

NURSING

The Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO) is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The association, which calls itself "voice of nursing," has 16,000 members.

The RNAO at the half-century mark

proclaim the week of June 2-7 Nurses Week. The Peel chapter of

RNAO will have displays in Square One shopping centre and other places, including the lobby of Mississauga Hospital.

The Square One exhibit will depict nursing over the last 50 years.

Purpose of the association and its 58 chapters is to increase the effectiveness of nurses by promoting the profession, the common interest of its members and by representing and assisting registered nurses in relations with employers.

Says Lynn Jones, president of the Peel chapter:

"We are involved in recruitment by distributing pamphlets and folders to community colleges and universities and having members speak at various schools on career days.

"We also provide scholarships and bursaries."

She says the association influences legislation by keeping in close contact with members of the ministry of health and welfare and by preparing statements on various topics — most recently on the Report of the Health Planning Task Force and Family Planning Programs.

The Peel chapter is cooperating with Mississauga councillor Ron Searle, chairman of the district health council planning task force.

Formed three months ago, the task

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force is looking into the formation of a health council that would coordinate all health services in the area.

Forty-eight agencies and more than 2,000 people have participated in the RNAO Team Nursing Project.

Focus has been on the development of problem-solving techniques, human relations and leadership skills. A five-year report is available from the RNAO professional development department.

As well as keeping up with government legislation, the association has prepared a statement on nursing, which includes the



Allen Black 5, and his stomach rash get the close attention of Pat Commins and Charlotte Rough. They are registered nurses and the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

profession's philosophy, its code of ethics, functions, delivery of nursing and references.

Pat Commins, office nurse and co-chairman of the Peel chapter's 50th anniversary committee, says the impression lay persons have of nurses isn't all that accurate.

"Most people do not realize just what a nurse does, what is involved and particularly all the thinking a nurse has to do.

"A nurse" requires much more learning now than ever before. He or she has to keep up with new technology, social sciences, increased importance of human relations.

"More expertise is needed. Nursing education must be and is more controlled now.

"Therefore we have to have a voice in our own affairs — the



Emblem of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario

governing of our own profession."

Reta Brown, Mississauga Hospital administrator and member of the RNAO for 39 years, says nurses are more politically-minded today.

With the RNAO growing, there is more communication among the province's nurses so

they are better informed, she says.

"The primary concerns of a nurse are, of course, basically the same as they ever were, but the quality of nursing has changed.

"The total patient-care outlook has changed. Nurses are now more related with other health groups," she says.

Pat McMeeken, assistant director of Sheridan College School of Nursing, says the number of graduates from the school has increased recently.

To be accepted by the school, an applicant must graduate from Grade 12 with at least two sciences, preferably biology and chemistry. English marks and level of mathematics should also be good.

Upon graduation from the 22-month course, the student receives a diploma in basic nursing and is then eligible to write the registered nurses examination set by the Ontario College of Nurses.

In 1973, schools of nursing in Ontario were transferred to community colleges. Hospitals no longer offer nursing courses.

Mrs. McMeeken said the job market is fairly good, if "you're willing to leave location open."

The RNAO's big pro-

ject of the year is the 50th annual convention to be held June 11, 12, 13 and 14 at the Royal York Hotel.

Bonnie O'Neill, nurse-in-charge of the Victorian Order of Nurses, Peel branch, is one of the guest speakers.

In celebration of the anniversary, author Eric Handbury has written the book *Nurse*, a blend of words and pictures depicting nurses in 1975.

Last year there were about 5,000 nursing graduates in Ontario. In terms of salary, nurses have come a long way. As of April this year, the beginning monthly salary of a registered nurse was \$945.

This is a 65.8 per cent increase over the 1971 monthly salary of \$570. Twenty five years ago, the monthly pay of a registered nurse at career start was \$185.

Says Mrs. Commins: "We're moving, however slowly."

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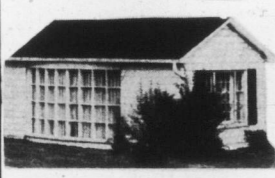
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Ferris Provincial Park, situated one mile south of Campbellford on County Road 31, has been expanded by adding 87 campsites, comfort stations, and boat launch ramp for access to the Trent River System. Regular fees apply.

Bronte Creek Provincial Park, at the Queen Elizabeth Way and Highway 25, midway between Toronto and Hamilton, will be open without charge this year for day-use and picnicking. Among its special features are a children's farm and nature hikes.

Quimet Canyon Provincial Park, near Dorion on Highway 27 about 35 miles east of Thunder Bay, provides walking trails along the canyon's edge to give visitors a spectacular view of the "Grand Canyon of Ontario." No admission charge.

Additional campsites are under construction at several existing provincial parks—Algonquin, Bon Echo, Killbear, Fairbank, Remi Lake and Ivanhoe.

If you would like more information about Ontario provincial parks or campsites, or a map showing their locations, write to:

Ontario Parks Division,
Ministry of Natural Resources
Whitney Block
99 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1W3

Ministry of Natural Resources
Leo Bernier, Minister

The Ontario Government has a firm policy of establishing and maintaining provincial parks and campsites.

This year, for example, four new provincial parks and over 600 new campsites are being developed for the enjoyment and recreation of Ontario residents—bringing the total number of operating parks to 120 and campsites to 21,000.

The new parks are:
Silent Lake Provincial Park, 1860 acres situated 13 miles north of Apsley on Highway 28.

85 campsites are available, but no motor boats will be allowed. Regular fees apply.



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AREA	THURSDAY, MAY 22ND	FRIDAY, MAY 23RD	SATURDAY, MAY 24TH
NORTH WEST FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION	Thursday, May 22nd Westdale Mall 6:00 P.M.—9:00 P.M. Square One Plaza 6:00 P.M.—9:00 P.M.	Saturday, May 24th Westdale Mall 9:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M. Square One Plaza 9:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M. Contact: Mr. Paul Bernhardt 822-6400	Saturday, May 24th Burnhamthorpe Arena 10:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M. Westwood Mall — Malton 10:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M. Contact: Mr. John Carriere 270-2974
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SOUTH EAST FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION	Thursday, May 22nd Applewood Plaza 6:00 P.M.—9:00 P.M. Cawthra Arena 6:00 P.M.—9:00 P.M.	Saturday, May 24th Applewood Plaza 10:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M. Cawthra Arena 10:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M. Contact: Mr. Wally Bursa 278-4579	Saturday, May 24th Applewood Plaza 10:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M. Cawthra Arena 10:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M. Contact: Mr. Wally Bursa 278-4579

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