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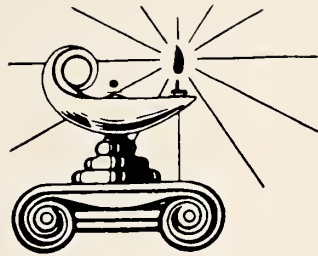
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**MOMENTS TO REMEMBER**



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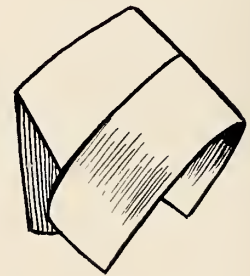
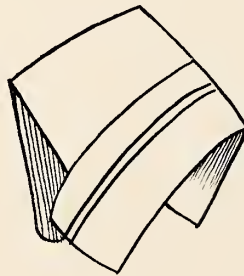
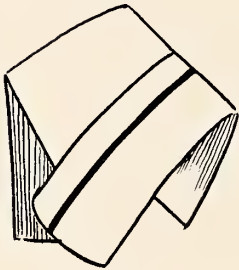
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Chief Pharm.  
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# **F**oreword

Time passes with each new dawn serving as a challenge. We strive knowing that through our efforts we will acquire wisdom. Down the hospital corridors busy feet lightly tread seeking to give watchful and compassionate care to the living and hope and comfort to the dying. This is the profession of mercy which we choose. In our search for knowledge we labor side by side, we experience joys and disappointments, we seek wisdom, perseverance and self-control, we see dreams materialize, which we attempt to preserve in this edition of the MERCILITE. May this book serve as a token of our gratitude to all who have contributed to the realization of our dreams. It is our desire, that all who pause to reflect over days passed will find their perusal will serve to produce a smile and will be a journey into the past of Moments to Remember which will become immortal in the intervening years.

The Editor



**MOMENTS**



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## TO REMEMBER

## *We, The Seniors*

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Little can we express what value your friendship holds. How often we in despair needed solace and were directed to it; we were discouraged and had our minds and souls rechanneled by you, who administer sweet peace in its essence. For the example of the life you live before us, for your unquestionable integrity in word and deed, we the Senior Class with gratitude dedicate the MERCILITE to you, Rev. Hilary G. Jakowski.





Memories lingering over past happy experiences will always enfold you nearest to our hearts. We, the Seniors, wish to express to you our appreciation for your kindness, for your directing and teaching us to live happily and wholesomely, for laughing with us in our gayer moments, and for understanding us in our dejected ones. For teaching us self-sacrifice and prudence, tolerance and kindness, by the example of your daily living, we the Senior Class dedicate the Mercilite to Sister Mary Consuelo.

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*Gratefully Dedicate*

## Enter, Meditate



Each day in this, our chapel, an earnest prayer arises from our hearts to God to fashion us, as Christian nurses, after Christ's own practice of love and devotion—the words of which cannot be uttered without deepest feeling for the sick to whom we minister.



Rev. Hilary G. Jakowski, M.M.

*Dear Gilbert, Wishing you the choicest of God's blessings and the best in your position as Pharmacist at Mercy. I shall always remember our little get-togethers and chat-chats in Spanish. Father Hilary*

# ADMINISTRATION



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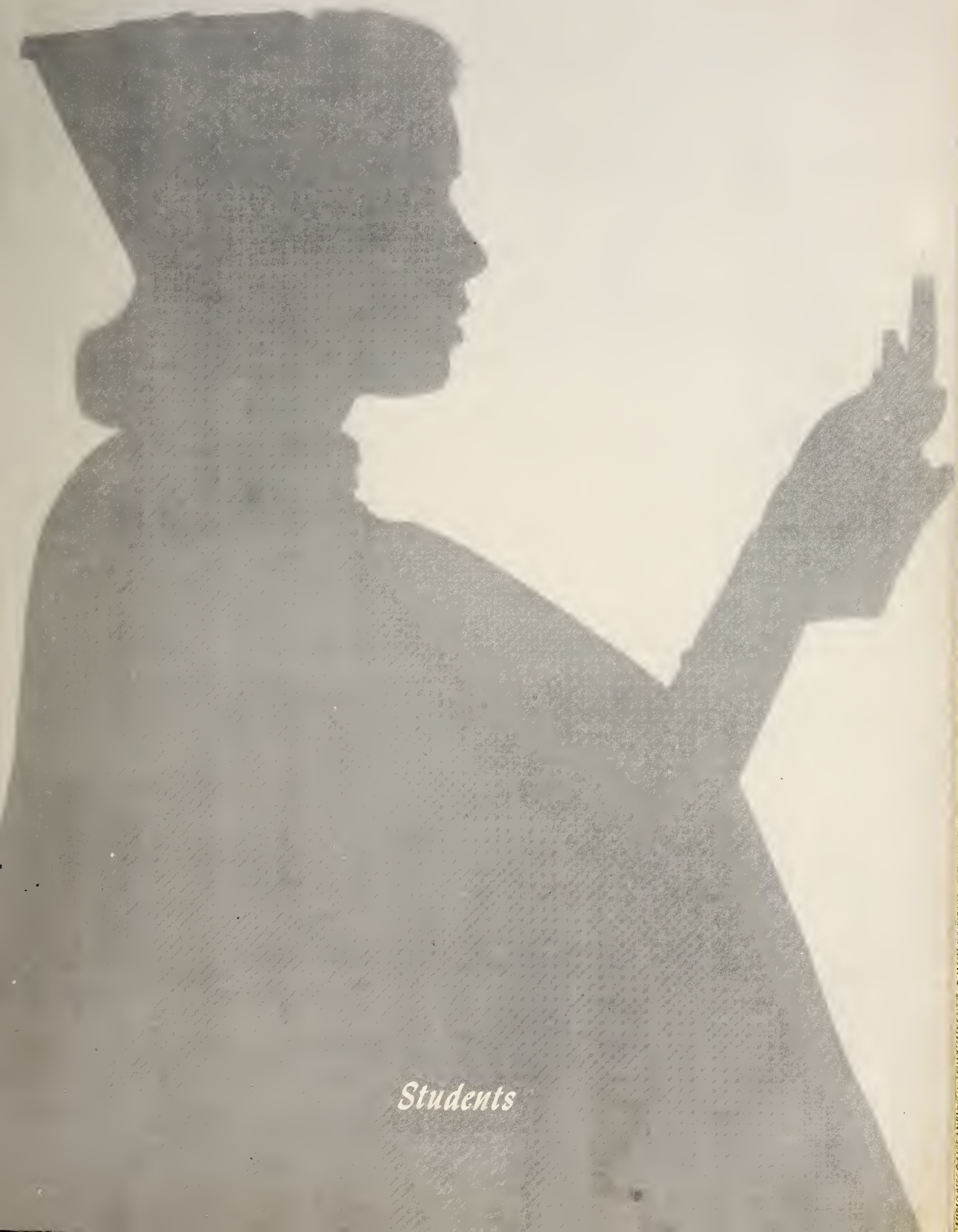
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"Pat"



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"Joannie"



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"Bernie"



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"Bunny"





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"Ann"



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"Fletch"



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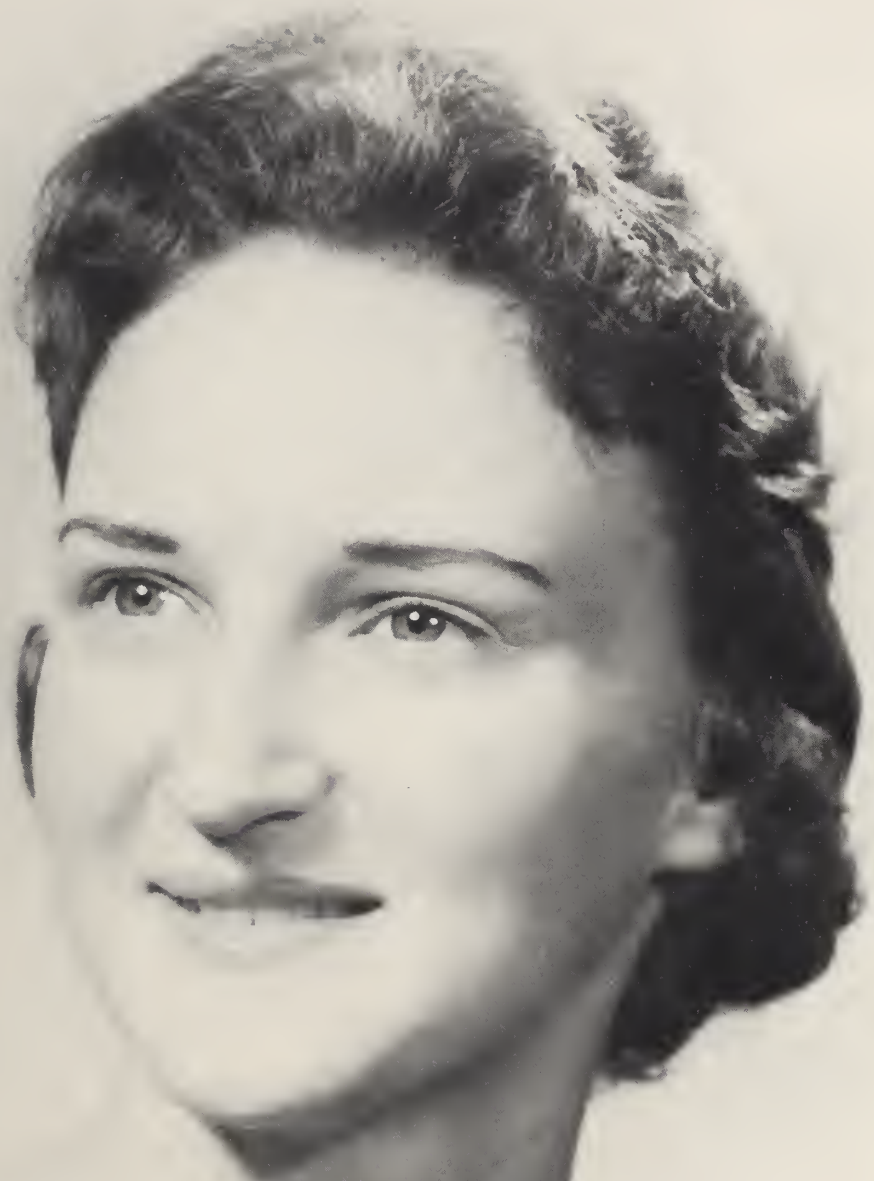


Helen Mae Jones  
"Helen"



Margaret Ann Kuperman  
"Margaret"





**Katherine Patricia Lasley**  
**"Pat"**



*Don't  
forget  
Remember me  
by  
Sue!*

**Sue Maaney  
"Susie"**



**Shirley Crowlenia Morris**  
"Shirley"



Ann Carolyn Norman  
"Carol"



**Shirley Melissa Norwood**  
"Shirley"



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"Celia"



Oma Jean Townsend  
"Jeanne"



Hazel Tucker  
"Hazel"

*Love  
"Tuck"*





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"Bobbie"



*Love  
Vickie*

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"Vickie"**



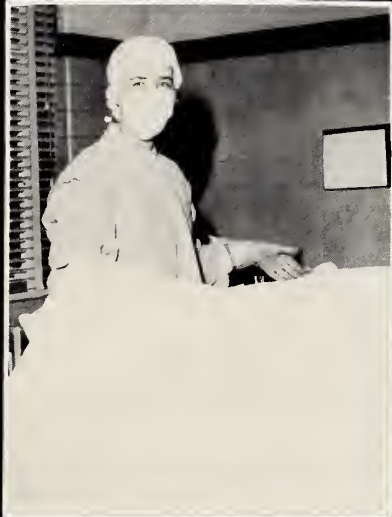
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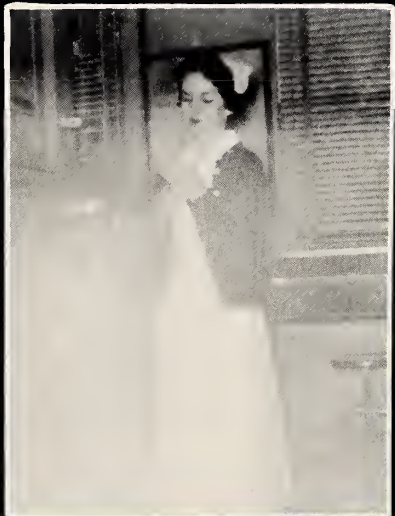
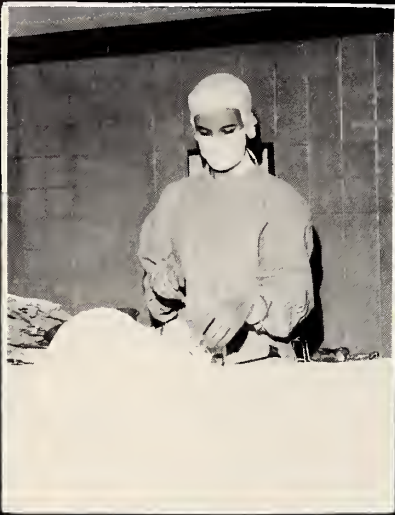
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*Memories Are*



*Made Of This*



*Seniors In Action*



*A  
Graduation Thought  
For  
Mom And Dad*



Your daughter

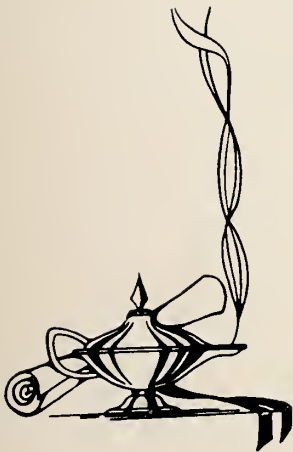
On this my day of gladness  
My Graduation Day,  
There's just one thought I cherish  
Just one thing I'd like to say.

I am proud of you — and grateful  
For every thing you've done,  
Your love — your help — your kindness  
It's no wonder I have won.

If I had had the choosing  
Of my parents — well you see  
There are none I could have chosen  
Who could mean so much to me.

So I'm very glad to tell you  
With this little bit of verse  
That I'm proud to be your daughter  
As I'm proud to be a nurse.

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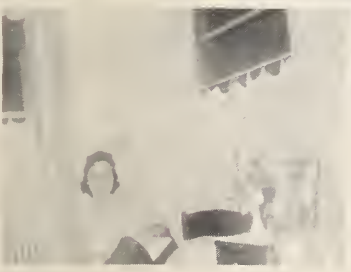


Her goal



*Seniors*





*Informally*





Patsy Bechtler

**MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED**



Jean Townsend

**BEST ALL ROUND NURSE**

# *Personalities*



Vickie Williams

**MOST INTELLECTUAL**



Cecelia Schlegel

**MOST TALENTED**

# Who Have



Liz Barnhill

**MOST DEPENDABLE**



Joan Blossom

**MOST COURTEOUS**

# *Excelled*



Margaret Kuperman

**FRIENDLIEST**



Sue Maaney

**BEST DRESSED**



Judy Crockett

MOST VERSATILE



Norma Fletcher

WITTIEST



# *Last Will And Testament*

We, the Senior Class of Mercy School of Nursing, being of sound mind and body, do hereby give our last will and testament this year nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

## **Article I**

To Sister Mary Jerome, our sincere appreciation for helping us to realize that our goal once viewed from afar is now a reality; and for guiding us down well-worn paths to priceless experience, nursing skill, and dedication to humanity.

## **Article II**

To Father Hilary, our deepest gratitude for helping to mold us into Christian nurses, and for his understanding and willingness to offer a kind word or helping hand whenever the need arose.

## **Article III**

To Sister Mary Elizabeth, our thanks for having served us so amiably as Student Council Advisor.

## **Article IV**

To Sister Mary Consuelo, for having been our prefect, for making our second floor more lovely with her plants and the beautiful displays on our bulletin board and for having stood by us, we leave our thanks.

## **Article V**

To Sister Mary Carmel, we leave our gratitude for nursing us through our illnesses.

## **Article VI**

To Sister Mary Emmanuel, we leave our thanks for her unfailing efforts to satisfy our hunger and please our appetites.

## **Article VII**

To Mrs. Julia Cooke, we leave our sincere appreciation for her loyalty and devotion as our class advisor and our MERCILITE sponsor, for her willingness to help no matter what the task, and for setting for us a good example, both as a professional nurse and a personal friend. Of her we can always say, "Twas her thinking of others, made you think of her."

## **Article VIII**

To our faculty, who have exercised great patience and sincere interest in helping us to become a success, we leave our thanks and a hope that even though you have aged ten years in the past three years, you will think of us kindly when your mind travels the past.

## **Article IX**

To Mrs. Driscoll, we leave our thanks for able help in searching for material in our library.

## **Article X**

To our head nurses, we leave our gratitude for their help and a new efficiency record with a space provided for good remarks only.

## **Article XI**

To the Housemothers, we leave our thanks for the hot food in bed while we were sick, waiting for us until we returned, making sure that we arrived home safely, and a bottle of foot balm for obvious reasons.

## **Article XII**

To the Night Supervisors, we leave our gratitude for their help on our first shifts of night duty, and for the courage they offer by being near if they are needed.

## **Article XIII**

To the Staff Nurses, we leave automatic bed pan carriers.

## **Article XIV**

To our doctors, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your gracious help and patience in the last three years.

## Article XV

I, Elizabeth Barnhill, leave my fund raising campaign to Shirley Bess along with my ardent ability to incorporate fun and enthusiasm.

I, Patsy Bechtler, leave my 20-90 vision to Geraldine Belcher with a request that I might borrow her contact lens for dances so that I can see with whom I am dancing.

I, Joan Blossom, leave my angelic temperament to Nancy Warren.

I, Judy Crockett, leave my ability to win friends and influence people to Patricia Rea.

I, Bernice Diehl, leave my love for the "South" to Jeanine Van Kerckhove "Save that Confederate money, boys."

I, Bunny Dunn, leave my love for bopping to Nancy Canfield with the request that she do it only during quiet hours — I did.

I, Ann Dyke, leave my love for Mad Comic books to Hettie Melvin. (Me Worry?)

I, Norma Fletcher, leave my minor surgery but take my Surgeon with me!

I, Julia Frick, leave my ability to appear neat and well dressed at all times to Kate Holder.

I, Sue Gaddy, leave my daintiness and femininity to Jo-Ann Wynn.

I, Becky Gleason, led two lives (S.N., Mrs.) for three years. This ability along with my perseverance I leave to Jean Fulk.

I, Faye Harris, leave the road to Rockingham open for Joyce Welch.

I, Helen Jones, leave my impulsive and plain spoken manner to Ann Smoot.

I, Margaret Kuperman, leave the hair style I made famous to Jean Taylor.

I, Pat Lasley, leave my love for ambulance drivers to Margaret Batson hoping that she will investigate the resources therein.

I, Sue Mauney, leave my natural curiosity to Ruth Ann Goforth.

I, Shirley Morris, leave my love for children to Judy Blair.

I, Carol Norman, leave for the chicken farm. "Ya'll" come to see us when you can.

I, Shirley Norwood, leave my ability to introduce my every sentence with "You know what?" to Fonda Cumbie.

I, Cecelia Schlegel, leave my socially happy three years to Yvonne Joseph.

I, Oma Jean Townsend, leave my sincere thanks to the student body for the opportunity to represent you at our 1959 National Nurses Convention and my love for nursing to Daphne Stowe.

I, Hazel Tucker, leave my love for Dix Hill to Pat Williams and Carol Martin.

I, Sue Webb, leave my typewriter with the broken backspace to next year's annual staff and request that they will regard it in reverence. It met a five minute deadline.

I, Bobbie Williams, leave perseverance, a will and a way to the next most eligible person.

I, Vicky Williams, leave my ability to be a nonconformist to Jody Adkins and Barbara Foster.

I, Ann Willms, leave in hopes of finding a gentleman who may prefer blondes but will settle for a brunette.

I, Sue Wyatt, leave my love for Kure Beach and all its natural resources to Peggy Mark-walter.

THE SENIOR CLASS

Witnesses:

THE HAPPY IMBECILES.



## *Junior Class Officers*

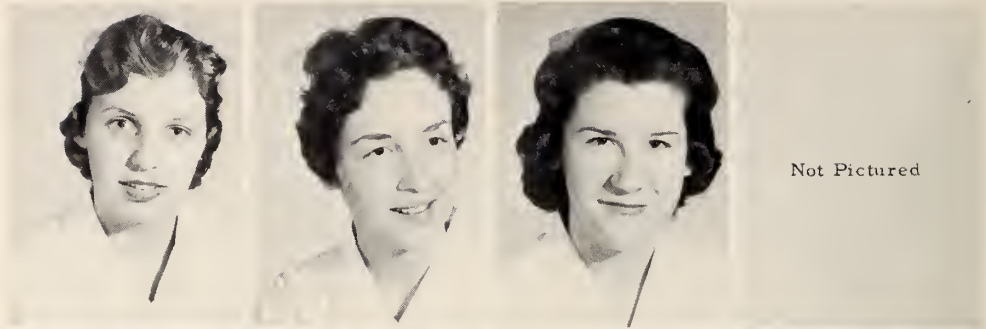
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Student Council .....	Fonda Cumbie



ADVISOR, Sister Mary Elizabeth

## *Juniors*

Ja-Anne Adkins  
 Margaret Jane  
 Batsan  
 Gearaldine  
 Belcher  
 Shirley Temple  
 Bess, not pic-  
 tured.



Jaanne Carol  
 Braaks  
 Nancy Lee  
 Canfield  
 Frances Chunn  
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Barbara FASTER  
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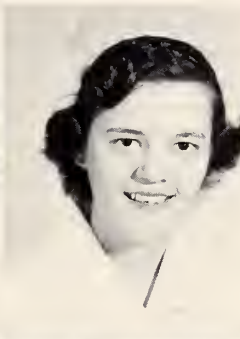
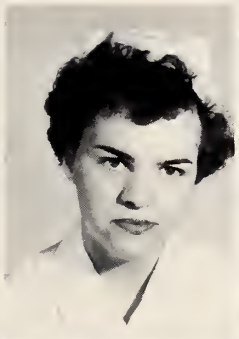
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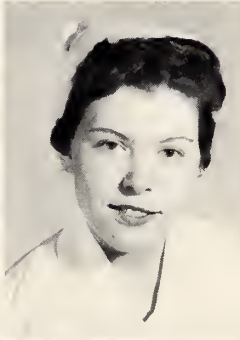
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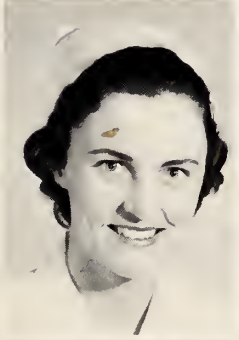
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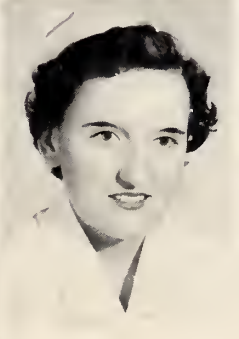
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Daphne Nichals  
Stawe  
Catherine Gandy  
Swaape



Betty Faye Taylor  
Jean Louise  
Taylor  
Jeanine Marie Van  
Kerckhave  
Nancy Anne  
Warren



Jayce Welch  
Patricia Wray  
Williams  
Jaanne Camille  
Wynne



Peggy Ann Yates

*Class*



*The Mercy School Of Nursing Glee Club*



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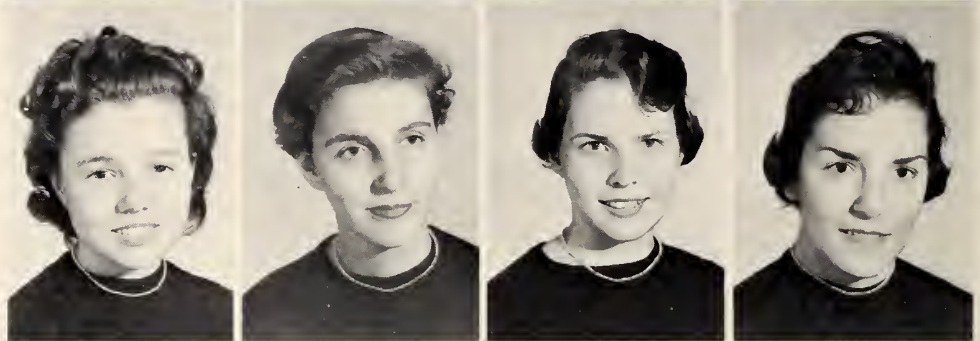
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 Valinda Beall



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 Blanton  
 Janet Brown  
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 Broxtan



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 Fesperman  
 Elizabeth Anne  
 Francis  
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 Alexander  
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*Class*



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## *Student Council*

# *“Moments To Remember”*

Now as a wonderful dream is about to become a reality, thoughts wind themselves among events that have become immortalized in our hearts. These we shall attempt to preserve here so that they may commemorate forever what we have shared together.

Saturday, September eighth, nineteen hundred, fifty-six, marked the starting point in our lives in our chosen career of nursing. We arrived and were greeted by Sister Mary Gertrude, Sister Mary Carmel and upper classmen. We were shown to the rooms which were to become our new homes. Sister Gertrude with her graciousness reminded us that she would assume the role of our mother away from home — a part which she played to the fullest capacity. We were entertained on the lawn by a wiener roast with Sister Gertrude doing the honors.

Our first glance at the hospital with its strange, unmistakable medicinal odors, and its busy corridors gave us a new and heretofore unexperienced thrill.

Our first week at Mercy was filled with activity, hospital tours, movies, and a picnic at the Red Fez Club. The climax came on Saturday, September sixteenth when at eleven-thirty, A.M., forty-nine unrecognizable preclinicals emerged in pigtailed, dresses and maid's aprons, baby-socks and high heels and carried broom, bucket, and toothbrush in hand. While the blazing sun was at its height we began a stately march around the block and ended our stroll in St. Patrick's Garden to perform any antics of the seniors' choosing. We cleaned their rooms until well in the afternoon and scrubbed the walk with our tooth brushes. Amid all our activities, we bowed our heads to the ground as the seniors passed and serenaded them with "How Green I Am" and truer words were never spoken. All violations were sorely regretted at nine-thirty P.M. when we were made to pay for all mistakes at rat court.

When carefree fun of initiation and parties subsided we began classes that were to continue for seemingly endless days and weeks of persistent study. Classes necessitated the frequent burning of the midnight oil.

In November we began hospital practice. The profound satisfaction we derived from those experiences and the inexcusable messes we made shall not be soon forgotten.

At last the first plateau of our goal had been reached. May fourth began with a Mass and our capping breakfast.

At six o'clock, P.M., thirty-five happy student nurses marched in carrying in our hands the symbol of our achievement, our cap.

After a short vacation we returned to resume our duties. Everything seemed different now that we were wearing our caps. In August we began night duty and the weeks and months that lay ahead were filled with new adventures, many happy, many sad. Along the wayside many of our classmates departed for various reasons and with each one went a portion of each of us for the things we had shared together. During our Junior year Sister Mary Jerome came as our director.

February marked our first separation when affiliation to Dix Hill began for our class.

Summer passed and then the fall and September saw another plateau reached, we received our blue bands, signifying that we were seniors.

Our Senior Year has been a happy one but as it convenes we look with ambivalence toward graduation when we will feel sorrow for the familiar faces we will miss, the happy times we have shared; and happiness for the successful obtaining of our goal. We go forth with a culmination of knowledge with which we shall sustain and nourish the soul as well as the body of man and in the darkness may we be the light.



## *Mercilite*

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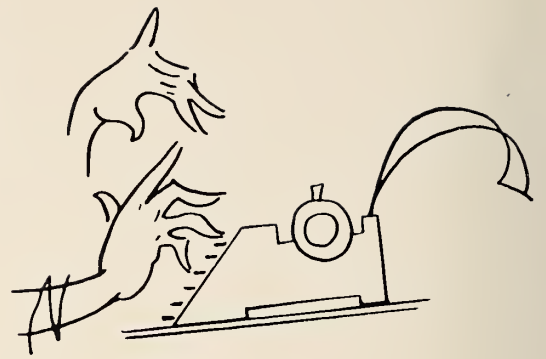
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# ACTIVITIES

**STEADY**

Music by JIMMY McHUGH

**"AMAZINGLY ANDERFUL"**

**OF PARIS**

Music by MARGUERITE MONNOT

**LOVE IS HERE TO STAY**

Music by IRA GERSHWIN

Music by GEORGE GERSHWIN

*MGM Technicolor musical*

**An American in Paris**



To the My  
GEORGE

See

**THE FOLLOW**

by  
WILL HUDSON  
EDDIE DE LANGE  
and IRVING MILLS



**COLUMBIA**



Capping Dance



May 3, 1957



Winter Stardust Ball

Ann Willms, Queen

Junior-Senior Prom

May 23, 1958







"How Green I Am"



State Nurses' Convention, 1957



Halloween  
Masquerade



Christmas,  
1956

Another Car, Another Dollar

Happy Birthday!





Halloween, 1958



\$ \$ \$ !



Senior! September, 1958

'Twas the Night Before Christmos



Christmas, 1958

On Slitzen!





*Parties  
At*



*Kilgos*





*Junior*



*Activities*





## *Freshman*



## *Activities*







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*Gynecology*



*Pediatrics*







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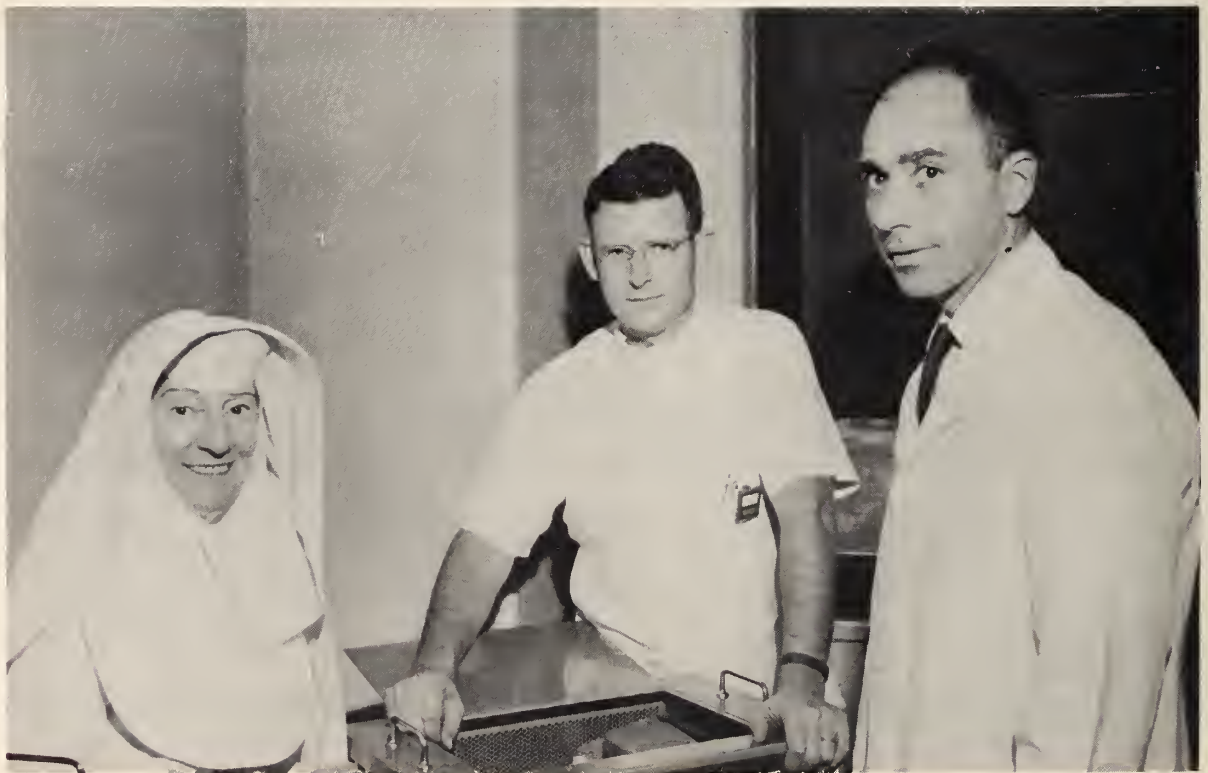
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*Out Patient Department*



*Student Health Nurse*



*X - Ray*



*Pathology*



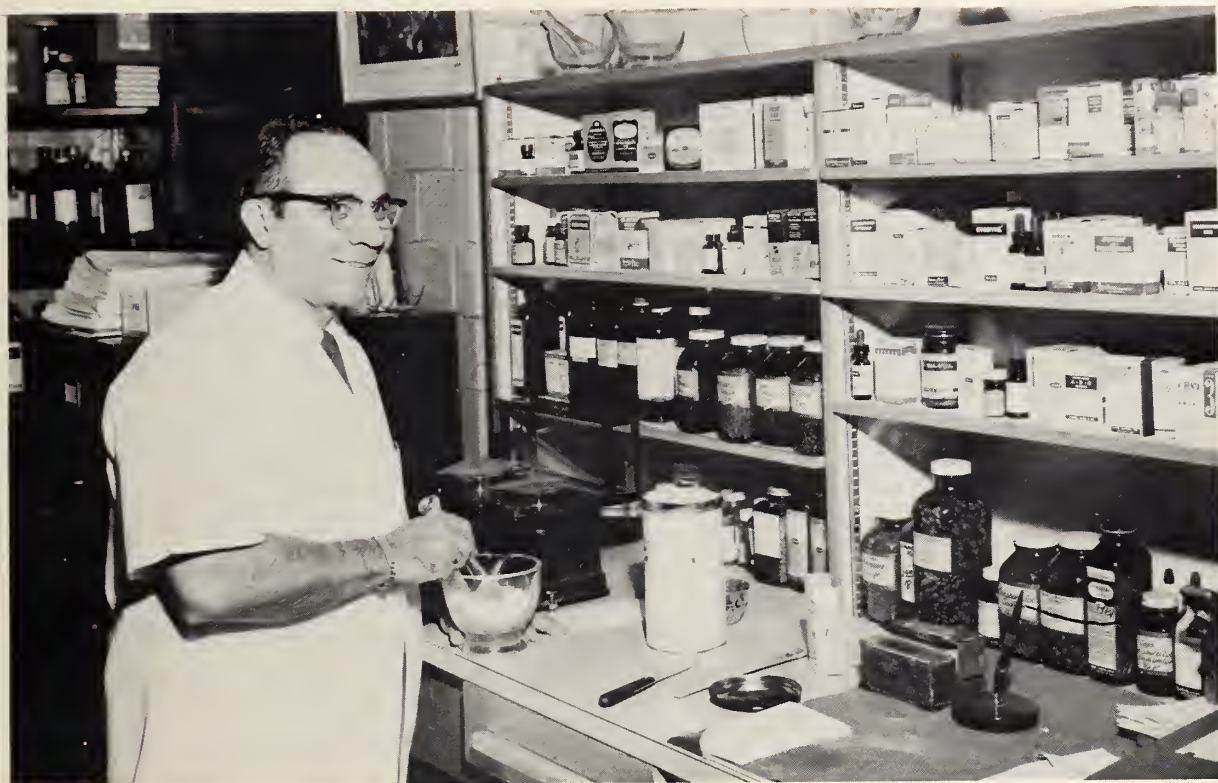
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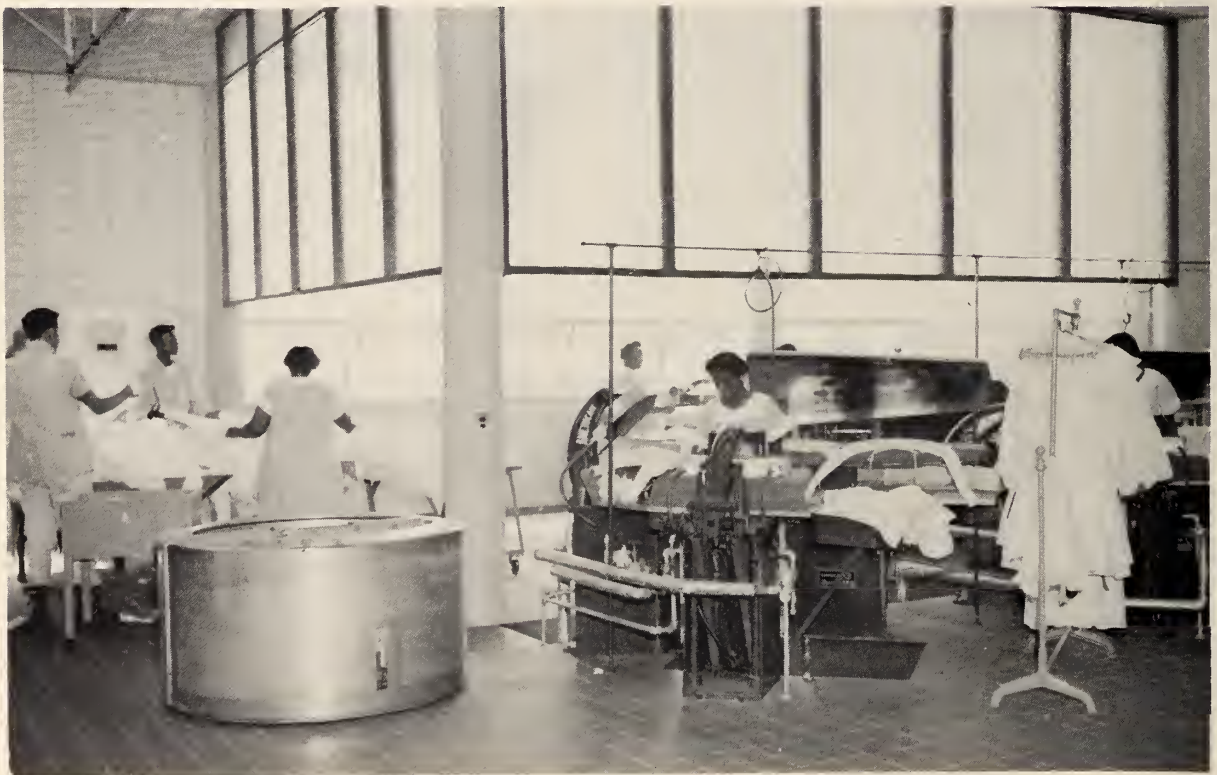
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*Laundry*







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