

Mercilite 1957



To Dr. Messy, "The Rear Admiral"
May we present this copy of our
yearbook to one who has been so
generous in helping to make it a
reality. The Senior Class '57







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Angels of Mercy . . .



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L I T E

FOREWORD . . .

While regressing in thoughts through three years of smiles and tears at Mercy, we have endeavored to create within the bounds of this book a tangible reminder of the complexities involved in training to become professional nurses. Our greatest regret is that we can put down in photographs and phrases only a small portion of the ways in which our parents have molded our lives. By our association with one another and opportunities to learn together, we have gained the hope to develop extensively the potentialities of our individual personalities that provide for the abundant life of a nurse.

In our annual we have aimed to reflect the Christian ideals blended in our lives day by day. If, in years to come, you can aimably recall these cherished memories, our purpose will have been accomplished—and through accomplishments, we will continue to serve mankind with heads held high as nevertiring ANGELS OF MERCY . . .



DEDICATED

to our parents . . .

To loving parents, who have guided our paths when the light was shadding, shown confidence in us when we lost faith in ourselves, shared their encouragement when we knew only discouragement, gave to us life, in order that we might help to preserve life, who know us better than we know ourselves, we, the Senior Class, honorably and most humbly dedicate this **Mercilite**. As nurses, and only through your prayers and sacrifices, we have learned explicitly; but yet we do not even know our own hearts and minds well enough to ever express our sincere gratitude and appreciation. As you made it possible for us to receive our caps in training, may you see us crowned by the Great Physician in Heaven.





One who will always remain cherished in our memories as we, the Seniors, pay our last tribute to Mercy is Miss Mary Bowden. She has been to us an inspiration as she guided our footsteps and uplifted our hearts many times as we traveled the road toward an unforeseeable goal. We will always remem-

ber her as one who was there when we needed encouragement and advice; as one who understood the many problems that faced us and most of all for her sincere interest in us as individuals. To one who lighted the pathway to our profession we hold So Dear To Our Hearts.

“So Dear To Our Hearts”

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Shirley Arvey.....	Art Editor



Miss Mary Bawden, Staff Advisor

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Lord, make me an instrument of
 Where there is hatred, ^{ooo Your Peace} let me sow
 Where there is injury, ^{ooo Love}
 Where there is doubt, ^{ooo Pardon}
 Where there is despair, ^{ooo Faith}
 Where there is darkness, ^{ooo Hope}
 Where there is sadness, ^{ooo Light}
 Where there is sadness, ^{ooo Joy}

O Divine Master,
 Grant that I may not so much seek
 To be consoled, as to Console
 To be understood, as to Understand
 To be loved, as to Love
 For,
 It is in Giving that we receive,
 It is in Pardoning that we are pardoned,
 It is in Dying that we are born to
 Eternal Life ooo

REV. FATHER HILLARY G. JAKOSKI
 Chaplain



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President of Sacred Heart College



MOTHER M. CHRISTINE
Dean of Sacred Heart College



SISTER M. PETER
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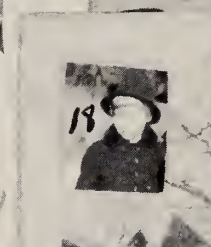
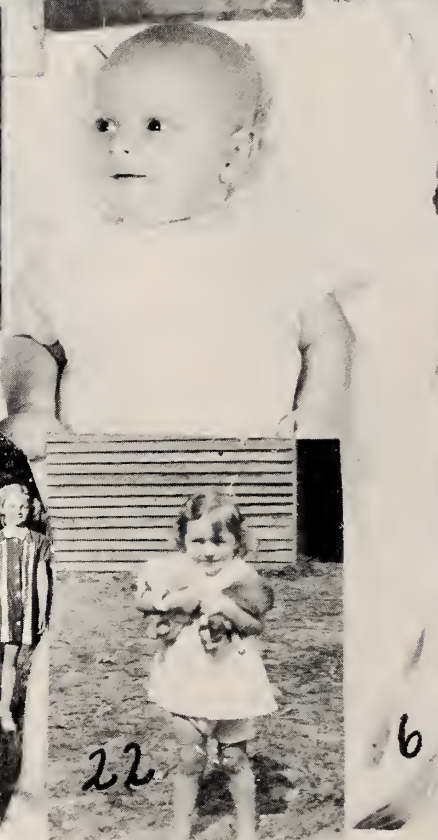
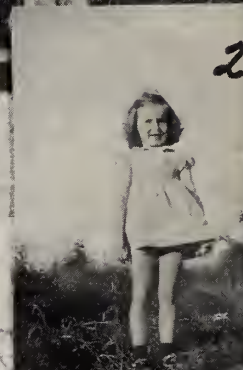
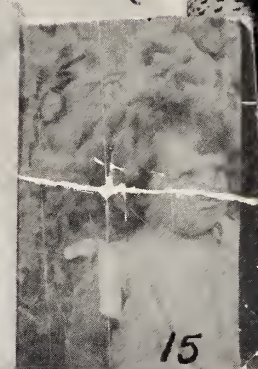
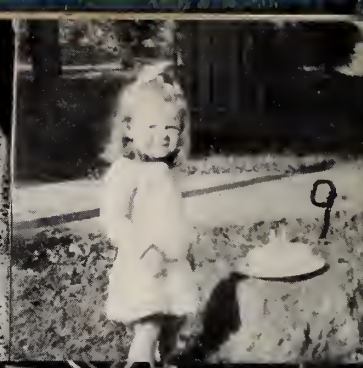
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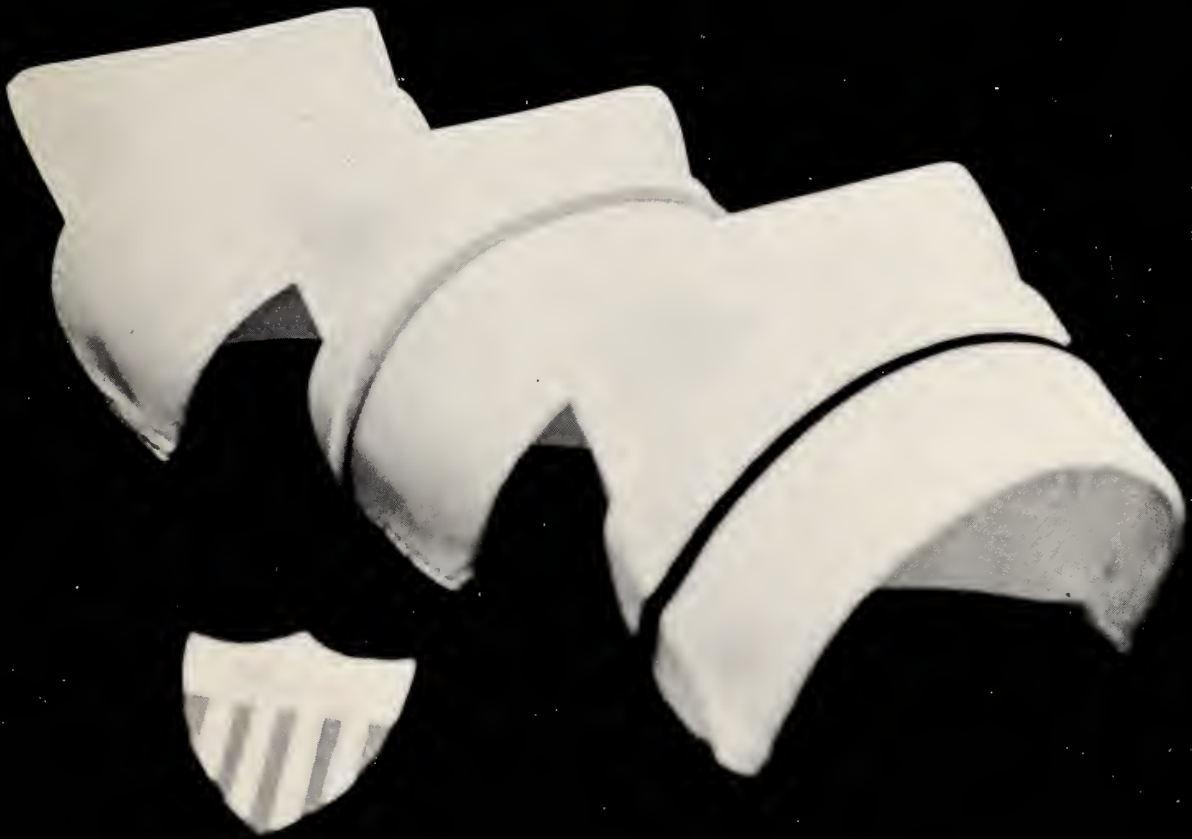


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Miss Viola Cauble



Housemother
Mrs. J. N. Caldwell





Seniors

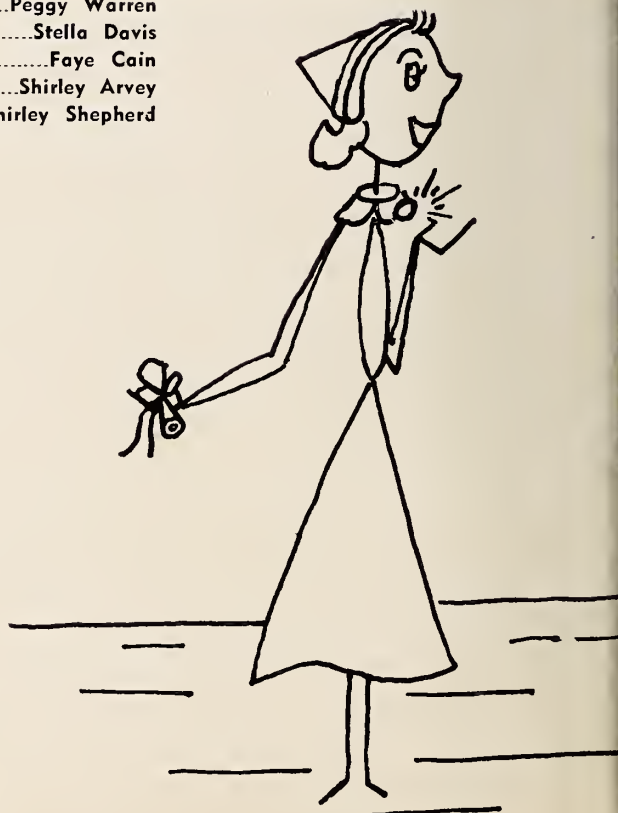


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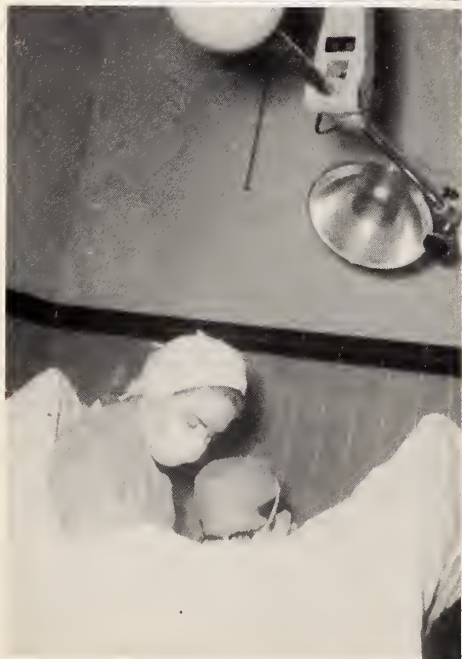


KATIE JOE ARDREY

"Katie"

*"Talking she knew not why,
and cared not what."*





SHIRLEY LEE ARVEY
"Cuz"
*"Quiet, unassuming and
dependable."*



MARY JOAN BECK

"Joanie"

"True friendship, like sound health, is of the highest value."





BETTY ANN BOWLES
"Bowles"

*"Quick of mind, and quick of
feet, a charming smile,
and always neat."*



REVA VIRGINIA BROWN

"Reva"

*"And the lady shall say her mind
or she shall halt't."*





HELEN FAY CAIN
"Fay"

*"And she smiles as she passes
on her way."*



SANDRA ANN CALIENDO
"Calie"

*"Good-natured, generous, jolly and
clever; Her tongue, like a
brook, goes on forever."*





MARY ELIZABETH CARPENTER
"Carp"

*"Smart, capable, and always kind,
in fact, she just can't be defined."*



NANCY ELIZABETH CHOATE

"Liz"

"Mischievous, daring, merry as can be — we could not live without such a friend."





DORIS JOANN COULTER
"Doris"

*"She's a jovial comrade,
she laughs where'er she goes."*



STELLA ELIZABETH DAVIS
"Stella"

"Slow but sure, steady and dependable, her dry humor enlightened many a dull moment."



PHYLLIS ANN DAWKINS
"Phyllis"

*"One of a hundred friends is
wealthy indeed—deeds, not words"*



ROTHA ARLENE DAWKINS
"Rotha"

*"A smile and good word for
everyone—that's our Rotha."*





HARRIET JUNE EDNEY

"June"

*"The best way to keep good acts
in memory is to refresh them
with new."*



BARBARA CORNELIUS
EVERHART

"Bobbie"

*"Fine goods are always packed
in small packages."*





DIANE DUCKETT EVERHART
"Diane"

*"At length she cried, 'I'll marry:
What should I tarry for?'"*



DON SAIN FARABEE

"Don"

*"She finds a way or makes one—
always walking on the sunny side
of the street."*





NANCY JUNE FARABEE
"Nancy"

*"I believe in work, but I am
not in favor of it."*



THERESE MARY GALLIGAN

"Therese"

"Sweet disposition, well rounded personality, combined with love of people, and ability to lead the many."





EUNICE FAYE GOODMAN
"Faye"

*"I have often regretted my speech,
never my silence."*



SUE CAROL GURLEY

"Sue"

*"She did with cheerful will what
others talked of while their hands
were still."*





NANCY ANN HARTIS

"Nancy"

*"The rule of my life is to make
business a pleasure and pleasure
my business."*



CLARA REBECCA HEATH
"Becky"

*"The only way to have a
friend is to be one."*





BETTY ANN KIKER

"Kiker"

*"It's the song you sing,
and the smile you wear."*



MAGGIE SUE LOGGINS
"Sue"

*"Character is the key
to thy success."*





SADIE IRENE McFADDEN
"Brave"

*"Quiet, reserved, and capable too,
A real friend, kind and true."*



NEWYL JEAN MORGAN
"Jean"

*"The secret of success is constancy
through purpose with a heart set
upon the goal, not on the prize."*





MARY BERNADETTE OAKLEY
"Mary"

*"Her affections are high, and pure,
and generous—she takes life as
it comes."*



MARTHA SUE RAY

"Sue"

*"A steady girl with a goal in view,
willing to work and see it through"*





CAROLE ANN RICKERT
"Carole"

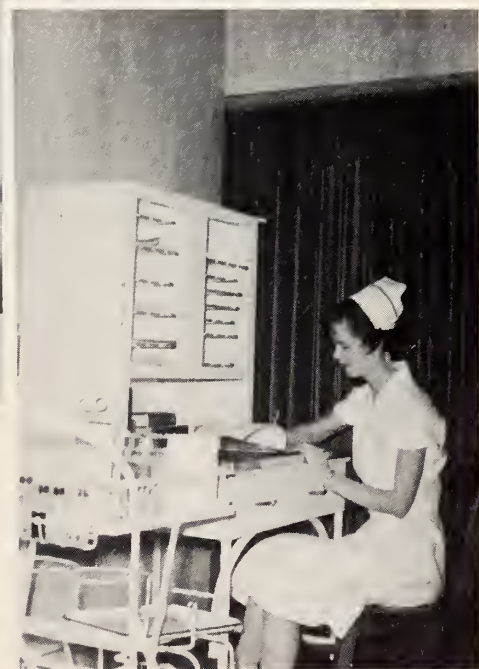
*"Friendliness is the finest habit
developed by mankind."*



ANNIE LOU ROWE

"Lou"

"For nature has made her what she is—We know not what will change her."





BETTY LEE RUSSELL
"Betty"
*"She that hath knowledge
spareth her words."*



BETTY LOU SCRUGGS

"Betty"

*"She doth indeed show some
sparks that are like wit—here
dwells no frown nor anger."*





SHIRLEY ANN SHEPHERD
"Shep"

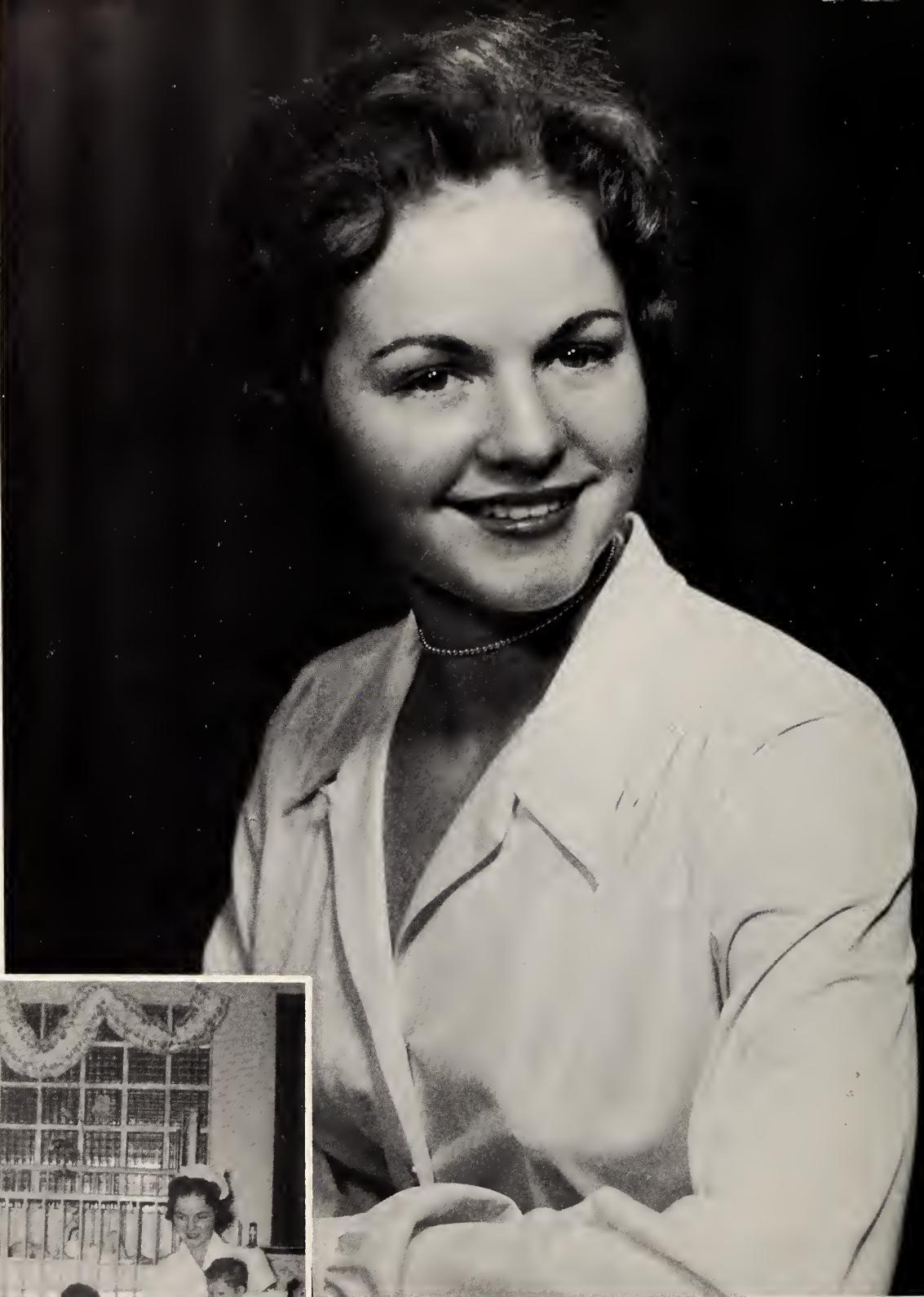
*Eyes so blue, skin so fair.
None with "Shep" can compare.*



CAROLYN LOUISE TAYLOR
"Carolyn"

*"Smiles are the steps to the
doorway of success."*





PEGGY JEAN TOOMEY
"Peggy"
*"If I do bestow friendship, I'll
perform it to the last article."*



BETTY LEE WALTON
"Betty"

*"A good sport—vim, vigor, vitality
in one, is sometimes worth more
than even the game she plays."*





PEGGY ANN WARREN
"Peg"

"She works hard and keeps her friends, she is the type that always wins."



SHIRLEY MAE WINDELL
"Windy"

*"A heart young and gay, a zest
for living, oh, life, how I do love
thee."*





JO ANNE WOODIE
"Jo"

"Genuine good taste consists of saying much in few words and speaking with composure."



Friendliest
Lou Rowe



Wittiest
Betty Scruggs



Best All Around
Peggy Warren

Superlatives

Most Professional
Sue Ray

Most Talented
Therese Galligan



CLASS HISTORY

September, 1954 . . . Newly graduated from high school, we the class of '57 were ambitiously seeking further adventure. Fortunately, (shall we say?), the nursing profession allured some sixty-four of us, and we found ourselves here at Mercy. We were welcomed by the Sisters and upperclassmen (after initiation; when the seniors took every advantage of their opportunities), as the brand new "probie" class.

We soon realized that classes were our main obligation for the first nine months. Our large number made it necessary to divide the class into two groups. While half of us went to Sacred Heart (how could we ever forget the cold mornings and the jaunty bus ride to and fro?), the other half remained here with "Miss Chase" to learn nursing arts. The days and nights (for often we were found burning the midnight oil) were filled with studies. Anatomy could never have been learned without an example—and who was a more perfect specimen than our roommate?

Donning crisp white uniforms and working in the hospital wards for a few hours each day made us feel that we were progressing. Each day brought new experiences. We lived up to our title "probie", as we innocently asked all kinds of stupid questions.

May 1955 . . . Capping, an occasion greatly anticipated, for this was our first symbol of recognition in our profession. Followed by a two-weeks vacation (which was used to best advantage), we returned to find that text books had been replaced by charts, medications, night duty, and just anything fate would allow happen to a Freshman student.

September 1955 . . . Another promotion, this time to "Junior" with all its trials and tribulations. Again, we encountered new experiences each day as we worked long hours of general duty along with being initiated into the special departments. "Hemostats, sutures and sterile technique" was not foreign terminology after observing and "scrubbing" for surgery. The obstetrical department was no disappointment, as we realized the sacredness of birth. "Motherly instincts" were more vivid in us after caring for the new mothers and their babies.

Our Junior year was probably the hardest. We had been in training too long to remember the beginning, and graduation was too far away to comprehend. Being campused held its significance. (We shall not go into detail). A month of vacation during the summer was a real morale booster.

Returning to school meant we would soon be seniors and there was much in store for us.

September 1956 . . . Seniors at last, with all its rights and privileges, as we flashed blue bands and class rings. The general hospital routine continued. For most of us special training in Pediatrics and Psychiatry consumed most of our senior year period. Maybe a little bit apprehensive about spending three months in Psychiatric nursing, we went to Dix Hill in Raleigh (a place which holds its significance in other phases, too), only to find it most interesting. Memories of "the Hill" shall never be forgotten. Three months experience in Pediatrics gave us a clearer understanding of children and of ourselves. Wearing a ribbon around the wrist was not uncommon for a pediatric nurse. (P.S. This was not for the entertainment of the children.)

Although nursing was our primary objective, we have accumulated some fond memories, from the social point of view. Some of these highlights were the dances, the Christmas Concerts, picnics at the Red Fez Club, talent shows and minstrels, the Mistletoe balls, trips to the Nurses' Convention, the Junior-Senior dances, as sponsors and as guests. We would never be able to express the good times we had just being together. (Pajamas and cokes at 2:00 A.M.; sunbathing on "Mercy beach"; or dunking somebody into a tub of cold water, just for the heck of it.)

August 1957 . . . Graduation, our goal reached so far as Mercy School of Nursing was concerned. Forty we were in number (several had found other attractions during the three-year period), who exchanged blue bands for black ones. Happily, we received those precious diplomas; an occasion never to be forgotten.

Reminiscing, as one will inevitably do at such a heartfelt occasion, we were a bit saddened at the thoughts of leaving Mercy (for it had been our home), and the Sisters (who had so faithfully and patiently taught and encouraged us through the thick and the thin), and the separation of our class, for we had grown to feel like one large family. Embarking upon life, it is not our intention to be only professional graduate nurses, but to uphold and maintain the title already bestowed upon us as "Angels of Mercy".

Sue Loggins,
Class Historian

CLASS PROPHECY



It seems that the headstrang class of '57 would like a look into the future to see what it holds for them. It is typical that they are not willing to abide by "Che Sera, Sera," but must look far themselves.

Slowly, as the crystal ball is polished, vague images take shape.

Holding office seems to have gone to Peggy Warren's head, for she is now president of the American Nurses' Association, ably assisted by Sue Ray.

Sue Gurley and Fay Goodman have finally managed to marry old millionaires.

Jean Margan and Therese Galligan may be seen nightly on their musical TV program. They often have as their guests the famous comedienne Betty Scruggs and a dancing team composed of Carolyn Taylor and Peggy Toamey.

Dianne Duckett Everhart and Barbara Cornelius Everhart have a small town of their own inhabited by Everharts.

Betty Bawles, Reva Brawn, and Irene McFadden really have their heads up in the clouds in their Air Force Blues.

Lou Rowe has deserted the nursing field completely to become diction instructor at Yale.

Shirley Shepherd, Betty Kiker and Nancy Hartis are solid pillars of society with rather large families.

Dan and Nancy Farabee MC a radio program heard coast to coast as "Fun With the Farabees."

Liz Choate heads the physical education department at Carolina.

Shirley Arvey's dreams are being fulfilled as a medical missionary, but she still has boyfriend trouble.

Always having a yearning to travel, Jaanne Waadie and Betty Waltan are now touring Paris.

Sue Loggins has decided to join her husband in the teaching profession, but of course she teaches "probies" to make beds.

Carole Rickert and June Edney have set up a travel agency, specializing in guided mountain tours around Hendersanville.

Just beside George's stands a little bakery run by Mary Carpenter and Stella Davis, where they bake only pecan pies.

Faye Cain and Betty Russell's cute faces and figures landed them among New York's top models.

With her vast store of experience Mary Oakley has been appointed Virginia's official advisor to the lavelarn.

Since she naturally loves to talk, Sandra Caliendo couldn't resist becoming involved in politics.

Katie Audrey manages to combine her nursing career with designing, to turn out some of the smartest new uniforms.

Serving as Business manager for the MERCILITE seems to have given Becky Heath the idea of establishing her own very successful advertising agency.

Ratha and Phyllis Dawkins have established the Dawkins' nursing home for eligible young bachelors only.

Jaan Beck and Shirley Windell have managed to combine their many attributes to become wives, mothers and industrial nurses.

For the entire class of '57 I prophesy much happiness.

Doris Coulter
Prophet



Class Poem . . .

It all began on September six,
The year nineteen fifty-four.
We left our homes and loved ones
To continue our education once more.

With eager eyes we gazed all around
Not knowing what to expect.
We saw new faces and heard new names,
And we wondered what would be next!

But the days flew by and on September eleven
The seniors began their fun.
We were initiated by these girls
Beginning with the rising sun.

But all of a sudden things grew dim,
And we missed our parents and friends.
We packed our bags and were ready to leave,
But our roommates unpacked them again.

By and by the scene grew brighter.
We heard "Uniforms are here!"
On November second we went on the hall;
All homesickness replaced with cheer.

Remember the night that we received
What we'd long been waiting for.
We got our caps that we wear with pride,
We'd completed the first of our chore.

It hasn't been very easy it's true,
And many have dropped by the way;
But we've enjoyed every minute
In spite of the things we say.

The road's been long with many a ditch,
But we've made it this far, my friend.
We're over the hump and the sun's coming through.
At last! There's sunshine again.

We must climb higher and higher,
Lighting the smallest dark corner with love:
Our lamps will lead us onward
Guided by the One above.

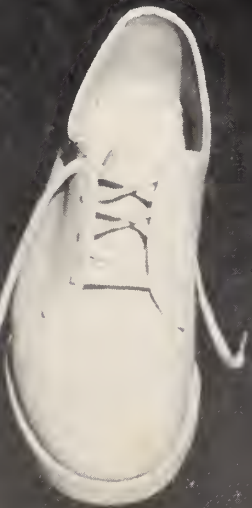
We're not "just nurses" now
As some believe us to be.
We're loyal Mercy Nurses,
And that adds a lot, you see.

We're angels of Mercy in a heaven on earth
And there's so very much to do.
The sick, the needy, the lonely
Are calling to me and you.

Capping meant a lot to us,
Graduation means much more.
But the future is even greater,
So let's open wide it's doors.

Let's wear our caps with dignity
And learn all that we can,
So now that we have graduated
We'll be worthy of the black band.

Barbara Cornelius Everhart,
Class Poet.



Juniors



President.....Ruth Spencer
 Vice-President...Rachel Kirksey
 Secretary.....Evelyn Heath
 Treasurer.....Rose Marie Dunn

The Junior



A 9 year hike



Sister Mary De Chantel
 Advisor



Julia Allred



Nancy Ballard



Virginia Barbee



Rita Bowden

Class of 1957



Sue Bowen



Peggy Buckley



Ann Byrd

Roberta Coberly

Vera Corbett

Phyllis Covington

Jean Dale





Lucille DeMarco



Annie Douglas



Rose Marie Dunn



Harriet Elliott

The Junior



Clara Farmer



Delores Fleming



Maureen Galligan

Jacqueline Gibson

Susan Hamby

Luanne Hattler

Nancy Healy





Evelyn Heath



Jerrolyn Hilton



Glenda Ijames



Priscilla Johnson

Class of 1957



Gloria Jonas



Corrine Keen



Rachel Kirksey

Naomi Lovelace

Carol Medlin

Valerie Neal

Mary Lou Payne





Barbara Rector



Shirley Seagle



Earlene Settlemire

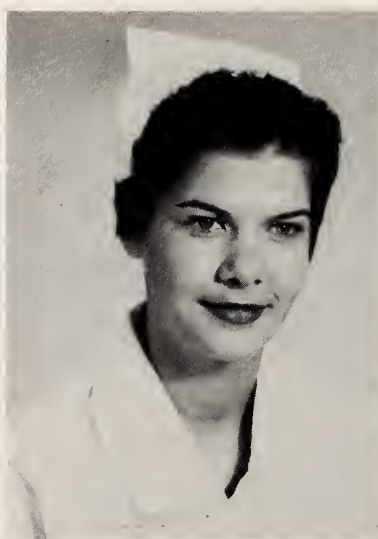


Barbara Snuggs

The Junior Class



Ruth Spencer



Jo Anne Story



Gloria Terry

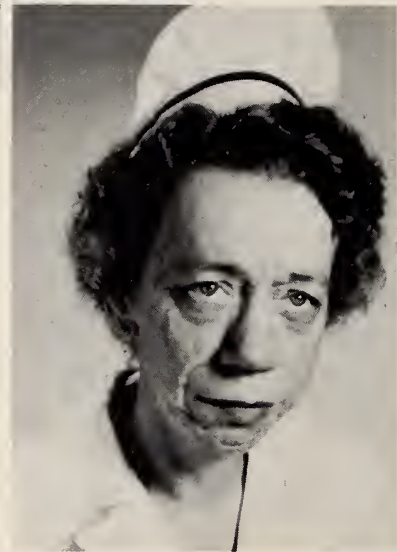




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 Vice President.....Sue Wyatt
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 Social Chairman....Liz Barnhill



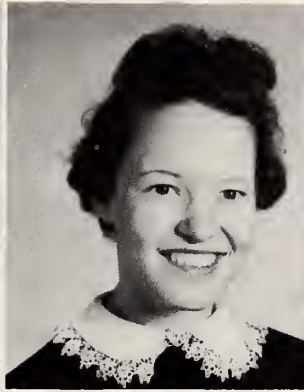
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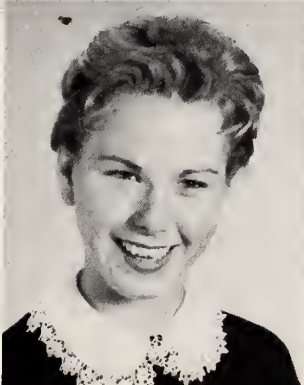
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Betty Britt
Julia Crockett



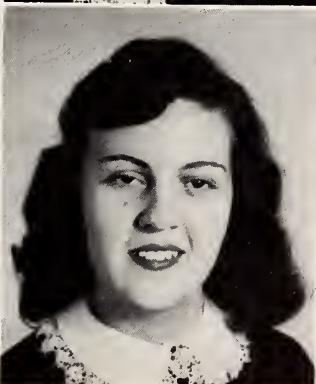
Bernice Diehl
Elizabeth Dunn
Miriam Ann Dyke



The Freshman Class of 1957



Arlene Fitzula
Norma Fletcher
Julia Frick



Sue Gaddy
Dorathy Gantt
Barbara Gleason



Claudia Harris
 Evelyn Haynes
 Mary Ann Honeycutt



Helen Jones
 Margaret Kuperman
 Katherine Lasley

The Freshman

Sue Mauney
 Yvonne McCully
 Rachel McNeil



Shirley Morris
 Sue Norman
 Shirley Norwood



Betty Phillips
Patricia Reeves
Amelia Roberts



Cecelia Schlegel
Alice Scranton
Shirley Ann Smith



Class of 1957



Dianna Tilley
Oma Jean Townsend
Hazelene Tucker



Colleen Urey
Mary Sue Webb
Viola Williams



Ann Willms

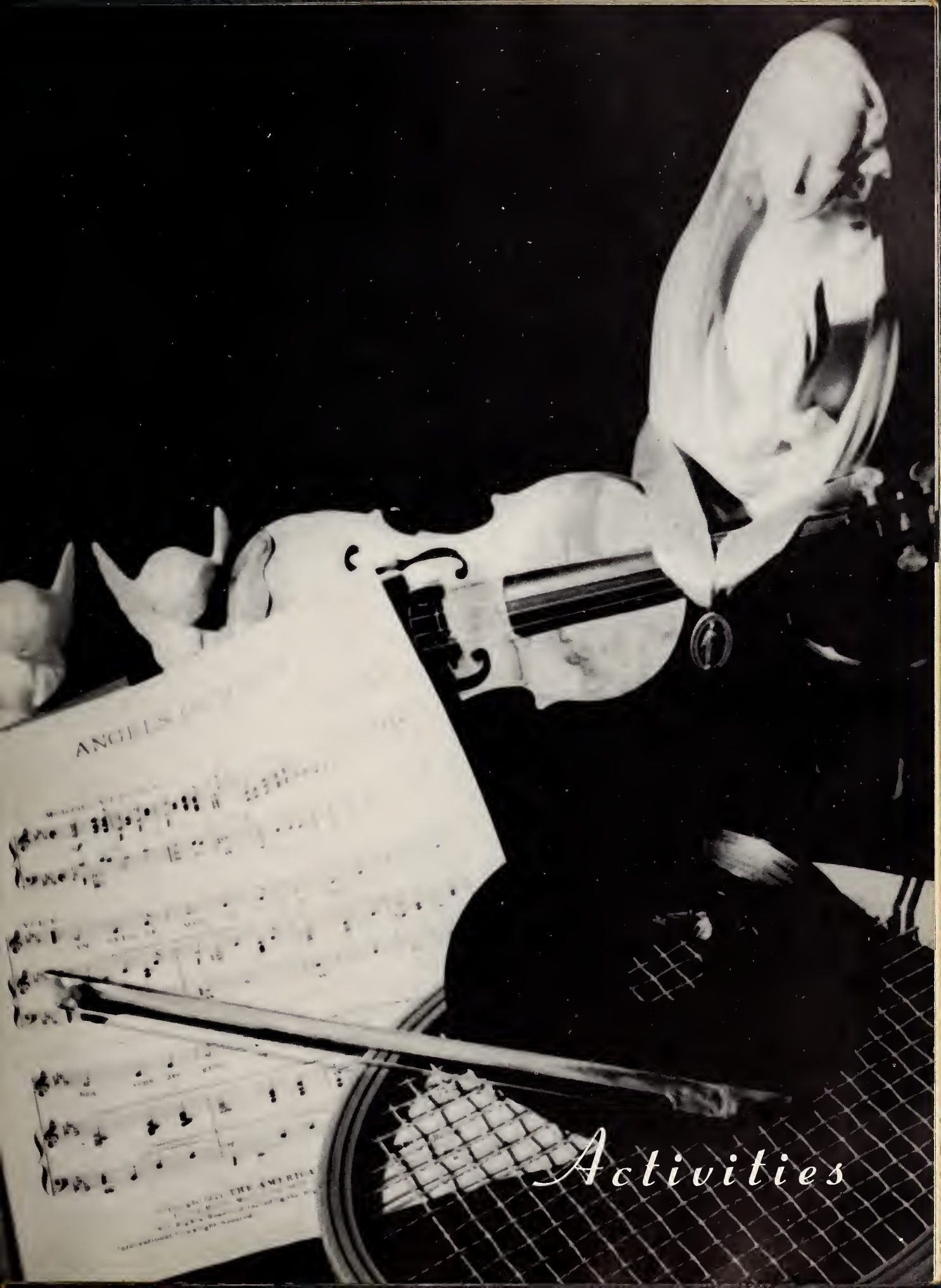


Josephine Wyatt



Katherine Wyatt





ANGELS

Activities



Sue Ray
President
Secretary of N. C. State
Nurses' Association

Irene McFadden
Vice-President



Judy Allred
Treasurer



Ruth Spencer
Secretary



STUDENT COUNCIL





Leisure Time





PrefectTherese Galligan
 Vice-PresidentRosie Dunn
 SecretaryKathy Wyatt
 Treasurer.....Maureen Galligan

The



Sodality Reception
 November 12, 1956

“To Jesus



The Choir

Sodality

"Rhapsody In Blue Ball"
January 11, 1957



Through Mary"



Communion Breakfast
November 12, 1956





The Glee Club

The Glee Club, composed of the freshman students, has shown, by the Christmas and spring concerts, that talent is not lacking among the students. Our hats off to Sister Mary Barbara, its beloved director, who has given so much of her time and effort to make these beautiful concerts possible.



Sister Mary Barbara

In Memoriam



Rev. Father Leo Doetterl

*"To the higher shrine of Love Divine
My lowly feet have trod;*

*"I want no fame, no other name,
Than this—a priest of God."*

Deceased: September 6, 1956

HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION



Sister Mary Immaculata
Mother Superior



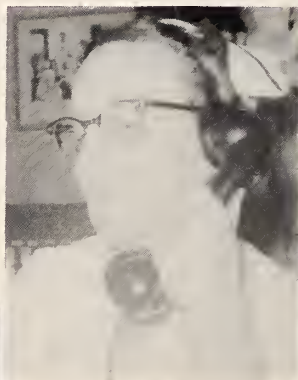
Sister Mary Peter
Hospital Administrator



Sister M. Miriam
Director of Nursing Service

NIGHT SUPERVISORS

Miss Pearl Gaston



Mrs. Billie Farrell



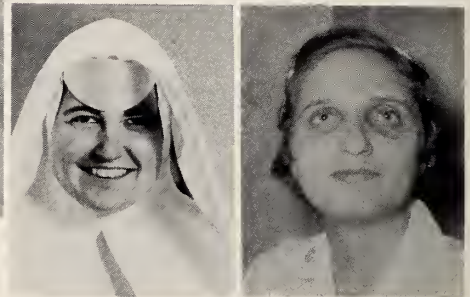
Mrs. Mary Jean Howell

Miss Jean Tucker





Where To Next Month?



Medical



Surgical





Obstetrics

Gynecology





Pediatrics

Out Patient Department



They Couldn't
Possibly - Not all at once -



Urology

Orthopedics





Operating Room

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat





Diet Kitchen

Physical Therapy

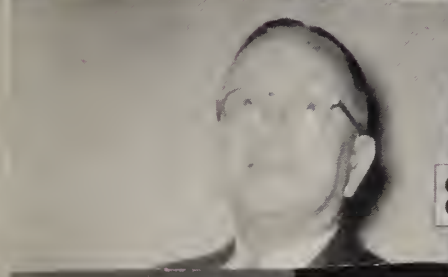
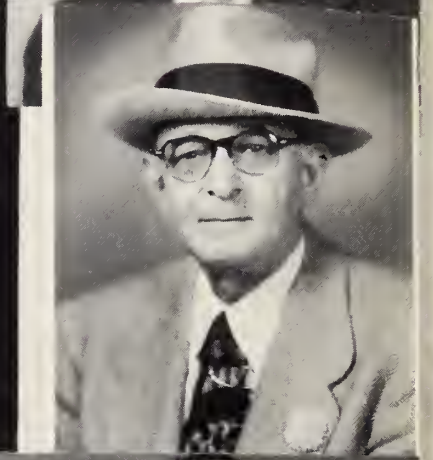
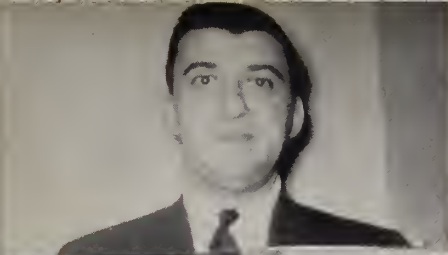




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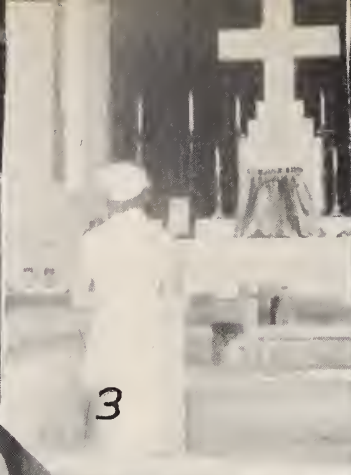
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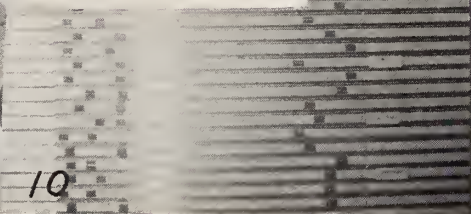
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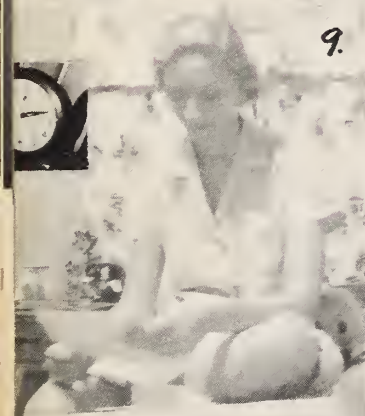
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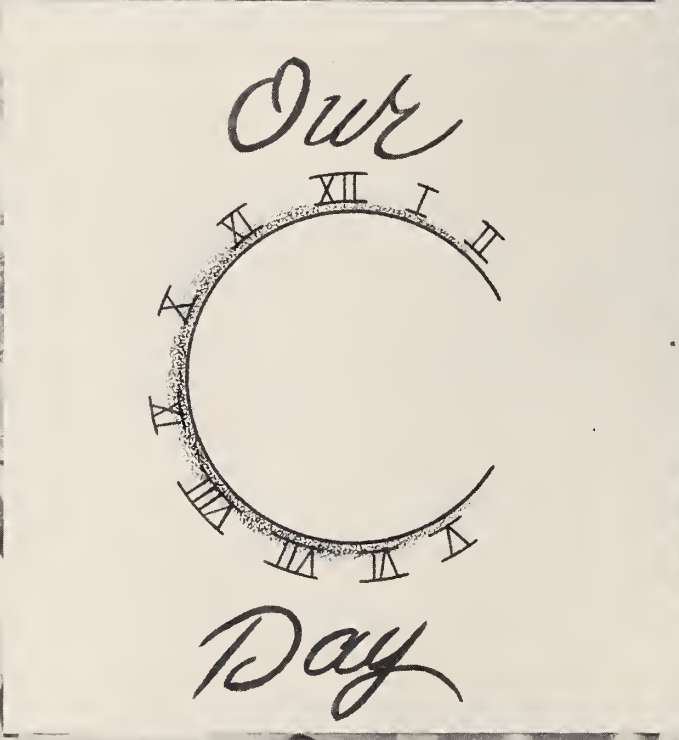
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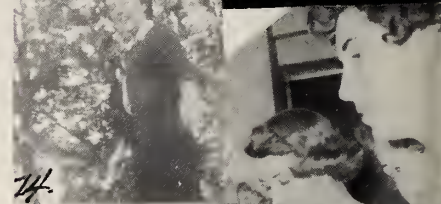
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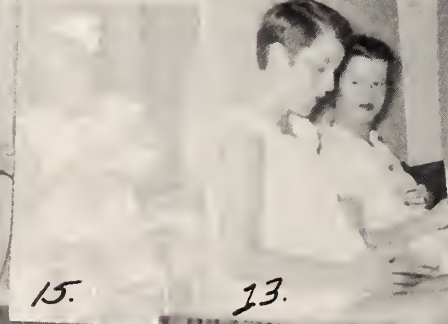
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