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YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNAE DAY PROGRAM
Saturday, February 21, 1948

Assembly and Registration: 9:30-10:30 A. M., Brady Auditorium, Sophie Sargent Thompson (Mrs. Anthony J.) '43 presiding.

Morning Meeting: 10:30 A. M., Brady Auditorium, Mrs. Thompson, presiding.
Speaker: Dr. Harris B. Shumacker, Jr., Associate Professor of Surgery at Yale.
Topic: "Cardiovascular Surgery."

Five-Minute Speakers:
Irma Biehusen '32, "Greetings from C.S.N.A."
Margaret Neilson Daman '40 (Mrs. Herbert), "Read Technique."
Mary Elizabeth Quinlan '46, "Orthopedic Footnotes."
Nelliana Best '40, "Cancer Items."
Florence Schorske '41, "Research."

Luncheon: 1 P. M., Doctors' Dining-room, Grace-New Haven Community Hospital. Speaker to be announced. Other highlights: Dean Elizabeth S. Bixler, "News of the School," and Dr. Albert W. Snoke, Director, "Developments of the New Hospital."

Afternoon Meeting: 3 P. M., Brady Auditorium. Speaker: Dr. Thomas P. Murdock, Meriden, Connecticut, "Present Nursing Problems," followed by discussion.

Tea: 5-6 P. M., Nathan Smith Hall, 62 Park Street.

The committee responsible for arranging the above program includes: Sophie Sargent Thompson (Mrs. Anthony J.) '43, Pauline Kummer '44, and Elizabeth Brockway '46.

All college students who are interested in visiting the Yale University School of Nursing are cordially invited to attend the meetings, luncheon and tea.

JEAN BARRETT GOES TO SYRACUSE

On January 1, 1948, Jean Barrett, former Associate Professor of Nursing Arts at Yale, became Professor of Nursing Education and Director of the Department of Nursing Education at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York. She is planning a new course there for graduate nurses, who are working for a Bachelor's degree, and will teach some of the subjects.

At the December meeting of the New Haven Regional group of Y.U.S.N. alumnae the following citation, written by Eleanor King '32, was read:
To Jean Barrett, member of the faculty of the Yale University School of Nursing from 1931-1947, the Alumnae Association expresses its appreciation for her unremitting effort and effectiveness in guiding students in the paths of knowledge, skill, and understanding.

Fifteen classes have been introduced to the philosophy and practice of nursing through Miss Barrett's course in Nursing Arts; through her course in Ward Management, nineteen classes have learned some of the intricacies of encouraging that philosophy and practice to flower in all nurses. Miss Barrett thus has influenced students early and late, at the beginning and at the end, in stages of inexperience and experience, and has indelibly impressed upon them the goals of comprehensive nursing care and methods of achieving them through intelligent and sympathetic bedside care and through wise ward management.

The majority of members of the Alumnae Association of the Yale University School of Nursing have now been under Miss Barrett's tutelage and remember her with affection and trust. In a faculty world of variables during the past chaotic years, Miss Barrett has been a constant. Though not an alumna of the School, she has had a continuing part in the creation of alumnæ and the quality of their service. The Alumnae Association counts Miss Barrett a spiritual, if not a technical, member and will so regard her even when her professional affiliation is with another university.

"The Alumnae Association sees Miss Barrett leave the Yale University School of Nursing with regret, but bestows its blessings on her for the new venture and will watch her progress with interest and pride."

An earlier meeting was held in honor of Miss Barrett at Dean Bixler's home, November 19, 1947, at which time a group of New Haven friends presented her with luggage. A less formal "citation," written by Kathleen Barrett '39, was read at that time, excerpts from which we now quote:

"When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one nurse to dissolve the New Haven bands that have connected her with student nurses, and to assume among the graduates of the earth the separate and superior station to which the laws of Nursing and of Nursing's goal entitle her, a decent respect to the opinions of associates requires that they should declare the causes which impel her to the separation:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all students are instructed equally; that they are endowed by their Instructor with certain unalienable delights; that among these are Sterile Arm Soaks, High Colonic Irrigations, and Flaxseed Poultices—the Pursuit of Happiness being optional; that to preserve these delights, nursing schools are instituted among the Unsuspecting, deriving their just powers from the whims of the instructors; that whenever any Field of nursing becomes constructive by these or any ends, it is the duty of all nurses to foster and embellish it. Prudence indeed will dictate that Nursing Arts Departments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes. Is it, then, a light and transient cause for an Educator to educate the uneducated educators?

"It is altogether fitting and proper that she should do this. We cannot modulate, we cannot masticate, we cannot swallow this truth. The brave students living and half-dead who studied here have desecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract."
They have made beds with the open end of the pillow case toward the door; they have wrapped precious dentures in pieces of Kleenex, and carefully deposited them in the scrap-basket; they have neglected to dispose of their chewing gum before greeting Miss Barrett; they have made up Metabolism cradles with only 324 safety pins instead of 325; they have not, since the halcyon year of 1939, been on time for anything; they have plundered our linen closets, demolished our Surgical Supply standards, exhausted the supply of paint on our bed-frames in their zest to pursue the exactitudes of the Nursing Arts Department. They've done some nice things, too.

"It is, therefore, rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us: that from this honored Professor we take increased devotion to that cause for which she seems to prefer that Miss Barrett shall have a new birth of freedom, and that her teaching of students, for the students, and at the students shall not perish from the earth."

Katherine Ketcham '39 is now Acting Head of the Nursing Arts Department at Y.U.S.N.

FORMER FACULTY MEMBERS

Jean Barrett, 116 Burten Street, Syracuse, New York.

Bernice Carrington, 1800 E. 105, Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Augusta Patton, 1012 Old Academy Road, Fairfield, Connecticut.

DATA FROM THE DEAN

As is usual at this time of year the last few weeks have been spent working on the budget for the School of Nursing for 1948-49. It is too early to know what the Corporation will do with our requests, but it seems timely to remind the alumnae of the school's financial status.

During the war, with classes admitted twice a year and the government supplying the money, the school's income rose to a point almost as high as expenditures, leaving practically no deficit. The picture changed during the fiscal year 1946-47 because the number of students dropped and expenses increased. The total income for that year was about $105,000, of which over $36,000 was income from the endowment, $64,000 from tuition and student fees (including the maintenance fees which are paid over to the hospital), and the rest miscellaneous income. During the same year expenditures totalled roughly $149,000, which obviously means a deficit of some $44,000. This deficit is paid by the University, largely from the Alumni Fund, which is one reason why our alumnae are invited each year to make a contribution to that Fund.

There is no doubt that the University Administration is sincerely interested in the progress and further development of the School of Nursing, but money talks and, if we are to decrease the deficit and at the same time raise salaries and occasionally buy a new typewriter or a doll for Nursing Arts, some means must be found to increase the income. It is possible that tuition will have to be raised, which would not be out of line with other professional schools, although, if this is done, we would expect to draw more heavily from the loan and scholarship funds, as we do not wish to lose potentially good students for financial reasons.

Perhaps in your community contacts you can find individuals who would be interested in endowing a chair or making other substantial contributions to the work of the school. Or perhaps some of you are financial wizards and can offer a solution! At any rate, we shall welcome your comments.

Elizabeth S. Byler

January 22, 1948

NEW POSITIONS AND ADDRESSES

'27 Mae McCorkle, R.F.D. 1, Kelso, Washington.

'27 Elizabeth Waterbury, Tuberculosis Nursing Consultant, New York State De-
partment of Health, 109 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

'28 Marion Norman Burns (Mrs. Donald), Educational Director, Institute of Living, Hartford, Connecticut.

'29 Dr. Manya Vaic, Supervisor of Schools of Nursing, 42 kneza Milosa, Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

'31 Marguerite Luce Young (Mrs. James L. R.) appointed by Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions to go with Dr. Young to Cheelee University in Tsinan, Shantung Province, China, in August, 1948, after a semester of study at Yale’s Chinese Language School.


'40 Genevieve Faeh Fraga (Mrs. George), School Nurse, 623 Whiting St., El Segundo, California.

'42 Nina Cobb Newhart (Mrs. Harold), 7575 Jones Ave., N.W., Seattle 7, Washington.

'43 Florence Alexander, Teaching Supervisor, Operating Room, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

'43 Carolyn Monk Myrick (Mrs. Roger), 43 Main St., South Acton, Mass.

'44 Roslynne Govendy Markley (Mrs. Henry), School of Nursing, Sinai Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland.


'45 Rosemary Haughey, Supervisor, East Moline, Illinois, State Hospital.

'45 Edith Rudd Kent (Mrs. Hollister), Hofstra College, Hempstead, N. Y.

'45W Janet Winne, Medical Supervisor and Instructor, Presbyterian Hospital, Denver, Colorado.

'46W Charlotte Eberhardt, Staff Nurse, Operating Room, New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Connecticut.

'46W Edna Epstein Harwood (Mrs. L. J.), R.D. No. 1, Box 39, Farmingdale, N. J.

'46W Elizabeth Plummer, Instructor in Nursing in State-sponsored course for trained attendants, Grace-New Haven Community Hospital, New Haven, Conn.

'46W Adiel Wilder, Office Secretary, The Medical Group, 1133 Punchbowl, Honolulu, Hawaii.

'47 Dorothy Dillard, Staff Nurse, Division Maternal and Child Health, State Board of Health, Jackson, Mississippi.

'47 Eleanor Dudley, Clinical Instructor, Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

'47 Mary Duncan, G. P. O., Dunedin, New Zealand. (Mark mail "Hold for Arrival").

'47 Dorothy Geiger, Surgical Supervisor, Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

'47 Clarice Osterud Hargiss (Mrs. M. T., Jr.), Assistant in Instruction in Nutrition, Chemistry, and Microbiology, Y. U. S. N., New Haven, Connecticut.

'47 Janet Fitzsimmons Klemperer (Mrs. Wolfgang), Nursery School Nurse, University of Washington School of Nursing, Seattle, Washington.

'47 Thelma Lubitz, Staff Nurse, Harborside Hospital, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.

'47 Evelyn Holladay Piersol (Mrs. Charles), 6450 S. Maryland Ave., Chicago 37, Illinois (Wesley Memorial Hospital).

'47W Barbara Brundage, Staff Nurse, Obstetrics, New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Connecticut.

'47W Elizabeth B. Johnson, Staff Nurse, Pediatrics, Presbyterian Hospital, New York, N. Y.

'47W Rosemary Kuhn, 301 Pershing Drive, Decorah, Iowa.

'47W Lois Hoffman Needham (Mrs. James), Staff Nurse, Pediatrics, New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Conn.

'47W Margaret Takacs, Staff Nurse, Women’s Surgery, Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.

'47W Ruth Welt, Private Duty, New York City.

MARRIAGES

'32 Carolyn Herrick to Richard Critz, January 17, 1948.

'42 Nina Cobb to Colonel Harold G. Newhart, November, 1947.
'44 Janis Jund to Marlay Smith.
'45 Edith Rudd to Hollister Kent, June 8, 1947.
'46 Martha Miller to Dr. Robert F. Newton, December 2, 1947.
'46 Edna Epstein to Louis J. Harwood.
'47 Linda Willard to Robert Burdett.
'47 Mary Creech to Peter Sirch, December 29, 1947.
'47 Lois Hoffman to James Needham, November 28, 1947.

THE LATEST CHILDREN

'38 Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Gill (Eleanor Keating), a son, Timothy, November, 1947.
'42 Mr. and Mrs. William Hallwhich (Elizabeth Van Horn), a son, Kenneth, November 5, 1947.
'44 Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Cooke (Frances Ford), a son, Barrie, October, 1947.
'44 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Countryman (Betty Ann Kosters), a daughter, Marianne, April 9, 1946 and a son, Frank Jr., June 17, 1947.
'44 Dr. and Mrs. M. E. K. Johnson (Rita Almas), a daughter, Ann, November 3, 1947.
'44 Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rudd (Carolyn Clausen), a son, Herbert, June 8, 1947.
'47 Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Cole (Constance Rudd), a son, August, 1947.
'47 Mr. and Mrs. Keith Salmonson (Carol Potee), a daughter, Heidi, January 15, 1948.

"INACTIVE" ALUMNAE

'36 Ruth Garrod Kirkpatrick (Mrs. C. L.), Chairman, Holyoke, Massachusetts, Community Nursing Council.
'37 Marjorie Morse Crudden (Mrs. A. B.), 47 High St., Glen Ridge, N. J., Chairman, Community Child Study Group; Member, Curriculum Committee, Montclair, N. J., Adult Education School; Originator, Children's Record Loan Library.

'44 Mary Peoples Frey (Mrs. John), 905 S. Orchard, Urbana, Illinois, Initiator, Mothers' Classes later taken over by two organized clinics.

RELEASED FROM SERVICE

'44 Anne Tilghman Boyce (Mrs. John), from U.S.P.H.S., as 2nd lieutenant, summer, 1947, after 27 months on active and inactive duty, with 15 months overseas.
'44 Mildred Von der Sump, from A.N.C., with rank of captain, summer, 1947, after 3 years of service, including time in Tokyo.

BITS

The day of the Alumnae Board meeting in December Irma Bichusen '32 answered her doorbell to find a mailcarrier rummaging in his bag. He greeted her with: "I don't know where this card is, but you're supposed to be at a meeting tonight!" Further conversation revealed that he used to be on another route and took "some awfully interesting mail to Miss Effie J. Taylor, who was president of the International Council of Nurses!"

The staff and students at New Haven Hospital are gradually learning to talk in normal tones, since the hospital has sound-proofed the ceilings in the dining-room, first-floor lobby, and pediatric wards. The effect is rewarding. Other improvements include new plastic noiseless trays in the nurses' dining-room and the introduction of color (pink, green or cream) in the repainting of the patients' rooms and service rooms.

Cards are going out to each alumnae member in the hope of securing background data on your "careers," as well as up-to-date information on present doings, particularly of our so-called "inactive" graduates. We are anxious to hear about your interests and activities, even though they may be on a volunteer and non-remunerative basis.

Happy Birthday to
Dean Emeritus Annie W. Goodrich
SEATTLE ALUMNAE

Ten Y.U.S.N. graduates now living and working in Seattle were Christmas dinner guests of Shirley Shingle Spier (Mrs. Edward B.) '32. These alumnae are taking steps to form a Seattle Regional Group of the Y.U.S.N. Alumnae Association. Congratulations!

BACK TO SOUTH AMERICA

Josephine Steiner '38 dropped in on Y.U.S.N. friends in New Haven recently on her way back to South America, where she is Director of Nursing at 'a tuberculosis sanatorium in Maracaibo, Venezuela. She and Louise Zellner '37, who is Surgical Supervisor at the same institution, expect to move into their own hospital very soon and have great plans for their work.

WITH YALE-IN-CHINA

Drusilla R. Poole '47 has been studying the Chinese language at Yale and is leaving soon for Yale-in-China, Changsha, where she will teach in the School of Nursing, which has 180 students and is the largest nursing school in China.

NEW ORTHOPEDIC INSTRUCTOR

Mary Elizabeth Quinlan '46 is returning to New Haven Hospital February 1st to teach orthopedic nursing to the student nurses and to take charge of Orthopedic Clinic. She has just completed a special post-graduate course in orthopedics at Boston University School of Nursing under the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.