ATTENTION - CLASS OF 1948

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YSN FACULTY

We thought you might enjoy knowing who's who on the faculty and will include in subsequent Newsletters the members in each program and their educational and professional experiences. In this issue we present the Maternal Newborn Nursing Department, of which Miss Vera Keane is chairman (see photo).

The Maternal-Newborn Nursing Program Including Nurse-Midwifery

Since 1958, Yale School of Nursing has been pioneering in the preparation of clinical nurse specialists in the field of maternity care. Though nurse-midwives have been functioning on the American scene since 1929, it is only within the past fifteen years that they have been receiving any part of their education within medical centers, and most recently within university settings. Prior to 1953, nurses who felt the need for deeper clinical knowledge of maternity care and understanding of the principles upon which it rests could secure midwifery training only in public health-home delivery services designed for this purpose. Yale is the first American University to make it possible for professional nurses to combine graduate level

Vera Keane, Chairman
education with clinical preparation that leads to both the master's degree and a certificate in midwifery.

The initiator of this imaginative program within the School of Nursing is Associate Professor Emeritus Ernestine Wiedenbach, widely known, respected and loved by students and colleagues throughout the world for her example, inspiration and contributions toward improving maternity care. Her successor, Miss Elizabeth Sharp, (M.S.N. and C.N.M., Yale 1959) assumed chairmanship of the program in 1965, upon Miss Wiedenbach's retirement. Liz, as she is fondly known, relinquished that role in 1968 in order to complete her doctoral studies at Johns Hopkins University. She has since returned to the faculty as Associate Professor, and is now deeply involved in coordinating the service, education and research components of the Young Mother's Program, a special community effort designed to assist unwed teen-age mothers in New Haven.

This program has become a prototype for similar efforts in communities across the country, and within the past year has become the major focus of clinical practice for three of the nurse-midwifery faculty as well as for student learning experiences. Under Liz Sharp's guidance, through special once a week clinic sessions and home visiting, faculty and students provide the bulk of prenatal, postpartum and family planning care to approximately a hundred girls between the ages of thirteen and seventeen. Dr. Philip Sarrell, who initiated the Young Mother's Program at Yale, continues to be its Medical Director and functions as consultant to the nurse-midwives. Rotating "on call," faculty also manage the labor, delivery and immediate post-partum and newborn care of the young mothers whose obstetric course is normal. Where optimum care of the mother and baby make medical management necessary, the nurse-midwives continue to provide complete nursing care throughout these periods.

Mrs. Charlotte Elsberry (M.S.N., C.N.M., Yale 1965) has been a mainstay of the Nurse-midwifery Faculty since 1965. Herself the mother of a lively two-year old son, "Pixie" is currently collaborating in a group education program in family life for the teen-agers at the Polly McCabe School, the educational arm of the Young Mother's Program. In collaboration with social workers, the McCabe Center staff, and Mrs. Sherlock, its Director, Pixie Elsberry creates a link between hospital and community based services for the girls. She also provides a role model, illustrating to the adolescents what a working wife and mother who is a warm, socially aware and concerned human being can be like. For young, developing people who have in many instances had little secure home life and are socially deprived, this can be a brand new, enlightening experience.

Miss Sharon Schindler (M.S.N., C.N.M., Yale 1967) and Miss Alice Obrig (M.P.H. and C.N.M., Johns Hopkins, 1969) are the other two faculty members active in the hospital based and home care aspects of the Young Mothers Program. Miss Schindler, who has a particular interest in early family adjustments that immediately follow birth of a baby, is engaged in a study of the nurse's effect on family interaction during the first hour post-partum and at the initial feeding of the new baby. Is the nurse aware of the range and variety of response parents have to their newborn infants? How can she use this awareness to promote or at least not impede family development? Sharon has been using a variety of data gathering tools, among them audio-visual tapes of actual initial contacts between parents and babies and the activities of the nurse at this time. Each one is a gold mine for anyone interested in human behavior!

Alice Obrig joined the faculty in July 1969. Strongly interested in community health and family planning for maternal health, she is currently developing this aspect of the curriculum, and seeking out sources of clinical experience for students in this area. At a time when both government and voluntary agencies are so concerned with questions of population control, her potential contribution to practice, teaching and research in this aspect of curriculum in maternal-newborn nursing
is most beneficial for the school. Miss Mary Lee Mantz (M.S.N., C.N.M., 1969) also joined the faculty in 1969, as a joint appointee of the hospital maternity nursing service and Instructor in the School of Nursing. Her major responsibility is the operation of the Prepared Childbirth Program. By helping to provide an educational service for expectant parents, Mary Lee has an exciting milieu in which she practices, studies and analyzes that practice, and participates in larger research, while helping Yale's budding nurse-midwives to learn what parent education is all about, and how they can contribute to it.

Her predecessor in this role, Miss Elizabeth Walton (M.S.N., C.N.M., Yale) has been on the faculty since 1967. Last year, she was released half time to accept joint appointment as nurse-midwife clinician in the private practice of three of New Haven's outstanding obstetricians. Beth has been collaborating closely with them, the Y.S.N. Faculty, the hospital nursing service, and the hospital medical board to develop the role of the nurse-midwife as part of group private obstetric practice. She conducts antepartal visits of selected patients in the physician's office, provides information and counseling for parents (in groups and individually) and makes home visits when indicated. Eventually, as the plan develops, Beth will follow selected mothers into the hospital, participate in their labor, delivery and post-partum care to varying degrees, and carry out follow-up in home and office. The entire project offers her, as a faculty member, a unique opportunity to practice, conduct research on role development of clinical nurse specialists, and feed this information back into the curriculum, as new knowledge and clinical learning opportunities for students, faculty and practitioners in the wider field of maternity care.

Mrs. Julina Rhymes (M.S.N. Yale) adds an indispensable dimension to the maternal-newborn nursing Program. An Assistant Professor of Nursing in Pediatrics and in Child Development Center, Julie brings a wealth of knowledge and insight about personality development, mental health, and the influence of parents on the infant and young child that are invaluable not only for student learning, but for faculty development as well. Nurse-midwives, after all, are concerned with strengthening the family as a social unit and as an incubator for healthy future parents; not just physically healthy, but parents who have grown up in an atmosphere that has helped them to become people who can care, give, love, and who feel reasonably comfortable with themselves. It is Julie's unique ability to contribute this kind of knowledge from her own practice and on-going research, that makes her so valuable as a faculty member.

The current chairman of the program, Miss Vera Keane, returned to Yale in 1968, after a three year appointment as Director of the Maternity Center Association in New York. From 1963-1965, Vera was Research Associate in Maternal-Newborn Nursing, and during her interval at Maternity Center, she continued to function at Yale as a Lecturer in the Maternal-Newborn Program. In returning, Vera has taken up once more the two things she likes best to do: teaching and participating in maternity care. She sees nursing research as a natural part of any practitioner's effort to examine and constructively improve practice, and excellence in practice as the foundation of education in the health professions. She holds the M.A. degree, (Columbia University 1957) and a Certificate in Nurse-midwifery from Maternity Center Association in New York (1951). In 1965 the Columbia University-Teachers College Alumnae of the Division of Nursing cited Vera for Distinguished Practice in Nursing.

Vera Keane, Chairman
Maternal-Newborn-Nursing
and
Nurse Midwifery Program
Alumnae Meet

On Saturday, February 21, about 40 YSN Alumnae gathered for Yale Alumni Day, in Brady Auditorium. Mary Keeler Hirata '49 presided over the meeting. An interesting program was presented by Audrey McCluskey, Associate Professor of Public Health Nursing and by Katherine Buckley Nuckolls, Associate Professor of Pediatric Nursing, who discussed their respective programs.

Miss McCluskey described the beginnings of the present program for eight students. She has the assistance of four Research Assistants, Donna Diers, Louise Schmidt, Roberta Fitzgerald, and Patricia Wilson, all recent graduates of the School. In addition to the general required courses, an Introduction to Public Health was instituted along with Epidemiology, Statistics, Public Health Seminars, and Public Health Nursing Practice. The objective of the program is 'to prepare the professional nurse to function as a Public Health nurse specialist in community health facilities.' Miss McCluskey pointed out the wealth of clinical practice areas available for learning in Connecticut Health Services.

Mary McGowan, Eileen McGrath, and Veronica Winter, all students enrolled in the Public Health Nurse Program, described briefly their reactions to their work and to Y.S.N. They agreed unanimously that they are challenged by the independence and flexibility encouraged by the Faculty in establishing and working toward their goals.

Mrs. Nuckolls commented that the Pediatric Nurse Specialist Program is 'still in embryo,' since it is not destined to be born until September, 1970 when eight students will be enrolled, and later increase to fifteen. Mrs. Nuckolls stated that there is an increase in the numbers of children in the country's population and a proportionate decrease in the number of General Practitioners and Pediatricians to provide optimum health supervision. Nurses have responded to this situation by developing about 18 programs of study to prepare nurses who can assist the physicians in their task of Health Supervision and screening of health problems. These programs are varied and as yet none of them are accredited; the role of the Pediatric Practitioner or nurse specialist is not clearly defined. Students will need to delineate and interpret the role of the clinical specialist in the hospital and community. When students begin their two year program in September, the Pediatric content will be offered in such a way as to make the program sensitive and adaptive to the students' needs and interests.

Mary Louise Brown Honored

Mary Louise Brown, formerly an Assistant Professor of Occupational Health in the School of Public Health and on the Yale School of Nursing Faculty has received two awards.

From the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Alumnae Association she received an award for her work in Occupational Health nursing; and from the U.S. Public Health Service a Meritorious Service Medal. The latter was signed by the Surgeon General, William Steward, and presented to her by an Assistant Surgeon General, C.C. Johnson. The ceremony was held in the auditorium of the HEW Building in Washington, D.C. The medal was given for the training courses Miss Brown had developed and conducted for nurses working in industry.

In September Miss Brown presented a paper at the Sixteenth International Congress on Occupational Health in Tokyo, Japan. At present she is working on a revision of the book, Occupational Health Nursing. Her address is 854 Rue de la Paix, Maisons Lafayette B-11, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220.

This n' That ... 

Dean Emeritus Effie J. Taylor's 96th birthday will be April 8th. She would enjoy hearing from her former students and associates. Her address is 35 Arkledun Avenue, Central Park
Lodge, Hamilton 20, Ontario. YUSNAAsent her a telegram on February 21 reading: "Warmest wishes from the Yale University School of Nursing Alumnae Association on this Alumni Day".

Alumnae College this year will be on Friday, June 5th; the Annual meeting and the Reunion luncheon will be on Saturday, June 6th. More details will come latter. Watch for the graduation pictures of the classes of '45 and '45W appearing in the next Newsletter!!!

Poplin YSN caps are available by mail from the 310 Cedar Street office for $1.75, ribbons for 35¢ or three for $1.00. Please make out your check to YUSNAAs. Permanent press caps are available from Marvin-Neitzel, 5th Avenue and Federal Street, Troy, New York 12180, and must be purchased in quantities of three for $6.50. One may be picked up for $2.00 at 310 Cedar Street. (They require special packaging). One should use rubber cement, incidentally, to attach the ribbon to the permanent press caps.

Class Notes

1926
Mary Taylor Swoboda (Mrs. M. T.) has been retired for several years and is now involved in many community activities.

Priscilla Augur Kublanov (Mrs. Boris) writes that her husband remains active as a painter.

1927
Aura Kepler is on a visit to South America, returning the first of April. Her address is 122 Everitt St., Arlington, Mass. 02174.

1930
Elizabeth Rhoads writes that she and her sister Kit went to New Zealand last February. She keeps busy with volunteer work, correspondence school art course, sewing, etc.

1931
Ruth Lyman Fanselow (Mrs. John) has made her "second move in a year". Her husband is retired and they hope that moving to a home they own will make adjustment to retiring easier.

Their address is 1300 English Boulevard, Marion, Iowa 52302.

1934
Thelma Chase Bevin (Mrs. Abner) was at Yale as a medical student, intern, and chief resident in surgery, is now chief of the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

1936
Martha Jayne. The great event of the year was a trailer trip to Seattle then on to a trip to Alaska. She bought two houses and now has two homes -- a winter residence at 1960 South U.S. 19, Avalon Trailer Park, Clearwater, Florida, and in summer, 2 Stonehedge Road, Westbrook, Conn.

1939
Ester Anderson Savage (Mrs. A. B.) continues as Director of Midland VNA. Her address is 122 Varner Court, Midland, Michigan 48640.

Katherine Ketcham, Assistant Director of Nursing, had a fascinating trip in the Far East visiting her niece and husband who are working for their Ph.D.'s at Cornell in Chinese Studies, and are living in Tsuen Wan in the New Territories, about seven miles west of Kowloon. The Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital, Cooperstown is in the progress of building a new wing which will house the entire in-patient area and will nearly double the bed capacity.

Frances Van Loan Wolfinger (Mrs. H. Johnston). Her husband, H. J., will complete his year in May as president of the Arizona State Bar Association. It has kept him busy traveling from Seattle to Atlanta. The family took a summer trailer trip through northern California. "Five Wolfingers wouldn't fit into a 14 ft. trailer so we graduated to an 18 footer with luxury." San Francisco was beautiful with perfect weather.

1940
Aileen Waffensmith Harms (Mrs. Charles R.). Daughter, Nancy, and husband are still teaching in Bangkok College. They will return to the USA in March by way of the Middle East and Europe. She is guardian for Margaret Poon, our "Chinese daughter," which has been a delightful experience.
Margaret completed her freshman year at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Golf and general practice have kept Charlie as busy as usual.

1944
Eleuthera Miller Fraser (Mrs. Donald) is delighted that her son Don 17, received his pilot's license.

Margaret Field has resigned from the Methodist Home Hospital, New Orleans, and now is at work at Brooks-Howell Home for retired missionaries and Deaconesses. Her address, 29 Spears Avenue, Asheville, N. C. 28801.

1945W
Elizabeth Cole is still working part time at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta. She took a bus trip up to the Maritime Provinces last August.

1946
Anita Amsel Greenwood (Mrs. Fred) is Coordinator of Nursing Service and Continuing Education at Good Samaritan Hospital, a large 725 bed modern progressive hospital.

1947
Dorothy Porter Davis (Mrs. Myron) was elected El Paso (Texas) Nurse of the year and honored at her Nurses Association District meeting. "I am just real pleased with the honor. It makes all of the time I spent working in the district organization worthwhile because the members have shown this confidence in me." Dorothy is teaching at the Hotel Dieu School of Nursing.

Jewel Quimby Patton (Mrs. Carl). She coordinated a Coronary Care Unit Course for nurses at Hartnell College, sponsored by the Heart Association. She taught 12 weeks in the Department of Nursing at Hartnell as summer replacement and "learned as much as the students." She is working as part-time staff nurse at Memorial Hospital, and is very much involved in working to get a Visiting Nurse Association started.

Lois Young Longino (Mrs. Harold C.). Husband Harold changed positions and is now office manager for Clutch Exchange, Inc., a small manufacturing plant in Denver. Lois is finishing her second year as part-time office nurse for a Broomfield physician. She still finds working for a G. P. interesting and stimulating.

1947W
Lois Hoffman Peyton (Mrs. Ralph) is still working nights at Country Hospital. Her husband is just recovering from cataract surgery.

1948
Mildred Bone Simpson (Mrs. John), husband and sons Bruce, a junior in high school, and Chris, a freshman, took a trip out to the Grand Canyon and California coast last summer from their home in Indianapolis. Millie has 32 lively six and seven year olds in first grade.

Hope Houser Asay (Mrs. Lyal) and husband have five teenagers -- two boys and three girls, one of the girls, Patsy, is attending the University at Granada, Spain. Home is Upland, California.

Virginia Millard Ross (Mrs. Walter) is also based in California. Walter works at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory on the Pioneer program. Ginny is still at home and has taken up tennis again after many years. Their four girls and two boys range in age from Debby at UCLA to first-grader Cindy. Four youngest and Mom and Dad had a great trip up the California coast to Seattle last summer.

Polly Lou Penman McClure (Mrs. Garrison H.) reports that her daughter Sue is a freshman undergraduate at Yale and loves it. Ann is a junior at Wells, Walt in his last year of high school, Janet also at school at home. Vicky Sellens Conn (Mrs. Rex B.) husband and their three girls have just moved into their new home in Hobbit's Glen, Columbia, Maryland, a house similar to the one they had in West Virginia.

Elizabeth Smith Barnett and Russell were divorced January 17, 1970. "Tinker" continues as Assistant to the Dean for Student Affairs and has the same home address.

1949
Dorothy Black Cooper (Mrs. Robert W.) and husband will be moving back to California from State College, Pa.; Bob has accepted a position at San Jose State's Library.

Ester Luttrull is back in Burundi, Africa (note address changes) after
being on leave in the USA. She says: "We average a total of 250-300 patients a day through the two dispensaries.... Some of the cases that break the routine are persons having been treated with native medicine; spear wounds; wounds inflicted by leopards, rabid dogs, or snakes; diseases said to be caused by curses with threats of death for the accused (if the patient dies, it is 'because of the curse'; if he lives, the issue is not pressed!); and maternity patient complications."

Ruth Adams Miller (Mrs. Keith W.) is teaching Constitutional Law, Municipal and State Govt., and Law and the Courts at Whittier College in California, and hoping that one of her students will someday be President, too. Kitty is a soph at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo; Betsy will enroll at Vassar next year, Maggie at 12 is active in Junior Theatre. Keith is serving his eighth year on the Whittier City Council, Mayor Pro-Tem the last two years.

Mary Margaret Dunlap Pruitt (Mrs. Paul) writes that daughter Janis (18 yrs) is spending a year at Malang, Java, Indonesia. Cynthia (15 yrs), Kathy (age 13), Gail (age 8) provide music with two flutes and an oboe for Mom and Dad.

Marjorie Rovelstad Wessen (Mrs. Albert F.) husband and family were back in the USA this past summer for a short visit. Al is stationed with WHO in Geneva.

Fannie Dewar is teaching at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College School of Nursing. Her new address is 1122 So. College Ave., Tifton, Georgia.

1950

Lucy Conant has spent a busy year as Dean of the School of Nursing at the Univ. of No. Carolina. Last February she went out to the School of Nursing at the Univ. of Hawaii where she visited with Yukie Takagi Gross, her nursing school roommate, whom she had not seen in 14 years. Over the past Christmas holidays, she was making plans to move into a new School of Nursing building!!

1953

Evelyn Sturmer spent last November in Caracas, Venezuela, where, as the guest of the Minister of Health, she gave classes in coronary and intensive care to instructors, directors and supervisors of seven nursing schools in Venezuela.

1956

Ruby McIntosh Jefferson (Mrs. Frederick D., Jr.). Eleanor Hall, formerly Assistant Dean at YSN writes that "Ruby is working for us now part-time. Her husband is on the Faculty at Colgate Rochester Divinity School. (Incidentally, Eleanor's address is 113 Village Lane, Rochester, N.Y.).

1957

Josephine Tietje Briggs (Mrs. Harry C.) and husband are enjoying living in Winsted, Conn., with their seven children. Harry is in private practice as a surgeon.

Lois Fogle Geeslin (Mrs. Roger H.) received her M.D. degree with honors in June from the University of Louisville, Kentucky.

Barbara Norton Klaus (Mrs. Robert R.) and her husband and four children have returned to the mission field in Africa. Hui-chen Sun Ku (Mrs. Peh-Sun) is teaching at Bryn Mawr Hospital, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Phyllis Overholt Lawrence (Mrs. Gregory, Jr.), husband and family will be on Okinawa until September, 1970. Her husband is stationed there as a Commander with the U.S. Navy.

Jeanine Lyerly is enjoying her work with the U.S. Public Health Indian Service at Ft. Defiance, Arizona. Her work necessitates her flying to various parts of the reservation.

Cynthia Dunham Pugh (Rev. and Mrs. Robert) of Kittery Point, Maine, announce the birth of their second child, Anne Ellen, in February.

In Memoriam

Betty Gott, a former friend of the Faculty and housemate of Jean McClean's former Faculty member, died after a brief illness last year.

Marriages

1951 Ann Barnard Wilson, 6 Hillcrest Drive, Waterford, Conn. 06385

Changes of Address

1927 Sybil Bellos (Mrs. George A.), Point Breeze Road, Uncasville, Conn. 06382.
1935 Dorothy Ingraham, 341 West Ravine Road, Kingsport, Tenn. 37660.
1940 Gertrude Roberts, 1411 Fenton St., Lakewood, Colorado 80214.
1949 Esther Luttrull, B.P. 98 Gitega, Burundi, Africa.
1952 Joan Wilmarth Cresap, 90 Beechtree Drive, Larchmont, N.Y.
1952 June Christman Horning (Mrs. Roderick), 265 Madison St., Mohn- 
ton, Pa. 19540.

1955 Reeva Mirman Liverman (Mrs. Maurice), 7 Vaillen Court Drive, Framingham, Mass. 01701.
1956 Phyllis Freedman Schwartz (Mrs. James F.), 1089 Oakdale Road, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30307.
1957 Janice Roes Salter, (Mrs. Albert P.), 35 Clarendon Place, Buffalo, N.Y. 14209.
1958 Barbara Klaus (Mrs. Robert), K301 St. Hubert, Oran, Algeria, North Africa.
1959 Armentia Tripp Jarrett, American Red Cross, Western Area Hos., 1550 Sutter St., San Francisco, Calif. 94101.
1963 Helen Varney Williams (Mrs. Howard), 825 New York Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11203.
1969 Betty Armacost, 16161 Ganges Lane, Apt. 1, Huntington Beach, Calif. 92647.