

Drs. Carter And Ruffin Honored

Dr. F. Bayard Carter's ties with England aren't new ones. As a student fresh from graduation at the University of Delaware in 1920, he went to Oxford to study as a Rhodes Scholar.

Then 40 years later, he became the first American to serve as a visiting professor at the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of the University of London.



Carter had just returned from London with another British honor - election to a lifetime honorary fellowship in the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. Only seven other Americans, four of them still living, have been similarly honored by the British society. Chairman of Ob-Gyn here from 1931-65, Dr. Carter re-

tains the rank of professor.

Dr. Julian M. Ruffin, professor of medicine at the Duke Medical Center, has received the American Gastroenterological Association's highest award, the Julius Friedenwald Medal. The medal has been presented annually since 1941 to persons whose significant achievements in gastroenterology have contributed outstanding advances to that specialty, which deals with diseases of the stomach and intestinal tract. Friedenwald, for whom the award was named, was professor emeritus of gastroenterology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and College of Physicians and Surgeons at the time of his death in 1941.

Dr. Ruffin was a member of the original Duke medical faculty. He was chief of gastroenterology at Duke from 1930-66 and was director of the Medical Outpatient Department until 1965. A native of Norfolk, Va., he received his bachelor's, master's and M.D. degrees at the Univ. of Virginia, completing work for his



doctorate in 1926. He was a house officer at Bellevue Hospital in New York for two years and spent two more years as an instructor in physical diagnosis at George Washington University before coming to Duke in 1930. He has written over 175 papers on gastroenterology. He contributed greatly to the creation of the gastroenterological section of the Southern Medical Assoc. and establishment of gastroenterology as a subspecialty in the South. The Southern Medical Assoc. last year honored him with its Seale Harris Award.

NATIONAL FORUM ON HOSPITAL & HEALTH AFFAIRS MEETS AT DUKE

The fourth annual National Forum on Hospital and Health Affairs was held on the Duke Campus on May 17 and 18. The Conference brought together 109 of the foremost health administrators in the country. This year's conference theme was "Reimbursing the Hospital." The participants explored all aspects of this timely and very important subject.

The conference was the fourth in a series annually held on the Duke Campus. The idea of an annual conference on affairs relating to hospitals was conceived by Ray E. Brown, when he was the Director of the Duke University Graduate Program in Hospital Administration Director. Mr. Brown is the National Chairman of the Forum. The Forum is sponsored by the Duke University Graduate Program in Hospital Administration, and funds for the Forum are provided by a grant from the Duke Endowment.

It is significant to point out that this conference on reimbursing hospitals is being held during the era when cost-benefit studies of services offered by hospitals and other health care facilities are being conducted. Thus, efforts are being made to determine costs accurately reimbursing the hospital for services rendered. Also, the subject of reimbursement is closely related to recent government health coverage programs, namely Medicare and Medicaid, which will become increasingly larger purchasers of health care in the future.

Over the past four years, other timely subjects have been treated at the earlier National Forums. In 1965, the subject discussed was "Multiple Hospital Units Under Single Management." In 1966, the theme was "The Hospital Patient Outside the Hospital." And the 1967 Conference centered around "Capital Financing - Sources and Concerns." These conferences will have widespread influence on the patterns of health care delivery systems over the country.

The topics discussed at this year's conference ranged from third parties and rate structures to various bases for hospital reimbursement. The keynote speech was delivered by Ray E. Brown of the Affiliated Hospital Centers in Boston. Among the other speakers were Madison Brown, M.D., from the American Hospital Assoc., and Thomas M. Tierney of the Social Security Admin. in Baltimore. The papers presented at the Forum will be published in book form later this year.

Two Centuries of Service

At a recent service awards banquet, seven people were awarded 30-year pins for having contributed more than 200 cumulative years of service to the Duke Medical Center. They are as follows: Dr. Barnes Woodhall, assoc. provost for medical affairs; Dr. Joseph Beard, James B. Duke Prof. of Surgery and prof. of virology; Mrs. Teresa L. Arena, secy. in nuclear medicine; Mrs. Dorothy Beard, research assoc. in surgery; Dr. Will Sealy, prof. of thoracic surgery; Dr. J. Lamar Callaway, James B. Duke Prof. of Dermatology, and Dr. Clotilde Schlayer, research asst. in medicine.