

Miss Guro Bjornson (Burnson) Class of 1918.

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QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY THE CANDIDATE.

Accepted
10/12/14

Succo.

1. Name in full

Gertrude Burnson

2. Present address

Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

3. Permanent address

Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

4. Are you single, married, divorced or a widow?

I am single.

5. Are you free from responsibilities that might interfere with a three year's training?

yes.

Are you strong and healthy and have you always been so?

yes.

Have you any physical defects?

no.

Have you any tendency to pulmonary complaint?

no

Are both parents living?

yes

If not what was the cause of death?

What is your present occupation?

Vacation.

State your educational advantages

High School Graduate. 1 yr. of normal school.

Age

21

Height

5 ft. 6 in.

Weight

125

To what church do you belong?

Lutheran

Have you ever been in any other training school for nurses or hospital?

no.

Have you applied to any other training school?

Have you made personal application?

no

Date?

State preferred

time of entrance if application is accepted

Fall term 1914

Write a letter to the Superintendent of Nurses giving history and enclose references from your minister and physician.

I have read, clearly understand and agree to the conditions of admission and declare answers given to be true.

(Signed)

Gertrude Burnson

Date

August 3rd. 1914

Address

Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

Miss Anna M. Jorgenson

Augustana Hospital

Cor. Cleveland and Lincoln Aves.

Chicago, Ill.

November 10, 1967

Miss Anga Bjornson
2079 Oakland Avenue
Piedmont 11, California

Dear Miss Bjornson:

Thank you for your information. I, too, had the pleasure of many years of acquaintance with Dr. Percy. Your sister's book would greatly appreciated.

Applications are being processed for new students and probably about March we shall have the name of a student worthy of a scholarship.

Thank you for this kind gesture.

Most sincerely,

(Miss) Bertha E. Klauser, R.N.
Director of Nursing

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Oct 18
1967

Piedmont Rites Set For Guro Bjornson

PIEDMONT — Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Miss Guro Bjornson, a registered nurse, lecturer and authoress, who died Monday. She was 71.

A native of Wisconsin, she came to California in 1934. She lived at 2079 Oakland Ave.

Miss Bjornson's nursing career began in 1918 when she was graduated from Augustana Hospital School of Nursing in Wisconsin. *Bjornson*

During World War I, she was sent to Camp Grant in Illinois to care for over 120 victims of an influenza epidemic. She soon became ill herself and was forced to retreat to her farm to recuperate.

Miss Bjornson also lectured at many of Wisconsin's public schools on social hygiene and in 1929 she wrote and taught a homemaking and hygiene course for girls at the Milwaukee Vocational High School.

Her hobbies included collecting old glass and antique Norwegian chests and spinning wheels.

In 1934, forced to leave her native state due to ill health, she came to California and began writing.

Her stories were based on Norwegian customs and folklore and among those published in Women's Day Magazine were such works as "Hang High the Garland" and "Spring Blizzard."

Miss Bjornson is a member of California Nurses Association, California Writers Club, and although she has remained a member of a Lutheran Church in Wisconsin, she attended Central Lutheran Church in Oakland and was very active there.

She is survived by a sister, Anga Bjornson of Piedmont, and two brothers, Adolph Bjornson of Minnesota and Herman Bjornson of Wisconsin.

Services will be held at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow at Chapel of Albert Brown Mortuary, 3476 Piedmont Ave., Oakland. The Rev. Walter Gravrock of Central Lutheran Church will officiate.

BJORNSON, Guro, in Oakland, October 16, 1967, dear sister of Anga Bjornson of Piedmont, Adolph Bjornson of Minnesota and Herman Bjornson of Wisconsin; also survived by many nieces and nephews. A member of the Lutheran Church; The California Writers Club, and California Nurses Association.

Friends are invited to attend services Thursday October 19, at 3:30 p.m. in the chapel of ALBERT BROWN MORTUARY, 3476 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland; the Rev. Walter Gravrock officiating.

Nov 6 - 1961.

Anga Bjornson

2079 OAKLAND AVENUE
PIEDMONT 11, CALIFORNIA



Miss Bertha E Klanser
Augustana Hospital.
Chicago, Illinois

my dear Miss Klanser; - Thank you
for your very helpful letter,
about my sister Guro Bjornson.
These many letters have been
so encouraging in this difficult
period. It seems rather strange
to contact the hospital again. When
my sister was in training at
Augustana I visited there. Sat
in the top balcony while
the famous Dr. Percy performed
an appendectomy. I still remember
how he said, as the appendix
popped up after the incision,
"Isn't that beautiful!" a group
of interns was viewing the
operation on a lower balcony.
As you may know my
sister was called Gertrude Burnes
during her training, but we
went back to our real Norwegian

name - The official name of the family. I think she graduated in 1918.

I am having a book made of her stories. Soon to be ready. I would like to send several to your library if you would like them.

A nurses scholarship, I know, would please my sister. My only feeling about a fund is that it is too general. I want to know who gets it, and how much a month a nurse gets. I think my sister would like a Norwegian Lutheran girl. Can such a girl be found?

Our universities are filled with scholarship funds that are not used; I believe in using them.

I am enclosing the obituary from our local paper.

Sincerely yours,

August Bjornson

Elizabeth Buger is one of my best friends. Is doing very well in her work here. Highly respected by everyone.

Miss Anga Bjornson
2079 Oakland Avenue
Piedmont 11, California

my dear Mrs Staker: Thank
you for your good thoughts
and comforting words

at present I am busy
getting all of my stores
into a book in her
honor. I hope to send
one to you when done
and I shall send several
to Augustana.

I am contemplating a
Nurse's Scholarship in her
honor and would like
to know if anyone at
Augustana would need
one. The best nurse
in training at our

from Augustana -
Mrs Elizabeth Byers.
If you ever come
to California - come to
visit me. I have lots
of room.
Love

Anga

Dear Bertha! -

Rec'd, Oct. 26th 1967 - and
thought you could take
care of this -

Thank you - Sincerely
Olivia

October 30, 1967

Mrs. O. S. Stoker
1119 C. Greenleaf Avenue
Wilmette, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Stoker:

Thank you for your note regarding Guro Bjornson and also the letter from her sister. Mrs. Bjornson had certainly accomplished a great deal during her life time. Her sister's letter regarding a nursing scholarship represents a very thoughtful gesture.

Thank you for keeping us informed.

Most sincerely,

(Miss) Bertha E. Klauser, R.N.
Director of Nursing

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An embossed design of a rose with several leaves, located on the left side of the card.

*Your kind and thoughtful
expression of sympathy
is deeply appreciated
and gratefully acknowledged*

*Sincerely
Anga Bjornson*

October 30, 1967

Miss Anga Bjornson
2079 Oakland Avenue
Piedmont 11, California

Dear Miss Bjornson:

Miss Olivia Stoker notified us of the passing of your sister, Guro Bjornson. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy. I know that this must be a great loss to you and pray that God will assist you in this trying time. Your many happy hours together have provided memories which can never be taken from you. Your sister must have been a very clever individual.

Miss Stoker also forwarded a note regarding your interest in a nurses scholarship at Augustana Hospital School of Nursing. We have an educational fund which is perpetuated by gifts of this type. Should you care to contribute, I am certain that some student could profit greatly.

I was very much interested in your statement regarding the Director of Nursing at Kaiser Hospital, Mrs. Elizabeth Byers was one of my students and I have been very proud of her and the progress she has made.

Our prayers are with you at this time.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Bertha E. Klauser, R.N.
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November 1, 1967

For: Augustana Nurse.

Esther Nelson Unis, Class of 1919 passed from this life. June 11, 1967 in Olympia, Washington. She is survived by her husband Dr. John Unis and a son who is a veterinarian.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of James Jaspersen, husband of Clara Hillstrom Jaspersen, Class of 1923 and Father of Alice Jaspersen Wallhausen, Class of 1956. Mr. Jaspersen died October 28, 1967 in Chesterton, Indiana.

Guro Bjornson, Class of 1917 died October 16, 1967 in Piedmont, California. She was known as Gertrude Burnson as a student. She is survived by her sister Anja Bjornson. During her life Guro Bjornson had many stories published in magazines.

Sympathy is extended to Ellen Elizabeth Larson, Class of 1918, for the passing of her brother.

(Miss) Bertha E. Klauser, R.N.
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