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Dr. Crenshaw Fills New Hamblen Chair

Dr. M. Carlyle Crenshaw of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, has been appointed to the newly established E. C. Hamblen Chair of Reproductive Biology and Family Planning at the Medical Center.

Health Affairs Vice President William G. Anlyan dedicated the chair and announced Dr. Crenshaw's appointment to it last week at the conclusion of the annual E. C. Hamblen symposium here.

The chair, supported by a \$750,000 grant from an anonymous donor, was established in honor of the late Dr. Hamblen, a professor of endocrinology and associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Duke until his death in 1963.

Dr. Crenshaw will be charged with research and service responsibilities directly related to the improvement of the quality of human reproduction and to advancement in the field of fertility control.

Dr. Roy T. Parker, chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, said the financial support of the grant which established the chair not only mirrors the confidence of the donor in Duke, but that it also will enable the Medical Center to expand its field of family planning, teaching, and research.

"The donor," Dr. Parker said, "is interested in the difficulties arising from the almost unrestricted population growth which include the effects on the living standards of mankind."

The family planning program at Duke, in addition to teaching and counseling in the use of contraceptives, involves sex education, genetic counseling of parents with out-of-wedlock pregnancies, the study of criminal abortion, and the care and treatment of patients with fertility problems.

Additionally, the program in Dr. Parker's department includes laboratories of cancer and genital cytology, endocrinology, fertility and infertility,



NEW DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR— Last week the man in the middle was just Dr. M. Carlyle Crenshaw, associate professor. But today he is the E. C. Hamblen Professor of Reproductive Biology and Family Planning. Dr. William G. Anlyan, left, vice president for health affairs, dedicated the Hamblen chair and announced Dr. Crenshaw's appointment to it last Saturday during the annual E. C. Hamblen Symposium here. The appointment is within the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, chaired by Dr. Roy T. Parker, right. Dr. Hamblen was a professor of endocrinology and an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology here until his death in 1963. (photo by Jim Wallace)

genetics, immunology, maternal-fetal physiology, microbiology, and programmed teaching.

Dr. Parker said that Duke's existing programs of maternal and infant care in Warren and Halifax counties will be expanded and similar programs will be introduced into other rural North Carolina counties as a result of the grant.

The appointment of Dr. Crenshaw to fill the chair was approved by Duke's Board of Trustees and endorsed by the Duke faculty as "befitting the life of this physician-scientist (Dr. Hamblen) who pioneered in the endocrinology of woman."

Dr. Crenshaw, 40, a native of Lancaster, S. C., received his B. S. degree from Davidson College in 1952 and his M.D. from Duke in 1956. He served his internship and residency at Duke and was a postdoctoral fellow in maternal and fetal research at the Yale University School of Medicine.

He served in the U. S. Air Force for two years and then joined the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Duke in 1961 as an instructor. He was named an associate in the department in 1964 and became an assistant professor in 1965. He moved up to associate professor in 1970 and also holds an appointment in the Department of Physiology-Pharmacology.

Dr. Crenshaw is the author of more than 20 scientific articles and now serves on several national committees relating to obstetrics.