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YSN ALUMNAE DAY

Saturday, February 21, 1953

Plans for this year's Alumnae Day on Saturday, February 21, are being made by Barbara Mathews '46, chairman, assisted by Victoria Sellens Conn '48, and Ethel Barach '52. The schedule is as follows:

9:30-10:30 A. M. Registration (Brady Lobby).
9:30-10:30 Coffee Hour (Brady Seminar Room).
10:30-12:30 Morning Session (Brady Auditorium).

Panel Discussion:
"Mental Health in our Daily Living"
Speakers to be announced.

12:45 P. M. Luncheon (Doctors' Dining Room) followed by greetings from Dean Elizabeth S. Bixler and our president Florence Alexander, and a Progress Report on the development of the Annie Warburton Goodrich Endowment Fund.

2:00-4:00 P. M. Conducted Tour of the new Grace Unit of the Grace-New Haven Community Hospital, starting at the entrance to the new connecting tunnel.

4:00-6:00 Tea at Nathan Smith Hall, 62 Park Street.

Prospective students have been invited to visit the School of Nursing also on February 21 and will be entertained by students.

Please make your reservations for the luncheon as soon as possible, using the slip printed for your convenience on the last page of this Bulletin.

DATA FROM THE DEAN

The "new hospital," more properly known as the Memorial Unit, looms large on our horizons these days. It is expected that, before Alumnae Day this year, patients will have been transferred from the Grace Unit, from Private Pavilion and from the Semi-private floors of the New Haven Unit to their new quarters. The Department of Obstetrics and the Premature unit of Pediatrics will also move, which of course means that YSN students will have part of their student experience in the new building. The central supply rooms, the store rooms and the kitchens have already moved, without a pause in their normal operations. As one of the "old girls," it reminds me of the days and nights and weeks and months of moving wards full of patients from spot to spot while the present Fitzkin, Tompkins and Clinic buildings were taking the places of the old Giffords, West wards, and North, back in 1929. I well remember one Christmas eve when an emergency operation was being performed in the basement of Old South and we were serenaded by the carollers, carrying dripping red candles. The current moves will take less time and undoubtedly will be carried through with a minimum of trouble, as those responsible have given much thought to every detail.

Another change in the lives of YSN students occurs in February, when the dining room in Nathan Smith Hall will be closed, for reasons of economy. The students will step across Oak Street to the rear entrance of the Memorial Unit and have their meals in the cafeteria there. Fortunately Mrs. Hyde will continue to make Nathan Smith Hall a "home" for the first year students.

A year ago it was reported that the first man had enrolled in YSN, in the Advanced
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS came from Bette Franklin '50, with the Air Force in Korea:

"I have about 3 months and 200 more hours in the air before rotating home. The nurses in the 801st are on combat rotation same as the pilots with whom we fly.

"Our work is always interesting, though sometimes the hours are long and fatiguing. We mostly fly into Korean bases to bring patients back to the hospitals in Japan. During a lull on the front lines we carry everything from sprained toes to Hemorrhagic (?) Fever. When the fighting increases, we may pick up patients just off the operating table and still under anesthesia. We're using the big white cloud, Globemaster or C-124, and have taken aboard more than a hundred patients with a medical team of four nurses and four techs—a fair sized hospital . . .

"I haven't seen many Yale graduates since coming to the Far East. Hear of them once in a while . . . Ben Rush was at Wonju until recently. Dr. Gibbs is there now. Col. Lindsey, who was Major Lindsey at Yale, is medical operations officer for 8th Army at Seoul and doing a fine job."

And from Dr. Maria Vaic '29, in Yugoslavia:

"Invigorated by the sojourn at the seashore (in September), I am happy and con-
tent in my pediatric work. Never losing touch with the nurses. Am lecturing in two postgraduate courses: ethics and history, principles of public health nursing, and a subject never given up to now: mental development in infants and children. Of course I have Dr. Gesell’s excellent books and do enjoy amplyfying and adding my own observations.”

And from Mary Ralston Benua (1947W) in Rochester, Minn., “just finished organizing a weekly volunteer organization sponsored by the A.A.U.W. at the local State Hospital.” She is also chairman of a Social Studies Group which sponsors evening meetings featuring speakers on topics of social interest—minority racial groups, mental health program, etc.

And from Lois Young ’47, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She is enjoying her new position at the University of Michigan Hospital and has met 14 YSN alumnae in Ann Arbor.

Grateful acknowledgment is made of the great number of family pictures which came to the Alumnae and School offices over the holidays. They are welcome additions to our collection. Louise Boice King (Class of 1938) with seven children (and Dr. King as Santa Claus) wins the prize for the largest family pictured.

YN A PLAYWRIGHT

Mary Anne Pryor ’51 is the author of the play, “Third Floor West,” which was presented December 10, 11, 12, and 13, by the Yale University Department of Drama. She is doing full-time duty at the Grace-New Haven Hospital and is at the same time a special student in the Department of Drama. Her play was one of four chosen from two hundred plays to be produced this year at the Yale University Theatre. “Third Floor West” is a busy medical ward in a city hospital. Romance between the head nurse and a doctor, decisions meaning life or death for patients, treated as human beings by the nurse, but as “experiments” for new drugs by the doctor, kept the audiences sitting on the edges of their seats. Excellent acting, staging, and lighting effects enhanced the production.

REGIONAL GROUPS

The New Haven Regional group met November 13 at Nathan Smith Hall. Prof. Leo W. Simmons spoke about his research projects at Cornell Medical Center, in which a sociologist looks at Medicine and Nursing. His assignment there has been completed and results of his work are gradually being published.

New officers for the group are:
President, Elizabeth Plummer ’46W
Secretary, Antoinette Daniels ’30
Treasurer, Victoria Sellens Conn ’48

The Boston Regional Group held a dinner meeting on December 2 at the home of Mary Squier Gates ’39. Their speaker was Mrs. Whiffin, a physiotherapist recently come to the Boston area from England.

Officers of the group are:
President, Mary Sjobeck Evans ’40
Secretary, Elizabeth Smith Barnett ’48
Treasurer, Justine Woollett Kelliher ’46.

SUPERVISION OF OUR SENIOR STUDENTS

An investigation into the need for more adequate supervision of students obtaining evening and night duty experience on the Surgical Service was undertaken. A survey was conducted over a period of five weeks and included a group of thirteen senior students assigned to one of the surgical divisions. The students were given an opportunity to obtain both evening and night duty experience in groups of two or more. An instructor worked with the students in groups of three the first two evenings of their experience. Also a permanent graduate night nurse worked with two students for the first two nights of their experience.

The role of an instructor on evenings was evaluated in particular and the areas in which students needed the most supervision were investigated.

The conclusions and recommendations of the study have not yet been released. However, it has been noted that the satisfaction of giving good nursing care was appreciated by many who participated.
STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council is rather proud to announce that it has collected sufficient funds to cover the cost of a Yale student representative to the coming Congress of the International Council of Nurses. Students and alumnae participating in fund raising events over the past four years are responsible for this contribution, totaling over $1,100. The Congress is to be in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in July, 1953. Many remember that Faith Jensen, class of 1950, was our previous representative. The lucky girl this year will be from the class of 1954. Over thirty students have already signed as nominee, and the difficult choice will be made early in the coming year.

The Student Council, therefore, thanks all the students and alumnae who have contributed toward this fund and made it possible for Yale to again have a representative at this important International Congress.

Due to the diligent efforts of our executive secretary, Betty Simmons and Miss Carpenter, the Directory was in the mail in time to help address Christmas cards. It contains a wealth of information as to where we are and what we are doing. We are in every state but Nevada and in the following countries: Hawaii (9 of us), Alaska (7), Canada (7), Philippines (3), Germany (2), India (2), Belgium (2), Japan 2, and one each in Yugoslavia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Denmark, Italy, Austria, Scotland, Portugal, New Zealand, and Pakistan.

LATEST POSITIONS AND ADDRESSES

'39. Esther Anderson Werminghaus, c/o Mrs. L. D. Anderson, 814 North Canal Street, Carlsbad, New Mexico.
'41. Ruth Cervin is a public health nurse at Kirkland, Wash.
'44. Lois Fladager Irwin is Instructor of Practical Nursing, Edison Technical School, Seattle, Wash.
'47. Irene Riley is staff nurse at Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children in Honolulu.

'50. Rosalie Tortorice Collier is clinical instructor in Obstetrics, Crawford Long Memorial Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia.
'51. Mary Brown, recently returned from the American Hospital in Paris, is a staff nurse at the New Haven VNA.
'51. Patricia Qua Petersdorf is teaching students in the Medical Clinic at the Grace-New Haven Community Hospital.

BIRTHS

'27. A grandson to Evangeline Hall Morris, her son Grant's son, Steven, May 1952.
'41. To Dr. and Mrs. Max Taffel (Helen Southon) a fifth child, September 1952.
'46W. To Dr. and Mrs. Francis G. Reilly (Betty Due) twins, a son, Thomas Phillip (6 lb. 5 oz.) and a daughter, Suzanne Katherine (7 lb. 1 oz.) November 25, 1952.
'46W. To Dr. and Mrs. James T. Smith (Wanda Hilliker) a third child.
'47. To Dr. and Mrs. William R. Breg, Jr. (Margaret Meston) a third child.
'47. To Dr. and Mrs. Edmund Piper (Marjorie Page) a third child, Karen, October 16, 1952.
'48. To Mr. and Mrs. John E. Gates (Marion Thompson) a daughter, Beth, November 14, 1952.
'50. To Dr. and Mrs. Claude T. Anderson (Evelyn Hamburger) Soni Jo, October 29, 1952.

ADDITIONAL '52 "BRAIN CHILDREN"

'27. Elizabeth S. Bixler: Nursing Education in the Health Crisis. Texas Reports on Biology and Medicine, Fall, 1952.
'52. Dorothy MacLennan: Article in Nursing World, August 1952.
'55. Gordon Sawatsky is one of 5 authors of the new book, Psychiatric Aide Education, with a foreword by Dr. Karl A. Menninger, published by Grune & Stratton, Inc., New York, N. Y.

Two new projects are under way in Miss Carpenter's office. One is a large world map with pins to indicate places in the world where Yale nurses have been located. In some cases records show the country without the city, or an APO address without city or country. If you think you may be one of these "cases" will you let us know in what part of the foreign country you lived or worked?

The second project is a file of cards indicating all study engaged in since graduation from YSN. Will you help to keep this record up to date by keeping us informed of all degrees won, certificates earned, and courses taken?

CORRECTION
The White Shop, 275 Congress Avenue, New Haven, will make a linen cap for $2.50. The price is 50 cents each if you send them a 16" linen handkerchief, with 1" hem.

Please reserve ............. places for luncheon on Alumnae Day, Saturday, February 21, at $1.25 per reservation. Enclosed is my payment of $.............

Name..................................................

Reservations for luncheon should be returned by February 15.
Prof. Jean MacLean
310 Cedar St.
New Haven 11, Conn.