

200 Registered For N. D. Nurses' 1949 Convention; Sessions End Friday

More than 200 had registered today for the 37th annual convention of the North Dakota State Nurses' Assn., which opened at the Clarence Parker hotel Wednesday.

This figure is something of a record for the association meetings, officers reported.

Election of officers, meeting of the house of delegates and final reports will bring the convention to a close Friday morning. A post-convention, board meeting is set for Friday afternoon.

Three visiting guest speakers appeared on the program today,

sectional meetings were held this afternoon and the convention banquet is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the Silver Saddle room of the Clarence Parker.

Annie Laurie Crawford, assistant executive secretary of the American Nurses' Assn.; **Dr. Daniel O. Posin**, scientist on the faculty of N. D. Agricultural college, who talked on the nurse in the atomic age, and **Dr. Paul V. Joliet**, surgeon, federal security agency, U. S. public health service, who appeared at a public health luncheon at noon, were the speakers today.

At the banquet, **Ray C. Dobson** of The Minot News, who made a trip to Europe as a guest of the U. S. air force earlier this year, will be the speaker and **Lt. Gov. C. P. Dahl** will make presentation of the **Linda Richards** award to **Lois E. Grindberg**, R. N. of Valley City. This award of merit for achievement during student days is named for the first professional nurse in the United States.

Florence Sweney, R. N., director of nurses at Trinity hospital in Minot, is chairman of the **Linda Richards** award committee.

Honorable mention in the award went to **Florence M. Fredricks**, Fargo; **Anna Bjornason**, Grand Forks and **Doris Bjerkan**, R. N., Trinity school of nursing, Minot.

Ulric M. Gwynn, secretary-manager of the Minot Association of Commerce will preside at the banquet.

In her talk to the nurses Wednesday, **May Bagwell**, consultant on industrial relations, ANA, discussed the economic security program as it affects the nurse in today's world.

The economic security program of ANA "has grown out of the insecurity of nurses today," Miss Bagwell said.

The program, adopted in 1946, seeks a general improvement in the economic status of nurses, including legislation to extend

benefits of the federal social security to nurses not now covered.

A study of salary schedules is planned by ANA during the coming year, the speaker said, and she pointed to the need for research in the nurses' economic problems of each state. There must be a strong state organization, she emphasized, in order to secure proper legislation.

Demand for nursing care has increased tremendously in recent years, far outstripping the supply, but, it is pointed out, this deficiency will not be made up until the economic position of nurses is improved. Young women who might otherwise enter the field often are discouraged from doing so by various factors affecting the profession.

Dr. John J. Ayash, who described a medical excursion into the Arabian desert, was the speaker at the private duty dinner Wednesday evening, attended by 105 persons. **Mrs. Philip E. King**, state chairman of the private duty section, presided.

A meeting of the board, North Dakota league of nursing education, will be held tonight following the banquet, with **Martha Raugust**, R. N., Fargo, president, in charge.

ANA Representatives Speak At N. D. State Nurses' Meeting Here



Mrs. Scott

With two representatives of the American Nurses' Assn., and a large gathering of nurses from over the state here for the 3-day convention, the North Dakota State Nurses' Assn., began its annual meeting here this morning.

May Bagwell, consultant, industrial relations of the ANA, spoke this morning on the ANA economic security program as it affects the nurse.

Thursday morning Annie Laurie Crawford, assistant executive secretary of the ANA, whose field is public relations, will address the convention.

Both are taking part in the various sessions, as well as appearing in their formal addresses.

Registration figures, reached 160 during the morning, and officers expected that 200 will be enrolled for the remainder of the sessions.

Mrs. Florence Scott, Bismarck, president of the state nurses association, is presiding at the meetings, held in the Silver Saddle room of the Clarence Parker hotel. She gave the president's report this morning and other officers, committee chairmen and district heads also were on the program for reports.

"The Nurse in Today's World" is the convention theme and several program features are keyed to that theme.

Dr. Daniel Q. Posin, Russian-born scientist, now at the North Dakota Agricultural college, will speak Thursday morning on the place of the nurse in the atomic age. Miss Crawford will discuss the place of the nurse in the United Nations.

This afternoon Mrs. E. C. Geelan, mayor of Enderlin and former department president of the American Legion auxiliary, and Mrs. John E. Williams, R. N., Washburn, discussed nursing for the future, from the viewpoint of the layman and the nurse, respectively.

Dr. John J. Ayash of Minot, formerly of Lebanon, will speak at the dinner of the private duty section in All Saints Episcopal church at 6 o'clock this evening. Mrs. Philip E. King, Minot, chairman of the section, will preside.

The convention dinner and presentation of the Linda Richards achievement award will take place Thursday night at the Silver Saddle room. Ray C. Dobson of The Minot News will be the speaker and Lieut. Gov. C. P. Dahl will make presentation of the award to Lois E. Grindberg, R. N., of Valley City.

Dr. Paul V. Joliet, surgeon, federal security agency, U. S. public health service, will address the public health luncheon at First Presbyterian church Thursday noon.

Catherine Tuor, Minot, president of the Mouse River district nurses' association, hosts a group for the convention and Robert Brunton, assistant city manager, welcomed the convention visitors this morning, following a musical prelude by Mrs. J. H. Colton at the piano and a solo by Joan Emerson Fay, mezzo-soprano.

Sectional meetings on private duty nursing, at the home of Mrs. M. P. Aakraan; public health nursing, Silver Saddle room, and student nurses, Zion Lutheran church, are scheduled for Thursday afternoon. The student nurses also will have a luncheon at the Zion dininghall, preceding their meeting, Mrs. E. S. Johnson of New England to be leader.

Committees Plan For Nurses State Meeting Opening Here Wednesday



Miss Sweney

Florence Sweney, director of nurses at Trinity hospital, is general chairman of local committees for the 37th annual convention of the North Dakota State Nurses Assn., which will open here Wednesday morning.

A pre-convention meeting of the board of directors is scheduled for late this afternoon at Trinity nurses' home.

Registration is set for 8:30 to 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Silver Saddle room of the Clarence Parker hotel, where the sessions will be held.

Various reports, including those of the house of delegates, committee chairmen, and district presidents, as well as the president's address, are scheduled for Wednesday morning.

May Bagwell, consultant on industrial relations, American Nurses' Assn., will speak at 11 a.m. on the economic security program as it affects the nurse in today's world. This address is open to all persons interested.

Miss Bagwell is one of two

representatives of the ANA who will take part in the convention program.

Nursing for the future will be discussed Wednesday from 2:15 to 3:30 p.m. by Mrs. E. C. Geelan, Enderlin, speaking for the lay person and by Mrs. John E. Williams, R. N., Washburn, representing the nurse's point of view. This also is open to the public.

At 8 p.m. there will be a symposium at St. Joseph's nurses' home on the physical, mental and spiritual care of the patient. A mixer will follow.

Convention chairmen and committees include these Minot nurses:

Banquet — Marie Romsos, chairman; Kathleen Gergen, Luella Riste.

Exhibits — Norma Dunnell, chairman; Carol Erickson, Ardyce Malm.

Finance — Sister Victorine, chairman; Olga Tingum, Phyllasee Kehn.

Housing and hostess — Mrs. Verne C. Goddard, chairman; Ella Holub, Grace Murrey, Minnie Dahl, Luella Riste.

Private duty dinner — Mrs. Oscar Stordahl, chairman; Ella Holub, Mrs. Paul Asplund, Mrs. George Shuman.

Publicity — Ardyce Malm, chairman, Catherine Tuor.

Public health luncheon — Laura Smith, chairman; Mrs. Charles E. Byrne, Mrs. J. W. Murrey, Carol Erickson.

Registration — Laura Smith, chairman; Mrs. Shuman, Mrs. Larry Anderson, Mrs. Lyle Beecher, Mrs. Larry Neilson.

Student Nurses' luncheon — Marion Johnson, chairman.

Transportation — Mrs. Byrne.
Ushers and pages — Lois Balerud, Sister Amadea, Geneva Woods.

Board of faculty luncheon — Sister Amadea, Phyllasee Kehn, Minnie Dahl.

The Mouse River District Nurses Assn., Catherine Tuor president, is hostess group for the convention.

Valley City Nurse To Receive Linda Richards Award At Convention 1949

Lieut. Gov. C. P. Dahl will make presentation of the Linda Richards achievement award to Lois E. Grindberg, R. N. of Valley City at the banquet here next Thursday night in connection with the 37th annual convention of the North Dakota State Nurses' Assn.

Miss Grindberg was chosen for the honor on the basis of her work as a student in Mercy school of nursing, Valley City.

The award was named for Linda Richards, America's first professional nurse, whose memory was honored last year during the diamond jubilee of professional nursing in the United States.

Ray C. Dobson of the Minot Daily News will be speaker at the banquet, which will be held in the Silver Saddle room of the Clarence Parker hotel, at 6 p. m. Ulric Gwynn, secretary-manager of the Minot Association of Commerce will preside. Dobson will speak on a trip to Europe which he made within recent months.

Catherine Tuor of Minot, is president of the Mouse River District Nurses Assn., hostess group for the convention, and will welcome the visitors at the opening session Wednesday morning, in the Silver Saddle room. Miss Tuor is assistant director in nursing service at Trinity hospital.

Robert Brunton, assistant city manager, also will welcome the convention delegation following the opening formalities. Mrs. Florence Scott, Bismarck, president of the state association, will preside.

Miss Tuor emphasizes that interested persons will be welcomed at the sessions of Wednesday and Thursday all in the Silver Saddle room. Women who have formerly been in nursing and are not now following the profession, and student nurses are especially invited, Miss Tuor said.

Some of the important highlights of the convention program are these:

Talk on economic security, by May Bagwell, R. N., consultant on industrial relations of the American Nursing Assn., 11 to 11:45 a. m. Wednesday.

"Nursing for the future," the layman's point of view, Mrs. Agnes Geelan, Enderlin; the nurse's point of view, Mrs. John E. Williams, Washburn. This will occupy the time from 2:15 to 3:30 p. m. Wednesday.

Thursday, 10 to 10:45 a. m., "The Nurse in the atomic age," Dr. Daniel Q. Posin, extension service, North Dakota Agricultural college, who returned re-



Miss Tuor

cently from a series of 60 lectures in Great Britain on behalf of the Crusade for World Government.

Dr. Posin will be followed at 10:45 by Annie Laurie Crawford, assistant executive secretary of the ANA, who will discuss the United Nations world health organization studies of ANA.

Thursday afternoon will be devoted to sectional meetings, beginning at 2:15.

The private duty section will have its convention dinner Wednesday, at 6 p. m. in the crypt of All Saints' church, with Dr. John J. Ayash of Minot formerly of Lebanon, as the speaker. Dr. Ayash will speak on a "medical excursion into the Arabian desert." Mrs. Dorothy King of Minot is state chairman of the private duty section. After the dinner there will be a mixer and forum at the auditorium of St. Joseph's school of nursing.

Wednesday's luncheon for the board and faculty will be held in St. Leo's church; Thursday there will be a public health luncheon at the First Presbyterian church and a student nurses' luncheon at the Zion Lutheran dininghall.

The convention will close Friday with a meeting of the house of delegates, a business session of the association and a post-convention board meeting.

Florence Sweney, director of nurses at Trinity hospital, is the convention chairman.

Miss Crawford Speaks Thursday



Miss Crawford

In Minot for the North Dakota State Nurses' convention, which opened this morning at the Clarence Parker hotel, is Annie Laurie Crawford, assistant executive secretary, American Nurses' Assn.

Miss Crawford, native of Troy, S. C., was graduated from Highland hospital school of nursing at Asheville, N. C., and received a bachelor of science degree at the University of Washington, Seattle.

She served in public relations and personnel division of the U.S. naval reserve corps from 1943-46 and was counselor and recruitment director, public relations chairman, for the Alabama State Nurses' association before becoming assistant executive secretary of the American Nurses Assn.

Earlier she served as head nurse and superintendent of nurses, Highland hospital, Asheville; as director of nurses and educational director, affiliate school of psychiatric nursing, Idaho state hospital, Blackfoot, Idaho, and as educational director at the Bangor state hospital, Eastern Maine general hospital.

Miss Crawford will speak on the role of American nurses in the United Nations, when she appears on the convention program Thursday morning, beginning about 10 o'clock. Her address is open to interested persons.

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Heads Private Duty Nurse Group



Mrs. King

Mrs. Philip E. King, R.N., of Minot is state chairman of the private duty nurses section of the North Dakota State Nurses Assn., which will meet in Minot Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Mrs. King also is on the board of directors of the state association. At a dinner meeting of the private duty nurses Wednesday evening in the crypt of All Saints' church, Dr. John J. Ayash of Minot, formerly of Lebanon, will be speaker. The dinner is set for 6 o'clock.

A private duty sectional meeting of the convention will be held from 2:15 to 4 p.m. Thursday at the home of Mrs. M. P. Aakrann, with a tea following.

N. D. Nurses Name Slate Of Officers

At the final business meeting of their 37th annual convention in Minot today members of the North Dakota State Nurses Assn. named a vicepresident, directors and a committee on nominations.

Mrs. Florence L. Scott, Bismarck, who presided at the convention, continues for another year of her 2 year term as president.

Mrs. Clarence Bryant, Bismarck, obstetrical supervisor in Bismarck Evangelical hospital was named first vicepresident. Sister Helen Marie, Bismarck; Lydia Hepperle, Jamestown and Mrs. Ardyce Malm, Minot, were named directors.

On the nominating committee are Lucille Paulson, Grand Forks and Mrs. Geraldine Wolcott, Bottineau.

Sister Angele Tufts, OSB, Bismarck, second vicepresident; Jean Reid, Valley City, secretary and Mrs. Roy Paulson, Jamestown, treasurer, continue in their posts for another year.

Fargo will have the 1950 convention, with the Gate City district as hostess group.

A post-convention board meeting was scheduled for this afternoon.

Approximately 250 attended the convention banquet Thursday night in the Silver Saddle room of the Clarence Parker, where Ray C. Dobson of The News was the speaker and Lt. Gov. C. P. Dahl made presentation of the Linda Richards achievement award to Lois Grindberg Knecht, now of Wimbledon.

Dobson spoke on his observations in several countries during a recent trip to Europe and in particular on some of the bitter lessons to be learned by happenings in Germany under the Nazi regime and in World War II. He also exhibited in connection with his talk an interesting collection of articles he had brot from various countries.

Ulric M. Gwynn, secretary-manager of the Minot Association of Commerce, presided. The program included marimba selections by Kay Hooker, with Hester Johnson at the piano, and Miss Johnson, in charge of the laboratories, at Trinity hospital also appeared in a group of piano solos.

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Thursday afternoon sectional meetings were held, with Esther Fuhrman, Minot, leading the student nurse group, following a luncheon at Zion Lutheran church; Mrs. Philip E. King, Minot, state chairman in charge of the private duty section which had a meeting and tea at the home of Mrs. M. P. Aakrann and the public health group, Perne Knecht, Fort Totten, sectional chairman, meeting at the Silver Saddle room following luncheon at the Presbyterian church at

which Dr. Paul V. Joliet of the U. S. public health service was speaker.

The North Dakota League of Nursing Education board held a meeting following the banquet.

Speaking Thursday on the American Nurses Assn., in world affairs, Annie Laurie Crawford, assistant executive secretary of the ANA, said the ANA is sensitive to its role in international union and collaboration. This role began with charter membership in the International Council of Nurses, formed 50 years ago.

The ANA was represented when the United Nations conference was held in 1945 in San Francisco and also was represented the following year at the first session of the general assembly in London, to keep advised of United Nations developments.

"There is no doubt that nursing has a valuable contribution to make to the World Health Organization," Miss Crawford said. "The organization has undertaken a vastly ambitious task, to raise the standards of health all over the world. This job cannot be done single-handedly. It requires the support and the active participation of the medical profession and all of its allies, especially nursing," she emphasized.

Miss Crawford reminded the North Dakota nurses that the ANA is asking of its members an alert and active part in stimulating interest in observance of United Nations day, Oct. 24 and she listed a number of films, publications and other material available for use in this connection.

She outlined the platform for the ANA, particularly the phases dealing with expansion of the role of the American nurse in world affairs and provisions for expansion of nursing services to meet the health needs of the American people, and also touched on the United Nations appeal for children.

May Bagwell, consultant on industrial relations for the ANA and Miss Crawford have taken an active part in the convention thruout the 3-day sessions.