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# FERN LODGE'S

Sunday afternoon, May 25th at 2:30 pm First Church of Christ, Scientist 1814 B Street Hayward Child Care Provided

Keynote Speaker Will Be Mrs. Naomi Price, CSB.

of Boston and London

Open House Immediately Following Fern Lodge 18457 Madison Avenue Castro Valley

#### From the Board

#### THE FIELD NEEDS FERN LODGE . . AND FERN LODGE NEEDS YOU!

So far as we can project at this time, in this current fiscal year that will end on June 30, 1980, for the first time in our history, operating expenses will greatly exceed our income.

It appears that we shall end the year with an operating loss in excess of \$45,000. This is more than double the donations we are receiving. We also must allow for necessary repairs and replacements, and recognize the needs of our dedicated and deserving nurses and staff to help them meet the rising cost of living.

As far as we can see at the present time, there is little reason to believe that costs will drop appreciably in the near future, so it is obvious that without more and larger donations from our friends in the Field, Fern Lodge cannot long survive.

#### So, we need you!

According to a February, 1980, Newsletter received from the Department of Care of The Mother Church, there are in the United States twenty-three accredited Sanitoriums and five Nursing Homes. Sanatoriums are primarily engaged in providing intensive nursing care to those suffering from accidents, critical illnesses, etc., and who usually return home after a short stay.

Nursing Homes, on the other hand, provide nursing care to patients, the majority of whom are elderly and most of whom require loving care for extended periods of time. This means that in all of the United States there are only five facilities, including Fern Lodge, which operate primarily to meet the nursing needs of students of Christian Science who, for whatever reason, have failed to reverse the mortal mind arguments of old age, but who still want to rely entirely on Christian Science for healing and do not want to be placed in a medically operated nursing home and be forced to take drugs or be kept under sedation.

#### So, Fern Lodge is greatly needed!

A large majority of our guests have depleted their financial resources and are on welfare. Fern Lodge, therefore, receives for them only the allowance set by Medi-Cal for medical nursing homes (where a nurse gives less attention to each patient and as a result care for more guests at a correspondingly lower cost). The total income we receive does not begin to pay for our operating expenses. When to this deficit is added the funds required to up-grade the facility and to replace (at today's inflated prices) equipment that has become obsolete or worn out, we are faced with an urgent need for more funds.

We greatly need more nurses. We need volunteer workers (to read to the guests, talk to them, read the Lesson Sermon, help feed those who cannot see well or have difficulty feeding themselves).

#### YOU are greatly needed!

We need your metaphysical support to demonstrate that divine Love actually is meeting every human need (S&H 494:11)

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#### **NEWS FROM THE NURSING C**

# NAOMI PRICE

We are delighted that Mrs. Naomi Price, C.S.B., is to be the principal speaker at our Annual Meeting. After nearly ten years of service as a Christian Science lecturer, in June, 1970, Mrs. Price was called to be Associate Editor of the Christian Science periodicals - the Journal, the Sentinel and the Heralds - a position from which she resigned the first of this year to devote full time to her Association, her teaching and her work as a practitioner.

As a practitioner in Great Britain, she early learned the need for Christian Science Care facilities and one of her first editorials published in the Journal after she became Associate Editor was on "The Christian Science Nurse." Her message will be most inspiring.



BLANCHE AND RAY DARNELL, vacationing from Elsa, Ill., volunteered their expertise to make and put up long-needed shelving in the maintenance shop. For many years residents of Napa, they were here to visit family - in this case, daughter and son-in-law Anna Lisa and Bob McVey.

## Seventh Annual Care Seminar at Arden Wood

For the first time, the Annual Administrator's Conference included Nursing Superintendents and Board members for the three-sided pursuit of "Unity in the Healing Work."

The December 3rd-5th meetings, held at Arden Wood Benevolent Association in San Francisco, included a talk by our own George Strong during the session on "Educating the Field about Nursing/ Attracting Nurses."

He told of Fern Lodge's pioneering of the Adventure-in-Learning series of workshops that give a two-day introduction to the practical work-a-day world of the Christian Science nurse, the purpose of its healing ministry and the career possibilities involved.

As a result, several other care facilities plan to initiate similar programs with an end toward attracting more Christian Scientists to the Christian Science nursing profession.

#### **Nurse's Training Scholarships**

Many times a participant in our Introduction to Nursing workshop finds that Christian Science nursing is indeed the career toward which he/she wants to train.

This often involves a midlife career change or preparation for a beginning career. Financial requirements during the transition period can be a burden.

Fern Lodge's desire to help financially (it has already given four scholarships or part scholarships), coupled with its constant search for qualified nurses for its own staff, has led to the initiation of a Scholarship Fund for the first year of training at Arden Wood.

To qualify, a recipient must fulfill a ten-week learning period as a nurse's aide at Fern Lodge and, if accepted for training at Arden Wood, will return to Fern Lodge for the nine-month On-the-Job-Training period. This can continue for up to three years. When finished with the one, two or three years of training, the recipient may then elect to stay at Fern Lodge or go into the Field.

Each year's training at Arden Wood Costs \$1100, not including board and room.

### ARE FIELD AND FERN LODGE

You in the Field have funded generously the improvement and expansion of Fern Lodge's physical facility, and supported its healing metaphysically. With much gratitude we now ask you to help us to "grow our own nurses" to help, in some measure, to fill our great need for nurses.

While the Introduction to Nursing workshops have planted the seed in many a receptive thought, the nurturing process must continue so that the ten-week preparatory schooling will ripen into application for the first year training program at Arden Wood. Your contribution will help these desires to bloom full-orbed.

Fern Lodge's latest scholarship recipient is Mrs. Patricia Alvarez. She has given permission for us to print portions of her letter to the Fern Lodge Board.

- "Please extend to the Board of Directors my heart-felt thanks for the scholarship to Arden Wood Nurses Training School.
- "This experience is a milestone in my life, and it's a joy to be a part of the activity here at Arden Wood. When I see the quality and dedication of my classmates, as well as the other workers, I feel confident about the future of our Cause.
- "Of course, I've been sharing the good news about Fern Lodge to all who will listen...
- "I'm looking forward to returning in May for my O.J.T...."

Your tax-deductible contribution may be sent to:

NURSING SCHOLARSHIP FUND FERN LODGE, INC. 18457 Madison Avenue Castro Valley, Calif. 94546

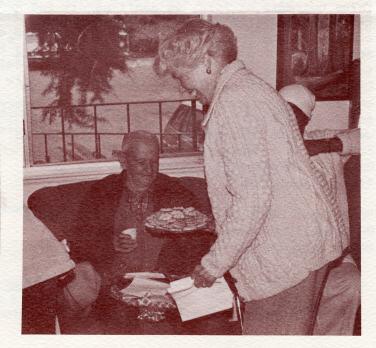
#### Name Change From Boston

As of April 1, 1980, the Department of Care of The Mother Church is listed as the <u>Department of Practitioners and</u> Nursing Activities.



(Above) Superintendent of Nurses Camille Lindsay and Nurse Jennifer Gordon watch as Bob Honeycutt takes a first glimpse at the double-framed letter of appreciation from Fern Lodge and an 8 X 10 picture of him picking a rose from one of the many lovely bushes that he has beautifully cultivated at Fern Lodge.

After 12 years, Bob has retired. Staff and Board said their goodbyes with a party. The picture below shows Board President Betty Dempsey giving him first choice on goodies.



### **METAPHYSICAL MEETING**

"LOVE THE MOTIVE-POWER OF HEALING" - this was the subject of the Quarterly Staff Metaphysical Meeting. Principal speaker of the day was Mrs. Joan Boutselis, practitioner and First Reader of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Fremont, California. Here are a few excerpts from her talk.

"Mrs. Eddy gives us many enlightening statements regarding motive. Motive-power, she uses as a hyphenated word; the motive and power are one!...And healing? - well, the word heal comes from the word whole; therefore, our subject...also means God, the impelling force of His wholeness!

"Do our lives prove '...divinely and scientifically, that God is Love?' (S&H 42:1) Since Jesus' life proved that God is Love, what life did Jesus lay down in his proof of Love? The counterfeit of Life. He never could lay down the Christ, but he could and did give up the counterfeit life, matter, all the mortal mind lies that state that the impelling force is death, Satan, not Love.

"Jesus told us we must follow him. Every time we deny evil and its false cries of death and destruction, refute mortal mind suggestion or annihilate anything unlike God, aren't we laying down the counterfeit life?

"...mentally announce: 'I do love my true selfhood enough to claim it, to be it!' You know, we really don't have a choice. That is our selfhood; there is no other.

"When we love ourselves enough to lay down our false concepts of life, we don't merely pad mortal existence with a few good metaphysical statements and continue to plod along...Love's design for our day is vital to us and we need to be mentally still in order to listen to Love...The truth of God's love for His image and likeness becomes our 'motive-power of every act'...Love does it! It's not a self that we've crammed full of the letter of Christian Science, that does the healing; it is Love, God. As Love's child, healing is our continuous activity.

"God, Love heals - and we are His witnesses. Our impelling force, 'Love, the Motivepower of Healing' is our being!" Seen Around the Lodge were these glimpses of (top to bottom) Jennifer Gordon and a visiting friend reading the Lesson to patients, Catherine Adeyemi giving a much-desired manicure and Vicki Kruger sporting the umbrellaparasol hat given her for rain and sun protection on the many days she spends out-of-doors.











# Holiday Fun!

CHRISTMAS-AT-THE-LODGE brought together patients who played piano (above left), played with babies (below) and watched with glee (above right) while Staff members with family and friends sang hymns and carols and passed the goodies.

Goodies and decorations were made by our much-appreciated volunteers.





