

New Nursing School



An important addition to the educational facilities of this region is the new Southern Oregon School of Practical Nursing, with classes conducted at Rogue Valley Memorial hospital. Women enrolled in this first class recently completed the first phase of their training and began clinical training at the hospital. Pictured here with newly acquired visual education aids are Mrs. Thelma Morris, Talent (at left) and Mrs. Ethel Nicodemus, Medford, examining the large model eye and ear. The models, purchased by the Visual Aids department of the Jackson County school superintendent's office, are loaned to the nursing class and are also available to public schools of the county. The new school is sponsored by the vocational education department of Medford public schools.



A capping ceremony at Rogue Valley Memorial hospital marked the end of the academic phase of training for the first class of practical nurse students. The ceremony was conducted by Mrs. Bertha Morrill, R. N., instructor of the class, (at left) Mrs. Mary Vanderlin, R. N., supervisor of nurses at Rogue Valley hospital; Mrs. Maurene Beuttner, R.N., of the hospital staff. Shown receiving their caps are (left to right) Mrs. Mary Belle Lumley, Phoenix; Mrs. Ethel Nicodemus, Medford; Mrs. Delphia Schmelzer, Phoenix, and Mrs. Ella Rea Smith, Medford.



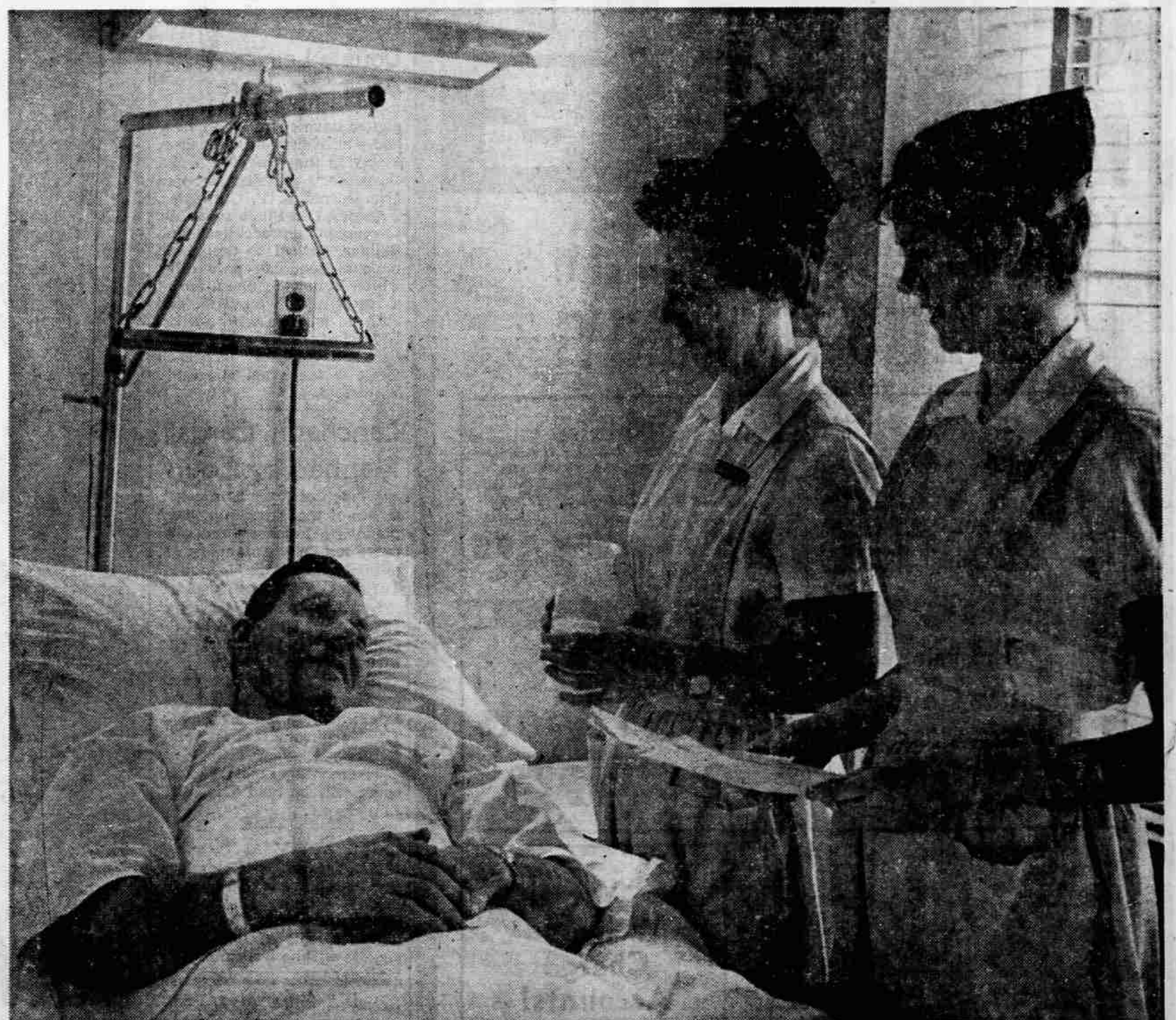
Learning how to give a bed bath, two of the students in the new school of nursing have as a "patient" the life sized dummy which the women named Mrs. Chase. Mrs. Betty Patch, Medford, concentrates on washing Mrs. Chase's face, while Mrs. Marian Wanser, Grants Pass, observes. The new nursing school opened last September and the course requires a year of training, followed by a state examination and licensing of those who pass. Mrs. Wanser recently received a grant from Medford Altrusa club to aid her while she completes her nurse's education.



Infant care is included in the training being received by women in the first practical nursing course ever given in Medford. Using two life-size dolls, Mrs. Murel Thompson, Phoenix (at left) and Mrs. Delphia Schmelzer, Phoenix, demonstrate the proper way to hold a new born infant, and how to place the child in a crib. Applicants for the new class were carefully screened by the instructor, the vocational education department and others concerned with the new educational venture.



Student nurses use one another as "patients" when learning nursing techniques. Mrs. Clara Towne, Grants Pass (at left) and Mrs. Ella Rea Smith, Medford, began to learn about blood pressure measurements during a class period of the nursing school last week, with Mrs. Towne wearing the measuring device and Mrs. Smith using the stethoscope.



Helping to care for patients in Rogue Valley hospital is part of the new course in practical nursing now available in Jackson county. Here Lawrence Goode, Grants Pass, orthopedic patient at the hospital, poses with Mrs. Wanda Hanson, Central Point (at left) and Miss Janice Grove, Medford. The student nurses will also work and observe at the Jackson County Farm home and will be given clinical experience working with handicapped children in schools of the county. The training of practical nurses is will be given clinical experience working with handicapped children in schools of the county.