

Mrs. Bufkin Retires after 27 Years as Duke Medical Records Librarian

by WES LEFLER

Mrs. Je Harned Bufkin, described as "probably the foremost medical records librarian in the country," retired in December after 27 years on the Duke University Medical Center staff.

Mrs. Bufkin, associate professor of medical records and director of the department of medical records, came here in 1937, when Duke Hospital was young.



Mrs. Bufkin receiving a service certificate and pin from Mr. Charles H. Frenzel, Administrative Director

Attesting to her national pre-eminence in her field are her accomplishments as a past president of the American Association of Medical Records Librarians and the success of her textbook on medical terminology.

When Mrs. Bufkin joined the Duke staff, she already had served as president of her national organization, and she still holds the record as the youngest person ever elected to the post. She later served AAMRL as a member of the board of directors.

Constantly active in the national Association, Mrs. Bufkin is remembered for the work she did in organizing local chapters in Chicago and Cook County, Illinois, and in Rochester, N. Y. It was Mrs. Bufkin who headed the first approved school for medical record librarians in Rochester.

The Far East will remember Mrs.

In Memoriam

On December 28, Mrs. Evelyn Paschall, long-time member of the Medical P.D.C. staff, passed away. Eighteen years of loyal service won her the affection of many.

Mrs. Paschall, who was 57 when she died, spent her early childhood in Durham County and the rest of her life in Durham. She received her degree in nursing at the Watts Hospital School of Nursing and at the time of her death was Clinic Head Nurse in the Medical Division of the Private Diagnostic Clinic.

Surviving Mrs. Paschall is her husband, Mr. Mallie J. Paschall, Jr. of Durham and two children, Mallie J. Paschall III also of Durham and Mrs. J. C. McLaurin, Jr. of Norfolk, Va. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren.

Bufkin as the one who brought organization of medical records to Taiwan University Medical School in Formosa when she went there with members of a medical team in 1954 to help set up the medical facility.

She will be remembered by all those who struggle with an understanding of medical terminology as the author of "Medical Terminology Made Easy" copyrighted in 1951.

Always modest about her accomplishments, Mrs. Bufkin says she wrote the book "in self defense" because she needed a textbook in her course at Duke on Medical Record Library Science.

Her newest challenge, which she will tackle this year, will be a complete revision of her book, now in its third printing.

This 'n' That

NEW ARRIVALS

Dr. and Mrs. F. Stanley Porter, Pediatrics, a girl on October 12.

Dr. and Mrs. Philip N. Strause, III, Pediatrics, a girl on December 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Cobb, a son, Paul Whitlock, Jr., on November 25. Mrs. Cobb is head nurse in OB Clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley W. Elwell, a girl, Karen Elaine, on December 8. Mrs. Elwell is head nurse on Holmes Ward. Mr. Elwell is Director of the Outpatient Department.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Vivian Davis an employee of the Medical Records filing department, was married on December 4 to Clayborn Ellis of Durham.

Miss Charlotte Ann Mackensen, a member of the staff of the Department of Dietetics, was married December 28 to Mr. Richard Bruce Conely. Mr. Conely is a medical student at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

NEW FACES AND OLD

Medical PDC

Mrs. Millie Jones, MPDC interviewer, replaced Miss Martha Jordan who moved to California.

Mrs. Inez Harrington, PBX operator, replaced Mrs. Mollie Martin who transferred to Medical PDC Lab.

Nursing Service

New RN's on the staff are Miss Marjorie Joyner, Recovery Room; Miss Jenifer Gummey, INU; Mrs. Jacquelyn Satterwhite, Halsted; Mrs. Carolyn Summers, Howland; Mrs. Joanne Rawson, Rehabilitation; Mrs. Judith Gross, Infections Control; Miss Sharon Underwood, Emergency Room; Mrs. Russelline Moore, Obstetrics; Miss Barbara Brod, Medicine; Miss Betty Floyd, Renal Lab., and; Mrs. Charlotte Ortigoza, Medicine. Mrs. Moore, Miss Brod, and Miss Gummey are Duke graduates.

In addition to the three foreign exchange nurses already on our staff,

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