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HOSPITAL NEWS

by Les Clark Tonight the Hospital Board and the Medical Association are holding a farewell presentation for Mrs. Mary Manning, who is leaving the hospital for a new position with the Clarke Institute in Toronto. Mrs. Manning will be greatly missed in the hospital, and has been an excellent Director of Nursing during her stay with us. For some time, however, she has evinced a desire to specialize in the field of psychiatric treatment, and when the opportunity arose, quite naturally she took advantage of it. She was with Georgetown Hospital when it opened, went to the Milton School for the Deaf, and returned to Georgetown as nursing director some eighteen months

The Board, Staff and the Medical Association all join in best wishes in the future to an extremely popular and able department head.

It seems the local horticultural firms are determined that the grounds of the Hospital will be second to none in beauty! Mr. Joe Pokluda, the general manager of Sheridan Nurseries Ltd., Glen Williams, Ont., has just finished supervising the planting of quite a number of shrubs and trees, among them Pyramid Cedars; Malus shrubs, Lonicera, (honeysuckle) and a number of Maple trees. On behalf of the Board and staff we would like to thank this very generous gift of Mr. Pokluda and his firm. Certainly, along with the previous donation of Dominion Seed, this does much to make the grounds a place of beauty. Mrs. Pokluda, incidentally, is a very active volunteer worker in the Hospital.

Administrator Fred Whittaker tells us that the hospital is running along very efficiently, these days, a fact that we suspect, he is in large part responsible for, with the efficient-aidof a dedicat a and competent Hospital staff.

Visitors to the Hospital may have noticed a series of cartoons on various walls, depicting 'Do's and Dont's for Visitors.' These we commend to all for perusal. In most cases they are excellent, and underne the wit, outline a great of common sense practices we can all use when visiting patients,

Wants Psychiatrist Advice—Auxiliary Class Candidates

The method by which some Georgetown public school pup-ils are judged to be candidates for the Auxiliary Classes for slow learners isn't what it should be according to public school trustee Harry Shortill.

At a board meeting Wednesday night, May 4, at Harrison Public School, Mr. Shortill contended that none of the members of the selection panel, the area inspector O. G. McDowell, Halton Medical officer of Health Dr. Archie Bull and the principals of the schools in which the classes are held, are qualified to rule on the pupils' abilities to learn.

"Selection should be by a qualified psychiatrist," Mr. Shortill said. He told his fellow-trustees that the board should be looking into the possibility of having a psychiatrist or psychologist rule on the youngsters' capabilities before they areiplaced in the Auxiliary classes."

Mr. Shortill made the suggestion after he learned that only a very small per centage of pupils placed in auxiliary classes ever return to the regular classroom. He said the board was led to believe that the children entering the classes would receive corrective measures.

Some trustees said they felt the cost of having a psychologist assess the qualifications of the young candidates might make it prohibitive, bowever, they agreed to confer with a qualified specialist to find if such a plan would be feasible.

Inspector O.G. McDowell, who was present at the meeting, said he would be happy to see the board institute the plan if they found it was workable. He said he knew of no other school system the size of Georgetown currently boasting a psychiatrist on its selection board - probably because of the expense.

The Georgetown public school system includes two Auxiliary classes, a junior class with 15 pupils, and a senior class with 17 pupils. Mr. McDowell said there is a need here for a third

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