Public Health Section of the M.S.N.A. were considered members of the Division of Nursing Service. The following persons were elected:

STEERING COMMITTEE—DIVISION OF NURSING SERVICE

Helen Dunn, R. N., Augusta, Me.
 Amanda I. Lerch, R. N., Togus, Me.
 Frances E. Jordan, R. N., Portland, Me.
 Clare R. Donahue, R. N., Presque Isle, Me.
 Mrs. Leneita E. Butler, R. N., Ellsworth, Me.

STEERING COMMITTEE—DIVISION OF NURSING EDUCATION

Mildred I. Lenz, R. N., Lewiston, Me.
 Mabel H. Hills, R. N., Lewiston, Me.
 Drucilla Chipman, R. N., Bangor, Me.
 Edith H. Doane, R. N., Portland, Me.
 Sister St. Jean Vianney, R. N., Lewiston, Me.

The second meeting of the Board of Directors of the Maine League for Nursing was held in Portland on November 14, 1952. Plans were discussed for the organization of the Divisions of Nursing Service and Nursing Education through their respective Steering Committees. These committees will be called in meeting early in January 1953. Appointments were made to the following standing committees: Membership, Programs and Arrangements, Finance, Constitution and By-laws. It is with regret that we are unable to publish the membership of these committees in this issue of "The Maine R.N.", as confirmation of appointments is incomplete.

Membership procedure, promotion, and renewal for the Maine League for Nursing were reviewed, with special consideration of the procedure for payment of 1953 dues.

To clarify some of the confusion that was created inevitably with the circulation of the request from National League for Nursing to pay National dues directly rather than through the State organization, a letter will be mailed with the renewal notices early in December, explaining that the National renewal notice was sent out country-wide to all former NOPHN and NLNE members, irrespective of a State League organization. This procedure can be better understood when it is recalled that many states have not yet organized or are still in the process of doing so. Those members of the Maine League for Nursing who have already mailed their National dues will be billed by the Treasurer of the MLN for their State dues only.

Application forms, membership cards, and membership promotion leaflets are now available, and a supply has been requested from the National League for Nursing. With the appointment of the membership committee, it is the earnest hope of the Board of Directors that the membership in the Maine League for Nursing will grow rapidly, and come to include not only nurses but all other people who have an interest in Nursing Service and Nursing Education in their communities.

We would like to add that by courtesy of Miss Eleanor M. Melledy, Director of the Central Maine School of Nursing, Lewiston, Maine, members of the Maine League for Nursing are invited to attend the following institutes at the Central Maine General Hospital. These institutes are made possible through the Bingham-Kellogg Boston University Regional Nursing Education Program.

January 6, 7, 8—Clinical Teaching

February 23-27—Operating Room Nursing and Management

March 16, 17, 18—Nursing the Patient with Cancer

April 22, 23, 24—Orthopedic Rehabilitation Nursing

Dates to be announced—Nursing Service Administration

Marie Brennan, R. N., President
 Maine League for Nursing

Mrs. Emily Johnson, Field Consultant for the Committee on Nursing Careers, from the NLN office at 2 Park St., New York City, recently made a contact tour of key personnel in Administrative capacity in nursing schools throughout the state. She has also interviewed the officers of the State Women's Hospital Auxiliary.

RELEASE FROM ANA

Miss Eleanor M. Melledy of the Central Maine General Hospital in Lewiston has just accepted the State Chairmanship for Maine of the new Nursing Fellowship Fund, it was announced recently by Miss Mildred Lorentz, National Chairman.

The Nursing Fellowship Fund was created last summer at the Biennial Nursing Convention in Atlantic City by and for nurse educators to provide the opportunity for advanced education to qualified nurses who would otherwise not be able to avail themselves of such an educational experience. The country has been divided into six regions and funds raised from each region will revert to that area. The National Committee will award as many \$2,000 fellowships as the amount raised will permit. Miss Ruth Sleeper, President of the National League of Nursing and Director of Nurses at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston is Vice-Chairman for this region which includes New York, New Jersey, and the six New England States.

Beginning the middle of September, 18,000 nurse educators will be asked by mail to contribute to the fund. Candidates will study at the Division of Nursing Education of Teachers College, Columbia University in New York. This will mark the first time that nurses have organized themselves into a national fund raising committee for the advancement of their own professional training, Miss Lorentz said. Since nurses continue to assume greater responsibilities in the care of the sick, there is a growing need for this type of educational opportunity.

Although initially only nurse educators will be solicited, voluntary contributions from all are welcome. Headquarters for the Nursing Fellowship Fund are at 525 West 120th Street, New York 27.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

It is with a feeling of definite accomplishment that the Board of Directors of the Maine State Nurses' Association announces the appointment of Mrs. Aubigne C. Smith, R. N., as the new Executive Secretary. Mrs. Smith is a graduate of the Yale University School of Nursing, New Haven, Connecticut, where she received her B.N. degree. She brings to us an extensive background of service in civic and community organizations.

NEW ENGLAND DIVISION—ANA

A meeting of the Directors of the New England Division of the American Nurses' Association was held at the Headquarters of the Massachusetts State Nurses' Association, 14 Somerset St., Boston, on Friday, October 24, 1952 at 1:15 P. M. Mrs. Gladys P. Hinds, President, presided. Attending from Maine were Mrs. Josephine C. Philbrick, Mrs. Velma P. Haley, and Mrs. Aubigne C. Smith.

It was voted at this time to accept the invitation of the Massachusetts Public Health Association, and hold the Biennial meeting of the New England Division of the ANA in conjunction with the Massachusetts group at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, June 16, 17, 18, 1953.

Report from the various States in the New England group:

	Members, 1952	Dues for 1953
Maine	811	\$10—District not included
New Hampshire	1322	Probably \$15
Vermont	480	\$15—District not included (District \$1-\$3)
Massachusetts	7514	\$15—with the District
Rhode Island	927	\$15—with the District
Connecticut	3350	\$15—without the District (\$1 or \$2 for District)

Miss Mildred I. Lenz, Educational Secretary of the Board of Registration of Nurses, spoke to the Kennebec Valley Nurses Club on Nov. 13th. The policies, programs, and plans of the ANA were presented, and a group discussion followed.

The Board of Directors of the Maine State Nurses' Association held the first meeting of the current year in Augusta on November 17, 1952. The next meeting will be at the Eastern Maine General Hospital in Bangor, at 10:30 A. M. on Friday, February 6, 1953.

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