

Yale University

## EliScholar – A Digital Platform for Scholarly Publishing at Yale

---

Yale School of Nursing Alumni Newsletters and  
Magazines

School of Nursing

---

Summer 7-1-1959

# YUSN Alumnae Newsletter

Yale School of Nursing

Follow this and additional works at: [http://elischolar.library.yale.edu/ysn\\_alumninews](http://elischolar.library.yale.edu/ysn_alumninews)

---

### Recommended Citation

Yale School of Nursing, "YUSN Alumnae Newsletter" (1959). *Yale School of Nursing Alumni Newsletters and Magazines*. Book 90.  
[http://elischolar.library.yale.edu/ysn\\_alumninews/90](http://elischolar.library.yale.edu/ysn_alumninews/90)

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the School of Nursing at EliScholar – A Digital Platform for Scholarly Publishing at Yale. It has been accepted for inclusion in Yale School of Nursing Alumni Newsletters and Magazines by an authorized administrator of EliScholar – A Digital Platform for Scholarly Publishing at Yale. For more information, please contact [elischolar@yale.edu](mailto:elischolar@yale.edu).

24

# Yale University School of Nursing

## ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

### *Newsletter*

New Haven, Conn.

Summer, 1959

#### ACTING DEAN SCHORSKE BECOMES DEAN WALD

Our Acting Dean, Florence Schorske '41, became Mrs. Henry Wald on June fourteenth, and full Dean of the School of Nursing on July first. The almost simultaneous acquisition of two new titles has given new importance to the position of Dean at Y.S.N. Last year Dean Bixler originated the trend by becoming Mrs. Torrey, and Mrs. Wald has increased its significance by taking a similar course of action this year.

Mrs. Wald has acquired not only an engineer husband but two delightful children, Joel, aged 8 and Shari, 6 years old and a "future nurse." Presently living in New Jersey, the Walds will move to Westport, Connecticut, later in the summer, so that Mr. Wald can commute to New York City, and Mrs. Wald can commute to Brady Corridor.

#### ALUMNAE DAY

The Annual Meeting of the Alumnae Association was held on Saturday morning, June 6th. The proposed budget of \$3,700 was accepted. This was \$300 more than last year's budget and provided for additional clerical assistance, speakers' honorariums, setting up a card file system, and a new item for maintenance of equipment. During the 1958-1959 year, 692 alumnae paid \$3,630.50 in dues. This represented an increase over the previous year when 634 alumnae paid \$3,460.50.

The new officers of the Association are Vice President, Betty Ford '56; Secretary, Mary Dye '58; Treasurer, Elizabeth Smith Day '52; Board Members, Dorothy MacLennan '52 and Sarah Rowley '46. Elected to the Nominating Committee were Helen Chuan '46,

Antoinette Daniels '30 and Dorothea Knott Hemenway '39. Continuing to serve for another year are Lucy Conant '50 as President; and Mary Stone Brodish '57, Elizabeth Armstrong Bucholz '30, and Aldyth Longshore Claiborne '36 on the Board of Directors.

Saturday afternoon Dean Schorske led the alumnae in an informal discussion on nursing education on a graduate level, with much interest and concern expressed about quality of nursing care.

At the banquet at Woolsey Hall, with the graduating students as their guests, alumnae were greeted by the three Deans, Effie J. Taylor, Elizabeth Bixler Torrey and Florence Schorske. Miss Marguerite Kakosh spoke on "Is there a shortage of nurses or of nursing?", and affirmed that while there may be a question as to an inadequate number of nurses, there definitely exists a shortage of nursing.

#### COMMENCEMENT 1959

For the first time the School of Nursing was represented among the standard bearers carrying the various Yale College and graduate school banners. Mrs. Suzanne Kusserow of the graduating class carried the new School of Nursing banner. The banner is not only handsome, but of heraldic correctness, thanks to Professor Emeritus Theodore Sizer who designed it for the School. It has a white Maltese Cross on a black background, with the arms of Yale University in the upper section. Professor Sizer delved into the history of nursing and learned that the badge of the earliest Christian nursing order was that of the Hospitalers or the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, which was recognized by a Papal bull in 1113. This early badge was replaced around 1400 by the Mal-

tese Cross. The Order of St. John still exists and has continued to use the white cross on a black field.

#### NEW GRADUATES

##### Master of Nursing

Gaynor Parsons Coassin (of the Class of 1958, completion delayed)  
B.A. Columbia University 1955

##### Master of Science in Nursing

Estrella Agot Estur  
B. S. Philippine Womens University  
1956

Margaret Matthews Field  
B.A. Bucknell University 1928;  
M.R.E. Hartford School of Religious  
Education 1930; M. N. Yale Univer-  
sity 1944

Alice Vera Grant  
B.S. University of Connecticut 1951  
Lois Clare Hall  
B.A. Bates College 1954  
Armentia Tripp Jarrett  
B.S. Marquette University 1952  
Mary Kathleen King  
B.A. University of Toronto 1947,  
B.S. 1951

Suzanne Kienholz Kusserow  
B.S. University of Connecticut 1954  
Wilmet Annette Massey  
B.S. University of Pennsylvania 1948  
Elizabeth Theresa O'Connor  
B.S. Catholic University of America  
1957

Elizabeth Sager Sharp  
B.S. University of Michigan 1956  
Joyce Evelyn Travelbee  
B.S. Louisiana State University 1956  
Winifred Dixon Turner  
B.S. University of Connecticut 1958

#### ALUMNAE COLLEGE

An interested and enthusiastic group of alumnae attended the Alumnae College on Friday, June 5th. Four students presented three research projects which they had been carrying on this past year. Following each presentation there was discussion and questions among the alumnae, students and faculty. The topics of the studies were: "A Comparative Study of the Effects of the Father's Presence During Labor", "An Experimental Study of Post-Clinic

Nursing Interviews" and "A Study of Comments About Patients Made at Morning Report".

Other Master's Reports by students this year were: "A Study of Mothers' Learning and Retention of Infant Care Procedures", "A Comparative Study of Continuity of Support During Labor and Delivery", "Factors Affecting Time of Registration in Prenatal Clinic", "Research Study of Ileostomy Rehabilitation" and "A Comparative Study of Acceptance of V. N. A. Referral".

#### PROGRESS REPORTS

The Annie W. Goodrich Fund for an endowed professorship at Y. S. N. now totals \$97,845.06. Only slightly more than \$2,000 separates the Fund from its immediate goal of \$100,000.

Three hundred and sixty seven alumnae donated \$2,973.50 to the Alumnae Fund, which was then allocated to the Annie W. Goodrich Fund. This total represents a 13% increase in participation, as well as an increase in the average gift, over the figures of last year.

#### PINS, CAPS AND RIBBONS

Lambert Brothers, Jewelers Inc., Lexington Avenue at 60th Street, New York City, will be able to continue to provide Y. S. N. pins, but the price will be \$20.00 including federal tax and engraving.

Brucks' Nurses Outfitters Co., 387 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, have Yale caps at ninety cents apiece.

The Alumnae Association Office will continue to supply blue ribbon at thirty five cents apiece, or three for \$1.00, plus postage.

#### FACULTY ITEMS

Professor Hedwig Toelle began a sabbatical leave on July 1st, 1959. Following this she will retire. Miss Toelle has taught at the School for twenty-two years.

Associate Professor Elizabeth Tennant went to South America in June on invitation of the Venezuelan Government as a consultant regarding their

nursing program.

We have pride in announcing that Dean Emeritus Effie Taylor has had the honor of receiving two distinguished nursing awards this spring. At the N. L. N. Convention in Philadelphia she was presented with the Adelaide Nutting Award "for outstanding leadership and achievement in nursing". In June at the National Convention of the American Red Cross in Atlantic City she received the Florence Nightingale Medal, the highest International Red Cross nursing honor.

Anna Baziak, M. S. N. 1958 and an instructor on the faculty this past year, has been appointed Director of Nursing at the Yale Psychiatric Institute.

### A YALIE RETURNS

by

Margaret Field

M. N. '44, M. S. N. '59

With a hope, a prayer, and a large amount of trepidation I arrived in New Haven last fall. I had recently come from a small general hospital in Alaska. Once again I was a nursing student at Yale, this time in the graduate program, with a major in maternal and newborn health nursing.

After being out of school for several years, I realized that things would be different. I knew also that the School itself was completely changed. I was initially reassured, however, by discovering the same friendly, helpful spirit on the part of the entire staff that I had experienced previously at Yale. We were really made to feel welcome and wanted.

The chief thing that was new was the whole approach to nursing. It was called "the Nursing Process", and we spent many bewildered, frustrating hours discussing it at the beginning of the course. Slowly and painfully we learned a new way of interacting with patients, a way that would, ideally, lead to identifying and meeting the patient's immediate needs and also to providing a greater degree of personal satisfaction for the nurse.

I found the graduate program the most interesting, exciting phase of my

long educational career. I was thrilled by being again in a large medical center, by having an opportunity to use the excellent facilities of the two libraries. I especially enjoyed the courses in psychiatry, with the many new insights and techniques they provided.

The field work in the obstetrical service was varied, interesting, and helpful. For several months we worked in a special obstetrical nurses' clinic, part of the regular Women's Clinic. We had a chance to observe and participate in the splendid classes in preparation for childbirth and parenthood. Finally, we worked in the delivery service, first supporting mothers in labor and then delivering suitable clinic multiparas.

No description of the new program at YSN would be complete without a heartfelt reference to the Master's Report required of all candidates for a degree. Through a course in methods of research and through independent research in an area of special interest, we learned something about the intricacies of research. We emerged from this learning experience with a great respect for the long line of courageous souls who have done research in any field. We learned to organize our lives around a series of deadlines, drawing a sigh of relief when each one was past and taking a deep breath to prepare for the next one. Life became a round of typing, conferences with our advisors, re-typing, repeated conferences, frantic revision, and still more typing. Finally the ordeal ended, for better or worse.

I discovered that the Yale University School of Nursing is not for those who are content with what they have always felt, thought, and done, nor for those who lack the courage of their convictions or even the courage to envisage a new way of nursing. But for nurses who appreciate the past while looking forward to a better future, for nurses who want a broader view of the whole field of nursing and who want to do something creative both in research and in interpersonal relations, Yale opens a door.

YALE SCHOOL OF NURSING  
ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION  
310 Cedar Street  
New Haven, Conn.

**SEC. 34.65(e) P. L. & R.**

**U. S. POSTAGE PAID  
NEW HAVEN, CONN.**

**PERMIT NO. 87**