

Nursing Program Started

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Western Piedmont Community college plans to offer a two-year program in nursing provided the State Board of Nursing gives final approval. Graduates will receive an associate degree in applied science.

Heading this program will be Miss M. Lee Floyd who has arrived from Little Rock, Ark. where she has been associate professor at the University of Arkansas for the past six years.

Miss Floyd arrived in Morganton Tuesday, found a place to live at 500 South King Street, and began work at the college Wednesday.

"I'm really enthusiastic about it. It's such a nice group of people," she said as she was introduced by Harold Olsen, director of vocational technical education. "The challenge of it is really exciting," she added.

Her program is expected to begin with approximately 30 students. "We hope eventually to bring the total enrollment up to 80 or 90 — over a period of years," said Olsen, "It is for both freshmen and sophomores."

Students will begin getting their basic educational background in September and the nursing classes will start in November. "This is still a proposed program subject to the State Board of Nursing," he said.

Olsen noted that Miss Tina Greene, RN, consultant to the State Board of Nursing, will be in Morganton June 22-23 to review the college facilities and plan of education. This is for state approval and accreditation. Action is expected on this early in July.

The plan is for the college to work with Grace Hospital, Broughton Hospital, Western Carolina Center, Valdese General Hospital, the Burke County Health Department and area nursing homes. "We will work in cooperation with Lenoir Rhyne College in using the Grace Hospital facilities. However there is no connection between the program of the two schools," said Miss Floyd.

A native of Louisiana, Miss Floyd received her RN at St. Luke's Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla. Then she went on to take a BS in nursing from Florida State University and a master's in nursing from the University of Washington in Seattle.

She counts up a total of 34 years of experience. In hospital experience there were 10 years

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as director of nursing and before that time spent as staff and head nurse, supervisor, night supervisor, infirmary nurse, and private duty.

She has 14 years of university teaching. She started as an instructor, became an assistant professor, and then an associate professor.

Miss Floyd, a Presbyterian, belongs to the American Association of University Women —has served both as vice-president and treasurer; is a former president of Altruss, Business and Professional Women Club, YWCA, American Red Cross, and is a member of three nursing and educational societies—Alpha Tau Delta, Pi Lambda Theta, Delta Kappa Gamma. Also she is a member of the American Nurses Association, N. C. Nurses Association, National League for Nursing, and State League for Nursing.

Her hobbies include flowers, being a rock hound, sewing, hiking, crafts, metalwork and reading.



READY TO TEACH—Miss M. Lee Floyd, who is to head the nursing program of Western Piedmont Community College, arrived this week in Morganton. Here she is taking stock of classroom equipment. This includes a man who comes apart. Students will have

the opportunity of naming him as well as the life-size female doll. At left is part of closed circuit television equipment to be used in the college this fall. (Staff photo by Dennis Kincaid)