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YUSN Alumnae Newsletter

Yale School of Nursing
The Annie W. Goodrich Fund is still not large enough to provide for a full professorship. The school can have a visiting professor either half of each year or one every other year. Last year Miss Eileen Hasselmeyer was here for the entire year. This year, there is no one. We must build up the capital, which now amounts to $184,000, to $400,000, so that there will be sufficient income to provide for a professor each year, all year. If you would like to contribute to the Annie W. Goodrich Fund, make out your check for the Alumni Fund to Yale University as usual, but indicate on the pledge card whether all or part of it is to go to the Annie W. Goodrich Fund.

Report of the Funds contributed by Yale School of Nursing Alumnae:

As of April 11, 1969, of the 1601 alumnae solicited, 599 had given $7,533.00. At this time last year 665 alumnae had given $7,374.00 - an increase in collections but not in participation. With coeducation at Yale College beginning this fall, the possibilities of reestablishing the basic program are very strong indeed. Let's show our support of the school now!

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JUNE 30, 1970

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Mary Jane Kennedy, 1964, received a B.S. in Nursing Education from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. She finds her time is fully occupied as Assistant Professor in the University of Conn. School of Nursing at Yale-New Haven Medical Center. She is our Recording Secretary and enjoys maintaining her contacts with Y.S.N.

Mary Dye graduated from Y.S.N. with an M.N. degree in 1958, the latest basic program class. She completed the M.S.N. program at Yale in 1961. At present she is completing her Doctorate in Epidemiology of Mental Health and Illness at Yale University. She is currently Assistant Professor in Psychiatric Nursing and Clinical Specialist at the Connecticut Mental Health Center.

ALUMNAE COLLEGE

The twelfth annual Alumnae College was held on May 23, 1970 in Winslow Auditorium. It was well attended by Alumnae, Faculty, and friends of the School. The subject under discussion at the college was The Expanded Role of the Nurse presented by two keynote speakers in the morning and a panel of six members in the afternoon.

Mrs. Barbara Resnik R.N., M. P.H., Assistant Professor of the University of Kansas Medical Center, described an approach to ambulatory nursing care being explored by the Center. Under the project the registered nurse is the primary deliverer of care. She assesses the needs of the adult patient, providing whatever service she can, or referring the patient to other Team members for consultation as necessary. Because of the greater emphasis on preventive health care, patients seek services without the need to have a specific illness or complaint, the traditional requirement for a clinic appointment. As a result, there are fewer illnesses reported, the visits are more pertinent to real needs, complex workups are not necessary in many instances, and consequently patients keep clinic appointments more faithfully.

PROFILES OF NEW ALUMNAE BOARD MEMBERS

Evelyn Sturmer, 1953, graduated from Hartford Hospital School of Nursing and subsequently obtained a B.S. degree from Albertus Magnus College New Haven. She obtained an M.S.N. degree from Yale School of Nursing in 1953. Her career has taken her abroad to American University in Beirut, Lebanon and to Venezuela where she has taught nursing. An avid traveler, student of history, and collector of art objects, she is currently Assistant Director of Nursing in charge of In Service Education at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Doris Menken Robertson graduated from Y.S.N. in 1944. She lives in Woodbridge, Conn. with husband, Stuart who is in the insurance business. They have two children, a daughter married and living in Hawaii, and a son who is in college. Her interests are art, antiques, and visiting her daughter and grandson in Hawaii. At present Doris is Assistant Director of Nursing for Ambulatory Services at Yale New Haven Hospital.
Mrs. Loretta Ford, R.N., Ph.D., Professor P.H.N. University of Colorado described for us a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Project at the University in which the education of a family nurse practitioner is being developed. The requirements are a B.S. degree, eligibility for graduate work, and a commitment to child care. The program is divided into two phases, including ten hours of study in the advanced nursing care of children and 12 months of practice of human and technical skills. An evaluation of the project indicated that the consumers of health care accepted and made demands for a nurse practitioner who diagnoses the health needs of the child and makes appropriate referral and follow up. Those seeking education are eager to find the kind of preparation offered in this program. Mrs. Ford was dynamic in her plea for the nurse to be unafraid to make changes in her practice of nursing, changes which would expand the nurse's activities more in keeping with her potential to give the services she is or can be prepared to give.

The participants in the panel discussion were:

Mr. John Thompson, Professor of Public Health (Hospital Adm.), Professor of Nsg. Adm., Yale University-Moderator;
Miss Margaret Arnstein, Dean, Yale School of Nursing;
Dr. Daniel S. Rowe, Assistant Professor Pediatrics, Yale Univ.;
Dr. John Schulman, Jr., Associate Professor Pediatrics, Yale Univ.;
Mrs. Lisa Trayser, Associate Clinical Professor of Nursing, Associate Director Nursing, Ambulatory Services, Y-NHH; and
Mrs. Carol Passarelli, Staff Nurse, Pediatric Clinic, Y-NHH

Mr. Thompson delineated the levels of nursing in relation to complexity of tasks and in relation to need for both generalists and specialists in the profession.

Dean Arnstein pointed out that most preparation for expanded roles of the nurse are done on the job, but there is a need for more educational programs to do so. YSN is exploring these roles in two areas. However, funding from a variety of sources is needed to support this program if this vital area of nursing education is to progress at YSN.

Dr. Rowe referred to the shortage of well prepared pediatricians. If the nurse expands her role to give primary care, screening patients for further medical care or other consultation, she can be a valuable Team Member in supporting essential health care. He felt that Pediatricians are becoming more accepting of the role of the nurse practitioner in the Yale-New Haven Pediatric Clinic.

Dr. Shulman visualized a prepared nurse sharing the role of the physician in care of the entire family. She can be the primary contact and work with other Team members to include both children and adults.

Mrs. Trayser described selected situations in Yale-New Haven Ambulatory Services where the nurse currently acts as a screening agent, seeks consultation with the doctor as necessary, and arranges for follow up care.

Mrs. Passarelli described vividly her own experiences in developing her role as a clinical specialist in the Pediatric Clinic in Yale-New Haven Hospital. She is working closely with Y.S.N. in this task which she finds challenging with its demand upon all of her knowledge and skills. One of her major tasks is to help other nurses working in more traditional patterns, to understand her objectives and "expanded role".

There were several comments and questions from the audience participants. One point was made in answering the question "How does this nurse really differ since many aspects described as expanded activities have been and are being done by nurses?" The answer which evolved was that in part this is true, but now there is the need that they become more integrated, formalized, made legitimate, as nursing functions in a newly defined role.

It was a stimulating day. Our thanks to Miss Jean Barrett and her committee for such a meaningful Alumnae College.
Excerpts from "History of Yale School of Nursing" presented to incoming YSN students by Carol Kromberg M.S.N. 1967 in September 1969. Miss Kromberg is an Instructor in Psychiatric Nursing. Her enthusiasm for YSN is evident in her speech.

"A philosopher once said, "Nothing could be more American than Yale. Here is sound healthy principle but no over scupulousness, love of life, trust in success... a democratic amiability. No wonder that all America loves Yale, where American traditions are vigorous, American instincts unchecked and young men are trained and made eager for the keen struggles of American life."

"Reuben Holden states, "Yale has represented different things to different people: a college for some, a university of graduate studies for others, a laboratory and research center for still others. For all it is a tradition which since 1701 has stood for the pursuit of truth, for a strong liberal arts foundation in learning, and for training to serve one's fellowmen at home and abroad. President Kingman Brewster summarizes the University's basic purpose thusly: to create an intellectual, artistic, and moral impact on the shape of worlds to come." Yale has for over two centuries produced graduates who indeed have made impact upon the history of this nation and the world. It is not surprising then that it was at Yale that the first independent University-based School of Nursing was to be established."

"As Harriet Koch states, "in order to understand why Yale University, the 'Mother of Men' became the 'Father of Women', it is necessary to begin in 1918. Under the Rockefeller Foundation a series of committee meetings were held which resulted in an investigation into the entire field of nursing education "The heart of the Committee's 1920 report was to be found in the tenth "Conclusion" which read "The development of nursing service adequate for the care of the sick and for the conduct of the modern public health campaign demands as a absolute prerequisite the security of funds for the endowment of nursing education of all types; (of) primary importance.... for University Schools of Nursing. To place the education of nurses on a par with that of physicians, lawyers, architects, teachers and other groups being prepared by American Universities was considered a most radical suggestion".... Yale met the challenge with the University's tradition for the unconventional."

"The Yale School was planned in the belief that the nurse is a significant factor in curative and preventive medicine, and that preparation for so important a humanitarian service should be based on the soundest educational principles."

Miss Kromberg vividly traced the history of the school under the creative leadership of it's deans, Dean Annie W. Goodrich, Dean Effie J. Taylor, Dean Elizabeth Bixler, Dean Florence Wald, and the present Dean Margaret Arnstein.

"To date there have been five Deans of the Yale School all outstanding women in the nursing profession and all contributing to the quality of education famous at Yale. Throughout the years they have attracted faculty of diverse backgrounds and experiences with differing styles and interests - all of whom espouse the philosophy of the School of Nursing. You have chosen a school which has a history of innovation, a commitment to research nursing practice, and a program designed to produce nursing leaders. We know that each of you, in your own individual way, will further Yale's traditional purpose and make an impact on the shape of nursing worris to come. Welcome to Yale."

NEWS RELEASE

Raidie Poole Merdinger, R.N., YSN '35, was presented the Ruth E. Boynton award by the American College Health Association at the annual meeting April 25, 1969 in Oklahoma City. The Ruth E. Boynton Award recognizes "unusual distinguished contributions to the growth and development of the Association" (ACHA Newsletter Vol. 11, No. 4, p. 2).

Mrs. Merdinger was active in college
health work and organizations from 1937 till her retirement in 1967, and made outstanding contributions in the nursing aspects of college health. She bridged the span between the National Organization for Public Health Nursing and the American College Health Association by serving first as a member, and then three biennial terms as chairman, of the College Nursing Committee of the School Nurse Section of the NOPHN. In this office she made a national survey of college nursing and the report was published in PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING in 1949.

On this foundation was built the present nursing section of the ACHA, with over 300 members. Here nurses are achieving a truly team relationship among health professionals and the consequent freedom to function at full capacity.

In Illinois Raidie was secretary, vice president and three times president of the Illinois College Health Association in the 1950's. From 1965 to 1967 she was chairman of the Occupational Health Section of the Chicago District, Ill. Nursing Association.

Now at home at 7251 Randolph Street, Raidie counts each day as a holiday. She joins into the hobby of music, travels, entertains, and thoroughly enjoys being a full-time housewife.

- Emanuel Merdinger

EXPLORATION OF NEW FIELDS FOR PRACTICE AND RESEARCH

Miss Elizabeth Walton, Instructor, Maternal and Newborn Nursing, had opportunity to test the feasibility of holding a joint appointment as staff nurse-midwife for a team of obstetricians in group private practice, and faculty member of the School. This has proven so successful in the testing phase that formal arrangements are being made to continue the program this coming year. Opportunity to analyze thoroughly this role for the nurse-midwife, her effect on patients and the impact of such service on medical specialty practice offers a rich research field. In addition, opportunity for students to obtain clinical experience in the private office setting may become available later on. At a minimum, they can learn about and observe this functional role of the nurse-midwife.

Young Mothers Program

Faculty have become increasingly involved in the special Friday afternoon clinic for teenage mothers, conducted originally as a special medical service and study center in Women's Clinic. Four faculty members (Miss Sharp, Mrs. Elsberry, Miss Kopp and Miss Schindler) have been conducting a small scale nurse-midwifery service there as a means of demonstrating nurse-midwifery practice, as well as developing a fertile ground for study and potential clinical teaching of students. Throughout the greater part of this year, the faculty have carried a "case load" of young mothers, seeing them at every clinic visit, managing their care, delivering them and following the mothers and babies throughout the postpartum adjustment in hospital and home.

Response of the patients, their families, physicians, and others involved in the care of these young mothers to the service of the nurse-midwives has been highly favorable, so much so that requests for more such service are now being heard. Plans for next year are somewhat fluid, pending consultation with the Medical School.

- From The Dean's Annual Report 1968-69

THIS 'N THAT


Have you an opinion you want to express? Any commentary you want to share with other alumnae? Write a letter to the Editor. Address to
Marian Weinberger YUSNAA
310 Cedar Street
New Haven, Conn. 06510
CAPS - CAPS - CAPS. We know you await your Caps. Mary Hirata has had several 'summit meetings' with Bruck's and is still waiting. The permanent press caps are available in three for $6.50 including postage from Marvin-Neitzel, 5th Ave. and Federal St., Troy, N. Y. 12180, or one for $2.00 by calling for it at 310 Cedar St.


REUNION NOTES

A commendation for the class of 1964 who presented the Nursing School with a reunion gift. In a letter to Donna Diers, Class Fund Agent, Dean Arnstein wrote: "On behalf of the Yale School of Nursing, I would like to thank the entire class of 1964 and you as its agent particularly, for your reunion gift. I hope this sets a precedent for other reunion classes. It is a most welcome addition to the school budget. Please thank your classmates for me."

1934 35th Reunion. Ethel Mary Eliot wrote that out of many who planned to attend, just four were present - perhaps because of the earlier date. Iva Torrence, Martina Lynch, Harriet Wilcoxon and Ethel Eliot had dinner together after the Reunion.

"Our '34 class does very well in giving to Yale Alumni Fund. Nineteen of us gave $166.00 in the 1968-1969 campaign."

1939 30th Reunion. On Saturday, May 24, Marion Wilcox Rudd entertained four class members at supper: Elizabeth Nelson Hollander, Eleanor Ward Haynes, Eleanor Phillips Hutt. On Saturday a picnic at the home of Shirley Potter Knott was held, with Jean Barrett and Myrtle Carpenter as guests. Also present were Mr. Hemingway, Mr. Hutt, and Mr. Wilcox. At meetings on Friday and Saturday were Estelle Abrams Siegal, and Sylvia Gordon Leavitt. Needless to say, there was an enjoyable exchange of news and ideas.

1944 25th Reunion. Doris Menken Robertson, Chairman reports the following were present: Alice Hillman Heck, Ann Tilghman Boyce, Mary-Jean Sealy Janssen, Betty Ann Kosters Countryman, Jane Hayden Freligh, Ann Robinson Aronson, Doris Menken Robertson. They attended Alumnae College on Friday and the business meeting and luncheon on Saturday morning as well as the Medical School Program in the afternoon. All are interested in seeing a basic nursing program instituted in the School. Their goal: each graduate of the class to contribute $25 for the 25th reunion.

1949 20th Reunion. Dorothy LeBar, Chairman. Four of '49 members attended Alumnae College on Friday - Margaret Allman from New Haven, Dorothy Black Cooper from State College, Pa., Fannie Dewar from Green Cove Springs, Fla., and Mary Keeler Hirata from Hamden. We met again that evening for a great buffet dinner at the LeBar's place out near Sleeping Giant in Mt. Carmel this time with the addition of Mary Hamlen Otis and Dick from Bloomfield, Conn., Izzy Hirata and Dot Sowter LeBar and Frank. Dot, Fannie and Mary attended the luncheon the next day. Dot, as reunion chairman, got out a newsletter in the spring with up-to-date news from about half the class.

1964 5th Reunion. Donna Diers, Chairman. There are fourteen members of the class of 1964, spread out from California to Germany and New Haven to Brazil. Six of us were able to attend all or part of the reunion activities, including a cocktail party and the reunion luncheon. In town during the weekend were Margaret Ellison, currently living in New Haven; Flora Vigliotti Lavery, of Bridgeport, and the Lower Naugatuck Valley Health Education Project; Anna Pearl Rains of the University of Texas School of Nursing; Barbara Rogoz of Cornell-New York Hospital; Mary Turner of the University of Cincinnati; and Donna Diers of the Y.S.N. faculty. We also had letters from Ann Hagen Watkins, in Lafayette, Calif., awaiting the birth of their second child; Nell Joiner of Memorial University, Newfoundland, School of
Nursing, very busy as Acting Dean; and M. Angela Barron McBride, who was in Europe sharing her husband's sabbatical. Several members of the Y.S.N. faculty who had taught us were able to come to the cocktail party -- Rhetaugh Dumas, Mary Fischelis and Florence Wald -- and Ernestine Weidenbach sent her regrets along with a newsy note.

It was our great pleasure to be able to raise and contribute a class gift to the School of Nursing. The financial situation at the School and the University being what it is, we hoped to be able to help out in a material way, and a check was presented to Dean Arnstein at the reunion luncheon. The Dean expresses her appreciation for the gift along with the hope that other classes would take up the "tradition" of reunion giving.

VITAL STATISTICS

In Memoriam
1927  Mae McCorkle, July 5, 1969.
1931  Gladys Boardman Glass (Mrs. George), April, 1969.
1934  Helen Fowler Boynton (Mrs. Charles), May 9, 1969.
1937  Emma Lois Shaffer, August 18, 1969.
1941  Mary Downing Sichel (Mrs. Albert A.), July 29, 1969.
1944  Roselynn Goverdy Markley (Mrs. Henry), February 27, 1969.

Marriages

Births
1960  Phyllis Edna Bricker (Mrs. Jacob L.), a son, Elliot Lawrence, Dec. 22, 1968. 12592 Bubbling Well Road, Santa Ana, Calif. 92705.

Changes of Address
1928  Mrs. Carol Holbrook Burt, Apt. A, 310 Imperial Drive, Richmond, Va. 23229.

1937  Eleanor Fisher Johnston (Mrs. Robert G.), 2164 Mott-Smith Drive, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822.
1943  Rev. Helen D. Lyman, 32 River St., P.O. Box 13, Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada.
1946  Eleanor Houck Haldane (Mrs. Arthur G.), 3445 Ashwood Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90066.
1947  Dorothy Schlick Starr (Mrs. Francis), Apt. 603, 1356 Meadowlands Drive, East, Ottawa 5, Ontario.
1951  Olwen Williams Roberts (Mrs. Elliot C.), 3575 Padaro Lane, Carpinteria, Calif. 93013.
1958  Shirley Ann Faulkner, Canton Road Manor, 4911 Old Canton Road, Jackson, Miss. 39211.
1963  Elizabeth Zalewski Mayberry (Mrs. M. William), 3249 1/2 Kearny Villa Road, San Diego, Calif. 92123.
1969  Barbara Geach, 451 George St., New Haven, Conn. 06511.

CLASS NOTES

1939 (Some excerpts from News Letter, May 1969)

Esther Anderson Savage (Mrs. Albert B.), Executive Director, Visiting Nurse Association, Midland, Michigan. Developing Home Care Program and working for continuing education program for nurses in an area where designated resources for nursing education are all outside commuting range.

Marian Wilcox Rudd (Mrs. Kenneth W.). Part-time private duty nursing and liking it a great deal.

Eleanor Ward Haynes (Mrs. J. Richard). Nurse Surveillance Officer at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, N. J. (To explain: this is "Infection Control" - a combination of nursing, statistics, bacteriology, teaching, coordination of hospital services)

Louisa Popham Leonard (Mrs. James R.). Moved to Dallas, Texas where she joined Baylor School of Nursing faculty in September, as Instructor in Public Health.

Eleanor Roberts Kinney (Mrs. Thomas D.). As of September, 1968 has been Assistant Professor of Nursing at University of North Carolina... relating basic science program to the nurs-
ing program. Also teaches "Concepts of Illness" (pathology and psychiatry) with two colleagues, one a YSN graduate.

Eleanor Phillips Hutt (Mrs. Philip). Retired from nursing at Milford Hospital 2 years ago. Now involved in volunteer activities in the Red Cross, V. N. A. Board, Well Child Clinic.

1945 - Alice M. Forman is Research Associate, Dept. of International Health, Johns Hopkins Univ. School of Hygiene and Public Health; involved in nursing and midwifery aspects of community health research projects in Turkey, India, and Nigeria.

1947 - Tina DiMaggio has left the Univ. of Massachusetts School of Nursing and currently is Associate Director of Nursing, Mass. General Hospital, Boston.

1950 - Jean Butler received her M. P. H. degree from Columbia Univ. School of Public Health and Administrative Medicine.

1951 - Elizabeth Anne Clark has left the Univ. of Massachusetts School of Nursing to work at Univ. of Southern California at Los Angeles.

1952 - Helen Chuan is Assistant Professor of Nursing in the newly developed Baccalaureate Program at Southern Conn. State College in New Haven. Dorothy MacLennan is a student at Teachers College Columbia Univ. where she is a candidate for a Master's in Education Specializing in Child Health.

1953 - Elaine Childs Gowell (Mrs. Richard) is Assistant Professor of Community Health Nursing at the Univ. of Washington School of Nursing. She is starting to work in the Doctoral Program for the Nurse Scientist Doctorate. Her husband is in Special Education, teaching retarded adolescents.

Attention: Elaine says the yearly news letter is about to become defunct for lack of a volunteer to send it out. 15 out of 40 people have done this in the past. There are 25 more in the class. Volunteers please write to Elaine at 1211 E. Boston St., Seattle, Wash. 98102.

1955 - Frances Sherman Dostal (Mrs. Theodore) is "Screening" Nurse for The Kaiser Community Health Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio.