

Wristwatch king

Time on your hand?
It's costly by Piaget

Many watchmakers agree that complete accuracy in time pieces is impossible, however, one of Europe's oldest manufacturers of watch movements, Piaget of Switzerland, has produced an electronic watch capable of holding time to a loss of only one second a month.

"This is the highest precision ever achieved in a bracelet watch," Emile Keller of the house of Piaget said yesterday.

Mr. Keller is in Toronto this week to arrange for a showing of Piaget time pieces at the house of Lucas on Bloor Street West to open on May 5. He says the Piaget electronic wrist-watch—it won't be for sale until August—"is battery powered, has no wheels and no spring. Dominating its movements is a piece of quartz which receives thousands of vibrations per second from a battery. The more vibrations, the more precise a time piece."

But the majority of watch buyers can curb their impatience because the cheapest Piaget watch ever made—a simple little piece with a leather strap—retails at \$1,000. The most costly? A \$170,000 wrist-watch sold last year, three days after it was finished, to an African.

The 80 wristwatches assembled for the Lucas show represent a total cost of \$2-million.

One of the most exciting pieces in the collection is an

award-winning bracelet watch made by Piaget's top designer, Jean-Claude Guelt. Valued at \$70,000, the bracelet is composed of diamonds and mother of pearl and the movements represent more than 71 hours of highly specialized work.

Also in the collection are several wide, heavy gold and precious stone bracelets with tiny, precious stone faces; bracelets bulky with diamonds, the tiny timepiece concealed under a diamond-encrusted sprung door; heavy gold chains with a watch pendant at the waist line.

"Nothing but 18-karat gold is used in the manufacture of Piaget wristwatches," Mr. Keller says. "Yellow gold is the preference on this continent, white gold in Europe."

Piaget is the only watchmaker in the world that manufactures everything that goes into a bracelet watch—movement, case, dials, bracelets and crystals. Mr. Keller says: "Ninety-five per cent of the watchmakers in the world assemble movements made by others. The other 5 per cent make their own movements but not the cases, dials, etc. When the company was founded in 1874 by the grandfather of the present owners, it produced works for other watchmakers to assemble. Today, we turn out completely—16,000 watches a year, in 1,500 different designs."

ELIZABETH THOMPSON ADVISES

Finding play pals
hard for 9-year-old

Dear Mrs. Thompson:

I am 9 years old and am having a bad time trying to get a friend. I just get somebody to play with me when somebody else comes along and takes them away. I want a best friend. Not just a friend for now and then. Why can't friends keep on being nice to some kids?

One day Joan will be fun with me, and the next day she's making fun of me to other kids. Then Mary will do skipping with me, and somebody gives her a candy and she goes away with them. I just want somebody to play with me with and skip, or just tell stories and look in store windows. But I want them to stay friends and not be mean.

Elizabeth
The friend thing for little kids is hard—especially in the city where so much is going on and where there are so many children vying for one

Dutch princess
second woman
to open CNE

Princess Margriet of The Netherlands will officially open the 92nd annual Canadian National Exhibition on Friday, Aug. 21.

She will be the first woman to officiate at a CNE opening since the Duchess of Kent performed the honors in 1954.

The opening of this year's exhibition by a member of The Netherlands royal family is linked to the 25th anniversary of the liberation of Holland during the Second World War by Canadian armed forces.

"We tried to get Queen Juliana but she will not be leaving Holland for some time," David Garrick, the CNE's acting assistant general manager, told CNE directors yesterday. Queen Juliana had a 10-day visit last month with her youngest daughter, Princess Christina, who is studying in the Montreal area.

Brig. R. S. Malone will take the salute at the annual Warriors' Day parade at the CNE on Aug. 22.



Sheryl Robinson, left, Lana Ross, Maria Cannistraci, Fernando de Sousa, Angela Fraser, Dawn Junior, Donna Fraser, Tony Junior, Julia Bristol, Debbie Robinson, Debbie Little, Diana Dea, teacher Gwen Lee.

Children learn traditions
of races in story and song

By WILLIAM JOHNSON

Gwen Lee, who originated and directs an after-school program for black and white children, is reading from a book about colors:

Brown is a freckle, brown is a mole,
Brown is the earth when you dig a hole.
Brown is the hair on many a head,
Brown is chocolate and gingerbread.

Mrs. Lee, 28, sits on a chair at the front of the room. Fifteen children, 6 to 10 years old, are settled on cushions strewn about the floor around her. The children are shades of black, white and brown. They listen as Mrs. Lee reads about things that are brown, and throw in a few discoveries of their own.

Later the children paint, mold plaster into animals and make big, floppy flowers out of colored tissue paper, wire and plastic tape.

"One of the things I felt was important was the way things relate to colors," Mrs. Lee said after 5 o'clock had come and the children had left for the day. "You get the black-white, good-bad syndrome

Mrs. Lee has two children, a boy, 8 and a girl, 5. It was when her son began kindergarten that she began thinking of starting an after-school program.

"Some little boy told my son that as he grew

up he was going to become browner and browner," Mrs. Lee said. "That bothered him. It was then I came to the conclusion that the school wasn't going to be adequate to his racial needs."

Last year, she began a Saturday morning school in the basement of a church hall, where black and white children could come to play and learn about each other's cultural heritage. This year, with the help of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, she has been conducting the school five days a week in the annex of Charles G. Fraser Public School, put at her disposal by the Toronto Board of Education. She pays only janitorial fees.

The children come directly after classes at Ryerson Public School and Charles G. Fraser Public School. They sing a medley of children's songs and songs from the black tradition—Michael, Row the Boat Ashore; Kumbaya. They listen to stories about children in Japan, Europe, North America and Africa.

Unobtrusively, through games, songs and stories, the children learn that there is a black tradition, just as there are many other traditions in a varied world. A description of the Royal Court in Britain is matched by a description of the oba (king) of the Benin empire in Nigeria.

The library in the school room has books like To Be a Slave, Booker T. Washington, Ambitious Boy, Golden Slippers: An Anthology of Negro Poetry for Young Readers, and African Mythology.

Mrs. Lee is telling the children the story of Harriet Tubman, born in the southern United States in 1820.

"Why did Harriet run away?" she asks. "Because she didn't want to be a slave any more," one child replies.

"She got whipped," another says. "She had a chain around her neck."

The children come, voluntarily, because they enjoy it. In the process, Mrs. Lee hopes, they will have learned something about themselves and other human beings. "They may choose to make individual qualities more important than race."



Dawn Junior, 8, uses teeth to untangle wire knot.



Winslow Fraser molds plaster horse and rider.



Gwen Lee helps Kathy Stopay with paper flower.

Dues for 13,000 Ontario nurses
are increased to \$42 from \$35

By LEONE KIRKWOOD

Ontario's registered nurses, the only group of nurses in Canada who are not required by law to join their professional organization, were told yesterday they will have to pay higher dues because of a small membership.

The fee is \$35 but president-elect Dr. Josephine Flaherty (her doctorate is in nursing) said the board of directors proposes the fee should be \$42.

Her remarks about the financial plight of the Registered Nurses' Association brought frowns, a few ts-tskts and a general atmosphere of gloom. But later, nurse after nurse spoke from the floor in favor of the proposed increase.

No vote was taken on the fee because a bylaw must first be amended and approved at a general meeting to permit any change. Dr. Flaherty said a special general meeting probably will be called in the fall to vote on the fee which is one of a number of changes suggested to keep the association from going bankrupt.

The last fee change was four years ago when it was increased to \$35 from \$20 because the RNAO was expanding its facilities. As a result, the membership dropped from 18,000 to about 13,000.

Dr. Flaherty, in an emotionless voice, took about 40 minutes to tell the 2,000 nurses on the second day of their three-day annual convention about the seriousness of the situation.

She said the association has had four deficit budgets in five years, that it costs \$41.50

a member to supply the services the members want, that the deficits range from \$30,000 to \$72,000, that the group has had to dip into its investments and that as a result, the investments have decreased by 35 per cent—from \$404,602 in 1965 to \$263,976 in 1969.

And she said there is no way the association can persuade the Ontario Government to pass a law making membership compulsory.

Because of the situation, no budget is being presented for approval at this conference. Dr. Flaherty reviewed each department in the association and said the members, through their chapters and regional conferences, wanted them all kept.

To save money, the 60-member board of directors has proposed temporarily discontinuing bursaries and fellowships, cutting library services by half and reducing the \$10 affiliation fee to the Canadian Nurses' Association by \$3.

The board also proposes to make the professional development department more self-supporting. This department arranges for courses to upgrade nurses who pay fees for the courses but much of the cost is borne by the RNAO.

Dr. Flaherty said the board also wants several task forces to study the present structure and find out what influences members to stay.

"Some don't rejoin although some new members come in every year. We want to know why some don't rejoin," she said.

She defended another proposal that the RNAO try to get money from sources other

Nurses told shortage
of city jobs coming

Nurses were told yesterday that the day may soon come when they have to seek jobs outside of the big cities if they want to say in nursing.

G. B. Rosenfeld, chairman of the secretariat, Committee on Costs of Health Service, Ottawa, said suggestions have been made that there are not enough jobs in the large active treatment general hospitals for graduates.

He predicted future graduates may have to leave the

urban areas to get nursing jobs but he did not foresee a great number of job-hunting nurses. "Generally if supply equals demand, then the supply drops," he said.

Mr. Rosenfeld said that, as a member of the federal task force on health service costs, he learned more from ward nurses than from head nurses. There are too many head nurses promoted by seniority who stopped thinking as soon as they finished their three-year diploma course, he said.

Regional government
defended by Pleva

A university professor told 2,000 nurses yesterday not to fear loss of identity because Ontario is being divided into large regions.

Dr. Edward Pleva, geography professor at the University of Western Ontario, said the regions are set up to meet the needs of the people. "We have different regions to sell booze, shoot deer, police highways and serve schools."

He said the move is simply a new kind of differential gear so local responsibilities can be phased into provincial responsibilities.

Dr. Pleva, who described himself as an optimist about reclaiming the Great Lakes, said a new career is that of civilized landscaping.

He said when he sees a gravel pit, he visualizes it as a recreational area for future generations. Wise decisions must be made so homes, industries, shopping areas and schools—"you could name a thousand things"—are placed in the right spot so one area doesn't detract from another.

He predicted the next generation will be great walkers, hunting for trails and rediscovering lakes.

"They will not call their parents or us—their grandparents—blessed if we destroy these areas."

He said Ontario has plenty of second and third grade farm land for commercial purposes but agricultural land is downgraded in the province because of the abundance of farm produce.

One county alone—Kent—produces more agricultural produce than the four Atlantic provinces combined, he said.

He said people generally must ask themselves whether it is better to build new cities or spend the money on rundown downtown areas of older cities or have small towns. Surveys show that 80 per cent of the people live in big cities but only 6 per cent say they want to, he said.

Most people, he said, don't really know where they live. They may live in the same house their grandparents lived in but their children may go to four different schools and the parents work in a neighboring city. The range for most people used to be 4 square miles but now it is 100 square miles, he said.

than the association for formal continuing education program.

"We've got into many mansions we've never been in before. We get in by the front door, the back door and the windows. We look every way for funding," she said.

One nurse said she paid \$12 when she first joined the RNAO and her salary has now increased by more than four times as much as when she joined. Non-professional workers in her hospital pay \$48 to their labor union, she said.

Several members suggested a fee schedule geared to income, but Dr. Flaherty said the membership generally was against it.

She said the deficits occurred because the association was geared for 30,000 members and every year the directors kept hoping for an increase in membership.

Although the nurses did not vote on the issue, they gave two rounds of applause—one to the board which RNAO officers interpreted as a vote of confidence—and one to the board's proposed course of actions.

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430 Engagements

The engagement is announced of Cecily Mary daughter of Mrs. Gail and Mr. George M. Gail to Michael Dawson Savatelli son of Mrs. Henri Savatelli of the Town of Mount Royal, Que.

The engagement is announced of Heather Jane, daughter of Mrs. Foster and the late Mr. Rex Hurst Foster to Mr. David Paul Smith, son of Mrs. Smith of Peterborough and the late Reverend Campbell Bannerman Smith. The marriage will take place on Saturday, May 30, 1970, at 2:30 p.m. in the Chapel of St. George's United Church, Toronto.

MR. AND MRS. DUNCAN M. HOOD-PLATE, London, Ontario, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jayne Abbey, to Mr. James Lindsay Phillips, Montreal, Quebec, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Phillips, Vancouver, B.C. The marriage will take place on Saturday, May 23rd, 1970, at Huron College Chapel, London, Ontario.

DOCTOR AND MRS. JOHN M. DARTY, of St. John's Newfoundland, announce the engagement of their daughter, Frances Marie, to Mr. Michael John McCall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis McCabe of Toronto. The marriage will take place on Wednesday, May 20, 1970, at 6 o'clock in St. Basil's Church, Toronto.

MR. AND MRS. GORDON T. MILES announce the engagement of their daughter, Sylvia Kathleen, to Mr. Kenneth Wilson Gae, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gae of Halifax, York-shire. The marriage will take place on Saturday, June 6th, in All Saints Church, London, Ontario.

MR. AND MRS. FRANKLYN ALEXANDER PATON announce the engagement of their daughter, Daphne Gordon, to Mr. John Waywell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waywell. The marriage will take place on June 6th in St. Jude's Church, Oakville.

433 Forthcoming Marriages

MR. AND MRS. DAVID R. RIDGEON of Burlington wish to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Gail Ann, to Mr. John Neville Thompson of London. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Thompson of Dundas. The marriage will take place on Saturday, May 30, 1970, at 2:30 p.m. in the chapel at Huron College, London, Ont.

436 Marriages
KILGORE-FOWLER—The marriage of Brian and Catherine Campbell took place on Saturday, April 25, at 2 o'clock in the Senate Chamber of Glasgow University, Glasgow, Scotland. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Donald Broom. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fowler and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Featherston Kilgore.

454 Announcements
BIG SISTER THRIFT SHOP, 1743 Avenue Rd., Consignment Department closing day for Intake May 15; closing day of Consignment Department June 5. Summer closing of Thrift Shop June 24.

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Closed meeting with Munro

Atlantic provinces call for more welfare

OTTAWA (CP)—Atlantic Province representatives told federal Health Minister John Munro yesterday that they need a larger proportion of federal funds for welfare services.

Two provincial welfare ministers who were present at a two-hour meeting here with Mr. Munro, told the federal Government in a statement that it should insure minimum levels of welfare services are available to all Canadians.

Pits finish
RED DEER, Alta. (CP)—Never let food stand or soak in aluminum pots because it discolors and pits the finish, says Louise Starling, district home economist.

They suggested this could be achieved through an improved cost-sharing arrangement under the Canada Assistance Plan and proposed a formula which would "attempt to meet the pressing needs for a more adequate welfare program in the Atlantic area."

Gordon A. Tidman, Public Welfare Minister of Nova Scotia, read the statement and commented on it at a closed meeting attended by L. Norbert Theriault, Health Minister for New Brunswick, deputy ministers of welfare from Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island and federal health officials.

Later in an interview, Mr. Tidman said the federal-provincial cost-sharing provisions of the Canada Assistance Plan

have been useful to all provinces. But the richer ones who spent more on welfare services got a higher proportion of federal funds than did the others.

Muskoka nurses
vote to strike
over salaries

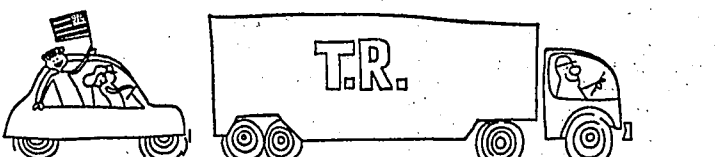
GRAVENHURST (CP)—Nurses with the Muskoka-Parry Sound health unit have voted to strike to support demands for a salary increase.

The nurses, nine full-time and five part-time, are asking a minimum annual salary of \$6,000. The board of health has offered \$5,550.

He said the cost-sharing plan proposed by the Atlantic provinces is based on two economic indicators: employment as a proportion of the labor force and the per capita income.

The present personal income in a province would be adjusted to take into consideration the variation in the employment rate in a province as compared to that of the whole country. This might offset differences in the stage of development of various provinces.

In their statement to Mr. Munro, the provincial ministers said that in recent years, expenditures on welfare services in the Atlantic provinces have increased rapidly and there is every indication that this escalation will continue.



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